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Two Civilians, One Soldier Killed By Mines; 17 Guerrillas Slain During Weekend

TEL AVIV, May 5 (JTA)--Two civilians, officials of the Dead Sea potash works, and an Israeli soldier were killed when their jeep hit a mine near the potash plant yesterday morning. Two other civilians and a soldier were injured in an earlier mining incident near the same spot. They were the only Israeli casualties of the post-Independence Day weekend during which Israeli forces killed 17 Arab marauders in three clashes in the Negev, the Jordan and Beisan valleys. A military spokesman reported renewed Jordanian small arms and artillery fire aimed at three Beisan Valley settlements and at Israeli forces near the Allenby Bridge today, the scene also of some desultory shooting by Jordanians yesterday. In each case the fire was returned and there were no casualties reported.

The civilian dead were identified as Dr. Yehoyachin Keinatt, 43, deputy general director of the potash works and Benjamin Birann, 38, an engineer who was director of manpower and administration. The soldier was cadet David Braberyahu, 23. They were killed when their jeep and an Army command car raced to the aid of another jeep which had just struck a mine, injuring its civilian and military occupants. The mines had been laid by terrorists on a road near the potash evaporation ponds. Late last night an Israeli patrol near the southern tip of the Dead Sea encountered a gang which is believed to have planted the mines.

News of the battles in which 17 Arab guerrillas were killed was withheld so as not to spoil Independence Day celebrations Thursday and Friday. Twelve heavily armed guerrillas were killed by an Israeli patrol near Neot Hakikar on the Jordan border south of the Dead Sea Thursday night. Soviet-made machine guns and hand grenades were found on the bodies. Four raiders were killed in a clash in the Jordan Valley and a fifth south of the Sea of Galilee.

Eshkol, Dayan Praise Army, Police For Success of Jerusalem Parade

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan thanked Israel's armed forces and police today for the success of Thursday's Independence Day military parade in Jerusalem, the largest in Israel's history, which went off without incident.

Mr. Eshkol expressed his appreciation in a statement at the weekly Cabinet meeting today. Gen. Dayan wrote a letter of congratulations to Maj. Gen. Chaim Bar-Lev, Chief of Staff. The Prime Minister also reported to the Cabinet on the most recent talks between Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, the United Nations special emissary to the Middle East. No details were made public. Mr. Eban is presently on a tour of the Scandinavian countries. Defense Minister Dayan reported to the Cabinet on the security situation.

Mr. Eshkol, in his statement on the Independence Day parade, also congratulated the television crew which televised the parade live in Israel's first national TV broadcast. The only troublesome aspect of the parade, which drew about 30,000 vehicles into Jerusalem, was the prodigious traffic jam that occurred when most of the vehicles attempted to leave the city simultaneously at the end of the parade. The Minister of Transport was expected to appoint a committee on the problem.

Ramallah Merchants Strike Over Jerusalem Parade; Town Sealed Off

TEL AVIV, May 5 (JTA)--The West Bank town of Ramallah was sealed off today following a strike by local merchants in protest against the Independence Day parade in Jerusalem. A military spokesman reported that unruly elements in the town had prevented children from attending school on Independence Day.

Security Council To Resume Debate on Jerusalem 'Situation' Today

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 5 (JTA)--The Security Council will resume its debate on Jerusalem tomorrow after an acrimonious weekend meeting involving an argument on whether a Jordanian should be invited to address the Council as an "elected mayor of Jerusalem."

Lord Caradon of Britain, the current president of the Council, refused consistently to refer to Rouhi El-Khatib as the mayor of Jerusalem, despite demands that he do so by the Soviet Union, Algeria, Hungary and Pakistan. Muhammad el-Farrak, the permanent Jordanian representative, had asked that El-Khatib be invited under a Council rule under which outside "competent" persons may provide information to the Council.

Speaking without the mayoral designation, El-Khatib charged that Israel had "occupied buildings, expropriated land, looted" and otherwise allegedly mistreated Arab residents of East Jerusalem to "force" them to leave. Yosef Tekoah, Israel's permanent representative, replied that El-Khatib had been appointed by the Jordanian Government, not elected, and was a member of the Palestine Liberation Army council.

Mr. Tekoah also said that the areas under urban redevelopment in East Jerusalem, which he said had become a slum under 19 years of Jordanian control, were mostly Jewish property or in the public domain and that Arab private owners were being compensated. Asserting that Jerusalem was "the capital of the Jewish people," he added that the 19-year Jordanian rule of East Jerusalem had never been recognized by the international community.

De Gaulle Sends Shazar Good Wishes on Israel's 20th Anniversary

PARIS, May 5 (JTA)--President de Gaulle has sent a congratulatory telegram to President Shazar on the occasion of Israel's 20th anniversary, it was disclosed here today. Gen. de Gaulle's telegram extended "utmost sincere wishes to President Shazar and the Israeli people."

Four UJA Leaders Extend Anniversary Visit To Consult On Aid Conclave

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA)--Four top leaders of the United Jewish Appeal, who came here for Israel's 20th anniversary celebration, will remain here for several more days to consult about a conference to be held in June on the role of philanthropy in solving Israel's future humanitarian needs, it was reported today.

The leaders are general chairman Edward Ginsberg, national chairman Paul Zuckerman, executive vice chairman Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman and assistant executive vice chairman Irving Bernstein.

Humphrey Says U.S. Will Not Permit Israel 'To Stand Defenseless'

CHICAGO, May 5 (JTA)--Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, addressing an Israel Bond meeting celebrating Israel's 20th anniversary, said here today that "America is not going to permit Israel to stand defenseless against any who would destroy her" and reasserted the basic Middle East position of the Johnson Administration.

In his first statement on Middle East policy since he announced his candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination, the Vice President declared that "the five principles on which a durable peace in the Middle East can be built are still the same, we believe, as when they were stated by President Johnson last June 19."

Declaring that "the greatest contribution" to Middle East peace would be an agreement with the Soviet Union to "curtail the arms race there," he stated that "meanwhile, however, because of what we all so deeply believe, let this be clear: America is not going to permit Israel to stand defenseless against any who would destroy her. Reason must prevail over force. Acceptance of nationhood must prevail over prejudice." He added that, as President Johnson "indicated in the communique issued in January after his meeting with Prime Minister Eshkol, the United States will keep Israel's military defense capability under active and sympathetic examination and review in the light of all relevant factors, including the shipment of military equipment by others to the area."

Others who addressed the event included Lt. Gov. Samuel H. Shapiro of Illinois, and Col. Jacob Arvey, honorary chairman of the Greater Chicago Committee for Israel Bonds. The Vice President was guest of honor at a private dinner-reception sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization. A substantial amount of Israel Bonds were sold. Col. Harvey and Marshall Korshak, Chicago city treasurer, were co-chairmen for the event.

The Vice President previously attended an Israel Embassy weekend reception in Washington and congratulated Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador, on the anniversary.

Israel Expecting At Least 25,000 Immigrants This Year, Pincus Reports

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA)--Israel is expecting 25,000 to 30,000 new immigrants from various countries this year, according to Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, in a report he gave today at the 30th annual conference of the council of organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Mr. Pincus said that the new arrivals will include many large families and many who have been stripped of all their possessions. They will join nearly a half million other immigrants in Israel already dependent on Jewish Agency programs of resettlement and rehabilitation. He stressed that the people of Israel, whose resources are "strained to the utmost" to meet security needs and overcome economic difficulties, "are in no position to share the burden of humanitarian aid to their country's immigrants."

Albert Parker, president of the UJA of Greater New York, announced that in 30 UJA campaigns, member organizations of the council have raised nearly \$50 million. The conference, attended by 3,000 delegates from Jewish fraternal and benevolent societies, marked the 20th anniversary of Israel's independence. Among the speakers were Michael Arnon, Israel Consul General in New York and Ossip Wallinsky, chairman of the council's committee for the construction of the House of World Jewish Communities in Tel Aviv.

Dirksen Says Senate, House Republicans Favor Phantom Jets for Israel

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 5 (JTA)--Senator Everett M. Dirksen, of Illinois, Senate Minority leader, declared at a weekend press conference here that the United States should supply Israel with supersonic Phantom jet military aircraft in order to maintain a balance between the aerial build-up

of the Arab states by Soviet Russia and France. Senator Dirksen also read the newsmen a statement by the Republican Senate leadership congratulating Israel on the 20th anniversary of its independence.

Senator Dirksen charged that the Administration "still has no firm policy" in the Middle East and warned that unless a firm, clear policy is soon declared, "the Eastern Mediterranean potential for world war three will take frightening root." He said that he was aware of the Soviet build-up of Arab air power and the recent agreement by France to supply Iraq with the supersonic Mirage V jets. Barring an agreement with other nations to limit arms shipments to the Middle East, "the United States should be prepared to supply arms to friendly nations sufficient to maintain the balance of power and to serve as a deterrent to renewed open warfare," the Republican leader declared. He said that no American should be "unaware of the fact that Russia has moved into the Middle East and Mediterranean with tremendous and increasing naval and diplomatic strength in the biggest Soviet power grab since World War II." The statement was endorsed by House Republican leader Gerald Ford of Michigan, who attended the press conference.

Czech Newspaper Publishes Appeal to Poles to End 'Shameful Anti-Semitism'

LONDON, May 5 (JTA)--A Czechoslovakian trade union newspaper has published an appeal by three Czech writers urging Polish leaders "to put an end to the shameful anti-Semitism threatening to stain the common fight of the Poles and the Jews against Hitler's fascism," it was reported here today from Prague. The appeal, by Pavel Kohout, Jan Prochazka and Arnost Lustig, was carried by "Prace." The three said that the "liberation" in Poland in 1956 influenced the current liberalization in Czechoslovakia. The three writers asked the Gomulka regime not to confuse student unrest, the "natural criticism of the younger generation, with hostile subversion and not to drive Polish citizens by harsh sanctions to positions that are inherently alien to them."

Dispatches from Warsaw today reported that the dismissal of the art, literary and production directors of eight film units was recommended at a recent Communist Party meeting at Film Polski, the state film monopoly. A majority of those affected by the recommendation, which is tantamount to an order, are Jews, as are a majority of the Poles ousted from Party jobs in the last two months.

The Polish Press Agency (PAP) reported earlier the dismissal from the Communist Party of Aleksander Ford, a 60-year-old Jewish director who was often called "the father of Polish cinema." Ford was criticized for his contacts with Arthur Brauner, a Polish-born film producer in West Germany who was described by PAP as an ardent Zionist. According to informed sources, another Jew and long-time film maker, Jerzy Bossak, has been dismissed as head of the State Documentary Film Studio in Warsaw.

Reports reaching here from Moscow quoted the newspaper, Pravda Ukrainy's announcement that an important group of Soviet writers had condemned Zionism as an anti-Soviet manifestation. A resolution adopted by the Kiev board of the Ukraine Writers Union said, "equally abhorant to us are the manifestations of bourgeois nationalism, great power chauvinism and Zionism," the paper said.

Another dispatch from Warsaw today reported the firing of a Jewish electrician from a power plant for holding "Zionist" views. The victim was Szymon Szymoniwcz who was accused of having become an "aggressive Zionist" after returning from a visit to his son in Israel, according to the newspaper, Gazeta Robotnicza of Wroclaw. Szymoniwcz was accused of having brought home a map showing Israel's new borders and of having depicted Israel's "brutal aggression" of last June as a "defensive operation."

Polish Consul In Rio Bars Visit By 36 Brazilian Jews To Auschwitz Pavilion

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 5 (JTA)--The Polish consul here invalidated the visas of 36 Jews who had been scheduled to attend the dedication of the Jewish pavilion in Auschwitz, it was revealed today. The consul said only that he was following orders. No foreign Jewish communities were represented at the ceremonies.

The decision came some weeks after the charge d'affaires of the Polish embassy here announced that a delegation of 36 Jews belonging to the "Anti-Nazi Fighters Society" would participate in the Auschwitz ceremony. Jewish community officials here said that no such organization exists in Brazil. Observers said that the Polish diplomat made the announcement to counter reports from Jewish organizations in the western world that Jews were not being invited to the pavilion ceremony.

The 36 Jews who had prepared to depart for Poland and whose visas were revoked at the last moment applied individually for the travel document. All were known to be leftists.

Dutch Town Cancels 'Poland Week' To Protest Polish Anti-Semitism

GRONINGEN, Netherlands, May 5 (JTA)--This Dutch town today cancelled its plans to hold a "Poland Week" in protest against the current wave of anti-Semitism inspired by the Warsaw regime. An "Israel Week," which began Thursday on the 20th anniversary of Israel's independence, is in progress.

In announcing cancellation of the Polish observance, a town council spokesman said that there was no room in the Netherlands for Polish cultural events under prevailing conditions of anti-Semitism in Poland.

Most Athletic Clubs in Major Cities Bar Minority Members, ADL Reports

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA)--Only three out of 38 athletic clubs in key American cities maintain religiously and racially open membership policies, according to a national survey recently completed by the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League. The results of the survey were made public by Eugene L. Sugarman, chairman of the ADL's discrimination committee, at the ADL 55th annual meeting here last night. The survey showed that 21 clubs in cities of over 100,000 population apparently admitted Jews but excluded Negroes; 14 other clubs either barred Jews and Negroes from membership or imposed quotas. The three clubs that practice open membership policies were the Baltimore Olympic Club, the Oakland Athletic Club and the Pacific Coast Club in Long Beach, California.

The ADL presented its annual America's Democratic Legacy award tonight to John W. Gardner, chairman of the National Urban Coalition and former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. According to Dore Schary, ADL chairman, the award to Mr. Gardner was made "for his long career of public service and personal commitment to American ideals."

Mr. Schary announced last night that he had been assured, in a letter from Republican National Committee Chairman Ray C. Bliss that social clubs in the Miami Beach area which practice racial or religious discrimination will be bypassed for events in connection with the Republican National Convention there on August 5. Mr. Bliss, replying to a letter from Mr. Schary, promised that the Republican National Committee would make "every effort to select only those (clubs) that are open to all people regardless of race, creed or ethnic background." An ADL spokesman said that a list of clubs known to practice discrimination would be sent to Mr. Bliss. Mr. Schary said he had not written on the subject to Democratic National Chairman John C. Bailey because a parallel situation did not exist in Chicago where the Democratic Party will hold its convention on August 29.

At an earlier session, Arnold Forster, general counsel, charged that the Japanese Government had failed to protect Japanese industry from Arab pressures and had thus helped the Arab boycott against Israel achieve its greatest success to date. Among major Japanese firms that flatly refuse to do business with Israel because of Arab pressure, Mr. Forster listed Toyota, Suzuki, Sumitomo, Mitsubishi, Mariubeni and Mitsui, firms that make automobiles, appliances, machinery, footwear and many other products.

He said the ADL had met several times over a two-year period with members of the Japanese Embassy and consulates in the United States and with Chamber of Commerce officials without satisfactory response. However, direct meetings with officials of some of the firms led to their abandonment of boycott practices. Among those firms Mr. Forster mentioned the Matsushita Electric Corp., which announced it would not allow any of its 40 affiliates to yield to the Arab boycott office, the Fuji Photo Film Co., Nisaei Sangyo, a subsidiary of the Hitachi Corp. and the Kawasaki Dockyards. Mr. Forster discounted the theories that Japan feared jeopardizing its oil imports from Arab countries. He said that oil retaliation by the major Arab suppliers had been "severely limited" against countries doing business with Israel. He noted further that the Arab market absorbed only three percent of Japan's exports in 1966.

Elimination of Racism in Jewish Community Urged at N.Y. Conclave

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA)--The New York Jewish Community Relations Council called today on the Jewish community of the New York area to seek to "eliminate every vestige of racism" in the Jewish community and to work for implementation of the Kerner report on civil disorders. The appeals were made in resolutions adopted at an all-day conference of the JCRC, comprised of 14 local units of major Jewish organizations.

Arthur J. Levine, president, asked New York Jewry "to support every responsible action that has as its aim the integration of the Negro into the mainstream of society." Albert Vorspan, director of the commission on social action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said there was a need to "re-educate" the Jewish community because Jews were "backslashing as other white Americans are backslashing."

Mrs. Dorothy Jones of the Protestant Council told the 100 Jewish communal leaders that anti-Semitism "is on the rise" in the Negro community and that Negroes were "disappointed" because Jews had "hedged" on issues involving minority group needs in various city boroughs.

AJCommittee Publishes Proposals for Local Action for Kerner Report

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee has published a list of areas of action by which members and Americans generally could help to implement the resolutions of the President's National Advisory Committee on Civil Disorders.

The organization listed 11 such areas in its newsletter in which it said that it was becoming steadily more recognized that "only a huge, concerted attack on the ghetto crisis -- as blueprinted by the commission -- will permanently restore safety to our city streets without destroying our civil liberties or tearing the nation apart."

Prof. Terracini, Noted Jewish Philologist, Dies in Turin at 82

ROME, May 5 (JTA)--Prof. Benvenuto Terracini, an eminent linguist and philologist and a member of the National Academy of Science, died in Turin yesterday at the age of 82. President Saragat of Italy, Premier Moro and other Cabinet Ministers sent messages of condolence today to the Terracini family. Prof. Terracini was an active member of the Turin Jewish community.