

ISRAELI ARMY STARTS SPECIAL PUBLICATION FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM ENGLISH-SPEAKING LANDS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Israeli Army has begun publication of a special English-language organ for immigrants from English-speaking countries who are fighting in the Israeli forces.

The first issue of the fortnightly magazine, "Frontline," contains reports of army affairs and an analysis of the military situation in Palestine. Among the contributions from the immigrants are descriptions of their war experiences and the manner in which they meet the various problems that confront a newcomer in this country.

Another project for immigrants is the publication of a specialized Hebrew newspaper under the joint auspices of the Zionist executive, the Israeli Government and the Histadrut. The government-controlled "Voice of Israel" radio broadcasts special programs for the new arrivals.

In addition, the government has allocated \$20,000 for the teaching of Hebrew and other subjects to immigrants in camps and housing projects. Libraries are being established in all immigrant quarters, and the study of Hebrew is compulsory in immigrant camps. In districts in which substantial numbers of newcomers are settled central schools will be opened for immigrant children up to the age of 14.

A Hebrew book exhibition portraying the progress of Hebrew printing during the ages is being prepared by representatives of several public and governmental bodies. It will be opened to the public by Premier David Ben Gurion on January 15, for a period of three weeks. Afterwards, it will be sent throughout the world under the auspices of the World Hebrew League. More than 30 public agencies and private publishing houses will offer exhibits.

ISRAELI GOVT. AUTHORIZED TO MINT NEW COIN TO REPLACE MIL; NEW NOTES ALSO TO BE PRINTED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government was authorized today by the State Council to mint a new coin--the Pruta--which will replace the Palestine mil.

At the same time, it was learned here that the printing of new Israeli currency is under consideration. The new notes will be issued by the Anglo-Palestine Bank, the government's banking institution. The currency now in circulation has been criticized for bearing too much English wording and, since it was printed before the proclamation of statehood, does not make any mention of the existence of Israel.

Several new Israeli postage stamps are also scheduled to be put into circulation shortly. They will depict scenes of Jerusalem, the Negev, Galilee and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the settlement of Petach Tikvah.

FIRST WOMAN MAGISTRATE APPOINTED IN ISRAEL; WIZO APPEALS FOR WOMEN'S VOTES IN ELECTION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The first woman magistrate in Israel was named today by the Ministry of Justice. Eugenia Winogradov, an attorney, will assume her new post on Jan. 1.

The WIZO (Women's International Zionist Organization), which recently constituted itself as a political party, is appealing to women in Israel to cast their votes for WIZO candidates in the forthcoming national elections.

SHIP CARRYING 500 JEWISH REFUGEES SENDS DISTRESS SIGNAL; GREEK VESSEL RUSHES TO RESCUE

ATHENS, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A ship believed to be carrying about 500 Jewish refugees to Israel today sent distress signals from a distance reportedly 60 miles south of Antikythera, on the Peloponnesus coast. A Greek vessel, which set out to take the ship in tow, reported that rough seas prevented it from reaching the stricken vessel. The ship en route to Israel is sailing under a Panamanian flag.

The evacuation of Jewish children from districts of Greece in which battles between government troops and soldiers of Gen. Markos' army are taking place will shortly begin, it was announced here today.

Under a plan proposed by the Joint Distribution Committee and accepted by the relief committee of the Central Board of Jewish Communities of Greece, children who are evacuated with the consent of their parents will be maintained in the Athens Jewish orphanage, at the expense of the J.D.C. Transfer of children will be begun immediately from the Florina district, in northern Greece, and the Patras district, in the Peloponnesus. These are the country's most strife-torn areas at present.

It is expected that the children of the community of Cerditsa, in Thessaly, will be evacuated next, although no Jews were hurt nor was Jewish property damaged during a recent raid by the rebel forces on the town. Other provincial committees have been asked to submit data on their local situation.

GEN. CLAY REPORTED READY TO TURN OVER ILSE KOCH TO GERMANS IN SOVIET ZONE FOR TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American commander in Germany, has agreed to hand over Ilse Koch to the Germans in the Soviet zone for trial, it was reported here today. Gen. Clay signed the commutation of sentence from life imprisonment to four years for the widow of a former commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp who was accused of using human skin for lampshades and other articles.

According to the report, the Army will permit Frau Koch's extradition to Thuringia, in the Russian zone, in October 1949, when her present four-year term is completed. The Thuringian authorities requested extradition several months ago. They charge Ilse Koch with brutality toward German nationals.

Gen. Clay's readiness to turn Frau Koch over to the Germans is laid to the report of the Senate Investigating Committee on the Koch case, released yesterday, which criticized the Army for its handling of the case, refused to recommend her retrial by the Americans but urged that if she is tried by the Germans the Army should cooperate fully with the prosecution. Meanwhile, the Army today reserved comment on the Senate report pending its study by officers concerned with the case.

HUNGARIAN POLICE CAPTURE NAZI WHO PLANNED DESTRUCTION OF BUDAPEST GHETTO IN 1945

BUDAPEST, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Hungarian police have apprehended Vilmos Lucska, former Nazi leader of the Budapest ghetto, who in 1945 was prepared to demolish the ghetto by fire and explosives.

Lucska's plan, which was to have been carried out in January, 1945, was foiled by the action of a number of policemen who opposed the persecution of Jews, and the rapid advance of the Red Army.

ISRAEL MARKS CHANUKAH WITH RELAY RACE FROM MACCABEAN TOMBS IN MODIIN TO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The festival of Chanukah was celebrated in Israel last night with a relay race in which torch-bearers started out from the ancient Hasmonean center of Modiin, passed through Ramleh--where Israeli military governor Zeev Yavetz and Jewish children in the town cheered the runners--and proceeded to the home of President Weizmann in Rehovoth.

The Israeli President came out of his house to greet the torch-bearers. Taking a torch from one of the runners and holding it aloft, he declared: "After two thousand years, this is the first Chanukah in the Jewish state. Again the Maccabean spirit rules over the country, which is small but has, I believe, a great future."

From Rehovoth the runners continued on to Tel Aviv and made their way to the Great Synagogue here. The first Chanukah candle was lit outside the Synagogue, but the Chanukah celebration continued outside Maccabi House where the world conference of the Maccabi sports organization opened earlier.

Premier David Ben Gurion, addressing the opening session of the Maccabi parley, declared: "We are living in an era when the Egyptian exodus is taking place in reverse. You are meeting when Israel's Army continues the Maccabean fight for liberation and independence."

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, world president of the group, said that the Maccabi movement should serve the Zionist movement and the entire Jewish people throughout the world. Delegates from more than 20 countries are attending the parley. The Israeli Post Office is stamping all mail dispatched from the Maccabi meeting place with a special commemorative stamp.

Reform Jews Dedicate 14 New Congregations in N.Y. on Occasion of Chanukah

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Fourteen new Jewish congregations were dedicated last night in the metropolitan area on the occasion of Chanukah, it was announced today by the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, with which the new synagogues are affiliated.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, in a Chanukah message, urged Jews throughout the world "to redouble our efforts in behalf of our faith and to hasten the day when all humanity will dwell in security, freedom and peace."

Special Chanukah celebrations were arranged last night by the Jewish Welfare Board for Jewish members of the armed forces and for Jews hospitalized in veterans hospitals. An announcement by the Joint Distribution Committee said that Jews in Europe marked the ancient festival with special allocations of religious articles. The J.D.C. also distributed 9,000 holiday toys to children living in DP camps in the U.S. zone of Germany.

LATVIAN DP ACCUSED OF BEING EX-GESTAPO AGENT BY HIAS OFFICIAL ALLOWED TO ENTER U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Theodor Daniloff, a Latvian displaced person who was accused of being a Gestapo agent by a HIAS official who recognized him as his former concentration camp tormentor when Daniloff and his wife arrived here last week on the refugee vessel, Marine Flasher, was permitted today to leave Ellis Island and enter the United States proper.

SOVIET RADIO STATION IN BERLIN BEGINS YIDDISH BROADCASTS; EMULATES U.S. STATION

MUNICH, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Soviet authorities in Berlin announced today that beginning next week the Soviet-controlled Berlin radio station will broadcast fifteen-minute programs in Yiddish on the first and third Friday of each month. Yiddish-language broadcasts are now being made by the American-controlled station in Munich every Friday.

NEW CUBAN ENVOY AT U.N. PLEDGES REVERSAL OF PREDECESSOR'S ANTI-ISRAEL POLICY

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. I. Alvarez, newly-appointed Cuban representative to the United Nations, today received a Zionist delegation and assured its members that he will revise the negative attitude toward Israel taken by his predecessor, who voted against the Nov. 29, 1947, U.N. partition decision. Alvarez will assume his new duties in January.

The Federation of Students in Cuba today posted a large sign at the entrance of the university here urging the government to grant immediate recognition to Israel and enter into diplomatic as well as trade relations with the Jewish state.

TEL AVIV AWARDS PRIZE FOR MUSICAL COMPOSITION; SZIGETI PRESENTS GIFT TO CONSERVATOIRE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv municipality's annual \$800 award for original musical composition and research on Jewish music was presented jointly to Elen Partos and Marc Lavri for the current year at a ceremony in the Museum here.

The Palestine Conservatoire of Music in Jerusalem has been presented a gift comprising valuable musical volumes by the world-famed violinist, Joseph Szigeti.

B'NAI B'RITH LODGE ESTABLISHES ANNUAL SACHAR AWARD FOR JEWISH LITERARY WORKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith Supreme Lodge today announced the establishment of a \$500 annual Abram Leon Sachar award to be made to the author of an unpublished creative work on a Jewish theme. The prize will be presented publicly each year either at Brandeis University commencement exercises or closing convocation ceremonies.

UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- William B. Herlands, former New York City Commissioner of Investigation, was elected president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, representing over 500 congregations, it was announced here today.

DR. IGNATZ ZOLLSCHAN, FAMOUS RADIOLOGIST, ANTHROPOLOGIST AND AUTHOR, DIES AT 71

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Ignatz Zollschan, famous radiologist, anthropologist and author, died here today after an unsuccessful operation to halt the progress of cancer. He was 71.

Born in Erlach, Austria, Dr. Zollschan lived in Carlsbad until the war. During the war he spoke on racial problems on broadcasts beamed from London to Germany. Earlier, he lectured at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Among the books he wrote are "The Racial Problem" and "Revision of Jewish Nationalism." He was a Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Society, a permanent member of the International Anthropological Congress and a member of the Council of the World Jewish Congress.