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Six Arab Terrorists Killed In Clash; Infiltrators Given Orders To Kidnap Jews

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA)--Six Arab terrorists were killed in a clash this morning when they were intercepted by an Israeli patrol in the Umm Shurt pass between the Allenby and Damiyah Bridges in the Jordan Valley.

The infiltrators were clad in light khaki army uniforms over civilian clothing. Among the arms they carried were six Russian-made Klatchnikoff assault rifles with 500 rounds of ammunition, four improvised bazookas, 13 hand grenades, 30 detonation charges, 30 demolition charges, detonation cords and firing devices.

An Arab terrorist told a military tribunal in Nablus today that a band of infiltrators of which he had been a member had been instructed to cross into Israel and kidnap and bring back at least one Jewish prisoner, male or female. His four-man band was intercepted by an Israeli patrol when it crossed the Jordan River near Umm Tzutz. Three of the men were killed in the ensuing fight. The fourth, Assam Douek, 20, who admitted being a member of the "Motherland Freedom Front," was captured. He was sentenced today to eight years imprisonment.

An Israeli pickup truck today hit a land mine near Ein Yahav on the Arab road to Eilat south of the Dead Sea. Saboteurs active in the area were believed to have sowed mines along the road.

An Israeli army patrol, consisting of two armored cars, intercepted a band of saboteurs on the Araba road Sunday night and routed the infiltrators after an exchange of fire. One Israeli soldier was slightly wounded. The clash took place between Sodom and Eilat less than two miles from the Jordanian border. The ambushers were routed. Search later uncovered three anti-vehicle mines planted to prevent pursuit.

Netherlands Foreign Minister, Eban Discuss Middle East And European Common Market

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA)--Dr. Joseph M.A. H. Luns, The Netherlands Foreign Minister, had meetings here today with Prime Minister Abba S. Eban during which Middle East problems in general were discussed and Netherlands-Israeli relations reviewed. Dr. Luns, accompanied by key members of The Netherlands Foreign Ministry, is in Israel on an official visit. The Netherlands represents Israeli interests in a number of East European countries with whom Israel currently has no diplomatic relations.

Among the issues discussed at length by Dr. Luns and Mr. Eban was the question of Israel's relations with the European Common Market. Israel seeks an associate membership and its application has been warmly supported by The Netherlands but has run afoul of French and Italian objections.

According to the official communique, Prime Minister Eshkol reiterated the Israel position on peace to Dr. Luns and said that while Israel desired a stable and lasting peace, "we shall not agree to any temporary and feeble arrangement, even if this would seem to ease the pressure momentarily." He said that Israel was prepared to enter into direct negotiations with the Arab states and asserted that if the Arabs sincerely wanted peace they would have to educate their people for it and "seek, together with us, a way of mutual coexistence in this part of the world."

In the Luns-Eban meeting at the Foreign Ministry this morning, Mr. Eban outlined in detail Israel's attempts to advance peace in the Middle East through Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations special envoy, and in other ways. Dr. Luns had denied, before leaving The Hague, reports that he would seek to act as a mediator in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Dr. Luns told Mr. Eshkol later that he understood Israel's position and he displayed a deep knowledge of the history of the land and people of Israel. "The world will not again allow Masada to fall," he declared.

See Iraq Coup Weakening Arab Leadership Ties In Alliance Against Israelis

LONDON, July 22 (JTA)--Middle East experts here said today that the military coup in Iraq which resulted in the ouster of President Abdel Rahman Aref would further loosen the weak ties that bind the Arab leadership in an uneasy alliance against Israel. While, as had been expected, the seizure of power by Gen. Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr was bound to weaken the influence of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt in Baghdad, observers here noted trends in the Iraqi capital which they said could constitute a threat to all the Arab leaders.

Gen. Aref had close ties with Nasser and the Syrian leadership. The new rulers in Iraq, according to reports reaching here, have launched a campaign to blame the debacle in the Six-Day War on Aref and, by implication, on the Egyptian and Syrian leaders.

Scores of Iraqi politicians considered friendly to Nasser have been rounded up and jailed in the last few days. There were indications that the new regime intends to repudiate the deals made with France by the Aref Government for the purchase of 54 Mirage jet fighter planes for the Iraq Air Force and for a highly valuable oil concession given to the French concern, ERAP. Former Premier Lt. Gen. Taher Yahya, who negotiated the oil deal, was among the first to be arrested. Most of the Iraqis involved in the oil negotiations were also jailed by the new regime.

Report Soviet Union Seeking To Strengthen Arab Communist Parties

LONDON, July 22 (JTA)--The London Daily Telegraph reported today from Beirut that the Soviet Union is now devoting increased attention to strengthening Arab Communist Parties in the eastern Arab world. The dispatch pointed out that since the collapse of the Baathist movement three years ago and its disintegration into warring, squabbling factions, the Communists have become the only effective Arab international political organization.

Communist apparatus, in widely varying degrees of size and efficacy, currently exists in 11 of the eastern Arab states, the paper declared. For Moscow, it noted, the strategic role is to extend the number of pro-Soviet regimes down toward the Persian Gulf areas with their vast oil riches. The Communists are working to exploit, along predictably orthodox lines, the favored position the Soviet Union has purchased in the Middle East by its huge supply of armaments to replace those lost during the war with Israel last year, the dispatch asserted.

Abetted by thousands of Russian military advisers and technicians who are now helping to re-organize the Arab armies, the paper said, the Communists are attempting a major infiltration of these military forces. According to Eric Downton, reporting from Beirut, most of the Arabs on Moscow's bandwagon today because it looks like a good thing are probably political opportunists who will smartly change labels when circumstances change in the Middle East.

Over 3,000 Arab Mothers Share In Allowances Instituted To Promote Large Families

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA)--More than 3,000 Arab mothers queued up outside the post office in East Jerusalem Sunday to receive the family allowances from the Israel National Insurance Institute originally instituted by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to encourage Israeli Jews to have large families. The Israeli law makes no distinction as to citizens and since East Jerusalem has been incorporated into the municipality of Jerusalem, its residents are entitled to the "internal immigration" bonuses.

The allowances range from 35 pounds (\$10) quarterly for a family with four children to 168 pounds (\$48) for a family with seven children. For each child in excess of seven, the family receives an additional 52.50 pounds (\$15). The bonus is in addition to cost-of-living allowances. East Jerusalem residents are also entitled to other Israeli welfare benefits including widow's pension, birth allowances and old age pensions. The average number of children in the families receiving allowances in East Jerusalem on Sunday was six.

Government Reverses Itself, Will Return 'No Man's Land' Houses To Arab Owners

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA)--The Ministers of Justice and Agriculture have jointly decided to return houses in what had been "no man's land" between former Jordanian and Israeli Jerusalem here to their Arab owners if they live in East Jerusalem. A previous official decision had ordered these houses to be taken over by the custodian of abandoned property, and some of them have already been assigned to new Jewish tenants. These tenants will be compensated if they sold their former homes or made other arrangements on the strength of promises made to them.

Influx Of Arab Students Into West Bank For Holidays With Families Rises To 200 Daily

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA)--The number of Arab students crossing from Jordan to spend the holidays with their families on the West Bank rose sharply the latter part of last week and averaged 200 daily as against the 50 previously reported. It was believed the increase was the result of the Jordanian Government's announcement that it would exchange passports bearing the Israel entrance stamp. Other Arab nations do not honor a passport bearing the Israeli stamp.

Technion Appoints Committee To Study Expansion Of Technical Education In Israel

HAIFA, July 22 (JTA)--In a move to implement a decision by the board of governors of the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, to expand the undergraduate enrollment at the institution, the Technion Council has appointed a special committee to study the expansion of technical education in Israel.

The Israel Government had requested a 40 percent increase in student enrollment in the engineering faculties of the Technion to provide for an anticipated growth in demand for technical engineering personnel. The institution had announced plans to enlarge its undergraduate body by 400 a year, starting in 1969.

UJA Young Leadership Unit Presents Harman With Albums Recalling Ambassadorship

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA)--The United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Mission now in Israel yesterday presented Hebrew University President Avraham Harman with two picture albums recalling his tenure as Israel Ambassador to the United States. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice chairman, made the presentation to Mr. Harman in a brief ceremony after the 88-member group was introduced to the former Ambassador by Dr. George Lerner of Akron, Ohio.

Israel Exempts Post-1948 Immigrants, Foreign Residents, From Most Inheritance Taxes

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA)--The Department of Internal Revenue said that all immigrants or foreign residents who arrived in Israel after 1948 are entitled to exemption from inheritance taxes on large portions of their estates. The exemption applies to a person's total assets overseas and all assets sent to Israel before he settled here, the department said.

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, With Tel Aviv Choir, Performs In Bethlehem

JERUSALEM, July 22 (JTA)--The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, assisted by the Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir, performed Verdi's "Requiem," Sunday night in Manger Square, outside the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, regarded by Christians as the place where Jesus Christ was born.

To the 3,000 Christians, Jews and Moslems assembled in the town for this unprecedented occasion, Mayor Elias Bandak, the mayor of Bethlehem, an Arab, addressed a fervent prayer for peace in the Holy Land. The occasion, he said, was a memorable one for the town where the "Prince of Peace" was born. "It is my hope," he added, "that peace will come to this land before long and that the United Nations will find the solution that brings peace."

In a message to Mayor Bandak, read to the audience in Arabic and Hebrew, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said that the language of music was a bridge among all men regardless of race or religion. In the audience were people from many Israeli cities, churchmen and dignitaries from Bethlehem, Beit Jallah and Dead Jerusalem. The opening of the concert was delayed so that it would not clash with the Moslem muezzin's call to evening prayer from a nearby minaret.

Zubin Mehta, Indian conductor of the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra, led the orchestra. The soloists, from New York's Metropolitan Opera, were Richard Tucker, Martina Arroya, Shirley Verrett and Ronaldo Gialotti.

Argentine Peace Committee, Mostly Ex-Communists, Calls For Arab-Israel Negotiations

BUENOS AIRES, July 22 (JTA)--The Argentine Committee for Peace in the Middle East, an organization composed mainly of Communists who broke with the party in protest against Soviet anti-Israel policy after the Six-Day War, called today for direct negotiation between Israel and the Arabs as "the most efficient form of understanding and the best way to prevent further warfare in the area."

The committee, headed by Dr. Moises Polak, an internationally known physician, researcher and educator, Dr. Norberto Rodriguez Bustamante and Dr. Sergiu Bagu, called on all "progressive forces" to exercise their influence to assure a stable peace in the Middle East and the end of the arms race there. It said that peace could be assured only by recognition of the legitimate existence and sovereignty of Israel and the Arab states.

It described as "ideological distortion" the identification of Israel by progressive (leftist) elements with imperialism and the Arab states with progress and anti-imperialism. It deplored the failure of leftist assemblies to recognize the "bellicose chauvinism" of the Arab states and their continued discrimination against Israel.

Moderate Faction Of Israeli Communist Party Hits Pressure On Czechoslovakia

TEL AVIV, July 22 (JTA)--The moderate faction of the Israeli Communist Party, came out today in support of the new regime in Czechoslovakia and expressed indignation over attempts to exert external pressure on the regime to moderate the movement toward liberalization.

The central committee of the party, which is headed by Shmuel Mikunis and Dr. Moshe Sneh, voiced support of the liberalization movement and demanded an immediate end to pressures intended to "divert the Czechoslovak nation from the way of life it had chosen." Dr. Sneh said the Soviet Union would damage its prestige among socialists everywhere if it used force to suppress democratization in Czechoslovakia.

Israel Becoming Center Of Studies, Business Interests For More Ghanaians

ACCRA, Ghana, July 22 (JTA)--Israel has become a focal point for higher studies and business interests among increasing numbers of Ghanaians, according to reports in this West African nation. Israeli business and trade ties with Ghana date from that country's independence in 1957 and large numbers of Ghanaian youth have already studied in Israel or have been trained by Israeli instructors at home.

One of the most recent Ghanaian visitors to Israel for business purposes was S. Ohene-Darko, managing director of the Ghana Capital Investment Bank. In the student category was Josephine Mensah who will take a course in functional literacy and community development at the Mount Carmel International Training Center for Development Services at Haifa. Rev. Dr. K. A. Dickson of the department of religious studies at the University of Ghana is attending an interfaith conference in Jerusalem.

Israel's Ambassador yesterday presented 100 blankets to the Government of Ghana in response to its appeal for aid to Ghanaian flood victims. The presentation was made at the Israel Embassy in the presence of Ghanaian officials and members of a flood relief committee. The flood caused by heavy rains made many people homeless.

A delegation of three Israeli trade unionists has arrived in Accra to attend a Trade Union Congress to be held July 25-28 in Tamale, Ghana. The delegation, headed by M. Meshci, chairman of the trade union section of Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, will also visit industrial and agricultural development projects and meet with Government and union officials.

Jewish School In Santiago Damaged By Molotov Cocktail Hurler From Speeding Car

SANTIAGO de Chile, July 22 (JTA)--A Molotov cocktail hurled at the Jewish school here from a speeding car Sunday resulted in some fire damage and a number of broken windows, but no injuries. The school was the Instituto Hebreo Dr. Weizmann. Police immediately began an investigation.

Houston Jewish Center Will Be Open Saturdays To Needy Negro Youth For Rest Of Summer

HOUSTON; Texas, July 22 (JTA)--The Houston Jewish Community Center will be open for the use of under-privileged Negro children every Saturday afternoon for the duration of the summer. The Center board voted unanimously to accede to the request of the Summer Youth Program to make the facilities available. The board of the Jewish Community Council and the Houston Rabbinical Association concurred in the decision.

The decision was described as a measure to fight racial divisiveness here and to establish a closer understanding of the concern of the Jewish community for the welfare of the under-privileged. None of the Center staff will be actively directing the family resource program at the Center but staff members have volunteered to train Negro youth to serve as the program directors.

A letter from Harold Falik, president of the Center, explained to the Summer Youth Program leadership that the Center would not be able to provide staff because the programs would be on the Sabbath. Mr. Falik told the Jewish Herald-Voice that in making the Center and its facilities available, "we are following the wishes of a vast majority of our community."

ADL Official Sees Jews As Helpful To Minority Businessmen, Opposes Forced Removal

WASHINGTON, July 22 (JTA)--While the experience of American Jews enabled them to understand the desire of Negroes to own their own businesses, the growing demand for the forced elimination of white merchants from ghetto areas if carried out would leave "a residue of complete and utter chaos," a B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League official said here.

Jason R. Silverman, Washington-Baltimore director of ADL, told the 23rd annual international convention of B'nai B'rith Young Adults that Jews were sympathetic with the "entirely reasonable desire of Negroes to become part of American society through participation in the merchantile establishment and will continue their historic role of assisting other minorities in positive ways."

But Mr. Silverman warned that the forced removal solution, voiced with increasing frequency in the wake of ghetto riots, ignores the special skills in merchandising and management, accounting and buying, needed to operate a successful business today. And, he added, it would violate "the elementary principles of freedom of choice inherent in a democracy." Jewish experience in may fields can be helpful in job training and cooperative business programs in behalf of other minorities, he said.

First Israel Bank And Trust Co. Opens In New York, Succeeds Bank Leumi

NEW YORK, July 22 (JTA)--First Israel Bank and Trust Co., of New York, a subsidiary of Bank Leumi le-Israel, Tel. Aviv, began operations today as successor to the New York branch of the Israeli financial institution which had been operating here since 1961.

Capitalized at \$7 million, the new bank was chartered under the laws of the State of New York and is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The parent bank is the oldest and largest bank in the Middle East, having been founded in 1902. It currently operates 175 branches in Israel. Its consolidated assets at the end of 1967 totaled \$1,283,000,000. Benjamin P. Schoenfein is president of the new bank. More than 50 contemporary artists of Israel are represented in an exhibition at First Israel.

More Than 2,300 Youngsters — 20-Year Record — Spending Summer On Israel Projects

NEW YORK, July 22 (JTA)--More than 2,300 high school youngsters and collegians are now in Israel to participate in summer work-study projects conducted by the Jewish Agency for Israel, according to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section.

"This is the largest group of Americans — 2,353 to be exact — to participate in our Israel summer programs since they started 20 years ago," Dr. Neumann said. There are also another 1,900 young Americans in Israel on summer projects sponsored by various Zionist organizations.

"The programs, of seven to nine weeks duration, have been designed to feature study and travel so that the young visitors will get a full and true picture of Israeli life. But this year, more than ever before in our 20-year sponsorship of these programs, they also include and emphasize some form of service to Israel," Dr. Neumann said.

(More than 4,000 students and teachers from abroad are participating in Jewish Agency summer projects, according to figures made public in Jerusalem by the Jewish Agency. In addition to academic work, many of the students will work in collective settlements or do social work. Some of them are earning special credits from their universities for courses and research projects undertaken here. Many of the summer visitors are from Canada, South Africa, European countries and other lands.)

Israel Aircraft Firm Awards Contract For Engineering And Design To British Outfit

PHILADELPHIA, July 22 (JTA)--Comprehensive Designers International Ltd., British subsidiary of Comprehensive Designers, Inc., has been awarded a contract by Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd. to undertake aircraft engineering and design work at the British subsidiary's facility in Southall, Middlesex, a suburb of London. Walter R. Garrison, president of Comprehensive Designers, Inc., said here today.

The contract was negotiated between representatives of Comprehensive Designers International Ltd. and Israel Aircraft Industries at the latter's plant at Lydda Airport, Israel.