

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS) Former Premier David Ben Gurion, who had previously indicated unswerving opposition to plans to reunite the dissident Rafi group with Mapai, has announced that he would not oppose the reamalgamation if a majority of the Israel Workers Party approves it.

NEW YORK (WNS) Disclosure that Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem had been hit by Arab shells during the first minute of Jordan's attack on Israel was made here by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah, who simultaneously reported that wounded Jordanian soldiers were being treated at the Hadassah Hospital.

LONDON (WNS) Despite the Soviet and Communist bloc break with Israel, Jews in the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania offered special prayers for Israel.

NEW YORK (WNS) The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has reported the response in the American Jewish community to the crisis in Israel to be of a magnitude unparalleled in American Jewish history.

NEW YORK (WNS) Monty Jacobs, director of public relations and one-time director of the World Jewish Congress died here of a heart attack at the age of sixty.

NEW YORK, Catholic and Protestant leaders throughout the United States have expressed their support of Israel's right to its territorial integrity and free passage through the Gulf of Aqaba, in statements and declarations issued within recent days, according to a survey compiled by the Interreligious Affairs Department of the AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, "We gather not to gloat or celebrate," Morris B. Abram, pres. of Amer. Jewish Committee told thousands of Jews and non-Jews gathered to support Israel at a rally held within earshot of the White House. "The Arabs are still our brothers, and we wish them only a release from the chains of poverty and deception by their own rulers."

BUENOS AIRES (WNS) A representation about the mounting anti-Jewish incidents in Argentina in the past few days has been made by DAIA, central representative agency for Argentine Jews, to the Minister of the Interior Guillermo Borda.

NEW YORK (WNS) Israeli Minister of Finance Pincas Sapir, at a luncheon of American trade union leaders who purchased \$1,750,000 in Israel bonds, declared that "Israel's victory in fifteen hours over three strong enemy armies was not only a victory for Israelis or Jews as their fellow-brothers, but also for the entire world."

Arab Civilians at Ease

The spokesman for the Israel Embassy in Washington said that local government on the West Bank of the Jordan now under Israel control is practically back to normal. The policy of the Israel authorities is to work with the existing institutions and services. Where essential services such as electricity, water and health, were disrupted, steps have already been taken to renew them.

In the Jerusalem area former Jordanian police have been re-recruited for the preservation of order.

The Holy Places in the Jerusalem area are safe.

All Holy Places, without exception, are guarded by personnel of the Israel Defense Forces and the Israel Police.

The Ministry of Religions of the Government of Israel has issued instructions to the effect that arrangements for all Christian Holy Places shall be determined by a Council of Christian Clergy, and all Moslem Holy Places by a Council of Moslem Clergy. All religious and charitable institutions and hospitals in the Arab areas are functioning.

During the actual period of hostilities there were

movements of the Arab population from place to place, mainly within the Western Bank, itself. For example, many Arabs in Jericho moved to Jerusalem. Some of the Arabs crossed from the Western Bank to the Eastern Bank during the period of hostilities, but meanwhile, since the cease fire, many of these are returning to the West Bank without any impediment on the part of the Israel authorities.

The Israel authorities have been in touch with officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Refugees and arrangements have been made for the resumption of normal relief activities.

In the Gaza strip, the Gaza Municipality is functioning normally. Officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency are continuing with their work.

Food rations are being distributed to 240,000 refugees and 32,000 refugee children are in addition receiving a daily lunch.

The authorities have also made arrangements for the provision of food supplies to 70,000 inhabitants in the Gaza strip who are not refugees.

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