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British Seek To Quieten Mideast As Press Reports New Fears Of Renewal Of War

LONDON, Aug. 26(JTA) -- The British Foreign Office is trying to put a damper on rising passions in the Middle East. Minister of State Gordon Roberts who is standing in for vacationing Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart, invited the Israeli Ambassador, Aharon Remez, for a talk today. A similar invitation was extended to the Lebanese Ambassador. Mr. Roberts reportedly urged them to convey Britain's counsel of moderation to their respective governments. He made a similar plea to the Jordanian Ambassador who paid a leave-taking call to the Foreign Ministry before returning home yesterday.

Ambassador Remez sent a note yesterday to the Foreign Secretary drawing his attention to the "hate campaign against Israel" being conducted by the Arab states. He asked Mr. Stewart if the British government would not use its influence to prevent "the unfortunate fire at the El Aksa mosque in Jerusalem last week from becoming the pretext of an unprecedented campaign of vilification and incitement." The note was delivered personally by Yehuda Taggar, Counsellor at the Embassy, who also discussed the Iraqi executions with the Foreign Secretary.

West European diplomats are genuinely alarmed over the prospect of a new explosion in the Middle East in the aftermath of last week's fire that severely damaged the El Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem and the execution of 15 alleged spies for Israel in Baghdad yesterday, the Washington Evening Star reported from Geneva today.

The war scare is spreading in Western Europe where the atmosphere is "ominously reminiscent" of the Middle East crisis of May, 1967, correspondent Andrew Borowiec declared. He said that "diplomats in contact with their Arab colleagues were sending alarming dispatches to their respective capitals. The tone of these messages was that the Arab world seemed more and more united in its frenzy and determined to act regardless of the consequences."

Mr. Borowiec said the general reaction to the Iraqi hangings was "shock and sweeping condemnation of the Iraqi regime." But he said, more executions are expected.

Arab Leaders Reported Moving Toward Moslem Summit Conference On Israel

The semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahram said today that Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser supports a proposal by King Faisal, of Saudi Arabia for an all-Islamic summit meeting on the Middle East conflict. Such a meeting, involving non-Arab Moslem states, would be an alternative to a new Arab summit conference.

Times correspondent Paul Martin reported from Beirut today that King Faisal is loath to be a party to another Arab summit in case he should be called upon to shoulder an even greater economic burden than the one his country, along with Libya and Kuwait, inherited from the 1967 Arab summit conference in Khartoum. At that meeting, the oil-rich Arab states agreed to subsidize Egypt and Jordan to make up for losses they suffered in the Six-Day War with Israel.

The oil-producing countries were also reported to be opposed to Arab guerrilla demands for an Arab economic boycott of the United States, Britain and West Germany which they accuse of supporting Israel. Oil exports are the major source of income for the Arabs and a boycott would do them more harm than the countries against which it was aimed, the Times said.

The Times said in an editorial today that the hangings in Iraq yesterday showed that no one is safe in that country whatever their background or religion.

Carmel Warns Arabs Of Reprisals For Bombing Of Israeli Offices In Other Countries

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- Israel's Minister of Transport Moshe Carmel denounced the bombing of the Zim Lines passenger office in London yesterday as "a cowardly act" and warned Arabs that "they cannot hope to sit in safety in their offices throughout the world unless safety prevails in the offices of Israeli companies."

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed credit today for planting a small home-made bomb in Zim's second floor office on Regent Street. A ticket clerk, Rachel Picker, was slightly injured but damage to the premises was minor. The Israeli steamship company is government-owned.

Mr. Carmel said that Israel took a grave view of any threat to its lines of communication and transportation facilities anywhere in the world. Anyone plotting against them "will pay a stiff price," he said.

Police Find No Link Between New London Bombing And Explosion In Zim Office

LONDON, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy in London was reported today to have declined an offer of additional police protection while, according to reports from Bangkok, a squad of police was assigned on special duty at the Israel Embassy there following receipt of an anonymous bomb threat.

A gasoline bomb was thrown through the window of an East London Jewish home early today. But Scotland Yard detectives said they had no evidence to link that incident with yesterday's bomb explosion in the passenger office of the Israel government-owned Zim Lines on Regent Street. Today's bomb victims were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lipsky who were asleep when the bomb exploded shortly after midnight. They were not hurt and the damage was described by police as "not extensive."

The home-made bomb that went off in the steamship company's office early yesterday afternoon did minor damage but injured Mrs. Rachel Picker, 41, a booking clerk. She was hospitalized for leg wounds. Police said she was making a very good recovery.

Scotland Yard is investigating the episode but no arrests have been made so far. A Yard spokesman told JTA that the investigation has taken note of the claim by the Palestine Liberation Front that it planted the bomb in the Zim office. He said there was no indication yet who was responsible.

Israeli Planes Hit Guerrilla Bases In Jordan To Destroy Rocket-Launcher Emplacements

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force jets attacked Arab guerrilla bases near Es Safiys in Jordan, south of the Dead Sea today. A military spokesman said the planes took off at 6:00 p.m. local time and returned safely to their bases 20 minutes later. He said pilots reported little anti-aircraft fire.

The target was believed to be a base from which Arab saboteurs attacked a civilian pick-up truck on the main road to Eilat yesterday and planted explosive charges which damaged the road.

Katyusha rockets exploded in the southern suburbs of Jerusalem shortly after midnight this morning but caused no damage or casualties. Two of the rockets landed near a new housing project in the Katamon quarter and another went off near the Ganai Yehuda Hotel in Talpiot. Guests were awakened but most of them went back to bed a short while later as police combed the area for guerrillas.

Security officials said that no more than four rockets were fired from the Russian-made launcher which, they believe, was concealed in a wadi (dry creek bed) just outside the city. The attack was the first time Jerusalem has come under fire since the June, 1967 war.

Four salvoes of Katyusha rockets were fired at Beisan township this morning but caused no casualties or damage. The rockets were fired from Jordanian territory. Israeli forces returned the fire.

An Israeli soldier and a border policeman were injured early today when guerrillas attacked a patrol south of Kfar Ruppin in the Beisan Valley. The road to Eilat was slightly damaged last night when four demolition charges exploded. Two other charges were found and dismantled. Two bazooka shells were fired at a pick-up truck on the road to Eilat. They came from Jordanian territory. No casualties or damage were reported.

Old City, Except Western Wall, Is Closed To Israelis 'Until Tempers Cool'

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- The Old City of Jerusalem was closed to Israelis today except for the Westwall (Wailing) Wall, access to which is permitted only via the Jaffa Gate. All other gates were closed in order to prevent friction between Arabs and Jews in the aftermath of the El Aksa mosque fire. Foreign tourists and residents of the Old City however were permitted to come and go freely. A Government spokesman said the Old City would be re-opened when "tempers cool."

The suspect who has confessed to setting the fire which severely damaged the 1,400 year-old Islamic shrine last Thursday was brought to the mosque area under heavy guard today to reconstruct his movements for police. Michael Denis William Rohen, 27, an Australian national, showed police where he entered the mosque, where he placed the fuel and set the fire and the escape route he took. Rohen was arrested last Friday after Moslem guards at the mosque described a man they saw running away from the fire.

(Sen. Charles E. Goodell, of New York, said in Tel Aviv yesterday that he thought the issue of Jerusalem and its holy places should be the subject of direct negotiations between Israel and the Arabs. Sen. Goodell, Republican, is visiting Israel in a private capacity. Yesterday he was a guest of Histadrut, Israel's labor federation.)

Organizations Call For International Assistance For Jews Of Iraq

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- Two American Jewish organizations called today for international action to aid the Jews of Iran following the Baghdad regime's renewal of executions. Speaking for the American section of the World Jewish Congress, Mrs. Rose Halprin, its chairman, urged the United Nations and all "civilized governments" to "take steps to bring home to Iraq the enormity of its affront to humanity."

The Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox organization, condemned the executions in Baghdad and said it was "shocked by the equanimity with which the civilized world has accepted these brutal murders."

Amnesty Organization Finds Israel's Prisoners Are Well-Treated

LONDON, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- Officials of Amnesty International, a private organization working on behalf of political prisoners, have been permitted to inspect Israeli prisons where Arabs are incarcerated and have drafted a largely favorable report on the treatment of the inmates, it was reported here. The report has been submitted to Israeli officials. United Nations Secretary-General U Thant was apprised of its contents which will be disclosed at a meeting of the organization's council in Geneva Sept. 13. Israel has sent its comments on the report. Martin Ennals, secretary-general of Amnesty International, said in his report that "we are satisfied that in the Israeli prisons under the prison administration, there is a serious overcrowding in some cases but there is no evidence of ill treatment." He stressed, however, that a distinction must be made between prison conditions and the interrogation that preceded imprisonment.

Strike Darkens Israeli TV Screens, Silences Radio As Other Labor Troubles Loom

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- Israelis were without their regular radio and television programs for the second time this month as Government-employed personnel walked out in a wage dispute. As in the earlier two-day "warning strike," only brief newscasts and Arabic broadcasts remained on the air.

The television employees jumped the strike deadline and walked out Sunday. They were followed at noon today by radio workers after wage talks between the Government Broadcasting Authority and the Journalists Association collapsed. The journalists of the electronic media are demanding the same pay as those employed by newspapers. They staged two "warning strikes" before the Broadcasting Authority agreed to negotiations. The talks broke down when the latter refused to accept the appointment of an arbitrator under conditions proposed by the journalists.

Meanwhile labor troubles loomed in other areas. Postal employees announced a one-hour strike for tomorrow because promises made to them after last month's strike allegedly were not kept. Nurses in Government hospitals threatened to strike today if their wage demands are not met and longshoremen at the port of Ashdod continued their prolonged work slowdown. The dock workers arrive at work late and go home early because their demands for income tax adjustments have not been met.

Brandt Says National Democrats Do Not Pose Internal Threat To Germany

BONN, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Willy Brandt agreed today with Chancellor Kiesinger that the ultra right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) did not pose an internal threat to West Germany though it was dangerous from a foreign policy point of view. Mr. Brandt, who heads the Social Democratic Union, told a press conference that if the national elections were to be held this Sunday, the NPD would fail to poll the five percent of the vote required to enter the Bundestag.

Mr. Brandt said the reputedly neo-Nazi party was no internal threat because the overwhelming majority of the German population wanted nothing to do with it. He warned, however, that the party could build itself up from reaction to violent demonstrations that attend many of its public meetings. Mr. Brandt said that extremism from both left and right was unwanted.

The Public Service Workers trade union has written Chancellor Kiesinger and Interior Minister Ernst Benda demanding that action be taken to outlaw the NPD. The letter accused the right-wing party of setting up "storm troopers." reminiscent of the Hitler era and said it was anti-democratic.

Chancellor Kiesinger told the West German newspaper, Die Welt this week that he did not consider the NPD to be neo-Nazi, but he said it was doing the work of Soviet Russia. He said the radical right-wing policies advocated by the NPD gave Russia the pretext for calling West Germany "revanchist" and "neo-Nazi."

NPD Members Are Barred From Roles In Oberammergau Passion Play

BONN, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- The casting officials for next year's Passion Play in Oberammergau have asked all performers applying for leading roles to sign a declaration that they are not members of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party. The measure was taken to avert international controversies such as occurred in 1950 and 1960 over allegations that former Nazis were given roles in the Passion Play.

Ex-Gestapo Chief Sentenced To Life Imprisonment For Slaying Jews; Aides Are Freed

BONN, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- A Dusseldorf court has sentenced Karl Rudolf Pallmann, onetime Gestapo officer, to life imprisonment after it found him guilty of having issued the order for the shooting of more than 100 Jews in the Crimea in 1942. Five others, who stood trial with Pallmann, and who had been accused of complicity, were set free under the provision of the statute of limitations which barred punishment of those held to have committed murder in obedience to orders.

In Frankfurt, the state prosecutor has demanded life imprisonment for S.S. Col. Hermann Krume, 64, a chief aide to Adolf Eichmann, for his role in the deportation and murder of 300,000 Hungarian Jews during World War II. The prosecutor asked a 15-year sentence for Otto Hunsche, 58, another Eichmann aide. The pair have been on trial since June 1968 at the direction of the Karlsruhe appeals court who ordered them to stand trial for a second time after a previous trial resulted in a five-year sentence for Krume and acquittal for Hunsche.

At Baden Baden, bail was cancelled for Helmut Reinhard, former Gestapo chief in Norway, and he was rearrested after the Baden Baden high court ordered him retried by a jury in Karlsruhe on charges of having ordered the deportation of more than 500 Norwegian Jews to the death camps. Reinhard had been sentenced in an earlier trial to five years imprisonment but the prosecutor had appealed this as too lenient. Reinhard had argued in his defense that he did not know at the time that deportation meant death to the Jews.

United Synagogue Joins Movement To Send Holy Day Greeting Cards To Russian Synagogues

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- The United Synagogue of America announced today its support of the project to send non-political greeting cards on the occasion of the Jewish High Holy Days to synagogues in the Soviet Union. Rabbi Bernard Segal, executive director of the organization, urged all branches, including the religious schools to participate. The project was initiated last year by the Jewish Community Council of Washington. The Council has made available a list of all the known synagogues in the Soviet Union and their addresses.

Charge Soviet Vengeance Pursues Young Son Of Yuli Daniel, Critic of Regime

LONDON, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- The son of Yuli Daniel, the Soviet Jewish writer who is serving a long sentence in a Siberian prison camp because of his criticisms of the Soviet regime, is a victim of official hatred against his parents, has been denied admission to a university and fired from a job.

The Times of London quoted from a Moscow underground journal, Chronicle of Current Events, to describe the vengeance being pursued against Alexander Daniel, the son of Yuli and Larissa Daniel. Mrs. Daniel is also being held as a prisoner because of her efforts to secure her husband's release.

According to the Moscow journal, as quoted by The Times, Alexander was the highest ranking applicant for admission to the physics department of the University of Tartu. Rather than admit him, the authorities reduced the number of students to be admitted and gave all the available places to previous applicants.

Last November, the paper said, the youth obtained a job at the computer center of the Moscow Construction Engineering Institute. The department in which he worked was denounced by party activists for having employed him and the department head who had given him the job was formally rebuked for having employed a minor without the agreement of the trade union committee.

The Times quoted Dr. Strelchuk, rector of the institute, as having expressed dissatisfaction that there were too many Jews in the department.

Million Jewish Children In Free World Don't Receive Jewish Education, Official Reports

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency official reported today that 1.7 million Jewish children of school age in the free world are receiving some sort of Jewish education but over a million others get none. Chaim Finkelstein, head of the Agency's department of education and culture in the diaspora, said there was a serious shortage of qualified teachers even for the 40 percent of the youngsters who do get a Jewish education.

Mr. Finkelstein said his department supervises 650 schools in 27 countries as well as 700 Hebrew classes for adults. There are about 250 Israeli teachers and principals in Jewish schools abroad but 2,000 are needed, he said. He praised the success of the Chaim Greenberg Teachers Institute in Jerusalem which trains diaspora teachers who return to their home communities. He said most Jewish teachers in Latin America are graduates of the Institute.

50 American Manufacturers Will Exhibit At Special U.S. Trade Fair In Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- American manufacturers are seeking to satisfy Israel's needs in four important areas of the nation's economy---machine tool and metal working; chemical processing; medical, surgical and hospital services; and hotels, restaurants and catering.

The U.S. charge d'affaires, J. Owen Zurhellen said today that 50 American firms will display equipment in those fields at a special U.S. trade show to be held at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds October 5-10.

The firms see a growing market in Israel for their products. There are some 25 chemical plant projects underway, some new and some involving the expansion of existing plants. Israel has 140 hospitals with an aggregate of 20,000 beds. The latter are expected to increase by 8,000 in the next few years. In addition, 5,000 more hotel rooms are expected to be built in the very near future.

Keren Hayesod Will Raise \$70 Million Outside United States, Rabbi Israel Goldstein Declares

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- The Karen Hayes-United Jewish Appeal will raise a record total of \$70 million for Israel in 1969 outside of the United States, according to Dr. Israel Goldstein, world chairman of the Karen Hayesod, the fund-raising arm of the world Zionist movement. Dr. Goldstein, in New York on his annual Rosh Hashanah visit, said the sum represented a 50 percent increase over contributions made in 1968. It is used by the Jewish Agency to finance immigrant absorption, agricultural colonization and education.

New Orleans Jewish Federation Seeks Volunteers To Aid Victims Of Hurricane Camille

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Federation here has appealed to the Jewish community for volunteers to render aid to victims of Hurricane Camille which devastated communities along a 100 mile strip of the Gulf coast. The Federation called for the services of active or retired social workers who can assist American Red Cross relief workers to distribute supplies and nurses who can help in hospitals and first aid centers. The Federation also asked for volunteer office workers, truck drivers and helpers.

The appeal was issued by Herbert J. Garon, president of the Federation. According to Morton J. Gaba, executive director, there is virtually no Jewish population in the disaster area except for the coastal town of Biloxi, Miss., where about 60 Jewish families resided.

Bernard B. Drenfeld Of Cleveland Elected National Commander Of Jewish War Veterans

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26 (JTA) -- The outgoing national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States urged today an "immediate acceleration of shipments of U.S. military equipment to Israel, including the increase of any items required for Israeli defense." Charles Feuereisen told the organization's 74th in the Mediterranean is "in the mutual interest of Washington and Jerusalem." Mr. Feuereisen contended that "nothing less than a strong Israel would prevent Russia from miscalculating in the Middle East." The JWV elected a new National Commander, Bernard B. Drenfeld, a lawyer, of Cleveland, Ohio, who was the JWV National Judge Advocate.