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OFFICES OF CHIEF RABBI AND OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION IN ROME RAIDED BY MILITARY POLICE

ROME, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Military police raided the headquarters of the emigration office of the Zionist Organization in Rome as well as the office of Chief Rabbi David Prato.

Although no explanation was given for the raids, the police took specimens of letters typed on the typewriters in both offices and it is assumed that the searches were connected with the continuing investigation of the bombing of the British embassy here last week.

BRITAIN TAKES STEPS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN TROOPS AND JEWS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Steps to improve relations between British troops and Jews in Palestine were initiated today by the military authorities with the arrival here of Col. Douglas Wilson, a special officer of the educational branch of the British Army, who will seek means of changing the soldiers' hostile attitude towards the Jews.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns reliably that the British authorities will very soon release fifty-nine Palestinian Jews held in camps in Eritrea. A Jewish Agency spokesman today told reporters here that he hopes all Palestinian Jews who have been deported to Eritrea will be transferred to Palestine, even if for detention here.

An official spokesman of the Palestine Government today confirmed the report that the government is considering the possibility of transferring visaless Jews from Cyprus to the Atlit clearance camp in Palestine. The transfer, he said, will be made "within the frame of the present immigration quota" which is 1,500 a month.

Sheikhs Apologize for Attack on Jewish Settlement; Blame Agitators

The sheikhs of Arab villages near Neoth Mordechai, which was the scene of an attack on Jewish settlers by Arabs last Sunday, today visited the Jewish settlement and apologized for the incident, declaring that it was instigated by agents sent from Safad by extremist chiefs. They formally presented a peace offer to the Jews.

It was learned today that Jamal Hussein, titular leader of the Arab community in the absence of the ex-Mufti, has been attempting in recent weeks to arouse the Arab population against the Jews. A few days ago he held a long conference with Salim el Sikh, leader of a terrorist band which operated between Hebron and Beersheba during the 1936 disturbances. Hussein is also in constant communication with the commanders of the so called Arab army "Najada."

That the Arab population does not reflect its leaders' hostility to the Jews was indicated last night by Aba Chushi, a Histadruth leader who went into hiding

on June 29 when a British dragnet went out for him. Addressing a reception for David Remez, who was released from Latrun camp on Tuesday, Chushi revealed that he had been offered shelter by many Arabs. Eleven Druze villages said they would hide him and a rich sheikh offered his harem as a haven, saying that he would send his son to Chushi's house to reside there as a hostage for the latter's safety, which is an old Moslem custom. Two Arab states also offered refuge to the fugitive labor leader.

#### PALESTINE RAIL SERVICE SUSPENDS FOR ONE DAY AS RESULT OF HEAVY BOMB DAMAGE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Palestine's bomb-battered rail network was completely paralyzed today as the government ordered a one-day suspension of service following the derailment of an eight-car troop train this morning. The train, which was en route to Egypt, was derailed by a land mine near Tel Aviv, wounding three soldiers.

Although the official announcement said that the rail service was being suspended to allow for repairs, according to reliable sources the suspension was caused by the refusal of Arab personnel, including brakemen and engineers, to continue to man the trains in view of the constant bombings.

The government has, therefore, hired English engineers and has recruited trained army personnel to replace some of the Arabs. Continued disruption of the rail service will seriously affect the country's economy. Citrus growers have already protested the transport delays, pointing out that they will result in spoilage and cancellation of contracts.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi distributed leaflets in Jerusalem tonight stating that with the lifting of the country-wide curfew on road traffic, it will cease mining the roads and will concentrate on rail traffic.

An unsuccessful attempt to rob Barclay's Bank in Tel Aviv was made early this morning when three armed men described as Jews assaulted watchmen and attempted to break into the bank's vaults. They fled when police arrived.

#### JEWS WHO SAILED ABOARD "LATRUN" HAD ABYSSINIAN VISAS, PARIS PAPER REVEALS

PARIS, Nov. 7. (JTA)--The approximately 1,300 Jews who sailed from the French port of La Ciotat, near Marseilles, in the steamer San Dimitrios--renamed the Latrun--had valid Abyssinian visas according to the Paris newspaper "France Soir," which defends the action of the French authorities in not halting the embarkation against which the British Government has protested.

The paper says that two other ships--the Asia, bearing 728 passengers presumably travelling to Colombia, and the Sagol with 757 Jews who held Bolivian entry visas--left before the San Dimitrios. Nothing has been heard of these vessels although there were reports several days ago that two or three immigrant ships were nearing Palestinian waters.

#### Attorneys Preparing 800 Habeas Corpus Writs For Jews Nearing Palestine

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Attorneys were today preparing habeas corpus petitions for 800 Jews reported aboard a blockade runner off the Palestine coast. The writs which will be filed as soon as the refugees are taken into custody by the British, will ask that their deportation to Cyprus be prevented until court hearings are held.

U.N. ASSEMBLY TO TAKE UP RACIAL PERSECUTION TODAY; PALESTINE ISSUE IN BACKGROUND

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA)--The question of racial persecution, with the issue of Palestine in the background, will come before the U.N. General Assembly when it meets tomorrow in plenary session to decide on additional items for the agenda. The issue is being raised by the Arab League with the avowed purpose of persuading the Assembly to do something about the persecution of Jews in Europe and so make further immigration into Palestine unnecessary.

A spokesman for the Egyptian delegation today told a JTA correspondent that the Arabs do not plan to bring up Palestine at this session. But he declared that the Arab delegation will have more to say about the question of racial persecution, although he would not specify whether that would be at the General Assembly tomorrow, or when the question comes up before a committee.

The issue arose last night at a meeting of the U.N. steering committee which was asked to recommend to the General Assembly a proposal made by Egypt that the Assembly declare it "in the higher interests of humanity" to end persecution and discrimination, and to call on governments to conform to the U.N. Charter, taking the "most prompt and energetic steps to that end."

Mahmoud Bey Fawzi, the Egyptian delegate, refused to say under persistent questioning what countries and races he had in mind. He said he would be delighted if assured that racial persecution does not exist and that discrimination had disappeared from the earth. But Philip Noel-Baker, British delegate, finally declared he thought the Egyptian proposal referred to refugees, "many of them of the Jewish faith," who were forced to leave their native lands, "causing grave embarrassment to the governments of other countries to which they come."

Dmitri Manuilsky of the Ukraine wanted to know if Egypt was referring to Poland where Jews were being persecuted by "illegal Poles." He suggested that the persecution to which the proposal referred must be in Allied zones in Germany or possibly Palestine. This brought a heated retort from Noel-Baker against what he termed the "irresponsible and groundless allegation" by Mr. Manuilsky.

PERON PROMISES TO CURB DISCRIMINATION IN IMMIGRATION; CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 7. (JTA)--President Juan Peron, receiving a broadly representative Jewish delegation, today promised to take action in all cases of discrimination against Jews seeking to immigrate here.

Peron also assured the delegation, which was headed by Dr. Moises Goldman, president of the DAIA, central Jewish body, and included spokesmen for the Zionist Council, the Jewish Colonization Association, the United Central Committee and the HIAS, that the government was opposed to anti-Semitism and asked that anti-Jewish incidents be brought to his attention. He added that it was "difficult to prevent small, anarchistic groups from manifestations of hatred, which are condemned by the government."

The delegation asked for visas for 1,000 children, which had been promised by the former government. Its request was turned over to Foreign Minister Juan Bramuglia, who was present. Peron also promised to facilitate the shipment of relief supplies to Jews in Europe "within the limits of the normal export program."

The Argentine president, at the same time, reaffirmed his government's support for the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO SPEED RETURN OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY TO JEWISH GROUPS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Minister of Justice Lucratiu Patrascanu was urged today by a Jewish delegation to speed the return of several hundred buildings belonging to Jewish organizations which were expropriated during the Antonescu regime.

The delegation, which included Jewish candidates for Parliament who are running on the government bloc's ticket, pointed out that originally the buildings were to have been returned by April 1946, but an amendment to the restitution law extended the period to the end of the year.

The mass indictment of persons implicated in the Jassy massacre of 1941, when 25,000 Jews were killed, has been completed and awaits the signature of War Minister Constantin Visilii Rascanu. It is learned authoritatively that 400 defendants have already been arrested and further sensational arrests are expected. The trial, which has aroused great interest here, is expected to open in December.

Rumania Refuses To Waive Custom Duties On JDC Transport Of Sewing Machines

Disregarding Allied recommendations, the Rumanian Ministry of Finance has refused to release from custom duty a transport of sewing machines sent by the Joint Distribution Committee for distribution among needy Jews here and to equip Jewish vocational schools, it was revealed today.

A representative of the J.D.C. today stated that the transport, which arrived here at the end of September, will be sent back to the United States. He greatly regretted this fact, emphasizing that the machines are urgently needed especially in the vocational schools.

JEWISH RESISTANCE LEADER IN SLOVAKIA REBURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS IN BANSKA-BYSTRICA

PRAGUE, Nov. 7. (JTA)--The body of Egon Roth, Zionist leader who organized Jewish partisan resistance in Slovakia and who was killed during the Slovak insurrection in 1944, was buried today at Banska-Bystrica with full military honors. The body was exhumed from a mass grave.

To commemorate the occasion, the Jewish Partisans Union has erected a memorial to all Jews who died in the resistance struggle. Representatives of the Czechoslovak Army, government and local officials, a representative of the Palestine Jewish community and officials of various Jewish organizations attended the ceremony.

A Czechoslovak Government mission left today for Vienna to question Siegfried Zeidel, a former commander of the Theresienstadt camp, who is now under sentence of death for anti-Jewish crimes. The execution has been stayed to permit the Czechs, who earlier requested Zeidel's extradition to stand trial for similar crimes, to question the condemned man about incidents which occurred during his administration of the concentration camp. A representative of the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia will participate in the commission's work. It is expected that sentence will be carried out on Zeidel as soon as the commission has completed its inquiry.

CANADA WILL ADMIT NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS UNDER EXISTING QUOTA, PREMIER ANNOUNCES

MONTREAL, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Premier William Mackenzie King announced that the Canadian Government has approved measures which will make it possible to bring to Canada a number of displaced persons and refugees from Europe under the existing immigration regulations. Arrangements will be made to carry out the necessary immigration inspection in the camps for displaced persons.

DR. SNEH SAYS RELEASE OF AGENCY MEMBERS IS NO POLITICAL GAIN; FLYING TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Moshe Sneh, a member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, today declared that the withdrawal of the warrant for his arrest by the Palestine authorities, although made unconditional, would not in any way affect his determination and that of his colleagues to continue the fight for the establishment of a Jewish State as the only basis for negotiations with the British Government.

He asserted that the release of the Jewish Agency leaders from the Latrun detention camp should not be regarded as a political gain for the movement. It more fully constitutes a recognition by the British Government of the failure of its effort to create a "Vichy Regime" in Palestine.

Addressing a capacity audience at a public rally in Manhattan Center, sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Sneh, who flew here from Paris last week, after successfully eluding the searches of the British police in Palestine, asserted that hundreds of thousands of displaced Jews in Europe are ready to break the blockade thrown up by the British military around Palestine. He revealed that recent elections in Palestine of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress indicated that 82 percent of the Jewish community of Palestine actively support the Haganah, Jewish defense corps of Palestine, while 90 percent are opposed to the methods employed by the extremist groups.

The meeting, which was presided over by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the ZOA, was turned into a public celebration of Dr. Sneh's official release by the British. It was announced at the meeting that Dr. Sneh will shortly fly back to Palestine to greet the other eight Jewish Agency leaders who have been released from the Latrun detention camp where they had been imprisoned since June 29, and to discuss with them the problems of the forthcoming Congress.

Dr. Neumann admonished Zionists to be on their guard against "over-rating" the release of the Jewish Agency leaders from the detention camp in Latrun, the lifting of the curfews, and other minor concessions. Warning against giving these steps exaggerated importance, Dr. Neumann charged that "there has been as yet no indication of a change of basic policy. Palestine is still a police state. Incoming refugees are still being deported. The 100,000 displaced Jews, for whose admission President Truman has appealed in vain, are still there in Germany, Austria and Italy, languishing between fading hope and growing despair." Other speakers at the meeting included Louis Lipsky and Dr. Israel Goldstein.

NO WORLD PEACE POSSIBLE WITHOUT SOLUTION OF JEWISH PROBLEM, SAYS CZECH MINISTER

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA)--"There will be no real peace in this world until the Jewish problem is solved," Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk declared last night at a reception given to him at the home of Max Manischewitz, attended by about 100 prominent Jewish personalities.

Dr. Masaryk emphasized that in his capacity as Czechoslovak foreign minister he is trying to convince leading diplomats of other nations of the necessity of solving the Jewish problem on a world-wide scale. He compared the Jewish sufferings under the Nazis with that of the Czechs and declared that Jews have suffered more because they are a people scattered throughout many countries.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES ITS WARSAW EMBASSY TO ISSUE 100 VISAS TO JEWISH ORPHANS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA)--The Mexican Government has cabled authorization to its embassy in Warsaw to issue 100 visas to Jewish war orphans, it was disclosed here today by the headquarters of the OSI, whose Polish affiliate is arranging for the emigration of the children.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT GRANTED 10,000 VISAS FOR POLISH JEWS, JEWISH LEADER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Marc Yarblum, head of the Federation of Jewish Organizations in France, said today at a press conference in the offices of the JDC that 10,000 visas for Polish Jews have been given by the French government to a newly formed Council of Jewish Organizations. This Council, which is a merger of all the Jewish organizations in France, has been set up as the sole representative body for negotiating with the government regarding visas.

Mr. Yarblum said that he was shocked and surprised to see that certain Jewish organizations in the United States are not only claiming credit for securing the visas, but are also charging American relatives from \$200 to \$300 for each entry certificate. These false claims and more particularly the unwarranted fees, Mr. Yarblum stated, "may jeopardize the entire project because the French Government will not tolerate Jews seeking money from other Jews for visas which it grants without charge."

CONVENTION OF COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN THANKS CHRISTIANS WHO SAVED JEWS FROM NAZIS

DALLAS, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Gratitude to Christians who risked their lives to save Jews during the Nazi regime in Europe was offered today by the National Council of Jewish Women assembled at its 18th triennial convention here.

In a resolution, the Council expressed, "the heartfelt appreciation" of the organization for the humanity and compassion on the part of non-Jews who, on innumerable occasions during the last nine years, showed courage and bravery to rescue Jewish men, women and children."

Other resolutions adopted by the delegates called for the immediate control of atomic energy through the United Nations, and indorsement of measures designed to increase the efficiency of governmental functioning in order to further the democratic process. The convention also went on record in support of all measures to expand research, training and clinical facilities for the treatment of mental disorders.

BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY SENDS GIFT TO RABBI WISE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA)--A scroll of the Jewish law from the surviving Jews of Berlin was presented to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, founder and president of the Jewish Institute of Religion, at a dinner tendered him by its trustees and faculty last night at the Town Hall Club.

Rabbi Joseph Shubow, of Brighton, Mass. who served as a U.S. Army chaplain in Germany, was entrusted with the mission of presenting this gift on behalf of the Berlin Jewish community in recognition of Dr. Wise's many years of service to world Jewry.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY GRADUATES LEAVE FOR FRANCE TO STUDY UNDER GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Six graduates of the Hebrew University left today for France, where they will study under scholarships granted them by the French Government. The government will provide monthly financial grants and accommodations for the students.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA)--Thirty American students, including 12 veterans of the U.S. armed forces, four rabbis and 10 women, sailed today for Palestine aboard the SS Marine Carp to begin their studies at the Hebrew University.

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