

INCREASING NUMBER OF ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLES IN ITALIAN PRESS CITED BY JEWS

ROME, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish weekly publication "Israel" has called the attention of the Italian authorities and Catholic Church leaders to the growing number of anti-Semitic articles in the press. The question was also discussed at a recent session of the Assembly of the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy.

The current issue of "Israel" cites an unsigned article in a recent issue of "L'Azione," a Catholic weekly of the Vittorio Veneto diocese. Discussing the action of the Israel delegation at the last International Red Cross meeting in Geneva in seeking to have the Red Magen David recognized as an official Red Cross emblem for Israel rather than the cross, the Catholic paper charged the Jews with "hostility toward the cross of Christ." Elsewhere in the article the writer said "Jews are always Jews," and spoke of the "two thousand year-old shadow of blood" cast by the Jews.

PUBLISHER OF SO. AFRICAN FASCIST PAPER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED REENTRY FROM BRITAIN

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Larrat Battersby, Mosleyite publisher of the Fascist periodical, "Nation," who is now in London, has been declared an undesirable alien under terms of the immigration laws of South Africa, it was learned here today. Battersby will not be allowed to reenter the Union.

During World War II, Battersby was interned in Britain as a Fascist. Following his release he went to South Africa to establish his quarterly periodical, which carries articles expressing admiration for Hitler and promoting his "Hitlerian center" in Natal.

FRENCH COLLABORATOR WHO DENOUNCED JEWS TO NAZIS RECEIVES LIFE IMPRISONMENT SENTENCE

PARIS, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Louis Thomas, anti-Semitic collaborator charged with denouncing French Jewish officers to the Nazis during the German occupation, was today found guilty by the Seine Court of Justice and sentenced to life imprisonment. During the occupation the Germans named Thomas literary director of the Jewish publishing house of Calmann-Levi.

30,000 TURKISH JEWS LEFT FOR ISRAEL IN YEAR; RESERVOIR OF 5,000 FUTURE EMIGRANTS REMAINS

ISTANBUL, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Nearly 30,000 Turkish Jews have emigrated from this country to Israel in the last 12 months, it was learned here today. As a result the Jewish population of Turkey has been reduced by some 40 percent.

Last month the number of emigrants passed 2,000, about the same figure as in the previous month. It is estimated that this monthly peak will be maintained for a while longer until a backlog of some 5,000 prospective emigrants leaves, after which the emigration of Israel-bound Jews will lose its mass exodus character.

I.R.O. OFFICIAL THANKS ISRAEL FOR DECISION TO ADMIT IMMIGRANTS IN "HARD-CORE" GROUP

GENEVA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The General Council of the International Refugee Organization yesterday heard Maj. Gen. Frederick G. Galleghan of Australia, chairman of the Council, express to the Government of Israel "the appreciation of the Council and the I.R.O. administration for the generous contribution made to the solution of the problem by acceptance of 'hard-core' cases." Mr. Galleghan's statement followed a declaration by Israel observer Dr. Shalom Adler-Rudel that Israel ultimately would admit all Jewish "hard-core" cases now in I.R.O. camps.

ISRAEL AND AUSTRIAN TRADE NEGOTIATORS EXCHANGE LISTS OF COMMODITIES AT PARLEY

VIENNA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Israel and Austrian representatives participating in trade negotiations here today exchanged lists of commodities wanted in each country. The lists are generally what the negotiators have hoped would be offered, particularly the Austrian list of goods.

Negotiations will resume Friday after both sides have had an opportunity to peruse the lists of commodities offered. At that time Israel is expected to raise the question of transferring Jewish holdings from Austria to the new state.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD TOUR ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; TO CHECK U.N. EXPENDITURES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A bi-partisan eight-man U.S. Congressional committee arrived at Lydda Airport today for a two-day visit in Israel before continuing its tour of inspection of the manner in which funds allocated by the World Health Organization and the International Refugee Organization are being used.

The delegation will proceed tomorrow to Jerusalem and will return to Tel Aviv to attend a dinner tendered in their behalf by U.S. Ambassador James G. MacDonald. Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Labor Minister Golda Myerson and other top Israel leaders will also attend.

ISRAEL ABSORBED TWO-THIRDS OF IMMIGRANTS, JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL REPORTS ON RETURN TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A report that "Israel has managed to absorb into fairly normal life two-thirds of the unprecedented and in a large measure unexpected tide of immigration" was given here today at a press conference by Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the American section of the Jewish Agency, who has just returned from a three-week visit to Israel.

Mr. Hammer said this "absorption was made possible by virtually herculean efforts in the direction of housing construction, education and social welfare work." Disclosing that the Agency "spent nearly \$10,000,000 in reconstructing 40,000 housing units in the abandoned Arab sections of Israel cities," he stated that the Agency "either directly or in partnership with the Government of Israel or other public bodies, has been instrumental in creating 30,709 housing units this year--sufficient to house 90,000 immigrants."

Asserting that the present "economic crisis" in Israel can "be described in the simplest of terms," he said: "At the beginning of 1949 a certain number of immigrants were expected to arrive in Israel during the forthcoming year. At the time, budgets were made up on the basis of the expected immigration as balanced against the expected income of the United Jewish Appeals throughout the world and particularly in the U.S."

He continued: "The results in both cases were off somewhat--more immigrants arrived than expected, and the collections of the United Jewish Appeals were less than expected. The 'crisis' is not insoluble. It is a 'crisis' which has been caused by an enormous importation of the most valuable commodity in the world--human beings. These human beings, who today have caused a 'crisis,' will be tomorrow the most cherished and constructive element of Israel's growing and dynamic economy."

ONE OF ANCIENT BIBLE MANUSCRIPTS UNEARTHED IN 1947 SAID TO BE BIOGRAPHY OF NOAH

CHICAGO, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- One of the ancient Biblical manuscripts discovered in Palestine by a Bedouin two years ago has been identified as the long-lost "Lost Book of Lamech," revealing details of the early life of Noah, Dr. John C. Trever, of the International Council on Religious Education, reported today.

LEON GELLMAN HONORED ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR ISRAEL TO HEAD WORLD MIZRACHI

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Leon Gellman, retiring president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, was honored tonight at a farewell banquet tendered by all sections of the Mizrahi movement in this country. Mr. Gellman will leave for Israel this week where he will assume the leadership of the world Mizrahi movement.

A project to be known as "Kiriath Moshiah," which will serve as a world education center for the religious, secular and vocational training of youths in Israel, was officially launched at the banquet. The nucleus of the project is already in operation under the auspices of the world Mizrahi movement at Pardess Hanna, near Haifa.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS TO HOLD PLENARY SESSION THIS WEEK-END; TO STRESS EDUCATION

TORONTO, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The eighth plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress will open here this week-end with the problem of Jewish education in this country looming high on the agenda, it was revealed today. Samuel Bronfman, president of the Congress, will stress the problems of education in the Jewish community here in his presidential report.

It is believed that a resolution calling on the Congress to set up educational committees in all larger communities and grant larger financial subsidies to existing educational institutions will be introduced at the meeting. Dr. Israel Chipkin, leading American Jewish educator, will be the guest speaker at the opening session.

PREVIEWS OF NEW FILM AGAINST BIGOTRY EXHIBITED IN 100 CITIES THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The motion picture, "Prejudice," produced by the Protestant Film Commission and the Anti-Defamation League and depicting bigotry in the U.S., was previewed here last night by a select audience of 1,000 clerical and lay leaders of all faiths. The showing, one of 100 similar previews held in 100 cities throughout the country, evoked high praise for the film which will be exhibited commercially in motion picture theatres in all parts of the U.S.

(Rep. Emanuel Celler protested yesterday to Army Undersecretary Tracy Voorhees against the Army's decision to bar public exhibition of the film, "Nuremberg--Its Lesson for Today," which is described as a powerful indictment against anti-Semitism. Congressman Celler asserted that the film "should be shown throughout the country in the interests of spiking anti-Semitism.")

OVER 250,000 VOLUMES OF JUDAICA LOOTED BY NAZI WERE SHIPPED OUT OF GERMANY IN 1948

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- More than 250,000 volumes of Judaica and Hebraica and 10,000 ceremonial objects, representing part of the Nazi loot from Jewish libraries, synagogues and museums in Europe, have been recovered and shipped out of Germany during the past year, it was announced last night by Prof. Salo W. Baron of Columbia University, president of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc.

In 1947, the J.C.R.--an offspring of a research organization formed by the Conference on Jewish Relations at the end of the war for the purpose of recovering Jewish cultural treasures looted by the Nazis--was founded and affiliated with the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization. In February, 1949, the J.C.R. was officially recognized as the trustee for all unidentifiable cultural Jewish property placed under the custodianship of the military government and stored in the Offenbach depot in Germany.