

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT INCREASES ITS DIPLOMATIC STAFF IN WASHINGTON AND LAKE SUCCESS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Moshe Keren has been appointed counsellor to the Israeli Embassy in Washington and will leave for his new post today, it was announced here. David Miron will also leave today for the U.S. to join the Jewish state's delegation to the United Nations. Appointment of Major L. Avidor as deputy military attache to the Israeli Embassy in Washington was also made known here today.

ISRAELI COURT-MARTIAL JUDGE INSISTS TOBIANSKY WAS SPY; TESTIFIES AT REHOVOT HEARING

TEL AVIV, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- One of the three judges of the court-martial which ordered the execution of Meir Tobiansky, Haganah member who was later exonerated of all charges levelled against him and who was given a hero's funeral in Jerusalem, said today that Tobiansky had been a spy.

Testifying at the hearing now taking place before a magistrate's court at Rehovot, the witness emphasized that he was prepared to corroborate his statement at any time. The hearing is continuing.

POSITION OF WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT TO BE DISCUSSED AT CONVENTION OF EUROPEAN ZIONISTS

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The position of the world Zionist movement in the light of the existence of the Jewish state, will be one of the major problems to be discussed at the conference of leaders of European Zionist groups which will open in Paris on Sept. 16, it was announced here today. Delegates from all countries in Europe where the Zionist movement functions will attend the conference.

The parley will decide on proposals to be presented to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress regarding the future of the Zionist movement throughout the world. It will also discuss methods for an intensified campaign to attract Chaltzim to Israel. Problems dealing with private capital investments in Israel will also be dealt with by the delegates.

The delegation from Britain will include eight General Zionists, six Mizrahi envoys, four Labor Zionists, two Revisionists, while the applications of other Zionist groups in this country, including the Mpan and WIZO, are still under consideration. During the conference, a plaque honoring the memory of Theodor Herzl will be unveiled at the Paris hotel where the Zionist leader wrote his "Judenstaat."

FIRST BRITISH COMMERCIAL PLANE LANDS IN ISRAEL; REGULAR AIR SERVICE FROM BRITAIN PLANNED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The first British Overseas Airways Corporation plane to land in Israel arrived at Lydda airport yesterday. The craft brought a number of pilots who will familiarize themselves with flight facilities in the Jewish state preparatory to inaugurating a regular weekly air service from Britain. The last B.O.A.C. plane left Lydda in April, 1948, shortly before the British mandate terminated.

TEL AVIV ZOO SENDS TWO MONKEYS TO ROMANIA; WILL BE USED IN RESEARCH ON POLIOMYELITIS

BUCHAREST, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Two monkeys from the Tel Aviv zoo arrived by air here today. The animals are a gift from the municipality of Tel Aviv to the Rumanian Government and will be used for scientific research on poliomyelitis.

GERMAN POLICE WHO TOOK PART IN MUNICH RIOT CLEARED OF CHARGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA)--German police were exonerated today of charges that they displayed anti-Semitism in the clash with Jewish displaced persons last week in which six Jews and 20 police were injured, Reuters reported from Munich.

The German police were cleared of the charges at a meeting presided over by Mayor Thomas Wimmer of Munich and attended by representatives of the Jewish community as well as high officials of the municipal government, the news agency added.

The meeting released a statement, Reuters reported, declaring that: 1. All persons concerned regret the incident of Aug. 10; 2. The police were compelled to disperse the unauthorized demonstration and regret the fact that one policeman felt it necessary to discharge his gun into the crowd, but at the same time disapprove of the excesses of the demonstrators; 3. The State Association of Jewish Communities of Bavaria says the Munich police cannot be accused of anti-Semitic action in the affair; and, 4. All precautions will be taken to prevent similar incidents in the future.

JEWISH FARMERS IN LOWER SILESIA WILL RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN HARVESTING BUMPER CROP

WARSAW, Aug. 18. (JTA)--The Central Committee of Wroclaw, in lower Silesia, where the majority of Polish Jews are concentrated, decided at a special meeting called by all Jewish cooperatives in the region to extend every possible assistance to Jewish farmers who complained of a lack of hands to harvest the bumper crop in Wismicha, Kidlin and Pieschitz.

It was reported here this week that numerous Jewish cooperatives, particularly those for tailors and shoemakers, have recently opened small shops in a number of small towns and villages where they have been plying their trades successfully. Most of the customers who bring their garments and shoes to the Jewish craftsmen for repairs are farmers and factory workers.

115 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS EN ROUTE TO UNITED STATES LEAVE ITALY FOR GERMANY

ROME, Aug. 18. (JTA)--A group of 115 Jewish displaced persons left the International Refugee Organization camp at Bagnoli yesterday for Bremen, Germany, from where they will proceed to the United States. The group includes survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt. It is believed that all Jewish refugees now in Italy who expect to immigrate to the U.S. will be en route to their new homes by the end of this year.

REP. CELLER TESTIFIES ON DP BILL BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE; REFUTES MCCARRAN'S CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. (JTA)--Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and author of the House-approved displaced persons bill, today testified before the Senate immigration subcommittee. Rep. Celler took exception to Sen. Pat McCarran's statement earlier this week that the United States has taken in more DP's than all other countries combined, citing I.R.O. statistics to prove that Israel actually accepted more refugees than the U.S.

Meanwhile, support is being mustered by Senate majority leader Scott W. Lucas and Sen. Irving Ives to blast DP legislation loose from Sen. McCarran's grasp and bring the Celler bill to the Senate floor. Sen. Ives predicted quick action on a discharge petition demanding immediate action. Six Democrats and six Republicans are being selected to sign the petition.

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MAJOR JEWISH GROUPS JOIN IN OBSERVANCE OF "JEWISH EDUCATION MONTH"; BEGINS SEPT. 11

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA)--Seventeen major national Jewish organizations have joined with the American Association for Jewish Education in the annual observance of Jewish Education Month and Week and in issuing a "Call to Jewish Parents" to provide religious education for their children by enrolling them in Jewish schools this fall, Michael A. Stavitsky, president of the Association, announced here today. The annual observance will be held from September 11 to October 16.

Talmud Torahs, yeshivoh, congregational Hebrew schools, Sunday schools and other Jewish schools throughout the country will conduct enrollment campaigns in their home communities during this period. In addition, many communal organizations will participate in meetings and discussions devoted to problems of Jewish education. A number of events in which the major national organizations will participate are being planned for New York City and other communities.

FIRST ISRAELI CITIZEN GETS UNITED NATIONS FELLOWSHIP AWARD FOR STUDY IN ECONOMICS

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 18. (JTA)--The U.N. has announced the first fellowship award to a citizen of Israel. He is Uri Bergman who will receive a course in economic planning under the U.N. economics division.

The award was made under the U.N. program of technical assistance for 1949 on a basis of geographical distribution. It was the only application from Israel under the U.N. fellowship system.

REBURIAL OF DR. HERZL IN JERUSALEM MARKED BY SERVICES AT ISRAELI CONSULATE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA)--The reburial of the remains of Dr. Theodor Herzl in Jerusalem was celebrated yesterday at solemn services at the Israeli consulate here.

Dr. Mordecai Eliash, Israeli Minister to Britain, who presided over the services, recited Kaddish and spoke of the contribution of the founder of modern Zionism to the realization of the 2,000-year-old dream of the Jewish people. The Israeli flag was formally lowered and raised again during the services.

At the same time, the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, announced that "Herzl Week" will begin Sept. 29. During the week public meetings will be held throughout the country.

HASHOMER HATZAIR ESTABLISHES 60TH KIBBUTZ IN ISRAEL; SETTLERS ARE EX-CYPRUS DETAINEES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 18. (JTA)--The sixtieth Hashomer Hatzair collective settlement, named "Magen" (Defense), was established in the Negev between Be'er Sheva and Nirim today, in a sector not far from the Egyptian border on land that was reconquered from Egyptian Army units last year.

The majority of the 91 settlers are Rumanian Jews who, after reaching the shores of Palestine aboard the S.S. Atamaut, were dispatched to Cyprus detention camps by the British. They later succeeded in proceeding to Israel via the Cyprus underground.