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ZIONIST LEADERS ARRESTED IN HUNGARY FOR ALLEGEDLY ORGANIZING ILLEGAL EMIGRATION

LONDON, June 6. (JTA) -- A number of Zionist leaders have been arrested in Hungary on charges of allegedly aiding the organization of illegal emigration from the country, according to reliable information reaching here today from Hungary.

Among the arrested are Dr. Bela Denes, a Mapai leader; Gena Frenkel, of the Hirschli; and, Alexander Kertes, a leader of Mapam. The government has emphasized that the arrests were not made because of the former Zionist activities of the three leaders, the report said.

U.S. WOULD OPPOSE PLANS FOR INCREASING ISRAEL'S TERRITORY, STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman today confirmed that the U.S. Government does not favor the "Gaza Plan" allegedly submitted by the Israeli delegation to the United Nations Conciliation Commission at Lausanne. He emphasized that this does not represent any change in the policy of the American Government with regard to the Palestine problem.

The U.S. policy, he said, has always been that if Israel wanted additional territory beyond that awarded by the U.N. General Assembly partition resolution, it should receive it on the basis of compensation. The "Gaza Plan" allegedly suggests the transfer of the Egyptian-held Gaza coastal strip to Israel along with its population of Arab residents and refugees.

At a State Department press conference today comment was refused on whether the U.S. Government sent a note to Israel in the past few days requesting that the Jewish state accept a reported 800,000 Arab refugees who fled Palestine during the Arab-Israeli fighting. A report that such a note was sent during the week-end appeared in the New York press. However, the Israeli Government yesterday denied having received any such request. Israeli officials here today emphasized that to their knowledge no such note had been received at the Israeli Embassy.

Indications here point to the fact that unless President Truman intervenes again, pro-Arab officials in the State Department will attempt to bring about a solution of the Arab-Israeli peace talks at Lausanne unfavorable to the Israeli cause. It is noted that these pro-Arab officials in the Near Eastern division of the State Department are slowly regaining the initiative in formulating U.S. policy in relation to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Israeli-Transjordan Commission on Jerusalem Meets Today

JERUSALEM, June 6. (JTA) -- The special Israeli-Transjordan committee on Jerusalem will meet here again tomorrow to consider an eight-point agenda drafted at an earlier session.

Among the points to be discussed is the fate of the Trappist Monastery at Latrun, which is presently situated in no-man's land. French and Catholic circles oppose the inclusion of the monastery in Israeli territory. The reason for this position appears to be the fact that the monastery's extensive fields are cultivated by Arab agricultural laborers who receive wages much smaller than those paid to similar laborers in Israel.

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NEW GURION OUTLINES GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF ISRAEL IN SPEECH BEFORE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- The laws of Israel will be based on the principles of the "gathering in of the exiles" and "love thy neighbor as thyself," Premier David Ben Gurion declared here today, addressing the 13th annual conference of the Bar Association.

The Israeli Premier noted that the first principle was dictated by the new state's interests as related to the growing population of the Jewish state, while the second principle was "inherent in Israel's universal mission."

Seven new agricultural settlements established last week in various parts of the country brought the total of new settlements since the proclamation of Israel a year ago to 58, the agricultural department of the Jewish Agency announced today.

The cornerstone for a new housing project for immigrants was laid today at Baharia. The project, which is being built by Amidar, the national housing agency, and the Jewish Agency, will consist of 250 wood-and-concrete units.

U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL ASKS PRIORITY FOR NEAR EAST IN AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 6. (JTA) -- The Near East should receive high priority in the United Nations program of technical assistance to underdeveloped areas, U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie declared here tonight at the University of Chattanooga.

Mr. Lie stated that he believed that the "time has come when the members of the United Nations should do something" about developing regional and national projects for the Jordan Valley and other areas of the Near East. Turning to Israel, he asserted that the interests of the new state "coincide in respect to economic development with the interests of the neighbors with whom she has been in conflict." Lasting peace in Palestine and in the whole Near East, he stated, "cannot be achieved by any possible political settlement alone."

Holding up the Tennessee Valley Authority as an example of "boldness and imaginative planning," Mr. Lie insisted that such development in the near East would improve living conditions and "provide the necessary economic and social basis for the full reconciliation in the area of Moslem, Jew and Christian, of Israeli and Arab."

OVER 23,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN ISRAEL IN MAY; NEW RECEPTION CAMPS PLANNED

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- A total of 23,342 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel in May, it was officially announced today. Of this total, 5,000 came from Turkey. A group of 870 new arrivals landed at Haifa today. They sailed from Bari, Italy, aboard the Israeli transport Galila. Yesterday, 1,800 immigrants--most of them from Germany and Austria--arrived in Haifa from Bari on the liner Atzmaut.

The Jewish Agency announced today that it will establish 13 new reception centers to accommodate 27,000 newly-arriving immigrants.

Delegations of the Jewish Labor Committee and the Gewerkschaften campaign in the U.S. were received by Premier David Ben Gurion last night prior to their leaving Israel for Europe on their return to the United States. The J.L.C. delegation was headed by Adolph Held and Jacob Pat.

REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS MEET IN VIENNA ON PROPERTY RESTITUTION

VIENNA, June 6. (JTA) -- Representatives of the local or European offices of the American Jewish Committee, World Jewish Congress and Joint Distribution Committee and officials of the Vienna Jewish Community and other local Jewish organizations met here to work out a program of activity on restitution to coordinate with the programs of the major American Jewish groups in this field. The parley was called by Harry Greenstein, advisor on Jewish affairs to the American high command in Europe.

Prior to the session, Mr. Greenstein met with leaders of the Vienna Community for the purpose of reviewing local Jewish problems and the current situation of the Jews of this city. The local leaders expressed disappointment in the lack of progress made by the Austrian authorities in the direction of restitution, and agreed on the need for active implementation of restitution laws which have already been passed, but have not been put into effect.

TWO JEWISH PROFESSORS RETURN FROM U.S. TO TAKE UP POSTS AT UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG

BERLIN, June 6. (JTA) -- Two Jewish professors who were forced to flee the Nazis in 1933 have returned from the United States to accept chairs at Leipzig University, in the Soviet zone of Germany, Der Weg, organ of the Berlin Jewish Community, has reported. The professors, Ernst Bloch and Wieland Herzfelde, have accepted the chairs of Philosophy and Sociology of Modern Literature, respectively.

A conference to promote Christian-Jewish friendship was held in Munich last week under the auspices of the Coordinating Council of Christians and Jews, Der Weg also reported. The conference was held under the slogan, "Unity, not enmity."

Scholars and church representatives participated, discussing interfaith relations, racial problems and the sociological background for their solution in Germany. The Coordinating Council incorporates the Societies of Christians and Jews of Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Wiesbaden and Munich. Preparations for the conference were assisted by the International Conference of Christians and Jews.

"ASEMITISM" RATHER THAN "ANTI-SEMITISM" PREVAILS IN SOVIET RUSSIA, STUDY ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- "Asemitism" rather than "anti-Semitism" now prevails in Soviet Russia, according to a study published here today by the American Jewish League Against Communism. At the same time, the study claims that "anti-Semitism" has been growing in Soviet Russia, particularly during the past year.

"Asemitism" differs from "anti-Semitism" in that it is not aggressive, according to the study prepared by Gregor Aronson, former member of the Moscow Soviet who left Russia in 1922, after having been arrested by the Soviet authorities. "Asemitism is not Jew-hatred in the usual sense of the word; it is more complicated and completely psychological," Mr. Aronson explains. "It seems to be characterized by indifference to the Jews and any matter in which they, as Jews, are involved."

The study published under the title, "Soviet Russia and the Jews," deals with the situation in Biro-Bidjan, with Soviet hostility to Zionism, with various aspects of Jewish life in the USSR from the Communist revolution of 1917 to World War II and with the prospects of assimilation of Soviet Jewry.

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SENATE BODY WILL DISCUSS FAILURE OF DENAZIFICATION IN U.S. ZONE; JEWS URGE INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA) -- A resolution demanding an inquiry into the failure of the denazification program in the American zone of Germany will be introduced in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the American Jewish Congress was promised today. The pledge was made by Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida to members of an A.J.C. delegation which visited Congressmen, Senators and the State Department to urge an investigation into the denazification situation.

The delegation was met with an unexpected rebuke today when they called on Sen. Tom Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The Texas Senator is quoted as telling them, "we gave you Israel, now what else do you want?" The delegation represented local A.J.C. branches in 20 states and was headed by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Jewish Congress; Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, a member of the executive, and Dr. Robert S. Marcus, political director of the organization.

A statement issued by the group explained that this step was taken because of alarming reports from Germany that the denazification program has completely collapsed, and that Nazis have once again infiltrated governmental agencies and educational institutions."

Other Senators who were scheduled to meet with A.J.C. delegates today included Irving M. Ives of New York, Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri, James P. Kem of Missouri, Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania, Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, and others. In addition, the A.J.C. also had appointments with many members of the House of Representatives.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS IN U.S. PLAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE; SEEK FORMATION OF NATIONAL BODY

PHILADELPHIA, June 6. (JTA) -- Plans for convening a national conference of all anti-Semitic groups in the U.S. in Hinckley, Ill., June 15-17, were made known here today following a week-end parley of two local anti-Jewish organizations--the National Action League and the Loyal American group. Purpose of the national convention would be to attempt to unite all anti-Semitic and racist groups into a single national body.

Last year Gerald L.K. Smith, notorious pro-Fascist and anti-Semitic figure, called a convention of the "National Christian Party" in St. Louis, but his efforts at getting his party listed on state ballots in last year's national elections failed. Similarly, a conference of "pro-American Nationalists" was called last year by Andrew B. McAllister and George E. Hornby, with the avowed purpose of setting up a "United Nationalist Front."

U.N. BODY GETS PROPOSALS PERMITTING INDIVIDUALS TO PETITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 6. (JTA) -- France, India and Chile today filed separate proposals with the U.N. Commission on Human Rights which would permit individuals to petition against violations of human rights. These three proposals were put forth after the United States and Britain jointly submitted a recommendation barring individuals from the right of petition--a privilege which the U.S. and Britain would limit exclusively to governments.

The Government of Israel has ratified the international convention on civil aviation and will this month become a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization, it was revealed here today. The organization, which is a specialized agency of the U.N., opens its third annual session in Montreal tomorrow when Israel's membership is due to be ratified.

FIVE-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS OPENS TODAY IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, June 6. (JTA) -- The Golden Anniversary meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare will open here tomorrow with more than 600 national delegates attending. The parley, which will close on June 12, will have as its theme: "After Fifty Years--New Frontiers in Jewish Communal Service."

The intensive sessions, which will be devoted to an examination of social welfare programs in this country and abroad, will pay special attention to the problems of youth and children, aged, law and social welfare, vocational guidance and health, refugees, family case work, centers and day camps. To adequately cover these fields, it is planned to hold 17 specific institutes and sessions, in addition to one general session devoted to the problem of overseas needs and recent developments in Israel.

The Conference will also treat the administrative techniques necessary for successfully carrying out the services available to meet the various needs in the field of Jewish social welfare. Still another important aspect of the convention will be the question of how to help the whole community become more aware of the services available to it. A dinner and reception honoring the past presidents of the Conference, and marking the death of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, one of the founders of the Conference, is also scheduled.

In conjunction with the conference, the United Service for New Americans and the Jewish Occupational Council will jointly hold a one-day national parley of American Jewish leaders to map a program of vocational services and job opportunities for displaced Jews who are now in the United States. The session will open with two addresses on the DP job problem and the current status of DP legislation at a luncheon meeting, after which a workshop session will consider various aspects of the employment situation. Reports of the workshop sessions and a general discussion will follow in the evening.

On June 9 and 10 the Committee on Services to Refugees of the National Conference of Jewish Social Work will sponsor three sessions on DP's: 1. Social service needs; 2. Patterns of community service; and 3. New approaches to work with emigres. The USNA has revealed that its Vocational Services Department has placed a total of 6,190 former DP's in various jobs since May, 1946.

JEWISH GROUPS IN U.S. FORMING PERMANENT BODY TO PROMOTE HEBREW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- Representatives of ten national Jewish organizations are now forming a permanent council to promote the Hebrew language and Hebrew cultural activities in the U.S., Samuel J. Borowsky, president of the Histadruth Ivrit, announced here today. He also disclosed that the organization's current budget is approximately \$350,000.

The organization's projects at present include sponsorship of free Hebrew courses for adults, translation of literary classics, maintenance of two summer camps where Hebrew is used almost exclusively, publication of the Hebrew weekly, "Hadoar," and organization of a Hebrew children's theatre.

EDWARD NORMAN, HEAD OF FUND FOR PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS, RETURNS TO N.Y. FROM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- Edward A. Norman, president of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions, returned to the United States today by air after completing a seven-week survey of conditions in Israel. He inspected the 99 cultural, educational, religious and social welfare institutions in Israel which are supported by the American Fund. During his stay in Israel, Mr. Norman consulted with numerous government officials on how the Fund can best serve the new state.

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