

ISRAEL MINISTER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO BELGIAN ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER

BRUSSELS, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The possibility of close economic collaboration between Israel and Belgium was held out here today by Michael Amir, newly appointed Israel Minister to Brussels, when he presented his credentials to the acting Foreign Minister.

After the ceremony, which formally marked the initiation of diplomatic relations between the two nations, Mr. Amir said that there was no reason why Israel and Belgium should not sign a trade pact, such as has been signed with a number of other countries. He pointed out that Belgium can supply many industrial products to Israel and can lend it technical assistance. Mr. Amir also stated that 41 nations have already extended de jure recognition to his government.

COOL FORMALITIES MARK PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY ROMANIA'S FIRST ENVOY TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A cool, formal atmosphere prevailed today when Nicholas Ciocoin, Rumania's first Minister to Israel, presented his credentials to Acting President Josef Sprinzak.

In a short speech, the Rumanian envoy said that his mission would consist of furthering the "excellent relations" which exist between the two nations and that he is sure he can count on a similar attitude on the part of Israel. In a very few words, Mr. Sprinzak also referred to the cordial relations between the two states and told the Rumanian that when he toured this country he would realize the importance of the contribution of Rumanian Jewry to Israel. He also expressed the hope that Rumanian Jews will continue to extend aid to the Jewish state.

It is expected here that the Rumanian Minister will soon submit to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett a reply from Rumanian Foreign Minister Anna Pauker to his plea that the Rumanian Government lift its ban on the emigration of Israel-bound Jews.

HINDU NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION ASKS INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE STATE OF ISRAEL

NEW DELHI, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for recognition of the state of Israel by the Indian Government, and extending "fraternal greetings" to the "brave sons of Israel," was adopted here today by the All-India Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha, leading nationalist organization.

The resolution "deplored the discriminatory policy of the Nehru Government in refusing recognition to the new state." It added that the people of Israel, "after years of courageous and tenacious struggle against international forces, have recovered their freedom and established a progressive state on modern democratic lines." The resolution urged that "steps be taken immediately for the recognition of Israel and the establishment of intimate relations with its people." A copy of the statement was forwarded to President Chaim Weizmann of Israel.

V.H. Deshpande, secretary-general of the Hindu Mahasabha, told correspondents that his organization was eager to foster political and cultural relations with Israel.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OPENS DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES; MINISTER OF EDUCATION SPEARS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Israel Minister of Education Zalman Shazar opened the newly-dedicated Department of Antiquities of the Hebrew University here yesterday. Addressing the distinguished audience of professors and scholars attending the ceremonies, Mr. Shazar urged the formation of a "Society of Friends of Hebrew Antiquities."

GERMAN TOWN OFFICIAL REMOVED FOR CANCELLING APPOINTMENT OF JEW TO HEAD HOSPITAL

FRANKFURT, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Deputy Mayor of the town of Offenbach, Karl Kasperkowitz, was yesterday removed by the town council, it was reported here today. The council's action followed disclosure that the Deputy Mayor had cancelled the appointment of Dr. Herbert Levin as head of a municipal women's hospital because the doctor was a Jew.

A proposal to remove the Mayor, Johannes Rebholz, was defeated. The council considered the evidence in the case as presented in a 43-page report drafted by investigators of the American military government, who moved into the case last week. The result of the council's four-hour debate was immediately broadcast over loud-speakers to a crowd of town residents waiting outside the council hall.

Jews PLACED IN SPECIAL CATEGORY IN POLICE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IN ST. LOUIS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Jews are not considered to be "white Americans" in a newly-adopted criminal identification system developed by the St. Louis police with the cooperation and approval of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The St. Louis rogues' gallery has been replaced by a modern key punch system in which a perforation is made on line 2 of the card if the arrested person happens to be "Jewish." A "white American" has his card punched on line 5 of the same column. A spokesman for the F.B.I. described the new system as the "most progressive" in the country, and law enforcement officials have predicted that it will ultimately be installed by police departments on a national basis.

While the religion of Jews is listed, there is no record made of the religious background of a Catholic or Protestant prisoner. This listing is viewed by Jewish sources with alarm and resentment, and is considered an official affront.

Z.O.A. ANNOUNCES REORGANIZATION OF ITS SYSTEM OF SENDING AMERICAN CHALUTZIM TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America is now completing plans for "a greatly enlarged and more practical system" of sending Chalutzim from the United States to Israel, it was announced here today by Daniel Frisch, Z.O.A. president.

"The Z.O.A. is determined, in the light of the program of action recently adopted by its National Administrative Council, to engage within the very near future in an effective, intelligent and realistic effort in behalf of agricultural and technical Chalutzim in America," Mr. Frisch said. "It is our intention to begin to register young General Zionists, young men and women willing and ready to spend time in Israel, so that they may be among the first to be settled in the Z.O.A. colonies to be established, as well as in such Israel technical institutions as need their services."

Mr. Frisch termed "outmoded" the Hechalutz activities hitherto conducted by the General Zionists in America. "They are completely unsuited to the new situation which has arisen with the establishment of the Jewish state," he said, adding that he expects "some resistance from those who have vested interests in the old activities which have proved a failure."

The Plugat Aliyah, the General Zionist Chalutz movement in America, today revealed that the Z.O.A. has completely withdrawn its support from this movement and that official notification to this effect has been given by the Z.O.A. administration. In a statement issued here the Plugat Aliyah emphasized that "despite the action of the Z.O.A. administration" the movement will continue to exist.