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Re-Autopsy of Jordan's Body in New York Is Inconclusive on Issue of Violence

NEW YORK, Aug. 30, (JTA) -- A report on the re-autopsy in New York of the body of Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who disappeared in Prague August 16, and whose body was found in a Prague river four days later, was received today by Louis Broido, JDC chairman.

The re-autopsy, which followed an earlier autopsy by Czech pathologists in Prague, was performed by Dr. Henry Siegel, executive deputy chief medical examiner of the City of New York, and Dr. Russell S. Fisher, chief medical examiner of the State of Maryland, in the presence of Dr. William Antopol, a pathologist and chief of laboratories of Beth Israel Medical Center, New York City, and Dr. Alexander Gonik, director of the health department of JDC headquarters in Geneva.

"We found no evidence of trauma such as fractures of any part of the body, including the skull or injury to the neck," the report stated. "There was no evidence of a penetrating wound. However, the advanced state of decomposition could have obliterated evidence of superficial trauma such as bruises. The state of decomposition of the body is consistent with a body having been immersed in water under the reported climatic conditions for a period ranging from two to 10 or more days.

"In addition certain organs were retained in Prague and we have not had the opportunity to examine them as yet and therefore cannot draw any final conclusions concerning trauma. The absence of the proper organs did not permit us to confirm or deny the diagnosis of death by drowning.

"We may be able to draw further conclusions after receiving and examining other tissues and organs which are now being sent to New York. It should be emphasized that the determination of the cause of death can only be arrived at in many cases after a study and proper interpretation of all the factors uncovered, following: 1) A complete investigation at the scene of death; 2) a complete autopsy; and 3) certain ancillary tests, e.g., toxicological analyses and microscopic examination of the tissues and body fluids. This applies to the present case.

"As is apparent, all the material and data necessary to arrive at the cause of death is not yet available. A full report and conclusion will be prepared after completion of all the tests that can be made. Certain of these tests may take several weeks to finish."

U.N. Body Urged Not to Arrange International Chemist Convention in Prague

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30, (JTA) -- The Israeli Chemists Association today requested the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to find another site for the international chemists convention scheduled by UNESCO to be held in Prague next month. Stating that it will not send a delegation to this parley in Prague, the Israeli group linked its attitude to the "recent mysterious murder of Charles H. Jordan."

The political committee of the Israeli section of the World Jewish Congress called upon Czechoslovakian authorities today to "undertake a thorough investigation of the circumstances that led to the death of Charles H. Jordan." The committee felt that Jordan's murder was "the direct result of the anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli incitements in Czechoslovakia."

Jewish Communities Abroad Ask Prague to Clear Up Mystery of Jordan's Death

PARIS, Aug. 30, (JTA) -- The Representative Council of French Jews -- CRIF -- issued a statement here today declaring "there is still a hypothesis" that Charles H. Jordan "has been murdered in Prague because of his relations with Israel." In its statement, CRIF requested the Czech Government "to do all necessary research to find out the truth in this affair, and to make full application of justice." (In Rome, the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy and individual communities expressed their grief over Mr. Jordan's death in messages to the JDC.)

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 28, (JTA) -- A letter calling on the Czechoslovakian Government to act on the "urgent necessity" of clearing up the mystery surrounding the death in Prague of Charles H. Jordan, was handed to the Czech Embassy here today by the leaders of DAIA, the central body of organized Argentine Jewry. The letter, signed by Dr. Isaac Goldenberg and Herzl Gesang, respectively president and secretary of DAIA, informed the Czech Ambassador that the Argentine Jewish community is "gravely concerned over Mr. Jordan's tragic death under certain circumstances whose gravity causes general anxiety, which is shared also by Argentina in general."

Arab Schools in Jerusalem to be Opened in Stages Despite Organized Opposition

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- All public schools for Arab children in East Jerusalem which, includes the Old City, will open in stages during next month -- beginning with next week -- despite a certain amount of organized Arab opposition to the reopening of the institutions, officials of Israel's Ministry of Education declared today. Schools maintained by Christian missions in East Jerusalem will reopen on schedule.

Difficulties are expected at the schools in the Israeli-held west bank of the Jordan River, as well as in the Gaza area. But even there classes are expected to be reopened during the first half of September although many teachers have no intention of returning to their posts. Some Arab teachers in the west bank area are still receiving their salaries, smuggled in from Jordan, as an inducement toward boycotting the schools run by the Israelis which have been cleansed of anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli propaganda previously included by the Arab regime.

Some textbooks included excerpts from the infamous canard, the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Others claimed that Lavrenti Beria, the former pro-Stalin chief of the Soviet Union's secret police, who was executed after Stalin's death, had been killed by the USSR because he had headed a "Zionist spy ring." In examining the textbooks, 78 on the west bank had been found filled with such propaganda, while 56 were found acceptable. In the Gaza Strip, only 39 textbooks were found usable, while 90 were objectionable. In the Golan Heights area of occupied Syria, the percentage of banned books is even higher than the ratio in the Gaza Strip.

Israel has no intention of assigning to the Arab public schools any Israeli Arabs or Jews who had come from Moslem countries, because Israel needs all the teachers it has in its own schools, it was stated today by the Ministry of Education. Yaacov Sarid, director-general of Israel's Ministry of Education, said today that the budget for the preparation and operation of the Arab schools for the next academic year amounts to 10,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$3,333,333). He said the cost of reprinting the Arab school textbooks will be 3,500,000 Israeli pounds (over \$1,130,000).

Meanwhile, Israel's Ministry of Education and Civil Service Commission have set up a special crash course in Arabic. Some 600 civil servants, most of them senior officials, will take that course. Courses in Arabic are also being expanded in some schools, and some of them, in Tel Aviv, are making the study of Arabic a compulsory course.

Movement for an 'Undivided Israel' Formed by Groups of Well-Known Israelis

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- A group of well-known Israelis announced here today the formation of a "Movement for Undivided Israel," to oppose return by the Government of any areas now occupied by Israel as a result of the Six-Day War. The group includes prominent Israeli writers, poets, playwrights, persons formerly active in Israel's security forces and others in politics.

Part of the new movement's concrete program proposed the development of more settlements in the Etzion area, between Bethlehem and Hebron, on the west bank of the Jordan River. Four kibbutzim existed in that area prior to the Jordanian occupation, and the movement said that members of religious kibbutzim as well as of Nahal, the parliamentary agricultural organization, are ready to start settlements in the area.

Among the members of the new movement are Uri Zvi Greenberg, a well-known right-wing poet; Nathan Alterman, a left-wing writer; Itzhak Tobenkin, formerly a unit commander in Palmach, the resistance group that fought against the British Mandatory administration in Palestine before the rebirth of Israel; and Dan Tulkowski, former Israeli air force commander.

Egyptian and Jordanian Military Installations to be Renovated for Use by Israel Army

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Former Egyptian army bases captured during the Six-Day War will be reconstructed and renovated for the use of the Israeli army, it was reported here today. On the west bank of the Jordan River, installations used by King Hussein's Arab Legion, the crack Jordanian military force smashed during the war, are already in use by the Israeli army.

In the Golan Heights, the occupied Syrian territory taken by Israel, prefabricated houses are now being built for Israel's occupation forces for shelter against a possible early winter in that region. Winter clothing is also being issued now to the Israeli army in occupied Syria.

Tito Asks de Gaulle to Convene Four-Power Conference on Arab-Israel Situation

PARIS, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Koca Popovic, former Foreign Minister of Yugoslavia, conferred here today with President Charles de Gaulle and was believed to have proposed, on behalf of the Yugoslavian President, that France try once more to convene a four-power conference of the Big Powers to work out a solution for the Israeli-Arab crisis.

After leaving Gen. de Gaulle, Mr. Popovic told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "I gave President de Gaulle a message dealing with the Middle East problem, which is a burning question for both our countries. I found we have identical points of view about a certain number of questions. Gen. de Gaulle told me he was preparing an answer to this message." The message was one Mr. Popovic had brought from Marshal Tito.

Mapam Outlines Conditions for Arab-Israeli Peace; Insist on Retention of Unified Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30, (JTA) — An Arab-Israeli "peace plan," with its main thrust on possible peace with Jordan, was issued here today by Mapam, the left-wing Israeli political party which is a member of the coalition Government. Under the Mapam plan, the west bank of the Jordan River would be given back to Jordan, but "only after certain border adjustments." The unification of Jerusalem, Mapam advised, should stay as it is now.

Jordan and Israel, the party stated, could solve the Arab refugee problem. Part of the solution would call for Israel to permit the return to the west bank area of more Arabs among those who had taken refuge in Jordan during the June war, but only for purposes of reunification of families. The rest of the Arab refugees would be settled in Jordan. In return, Jordan would be granted by Israel an outlet to the Mediterranean Sea.

As for Jerusalem, Mapam made it clear, the reunified city must remain as Israel's capital. All the plans would be, however, subject to direct peace negotiations between Israel and Jordan, Mapam declared.

Regarding the Gaza Strip, Mapam stated, that area, "which never belonged to Egypt," should be retained by Israel. The Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights on Syria's former border with Israel would be demilitarized. Mapam also reiterated its traditional insistence on "neutralization" of the Middle East with the intention of creating "a federal relation among the countries in the region."

51 Senators Co-Sponsor Resolution on Nuclear Desalination Plan for Middle East

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, (JTA) — Fifty-one members of the Senate today co-sponsored a resolution calling for implementation of a \$540,000,000 "Eisenhower plan" for nuclear desalination to promote peace in the Near East.

The resolution was drafted by Senator Howard Baker, Tennessee Republican. It was sponsored by 32 Republican Senators and 19 Democrats. Senator Baker stated that Chairman J.W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee promised that early hearings would be held on the measure.

The proposal is based on a plan first envisaged by Admiral Lewis Strauss, former head of the Atomic Energy Commission, in the 1950's. It envisages construction of three nuclear desalination plants to be operated under control of the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the cooperation of the United States and Israel.

Arab Students in U.S. Hold Convention in Boston; Get Peace Appeal from Israelis

BOSTON, Aug. 30, (JTA) — A proposal that Arab students in the United States help work out "constructive proposals for the mutual betterment of all the people in our region" was sent today to the convention of the Arab Students Association, being held here, by the Israeli Students Organization in the United States and Canada.

The Arab student group, which claims to represent 3,000 members, is holding its four-day parley at the Student Center of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The convention has attracted about 300 Arab students from American universities. So far, the principal addresses delivered at the parley had been made by Rashad Mouad, a representative of the Arab League at the United Nations, and Dr. Fayez Saygeh, professor of political science at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon. Both speakers hewed to the customary Arab interpretation of last June's Six-Day War, charging Israel with "aggression and expansionism" and attacking the United States for supporting Israel.

In its message to the convention, the Israeli student group noted that "for the third time in 20 years, the events have demonstrated the utter futility of armed confrontation as a means of dealing" with the Israeli-Arab issues. The Israeli students declared that the June war was not "a source of glee to us and our people, for the death of Arab and Jew alike is an obscene violation of our common humanity." The Israelis advised the Arab students "to confront the deep problems of our common region with candor, personal integrity and courage."

American Nazis Fail to Find Private Cemetery Willing to Bury Rockwell with Nazi Rites

ARLINGTON, Va., Aug. 30, (JTA) — Another effort to find a burial place for the American Nazi Party's slain leader, George Lincoln Rockwell, failed today. A member of the party at Rockwell's former headquarters here announced that the Nazis had planned to bury Rockwell in a cemetery at Spottsylvania, Va., where they were to conduct rites "with appropriate" ceremonies. Those rites would have included the wearing of Nazi uniforms by members of the mourning group. However, the Nazi said, the cemetery withdrew its permission to have Rockwell's remains interred there after some residents of Spottsylvania had threatened to obtain a court injunction against the management of the burial grounds.

Yesterday, army military policemen forcefully prevented a group of uniformed, swastika-wearing Nazis from entering a national cemetery there, when the Nazis tried to force their way through the gate but were ordered to remove their Nazi costumes and decorations. Three Nazis were arrested in that melee. After the Rockwell coffin was banned from the national facility, it was taken to a funeral home here while other arrangements were being sought by the Nazis. Today, the Nazi here said they still hoped to find a "suitable" burial place for their slain leader, who was assassinated here last Friday. A former member of Rockwell's party is under arrest as a suspect in the murder. (Later in the day the Nazis said they buried Rockwell's body in a "secret place.")

California State Senate Gets Bill Officially Permitting Rabbis to Perform Marriages

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 30, (JYA) -- A bill was introduced in the State Senate here which, for the first time, would officially permit rabbis in California to perform marriages. The measure was introduced by Senator Anthony C. Bellinson, a Los Angeles Democrat.

Through what the Senator called "a legislative oversight," the state's Civil Code, as it stands now, permits performance of marriages only before judges, priests or "ministers of the gospel." The new law would add the word "rabbis" to that list.

The Senator noted that rabbis have always been permitted to perform marriages in this state, saying his bill calls only for a "technical" change. He has assured persons who have inquired about the subject that marriages heretofore performed in California by rabbis would "undoubtedly be held constitutionally legal if challenged."

Rabbi Foresees Change in Dominant Theme of Jewish Theology as Result of Israel's Victory

NEW YORK, Aug. 30, (JTA) -- Israel's recapture of Old Jerusalem and the consequent unification of Israel's capital have indicated that Jewish theology will have to be "drastically rewritten," Rabbi Richard L. Rubenstein, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Pittsburgh, advised here yesterday. Along with Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of interfaith activities for Reform Judaism in this country, and U.S. Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut, he was one of the featured speakers at the International Congress on Religion, Architecture and the Visual Arts, now in session in New York.

Until June 5, 1967, when the war in which Israel regained Jerusalem broke out, the dominant theme of Jewish theology was the same as it had been for the last 1,897 years -- wandering and exile," Rabbi Rubenstein declared. "Since June 5, 1967, the dominant theme has become homecoming. Diaspora Judaism since 70 C.E. must now be interpreted as the religious culture which kept alive the love of place and the hope of homecoming in the Jewish people while giving them the psychological strength to live as an endangered minority without inner deterioration."

Rabbi Rubenstein said the recent developments in the Middle East indicate that a sacred home need no longer be viewed as one built for "a society largely dominated by wandering, nomadic professionals." "I have chosen," he said, "to live and create in my native land where I can only partly be at home. It is possible that in Israel I could be more at home and less able to create." Rabbi Brickner advised that houses of worship should be situated in the centers of cities, dispensing various services to the surrounding communities. Sen. Ribicoff deplored trends that he viewed as diminishing the services of houses of worship "to the people who need them."

Stephen L. Stulman, Noted Jewish Leader, Joins J.T.A. Board; Active in Many Causes

NEW YORK, Aug. 30, (JTA) -- Stephen Lloyd Stulman, an investment banker and active in various Jewish causes, today joined the board of directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, it was announced here by Robert Arnow, president of JTA.

A graduate of Yale University who had studied also at the Graduate Business School of Columbia University, Mr. Stulman is vice-president of Israel Industrial Services, Inc., an affiliate of the Israel Discount Bank, Ltd., of New York. He is a director and member of the executive committee of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York; a member of the UJA National Young Leadership Cabinet and New York Leadership Council; a trustee of the United Israel Appeal; a divisional vice-chairman of the Israel Bond Organization; a member of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

He is also a director of the American Association for Jewish Education; a director of the Israel Research and Development Corp.; co-chairman of Volunteers for Israel Products; president of Israel Cancer Foundation, and is active in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Histadrut Leader in Israel Invited to Attend A.F.L.-C.I.O. Convention in U.S.

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30, (JTA) -- Aharon Becker, general secretary of Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor, was invited today by George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO in the United States, to attend the next AFL-CIO convention, it was announced here. Mr. Becker has accepted the invitation. While in the United States, he will also help launch the Histadrut campaign in America.

Histadrut also announced that missions representing the organized trade unionists in Israel will be sent soon on good will tours to Scandinavia, Africa and Latin America. Histadrut will also be represented at a number of British trade union conventions this fall, including the International Printing Workers Congress to be held in London.

Israeli Soccer Team to Play in U.S.; Agreement Signed by American Soccer League

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30, (JTA) -- A crack Israeli soccer aggregation named the "Six-Day War Victory Team," will play four games in America, between October 8 and October 18, it was announced here today. A contract for the American tour was signed here today between the Israeli National Football Federation and Asher Wolk, representing the American Soccer League.

The Israeli eleven, according to Mr. Wolk, is set for games in New York and Los Angeles, and will probably play also in Toronto and in Rochester, N.Y. He said the American Zionist Youth Federation is co-sponsoring the tour. He declared also that each game will feature a "Salute to Israel."