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2,000 DEMONSTRATE IN TEL AVIV AGAINST HISTADRUT'S ACCEPTANCE OF COST OF LIVING CUT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Two thousand Israel workers today demonstrated here against the Histadrut's decision to accept a second cut in the cost of living bonus. The demonstration was called by local actions committees sponsored by the Mapam and the Communist Party, which had expected 10,000 persons at the rally.

The Histadrut executive immediately denounced the rally, which marched on the Histadrut building. Pinchas Lubianiker, secretary-general of the labor federation, convened a special meeting of the executive this afternoon and told it that the workers must be made "to understand that the Mapam's objective is to undermine the united front and solidarity of the Histadrut." Mr. Lubianiker warned that the Histadrut will "sever the threatening arm" from the remainder of the organization. It is understood that the federation will expel all affiliated members responsible for organizing today's demonstration.

In a statement to the press, issued after the demonstration, Mr. Lubianiker called the protest meeting a failure because only 2,000 of some 60,000 Histadrut workers in the Tel Aviv district had attended. He declared that this proved that Israel workers backed the government's austerity program and the Histadrut's decision to cooperate with that program to the extent of accepting the wage cuts. He added that the Histadrut will also call on the workers to increase their productivity in order to make Israel's economy independent. He accused the leftists of not fighting for labor but of attacking the "essential" austerity program.

BRITISH OFFICIAL IN IRAQ GOVERNMENT REPORTS 36 JEWS WERE ARRESTED IN PAST TEN DAYS

LONDON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A British inspector in the Iraqi Ministry of Interior reported from Bagdad today that 36 Jews, including four women, were arrested by Iraqi police in the past 10 days, Reuters said. The arrests, it was stated, were made during a search in which Iraqi police authorities said they discovered the existence of a Zionist organization.

According to the inspector, the Iraqi police undertook a series of searches after discovering what they said were pamphlets produced in Tel Aviv bearing the title, "Methods of Action." The inspector said that the Iraqi police inspector-general offered to allow any Jewish physician to examine the arrested Jews for evidence of ill-treatment.

Rep. Klein Calls on Truman to Intercede with Iraq to Halt Persecution

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Rep. Arthur G. Klein of New York today asked President Truman to intercede with Iraq to halt "the mass persecution, torture, and killing of Jews there."

In a telegram to the President, Rep. Klein said: "On behalf of a shocked American Jewry I implore you to use your good offices to intercede with the Iraqi Government to halt the mass persecution, torture, and killing of Iraqi Jews and other non-Moslems in that country. Reports received in Israel from Iraq contain overwhelming evidence of terror unleashed on the Iraqi Jewish population estimated at 150,000."

Yesterday, Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York protested Iraq's terrorism to George O. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL BROADCASTS ENCOURAGEMENT TO JEWISH COMMUNITY OF IRAQ

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The official Israel radio, "Kol Israel," beamed a special broadcast to the Iraqi Jews last night in which Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel sought to extend encouragement to the Jewish community in Iraq. He read the Hebrew and Arabic texts of the statement on the situation of the Iraqi Jews issued by the Israeli Government and outlined the steps being taken to assure their safety.

Joseph Schlossberg, chairman of the National Committee for Labor Israel who is now in Israel, declared on a Kol Israel broadcast today that he was confident President Truman would convey "in his most vigorous manner" to the Bagdad authorities "America's indignation at the maltreatment of Iraqi Jews." He added: "I have appealed to C.I.O. president Philip Murray and A.F.L. president William Green to present the case of the martyred Jews in Iraq to the President and to urge him to put an end to the anti-Jewish cruelties in that country."

A 35-year-old Jewish merchant who fled from Bagdad 11 days ago told a government-arranged press conference last night that the Iraqi secret police in recent weeks have adopted a procedure for terrifying the Jewish community in Iraq by carrying out unannounced night searches of Jewish homes.

"Terrified cries are heard from helpless neighbors," he said. "Terrified women and children run wildly through the police-cordoned streets, and no one dares to approach them for an explanation, fearing similar treatment." The Iraqi police, he declared, seize on any excuse to arrest Jews, including possession of a Bible or a prayer shawl.

Describing his own internment, the Iraqi Jew said he saw scores of Jews beaten and tortured. They were later transferred to trucks and carried through the streets shouting at the populace, "rescue us, we do not know where they are taking us." The fugitive urged swift intervention to rescue the Iraqi Jews, warning that the Jewish community was doomed unless efforts were not immediately exerted in their behalf.

All Afghanistan Jews Allowed to Leave for Israel

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The Government of Afghanistan has authorized unrestricted Jewish emigration to Israel, it was reported here today. At the same time the office of the World Jewish Congress here was informed today that 100 Pakistani Jews have been granted emigration permits.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN RECEIVES ARK AS GIFT FROM PRESIDENT WEIZMANN; ELATH MAKES PRESENTATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- President Truman expressed pleasure today as he received a gift from President Weizmann, presented by Israel Ambassador Eliah Elath. It was a highly-decorated silver-trimmed copper Ark to hold the Torah given President Truman last May by President Weizmann.

The Ark was made in Israel under the direction of Yehuda Wolpert at the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Jerusalem. Inscribed on the Ark are the names of the two Presidents and the date, "May 4, 1949." It is also inscribed with Biblical quotations.

JEWISH POPULATION OF ISRAEL TO REACH 1,000,000 ABOUT DECEMBER; EVENT TO BE CELEBRATED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Israel will reach 1,000,000 about mid-December, the Jewish Agency announced today. This achievement will be celebrated throughout the country, in conjunction with the festival of Chanukah which occurs at that time.

ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES \$14,000,000 NATIONAL LOAN; AGREES TO AID JEWISH AGENCY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet yesterday approved a proposal by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett for raising a new national loan of 5,000,000 pounds (\$14,000,000). The Cabinet also voted to implement suggestions made by the Finance Committee of the Knesset for aiding the Jewish Agency.

WEIZMANN RECEIVES COMMANDER GOLDBERG, HIGHEST RANKING JEWISH CHAPLAIN IN U.S. NAVY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- President Weizmann today received Commander Joshua L. Goldberg, highest ranking Jewish chaplain in the U.S. Navy and Chief Chaplain of the Third Naval District, who presented him with an Israel flag donated by Jewish personnel in the U.S. Navy. Commander Goldberg was accompanied by American Ambassador James G. McDonald.

Yesterday, the President received Argentine Minister Pablo Manguel, in the presence of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. During the lengthy interview at Dr. Weizmann's home in Rehovoth, Minister Manguel transmitted greetings from President Juan Peron.

Later, Mr. Sharett conferred at his office in Tel Aviv with British Minister Alexander Knox Helm. The subject of their talk was not announced.

TRANSJORDAN, ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVES MEET ON REUNITING ARAB FAMILIES SEPARATED BY WAR

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The first informal meeting of Israel and Transjordan representatives on a special committee set up to speed the reunion in Israel of Arab families separated by the war was held here today. Only a small number of applications for repatriation were received from Arabs in the Jerusalem area.

In Tel Aviv, meanwhile, Col. Aron Remez, commander of the Israel air force, declared that the Jewish state's air strength may have an important effect on the outcome of the "second round" of warfare which the Arabs states have been threatening recently. Although Col. Remez does not believe that the air arm will decide such a war, he said that the small force could seriously hamper invading units. In connection with the celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of the air force Nov. 3, air demonstrations will be held in various parts of the country and meetings will be held in all large towns and cities.

KIBBUTZ CONVENTION DECIDES TO DISPATCH 1,000 INSTRUCTORS TO ISRAEL; OVERSEAS POINTS

GIVAT BRENNER, Israel, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A resolution approving the dispatch of 1,000 collective settlement instructors to various overseas countries as well as throughout Israel was adopted here today at the concluding session of the convention of the United Kibbutz Association. The convention also resolved that member settlements should be prohibited from hiring labor in kibbutzim and agreed to set up a permanent "ideological seminar."

The Arab village of Kubeiba, located near Rehovot, has become a Jewish village and will accommodate 100 families recently-arrived from Bulgaria. All arrangements were made by the settlement division of the Jewish Agency with funds contributed by the Sephardic community in Argentina. The colony will be named "Kfar Hanagid," in honor of Samuel Hanagid, medieval Spanish Jewish scholar and leader.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PROTESTS CHARGES MADE AGAINST IT BY JEWISH COMMITTEE IN POLAND

LONDON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The European executive of the World Jewish Congress today sent a cable to the Central Committee of Jews in Poland protesting "most strongly against the (Committee's) accusation that the Congress leaders are serving American imperialism and aiding the warmongers."

The Congress' message pointed out that the W.J.C. "neither serves imperialism nor aids any warmongers. It believes that only peace, freedom and democracy can guarantee Jewish survival and security, as stated in the political resolutions of the W.J.C. plenary session in Montreux, which were supported by delegates of the Central Committee." The protest added: "We call on you to withdraw these unjust accusations and afford equal publicity to our repudiation of them."

BAVARIAN SOCIALISTS ASK ACTION TO HALT NAZI ACTIVITY AMONG PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS

MUNICH, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The Social Democratic Party and the Free Democratic Party, right-wing Socialist Party, of Bavaria have called on the provincial government to halt Nazi activity in the Bavarian press.

The occasion for the request at this time was the pro-Nazi line of the "Sohwefurter Tagesblatt," whose publisher, Franz Richter, has reorganized the newspaper around the staff which served on it in 1943. In addition, the protesting parties pointed out, Hjalmar Schacht's semi-monthly bulletin "Finanzbriefe" will soon be published weekly.

Meanwhile, the prosecutor of the town of Marktredwitz, where the only synagogue was damaged by Nazis just before the High Holidays, reported today that he has questioned 70 people in recent weeks. By this time, he told the American military government authorities here, six people are under arrest for their part in the attack.

EGYPTIAN PROPAGANDA PAMPHLET IN RUMANIA CHARGES JEWISH ATROCITIES IN PALESTINE WAR

BUCHAREST, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- With the cover adorned with pictures of pin-up girls, bathing beauties and the smiling faces of Egyptian royalty, the Egyptian Legation here is offering a propaganda booklet of "Jewish Atrocities in the Holy Land" to the entire diplomatic corps. It is apparently timed to coincide with the opening of debate in the United Nations General Assembly on Palestine issues.

The 20-page pamphlet asserts that during the recent Arab-Israel war in Palestine the Jews committed brutal massacres and isolated atrocities which in modern times have been paralleled only by the actions of the Nazis at the Belsen and Dachau concentration camps. In addition, the Egyptians allege, "Holy Places were destroyed."

LONDON COUNCIL BODY REFUSES TO PROHIBIT USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR FASCIST MEETINGS

LONDON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A subcommittee of the London County Council's Education Committee today announced that it had turned down a series of appeals that the school buildings in this city be denied to Sir Oswald Mosley's fascists for public meetings.

Among the groups which had called for a ban on fascist "Union Movement" meetings in public school buildings were: the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the National Council for Civil Liberties, local trades councils and the London Schoolmasters' Association. In its statement to the subcommittee, the Board of Deputies declared that "it is wrong to permit the use of the schools for teaching racial discrimination and religious intolerance." The subcommittee replied that it was not the Council's policy to "discriminate" in permitting the schools to be used as meeting places.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES U.S. JEWISH GROUPS TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLIC CONTROVERSY

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Members of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, meeting in Chicago during the past week-end, urged Jewish organizations to "refrain from engaging in open controversy in the public press because of the harm they do to the position of Jews in the United States," it was revealed here today.

An A.J.C. announcement said the Chicago parley was attended by representatives of 28 major communities and was devoted primarily to the "problems created by the Jews of America by statements from Zionist and anti-Zionist groups which were giving the American public the impression that Israel was intervening in the internal affairs of American Jews and impugning their patriotism and loyalty."

The "groups under discussion," the announcement added, "were Israeli officials, leaders of the Zionist Organization of America and the American Council for Judaism." The delegates at the meeting, reaffirming the A.J.C.'s position, noted that it is "regarded as axiomatic that the Jews of America, while having an abiding friendship for the new state and a sincere desire as Americans to aid in its development, have no political affiliation with the state of Israel." The participants also "emphasized their unalterable opposition to any concept of world Jewish nationalism."

The A.J.C. meeting, "reflecting the overwhelming consensus that the publicity of the American Council for Judaism is harmful and self-defeating," adopted a resolution endorsing the position taken by the "administration of the American Jewish Committee with respect to the publicity of the American Council for Judaism." The resolution also asked the A.J.C. officers to "continue their efforts to secure a cessation of the Council's publicity methods."

In another resolution the A.J.C. executive committee expressed "its satisfaction that the state of Israel and the Z.O.A. have clarified their objectives on a basis consistent with the fundamental principles that as a matter of course American Jews owe political loyalty to the United States, and only to the U.S., and that there should be no interference by the state of Israel in the life of American Jewry."

The A.J.C. announcement revealed that it had "addressed a direct inquiry to the Prime Minister of Israel" regarding a statement attributed to him on Aug. 31 concerning the immigration of American Jewish youth to Israel which had raised some controversy in the Jewish community here as to the relationships between the community and Israel. The explanation the A.J.C. received was that the Premier's statement had been misquoted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

PARLEY ON CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND JEWS HEARS PLEA FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AGAINST BIAS

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Participants in a conference here on the "Church and the Jewish People in America," sponsored by the American Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews, last night heard speakers call for an educational program among Christian parishes in this country to eradicate anti-Semitism. Prof. Walter M. Morton, of Oberlin Theological Seminary, asked why the problem of anti-Semitism which looms so large among church officials "bulked so small in the minds of churchgoers."

A paper by the Rev. Harry Ellison, of London, contended that opposition to the Jewish religion by the Christian churches helped to create and foster anti-Semitism. The report attributed the complacency of churches to the Nazi terror to anti-Judaism. Rev. Ellison urged Sunday school teachers to remind their students that "almost all the heroes of the New Testament were Jews."

ARGENTINE JEWS CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF FIRST COLONY

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The sixtieth anniversary of the founding of Moises Villa, the first Jewish agricultural colony in Argentina, was celebrated this week by Argentine Jewry.

The town was settled on Aug. 28, 1889, by 95 Jewish families from Russia on land leased in the Province of Santa Fe. Its present population of 2,500 is 90 percent Jewish. Moises Villa is the birthplace of many of Argentina's important Jewish personages, including the son of one of its founders, Dr. Moises Goldman, former president of the DATA, central Jewish representative body in Argentina.

ISRAEL IS ONLY NEAR EAST STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN TOURISM PARLEY IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Isaac Bergner, head of the tourist department of the Israel Government, participated in the recently-concluded International Tourism Conference held here, it was revealed today. The Jewish state was the only Near East country to send a delegate to the parley.

CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL EXPERT SAYS NEGEV CAN PRODUCE LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD

MONTREAL, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Prof. S. Sinclair, noted agricultural expert who toured Israel at the invitation of the Israel Ministry of Agriculture, said today that food production had been stepped up on every farm in the new state. He expressed the belief that the Negev has large areas which can produce considerable quantities of basic foodstuffs. He also paid tribute to the operations of the Rehovot Agricultural Research Institute.

AMPAL GRANTS \$500,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL WATER COMPANY TO EXTEND PIPELINES TO NEGEV

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The American Palestine Trading Corporation (AMPAL), in cooperation with the Jewish National Fund, has extended a \$500,000 loan to the Mekoroth Water Company of Israel to finance a project designed to bring water to the Negev, it was disclosed today. Water will be carried to the newly-established Negev settlements by an intricate system of pipelines.

NEED FOR TRAINING TEACHERS TO SERVE ISRAEL CHILDREN STRESSED AT N.C.J.W. CONVENTION

BAITIMORE, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The need for training teachers in Israel to serve the 30,000 children entering the country annually was emphasized last night by Dr. Emanuel P. Lichtenstein, of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, addressing the 19th triennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women. The convention also heard Dr. Harry Rivlin, chairman of the education department of Queens College, New York City, review the problems of education in the new state.

TESTS IN INDUCING ARTIFICIAL RAINFALL IN ISRAEL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Successful tests were completed recently in inducing artificial rain in Israel, it was officially stated yesterday. The tests were carried out with the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, in accordance with methods current in the United States, by which dry ice is "sowed" from an airplane in clouds. A spokesman of the Ministry said that all that remained was for steps to be undertaken for producing artificial clouds, particularly in the Negev.

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