

DELEGATES FROM 18 EUROPEAN AND NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES OPEN ZIONIST PARLEY IN PARIS

PARIS, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The European Zionist Conference, with 140 delegates representing Jewish communities in 18 European and North African countries, was opened here last night by Eliahu Dobkin, Jewish Agency immigration chief, who called on Zionists throughout the world to aid in the program of mass immigration to Israel and strengthening of the Zionist spirit and Hebrew culture throughout the world.

Mr. Dobkin listed two dangers now threatening Israel--the suspension of immigration to the Jewish state and the reduction in the number of youths proceeding to Israel as pioneer settlers. "Now that we have the land," he continued, "only eight percent of the immigrants are going into agriculture." He predicted that 70 percent of all immigrants reaching Israel next year would come from North Africa, the Middle East and the Western Hemisphere.

The Agency official deplored the lack of preparation for life in Israel found among immigrants reaching the Jewish state from North America. He blamed the Zionist movements in that area for this situation, and appealed for an expansion of Hachsharah training farms and the dispatch of a greater number of Israel instructors abroad to prepare Jewish youths for Chutzpah life in Israel.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told the delegates that a "state can be proclaimed but cannot be created in one day." Warning that the dangers besetting the Jewish state are not over, Goldmann asserted that the "solution to our problems concerns big powers and big churches, while the Arab leaders speak of the renewal of the war."

Dr. Goldmann asserted that the program of mass immigration to Israel will be the main task of the Zionist movement for many years to come. He emphasized the danger inherent in a separation between Israel and Jewish communities overseas, which he said would be "catastrophic."

Declaring that "I cannot believe that the result of unique Jewish history, persecution and resistance will be the creation of a small state and disintegration of the Jewish people outside it," Dr. Goldmann urged Jewish communities throughout the world to display loyalty to Israel--"not legal or political loyalty, but moral loyalty."

No. African Jews Want Greater Say in Decisions on Immigration to Israel

The presence here of North African delegates attending the European Zionist Conference appears not only to emphasize their problems, but also has given a completely new atmosphere to the whole conference. It is considered likely here that the North African representatives will form a bloc of their own, despite the difficulties already arising from the variety and divergency of opinions among the delegates who represent parties ranging in political extremity from the Mapam to the Herut.

The North African delegates seek not only a greater say in affairs directly affecting problems of Israel immigration and absorption, but also in the political leadership of the Zionist movement. Their desire to create a new group appears to have arisen from the time when a misunderstanding over the unpreparedness of North African Jewish immigrants to Israel was matched by the unpreparedness of the Yishuv in the Jewish state to receive them.

Maurice Fiecher, Israel Minister to France, told the delegates that the chief task of the Zionist movement at present was to facilitate immigration to Israel and reaffirm "the solidarity between the Jewish state and the Diaspora." Greetings on behalf of the Paris municipality were extended by Pierre Poussin. Greetings were also extended to the delegates by Marc Jarblum, French Jewish leader. A Paris police band played the Marseillaise and Hatikvah at the close of last night's session. Delegates attending the conference include five from Poland.

STREAM OF HUNGARIAN JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVING IN AUSTRIA HAS VIRTUALLY DRIED UP

VIENNA, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The stream of Hungarian Jewish refugees arriving in Vienna has virtually dried up. Where the number of refugees averaged several hundred persons daily in the spring, it is currently about 20 a day.

As a result the Hungarian Jews have left the two transient centers in this city, returning the Rothschild Hospital and the Arzberg School buildings to about 1,600 aged and sick Jews who will remain there until they are physically in condition to proceed to Israel. A small part of the 1,600 are healthy transients who are awaiting the opportunity to leave for embarkation ports for Israel. The bulk of the Hungarian Jews have already been transferred to camps in the western zones of Austria or have departed for Israel.

It is estimated that the total number of non-Austrian Jews currently in Vienna is 4,000, while there are about 10,000 foreign Jews in all of Austria. About 5,000 of the total are expected to leave Austria for Israel.

According to reports from Bratislava the Czech authorities are sending back to Hungary individual Hungarian Jews who make their way to Czechoslovakia, but are permitting groups to remain. Recently 355 Hungarian Jews were permitted to cross the border from Czechoslovakia to Austria en route to Italian ports whence they left for Haifa.

GERMAN COURTS MAY NO LONGER TRY NAZI CRIMINALS RELEASED BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES

LONDON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- There is little hope that the German denazification courts will continue to try Nazi criminals released several months ago from British custody, according to a letter received today here by the Committee for the investigation of Nazi Crimes in Baltic countries from the Bavarian Office of Rehabilitation.

The communication emphasized that it was unlikely those accused would be tried by the denazification courts despite the British promise, on releasing the men, that such tribunals would try them.

JES IN WESTERN EUROPE RETURNING TO NORMAL LIFE, DR. WISE REPORTS; LAUDS AID FROM U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in Western Europe are speedily recovering from the effects of persecution and war, as a result of aid which they receive from American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal, Dr. Jacob B. Wise reported today upon his return from abroad.

"Unless some unforeseen emergencies arise, the rehabilitation needs in that part of Europe that must be met by the Joint Distribution Committee will be substantially lower in 1950," he declared. Dr. Wise conferred with Jewish leaders in France, Italy and other countries during his visit to Europe. He emphasized the critical situation in Marseilles and other ports which are being used as points of embarkation for refugees from DP centers in Europe and North Africa.

Discussing the general situation in Western Europe, Rabbi Wise observed that there is widespread fear, particularly in France, of a revival of German power as a threat to peace. He also remarked that there was strong evidence that the "Nazi ideology is still prevalent in Germany."

EUROPEAN ZIONIST CONFERENCE IN PARIS HEARS REPORT ON EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM POLAND

PARIS, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Zionist delegation from Poland attending the European Zionist Conference here today reported that the Polish Government was permitting the free emigration of Jews leaving the country for Israel. Dr. Adolph Berman, delegation spokesman, told the conference that this policy is a "consequence of the assistance given to the Jewish people by the new, democratic Poland in their fight for freedom and independence."

Dr. S. Levenberg, London Zionist leader, expressed satisfaction with the attitude of the Polish Government on the question of Jewish migration to Israel but condemned the "persecution of Zionists" in Hungary and Rumania. World Jewry now stands at the parting of the ways, he said, and it is necessary to unite Jewish communities throughout the world for the purpose of increasing the flow of immigration to Israel.

Yehuda Braginsky, chief of the Jewish Agency's absorption department, reported that of the 300,000-odd immigrants who have entered Israel since the proclamation of statehood only 23 percent have not been integrated into the economy of the country. Despite drastic cuts in its budget, Mr. Braginsky said, the absorption department of the Agency has considerably improved its current programs, especially in housing.

Moshe Kol, Youth Aliyah director of the Agency, reviewing the past 15 years of Youth Aliyah achievements, stated that despite numerous difficulties, youths from North Africa were "doing excellent work" in France in various projects maintained by the organization. He appealed for increased capital investment in Israel and urged small businessmen to come to the Jewish state and establish commercial enterprises. Mr. Kol cautioned, however, against going into "saturated" industries such as textiles and advised prospective businessman-immigrants to concentrate on the building and hotel fields.

An account of conditions among Jews in North Africa was presented by Dr. A. Baranes, Mapai delegate from Tunisia, who described efforts now under way in North Africa to prepare prospective immigrants for life in Israel.

TRADE PACT CONCLUDED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND URUGUAY; TALKS CONTINUE WITH FRANCE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The conclusion of a trade pact between Israel and Uruguay, the fifth major trade agreement signed by Israel, was announced here today by the Foreign Ministry. The pact was negotiated by Yacov Tsur, Israel Minister to Argentina, and the Uruguayan Foreign Minister.

The pact involves an exchange of goods and the importation from Uruguay of \$3,200,000 worth of goods for which payment will be made in cash. The cash payment will be made in two forms: 50 percent will be paid in hard currency, while the remaining 50 percent will be paid in Uruguayan money. Forty percent of the total imports to Israel will be kosher meat products while Israel will export diamonds, artificial teeth, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, olive oil and wines.

The Foreign Ministry also announced that commercial pacts are being negotiated with France, while talks have just been initiated with Argentina. Trade pact negotiations are well advanced with Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, it was stated.

PLAQUE HONORING LATE PALESTINE MEDIATOR COUNT BERNADOTTE UNVEILED AT LAKE SUCCESS

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A plaque honoring the memory of the late U.N. Palestine mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, who was assassinated in Jerusalem last year, was unveiled here today. Among those who witnessed the brief ceremony were Aubrey S. Eban, chief Israel delegate; U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie; British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan; Swedish delegate Sven Grafstrom; former Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, and several Arab delegates.