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Czech Govt. Permits Taking Sample Tissues of Jordan's Body to Zurich for Examination

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The State Department today received word from the U.S. Embassy in Prague that Prof. Bernard Hardmeyer, a pathologist, was permitted to take sample tissues of the remains of Charles H. Jordan to Zurich, Switzerland, for examination at the Legal Medical Institute there. Dr. Hardmeyer is deputy director of the Institute.

The State Department also announced that Czech physicians are completing their own study of tissues connected with the Jordan autopsy, and would report their findings to the U.S. Embassy in Prague. Seymour Rubin, Washington attorney representing the JDC, arrived in Prague and began discussions with Czech officials, including police authorities, the State Department said.

Meanwhile the U.S. Embassy in Prague has received a "preliminary police report" on the mysterious death of Mr. Jordan, a State Department spokesman said today. Spokesman Carl Bartzch said the report was transmitted in a formal diplomatic note. It merely summarized "information already made public," Mr. Bartzch said. The Czech foreign office told the U.S. Embassy that an investigation is continuing and "a further and fuller report" would be submitted "in due course."

National Commander-in-Chief Leslie M. Fry, of the U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars, now holding its national convention in New Orleans, today informed Government officials here that "the members of the VFW share the deep horror of their comrades, the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., over the murder by Communists of Charles H. Jordan." Mr. Fry said that "the Communists must stand before the bar of world public opinion, condemned by one more barbarous crime against humanity. This is another in the long list of anti-Jewish, anti-Israel and anti-democratic acts of violence and terror committed by the Communists."

(In a telegram to Louis Broido, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, Ambassador Gideon Rafael, permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations, said: "I am profoundly shocked at the horrible death of Charles Jordan. He was a man of good deeds, dedicated soul and body to the cause of alleviating Jewish suffering. The mind shudders at the thought that he himself should now have fallen a victim.")

Jordanian Troops and Israeli Patrol Exchange Fire; No Israeli Casualties Reported

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Jordanian troops and an Israeli patrol exchanged fire this morning at a point about 12 miles north of the Damiyah Bridge across the Jordan River, after the Jordanians started shooting at the patrol as it moved along the west bank of the river. There were no Israeli casualties.

According to the Israel Army spokesman, here, the Jordanians opened the fire from the east bank of the river, and the Israelis returned the fire. The spokesman noted that this was the first shooting incident on the Jordanian border in several days. The Damiyah Bridge is one of the two spans -- the other being the Allenby Bridge, still further south -- where the Arab refugees wishing to return to the Israeli-held west bank of the Jordan continued today to stream into the west bank area.

Life in Hebron Returns to Normal; Mayor Asks Arab Elders to Calm Residents

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Life was back to normal today at Hebron, an Arab city on the west bank of the Jordan River, after a disturbance there over the weekend which had brought about a shut-down of all Arab shops in the town and the banning by the Israeli authorities of all visitors. The mayor of Hebron today summoned a group of Arab elders and requested them to calm the inhabitants.

The trouble started when an Israeli visitor, a woman, had her purse snatched by an Arab boy while she was visiting the historic Cave of Machpela. Her screams brought a unit of Israeli soldiers who started chasing the thief. A number of hoodlums tried to impede the chase, throwing stones at the soldiers and barring their way, and one soldier fired his rifle into the air to disperse the hostile crowd.

A commotion followed, first in the Hebron market place, then through the rest of the town, Arab shopkeepers closing down their businesses. The Israeli authorities then banned all visitors until calm is restored.

Johnson and Shah of Iran Discuss Middle East Peace and Security in Washington

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- President Johnson has declared here that the Middle East, recovering now from "the shock" of the June war between the Arab states and Israel, looks toward Iran as an example that "beckons to all the Middle East."

Mr. Johnson made that observation last night in a toast at a White House dinner honoring Iran's Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi, who arrived here for two days of consultations, in which the peace and security of the Middle East play a major role. Referring to the June war, the President told the Shah: "That shock should not and must not obscure the vision of what they can do to solve their problems constructively, peacefully -- working with their neighbors."

President Johnson has written to King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, to assure the Arabs that Israel will withdraw from occupied territories if the Arabs make certain arrangements," according to a report from Washington to the newspaper Al Hayat, of Beirut, Lebanon. The dispatch hinted that withdrawal was connected with the five points stated by President Johnson on June 19. These called for Arab recognition of Israeli statehood, justice for the Arab refugees, rights of all shipping in international waterways, limits on the arms race, and political independence for all.

Congressional Fact-Finding Committee Recommends Direct Arab-Israeli Negotiations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Direct negotiations between the Arab states and Israel were urged today in a report to the House Foreign Affairs Committee by a special fact-finding mission that visited Israel after the recent war. The mission was comprised of two committee members, Rep. William S. Broomfield, Michigan Republican, and Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat.

"Only face-to-face negotiations can settle the problems of recognition, refugee resettlement, navigation rights, the arms race, and permanent boundaries," the report stated. The mission made the following recommendations:

"1) To secure a Near East peace settlement which will confirm Israel's right to live and prosper as an independent nation should be the subject of direct negotiations between the Arabs and Israelis.

"2) The United States should join with other nations in recognizing a reunified Jerusalem with supervision of the holy places within the city by the various religious orders, so that freedom of religious worship in these places will be assured to peoples of all faiths.

"3) Part of any peace settlement should be an international guarantee of innocent passage through international waterways, including the Strait of Tiran and the Suez Canal, as an inalienable right of all nations.

"4) The United States should be prepared to assist in a just and permanent rehabilitation and settlement of Palestinian Arab refugees. This is essential, and we believe the Israelis, the Arab states, and the rest of the world should share effectively in this endeavor, so long overdue.

"5) Our Government should strive with other nations for agreed limitations on international arms shipments to the Near East. We should assist in the development of the national economies and the improvement of their standard of living.

"6) Our Government's diplomacy in the Near East must be alert, firm, and resourceful to prevent domination of the area by any hostile power."

The report noted that Russia was resupplying the Arabs with arms. It said that "since France imposed an embargo on shipment of arms to Israel, the Israelis are more dependent on the United States and have requested that delivery of equipment that was on order from before the war be expedited."

The mission stated it returned from Israel "with the overwhelming impression that the Government of Israel was making a determined effort to translate the aftermath of its astounding military victory into a durable peace." The report said that "ever since the termination of hostilities, the Government of Israel has striven to restore normal social and economic conditions in the occupied territories."

World Council of Churches Affirms Israel's Right to Exist; Opposes 'Annexation by Force'

CANDIA, Crete, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A statement affirming Israel's right to exist as a state but opposing "annexation by force" will be voted on tomorrow by the 100-member central committee of the World Council of Churches. Leaders of the Council, which represents 223 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches in more than 80 countries, were reported today as having agreed on such a statement. The Council was embroiled in bitter debate over the issue, when delegates from the Soviet Union and Arab countries sought a statement favoring the Arab position in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Commenting on the statement that was finally hammered out, an Arab spokesman said that although it did not go far enough in condemning Israel, it "expresses the Christian principles on which we can all agree and leaves the implementation to the politicians."

U.N. Secretary-General Signs Agreement with Israel on Headquarters in Jerusalem

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 23. (JTA) — After weeks of negotiations between Israel and Secretary-General U Thant, the latter today accepted Israel's proposal to allow Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the U.N. presence in the area, to move back to Government House, the enclave in the former Jerusalem no-man's land which had served since 1948 as the headquarters of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. Under the pact, Israel is allowing the U.N. to lease, under a nominal rental, seven and a quarter acres of the total Government House area.

An agreement to that effect was signed here today by Mr. Thant and Israel's permanent representative to the U.N., Ambassador Gideon Rafael. In an exchange of letters between the two, Mr. Thant referred to Gen. Bull as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. Israel holds that UNTSO exists no longer, since the 1949 armistice agreements between Israel on the one hand and Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, on the other, on which UNTSO was based, became defunct as a result of the June war. In the Israeli's letter, Gen. Bull was termed only as the U.N. representative for supervision of the present cease-fire lines between Israel and the Arab states.

Government House was occupied by Jordanian troops on the first day of the outbreak of fighting between Jordan and Israel last June. Israeli forces recaptured the U.N. enclave later the same day, evacuated the U.N. personnel for their own safety, and gave them shelter in the secure areas in the New City of Jerusalem. Since Israel's complete victory over Jordan, Mr. Thant has been demanding that Gen. Bull and his entire staff be allowed to go back to Government House.

Israel agreed that it would allow Gen. Bull to reoccupy Government House itself and about one-third of its surrounding area under a nominal rental, and would also give Gen. Bull's staff access to the U.N.'s radio transmitter. That transmitter is in part of the area which will not be turned over by Israel.

In announcing the agreement today, Mr. Thant stated: "This action is taken by the Secretary-General as a practical step only, and is without regard to or effect upon the interest and position of the United Nations concerning its premises at Government House." Mr. Thant ordered Gen. Bull today to move back with his entire staff into Government House immediately.

In a previous report to the Security Council, on the same subject, Mr. Thant insisted that the United Nations "is entitled to the return of the premises of Government House exactly as they were constituted on July 5, 1967, and it has the right to exclusive and undisturbed occupancy and possession of the full Government House compound."

Beirut Hotel Proprietors Ask Government to Open Lebanese-Israeli Border

LONDON, Aug. 23. (JTA) — Leading hotel proprietors of Beirut have appealed to their Government to open the Lebanese-Israeli border, it was reported here today in a cable to The Times of London from Beirut.

The explanation given for that request is that tourism in Lebanon has suffered great setbacks this year, due to the June war. The hotelmen reportedly expect that prospects for tourism next year will be even worse and they may face disaster unless the Israeli border is opened so that tourists may come to Beirut over that route.

A second reason given is political. Influx of tourists via Israel, it was pointed out in the Beirut dispatch, would obviate reliance on access to Lebanon through Syria.

U.N. Bodies Call on General Assembly to Take Measures Against Racial Intolerance

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 23. (JTA) — The next General Assembly, to open here, September 19, was called upon here today to take measures against racial intolerance and to condemn "any ideology, including Nazism, which is based on racial intolerance and terror."

The requests were made by the Commission on Human Rights and one of its principal subsidiaries, the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The two groups also asked the Assembly to call on all states "to take immediate and effective measures against any such manifestations as Nazism and racial intolerance."

In a review of recent developments in its field of concern, the Commission reported that, as of May 11, 1967, 58 governments had signed, and 12 states had ratified the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Intolerance.

Blaustein Reports on His Talk with German Chancellor on Jewish Compensation Claims

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) — Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, had a personal conference here with West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger, in the course of which, among other matters, there were reviewed several important Claims Conference compensation items, it was reported here today. Mr. Blaustein stated that the Chancellor's attitude was understanding and very encouraging.

Major Corporations in Pittsburgh Told of Bias in Promoting Jews to Top Positions

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Thirty-five major corporations in the Pittsburgh area were told by the local chapter of the American Jewish Committee that large companies are not placing Jews in management positions to the extent warranted by their numbers and ability, despite considerable good will and freedom from prejudice on the part of corporate policy-makers.

At a meeting sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Plans for Progress Council, Harold S. Bigler, chapter chairman, told the company executives that recent studies revealed that, while Jews constituted 8 percent of the college graduates in the United States, fewer than one-half of 1 percent of the individuals in the upper management and policy-making ranks of American corporations were Jewish.

Mr. Bigler pointed out that, in many companies, where there is a clear policy of non-discrimination, this policy has not filtered down from top management. Moreover, he added, the university studies have indicated that in many cases there is emphasis on social considerations rather than on ability. There is an assumption, he said, that managerial efficiency requires everyone to resemble everyone else in outlook and in background, with a resultant feeling among Jewish college graduates that the doors of corporate management are closed to them.

"A study conducted by the Graduate School of Business at Harvard," Mr. Bigler said, "explodes the myth that Jewish college graduates have different goals from their Christian peers. While business has in recent years grown increasingly sensitive to the problems of minority groups in general, there is still a need for corporations to take affirmative action in recruiting employes from among Jewish ranks. When such a policy is determined by top management, steps must be taken to see that it is carried out on all levels of management."

British Labor Delegation Reports on Visit to Israel; Urged Arabs to Join Histadrut

LONDON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Unity of Jewish and Arab workers through joint membership in Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, would protect the interests of both groups, a two-man delegation representing British labor indicated to newsmen on their return here from a visit to Israel.

Frank Cousins, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, and Fred Heyday, chairman of the Trade Union International Committee, who comprised the delegation, were guests of Histadrut in Israel. They expressed their satisfaction with their visit and emphasized "the complete understanding" which had been evident between the Israeli unionists and themselves on most of the issues they had discussed.

They especially referred to their participation in ceremonies marking the opening of Histadrut House in the Old City of Jerusalem, where they had met and addressed Arab workers and had emphasized to them the importance of their joining Histadrut. They also were impressed by reports on the political situation received during their meetings with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba Eban. The two labor leaders will report on their visit tomorrow at a meeting of the Trade Union Committee's general council.

Allan Gottlieb Named Assistant Undersecretary by Canadian External Affairs Minister

OTTAWA, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Allan Gottlieb has been named Legal Adviser, and Acting Assistant Undersecretary of State for External Affairs, it was announced by External Affairs Minister Paul Martin.

Mr. Gottlieb, 39, was born in Winnipeg, educated at the University of California, at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, and Harvard University, where he was on the board of editors of the Harvard Law Review. He lectured in law at Oxford. Author of Disarmament and International Law, and visiting professor of political science at Carleton University here, he served in 1962 on the Canadian delegation to the 18-power disarmament conference in Geneva.

Dr. Pincus, Developer of Birth Control Pill, Dead; Funeral Services to be Held Friday

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held Friday at Temple Emanuel here for Dr. Gregory C. Pincus, one of the world's leading experts on birth control and one of the three developers of the birth control pill, who died at the age of 64.

Dr. Pincus was research director of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, an authority on mammalian reproduction, and a pioneer in cancer research. With Dr. M. C. Chang, a senior scientist of the Worcester Foundation, and Dr. John Rock, head of the Rock Reproductive Clinic of Brookline, Mass., he developed the pill that revolutionized birth control methods, after experimenting with hundreds of substances.

Eugenio Liebes, President of El Salvador Jewish Community, Dead; Was 82

EL SALVADOR, San Salvador, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here for Eugenio Liebes, president of the El Salvador Jewish Community, who died at the age of 82. Born in Germany, Mr. Liebes came to this country in 1907 and became a leading businessman here. Active in all phases of Jewish community life, he served as honorary president of the Zionist Organization of El Salvador and as president of the Salvadoran Jewish National Fund Committee.