

BRITISH AGREE TO ENACT RESTITUTION LAWS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY

LONDON, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- The British occupation authorities in Germany have agreed to enact legislation, paralleling that of the United States, dealing with the restitution of property to victims of Nazi persecution, it was learned today. The text of the new law will be published soon.

The proposed legislation, however, will only permit the transfer to Israel of reparations in the form of German goods, since money cannot be sent out of the Reich.

MAYOR OF GERMAN TOWN REFUSED TO PREVENT DESECRATION OF SYNAGOGUE, POLICE ESTABLISH

MINICH, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- The Bavarian police today published a report on their investigation of the desecration last Monday night of the only synagogue in the Bavarian town of Marktredwitz.

The police, who arrested a "denazified" German, Hans Rief, for the crime, revealed that Rief had hired a group of "workmen" to help him demolish the synagogue. The "workmen" forced the synagogue gate and then desecrated the Holy Ark and a number of religious articles before they halted their activities.

The police report states that the Jews appealed to the town's mayor, Otto Hirschmann, and the local police chief, Albert Stimmer, to halt further desecration of the synagogue. Mayor Hirschmann refused to intervene, but later promised the city's help to repair the damage. The Mayor is a former Nazi who joined the party in 1936, while the arrested criminal traces his membership in Hitler's movement back to 1933.

ISRAEL OFFICIAL LEAVES MOSCOW AFTER TWO-WEEK VISIT; IS SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF TRIP

MOSCOW, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Shmuel Eliashev, director of the East European division of the Israel Foreign Ministry, left here today for Prague en route home to Tel Aviv following a two-week visit to the Soviet capital.

Prior to his departure, Dr. Eliashev expressed satisfaction with the results of his visit, which was highlighted last week by a meeting with acting Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Dr. Eliashev is taking home with him a first-hand report of the work of the Israel legation here. He said that Soviet-Israel relations have been established on a basis of sound friendship with prospects for improvement.

GERMAN JEWS HONOR HARRY GREENSTEIN; HE WILL VISIT ISRAEL WITH U.J.A. GROUP

MINICH, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee and the Federation of Jewish Communities last night honored Harry Greenstein, adviser on Jewish Affairs to the American military government in Germany, at a "farewell party."

Mr. Greenstein is leaving Germany for Paris on October 15 and from there he will fly with a U.J.A. delegation to Israel. He told the guests at the party that he would return to Germany briefly after his Israel trip and would leave for the United States at the end of October, and that he intends to resume his communal work in Baltimore when he returns home.

POLISH GOVERNMENT RAISES MONTHLY SUBSIDY TO JEWISH THEATRE IN WROCLAW

WARSAW, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Culture has raised its monthly subsidy to the Jewish Theatre of Wroclaw, it was announced today. The new figure will be 50,000 zlotys as compared to the old subsidy of 100,000 zlotys per month.

AMERICAN LEGION OPPOSES ADMISSION OF DP'S TO U.S.; URGES AID FOR JEWS GOING TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars today asked the immigration subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee to keep displaced persons out of the U.S.

Gen. John T. Taylor, legislative director of the Legion, told the subcommittee that the Legion feels that those now in DP camps are not really war victims and merely wish to "take advantage of the situation." He asserted that the Legion is against "special interest groups." He noted, however, that the Legion approved the U.N. partition plan for Palestine and recommended that all those who wished to go there be aided in that direction.

ONE MAN ARRESTED, SIX OTHERS SOUGHT ON CHARGES OF SMUGGLING ARMS TO ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- Henry Bellows, a writer, was arrested here last night by Federal agents while six other men are expected to surrender to Federal authorities within a few days on charges that they seized a yacht last May and used it to smuggle Israel-bound arms and ammunition out of the country by way of Mexico. Three of the six men under indictment with Mr. Bellows are described as businessmen while the other three are said to have been members of the yacht crew.

A secret Federal Grand Jury indictment handed down earlier this week charged the seven men with conspiracy and exporting arms without a State Department permit. Bail was established at \$5,000 each. Mr. Bellows, 56, denied any knowledge of the charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Champlin charged today that Herman Greenspun, a Las Vegas, Nev., businessman facing trial Oct. 25 in another case involving the smuggling of planes to Israel troops, was the leader of the group. Mr. Champlin said the men drove several trucks alongside the yacht *Idalia*, in Los Angeles harbor, and attempted to engage the captain--Leland Robert Lewis--to sail with their cargo. When he refused, it is charged, the men forced him at gunpoint to take on the 35 tons of guns and ammunition in the trucks and sail to Acapulco, on the west coast of Mexico.

According to Mr. Champlin, top-ranking Mexican Army and Navy officers and their men helped unload the yacht's cargo which was then carried by truck across the country to the Gulf of Mexico port of Tampico where it was transferred to an Israel-bound vessel. The yacht's captain was paid \$1,700, according to Mr. Champlin, to repair his "badly-damaged" yacht. Mr. Lewis later reported the case to Federal authorities.

U.S. SCIENTIST, RETURNING FROM EXPEDITION, DOUBTS NOAH'S ARK IS SPILL ON MT. ARARAT

NEW YORK, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- Doubt that Noah's Ark remains on Mount Ararat, in Turkey, was expressed here yesterday by William Wood, a member of the expedition which attempted last summer to find the Biblical vessel which was reportedly resting somewhere on the mountain.

Mr. Wood said that conditions extant on the mountain--including the fact that the area is frequently subjected to earthquakes--make it highly improbable that the Ark has survived after all these centuries. He said that if the Ark rested on the cone of the mountain--which the expedition was unable to reach--"it would be encased in 100 feet of ice in a region where ice and snow never melt. If it were below the ice field, it would no longer be recognizable," he added.