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JEWISH OFFICIAL WARNS POLISH JEWS AGAINST "SPIES"; ATTACKS "JEWISH NATIONALISTS"

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A warning to Polish Jews to beware of "spies" among the Jewish population was voiced on a Yiddish language broadcast from Warsaw heard here last night. The broadcast was made in connection with a week-end conference of delegates from all Jewish communities in Poland.

The address was made by Joel Lazebnik, secretary-general of the Jewish Central Committee of Poland, which is now under government control. Mr. Lazebnik, referring to a recent decision of the United Polish Workers Party (Communist) warning the Polish people against spies, said that the decision had significance for the Jewish population, too.

Assailing the "Jewish nationalists," the Committee official stated that whatever had been achieved by Polish Jews during the past year had resulted from the struggle against the "Jewish nationalists" who, he said, had tried to "weaken the work of the Central Committee." He reiterated the Committee's charges that the World Jewish Congress is an "agent of Anglo-American imperialism." He included the Poale Zion and the Hashomer Hatzair in his blast, insisting that they had formed a united front with the Zionists.

He labelled as a "lie" allegations that the Polish Government had agreed to the emigration of Polish Jews bound for Israel because it desired to be rid of the Jews. Referring to the government's decision to take over responsibility for all Jewish organizations in the country by the end of the year, Mr. Lazebnik said that the move will open "new possibilities for the further development of Jewish life and culture, national in form and socialist in content." The week-end parley adopted a resolution welcoming the government's action.

JEWS OF HESSE PROTEST ADMINISTRATION OF CLAIMS LAW AND CUT IN RESTITUTION FUND

FRANKFURT, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- An emergency conference of Jewish communities throughout the province of Hesse, in the United States zone, this week-end protested to the state Ministry of Finance against its plans to turn over the administration of the General Claims Law, which indemnifies victims of the Nazis, to the provincial Property Control Office. The Jews assert that the Property Control Office is influenced by former Nazis and anti-Semites.

At the same time, the conference protested against a decision by the Hesse Finance Minister, Werner Hilpert, to cut the restitution fund from which claims are paid by 25,000,000 marks. Resolutions embodying these sentiments were sent to Hesse Premier W. Stock and Minister of the Interior Heinrich Zippmann.

AMERICAN COURT IN GERMANY SENTENCES THREE NAZIS FOR DESECRATION OF SYNAGOGUE

MUNICH, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- An American court at Baireuth, Bavaria, today sentenced two Nazis to eleven-month prison terms and a third to a five-month term and a fine of 500 marks for desecration of the only synagogue in the Bavarian town of Marktredwitz.

The convicted Nazis are Hans Ries, Max Drossel and Mrs. Auguste Reis, wife of Hans. She received the lesser sentence. Three other defendants were acquitted of the crime which occurred shortly before the High Holy Days last year.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES REVIEWS FASCIST ACTIVITIES AMONG BAL TIC DP'S LIVING IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- British fascists are attempting to recruit members into their movement from among Polish, Baltic and other DP's, large numbers of whom are now working in Britain's industrial centers, it was revealed here yesterday at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

It was reported that Geoffrey Hume, one of Sir Oswald Mosley's deputies, is concentrating his efforts in the Manchester area, and that the Manchester Jewish Council is watching the situation there. The Board also heard that the question of anti-Semitism among policemen in London's East End and North section, predominantly Jewish areas, will be debated in Parliament this week. The Board was urged to bring to the Home Secretary evidence that anti-Semitism, due to the employment of former Palestine policemen, exists in police units assigned to these areas.

In reference to the split within the ranks of the Board as a result of a boycott by liberal congregations, the Board heard that a subcommittee has been established to try to bring about a compromise. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet with the Chief Rabbi and the Rabbinical Court over the issue of the appointment of marriage recorders in liberal synagogues, which caused the original split.

Another report to the Board told of negotiations among Jewish groups to form a "Jewish Trust Corporation" to administer heirless Jewish property in the British zone of Germany. It was decided to set up the corporation under British law, rather than German, and to give the German communities adequate representation in the management of the corporation.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OPENS 23RD ACADEMIC YEAR; KNESSET MAY MAKE IT STATE UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Hebrew University here, in an address marking the opening of the University's 23rd academic year today, expressed surprise that the "great nations have failed to voice their displeasure" at the fact that the University and the Hadassah Hospital have been prevented from "carrying out their important intellectual and humanitarian duties."

In an appeal for the building of traditions at the University, Dr. Brodetsky said: "We need not imitate anybody. The Jews never benefitted from sheer imitation." He also revealed that the Knesset would soon consider the question of converting the University into the official university of Israel.

HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR PARLEY WITH AMERICAN ENVOYS TO ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, left by air today for Istanbul, where he will confer with American Ambassadors to Israel and the Arab countries. The Assistant Secretary will meet with American Near Eastern diplomats on Nov. 26.

The State Department today described the visit as "part of a routine series of meetings held with chiefs of mission in various parts of the world." However, diplomatic sources saw significance in the parley and it was suggested here that Mr. McGhee may be making the trip to brief U.S. diplomats on recent revisions in American Near Eastern policy.

EGYPT NOW PREPARED TO ALLOW CARGO TO AND FROM ISRAEL TO PASS THROUGH HER PORTS

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Egyptian customs authorities in Cairo have informed shipping agents that free transit through Egyptian ports of regular commercial cargo to and from Israel will now be permitted, Reuters reported today from Cairo.

FORMER ITALIAN GENTILES WHO EMBRACED JUDAISM ARRIVE IN HAIFA; KISS SOIL ON LANDING

HAIFA, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Carrying the Israel flag, the first group of Gentiles converted to Judaism landed at Haifa late yesterday from Italy on the vessel Galila.

The Italians brought with them quantities of agricultural implements, seeds and saplings. Customs authorities extended them all courtesies and facilities. On disembarking, the new arrivals knelt and kissed the earth of Israel.

They came from the Italian village of San Micardo, the population of which embraced Judaism in 1931 when their spiritual leader, Danto Manozzo, dreamed that he was chosen for the mission and was under orders to obey the precepts of the Torah and spread the theory of a single deity and Sabbath observance.

Eighty inhabitants of the village followed the guidance of Manozzo and were converted to the Jewish religion. They underwent circumcision and changed their names to those traditional with Jews.

The newcomers to Israel have their own settlement in Alma, a village near Safed, which they share with Italian-speaking immigrants from Tripoli. Members of the community who are still in San Micardo will come to Israel in the near future. Another group is expected to arrive next week.

JEWISH POPULATION OF ISRAEL REACHES 1,000,000 WITH ARRIVAL OF NEW TRIPOLI IMMIGRANTS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- With the arrival yesterday of 663 immigrants from Tripoli, the Jewish population of Israel is now 1,000,000, Yaacov Blomberg, acting director of the Ministry of Immigration, announced today. He said that 321,991 newcomers arrived in Israel since the new state was set up on May 15, 1948. The natural population increase was 22,600 in the same period.

Reviewing the achievements of immigration and the problems of migrating from various countries, Mr. Blomberg stressed that the average monthly rate of arrivals had risen from 14,000 last year to 21,000 for 1949. He added that 20,000 more were expected to arrive by the end of the year.

Of the arrivals since the state was formed, he said, 40 percent came from Eastern countries. From July, 1948, to Nov. 7 of this year, 25,000 Jews came from Yemen, 4,000 of whom are currently housed in the Hashed camp at Adon while 14,000 are traveling over desert wastes and mountains to reach that camp.

Of the estimated total of 70,000 Jews in Poland, Mr. Blomberg said that 30,000 would reach Israel in the next few months. The first group of Polish Jews was expected to be here by the end of this month, he reported. Of the 35,000 Jews remaining in Czechoslovakia, about 14,500 have already emigrated, he said. More than 34,000 Jews have come from Bulgaria, where only 7,000 are left. Up to the end of September, 7,000 Jews came from Yugoslavia, of a total estimated population of 11,000.

Only four Russian Jews reached Israel, he added. There were hopes that Soviet Jewry's emigration would improve. Emigration from Hungary now hinged on specific hopes. Rumania had recently authorized exit permits for about 1,000 elderly Jews whose close relatives were already in Israel.

About 45,000 Jews were estimated to remain in all zones of Germany, but with the impending closure of Israel immigration offices and consulates there, owing to the government's determination not to maintain relations with either Western or Eastern Germany, potential emigrants would have to apply to private international relief organizations at Munich. Emigration from Austria is almost ended, Mr. Blomberg said.

ORT PROGRAMS IN HUNGARY AND POLAND CONTINUING, DR. SYNGALOWSKI REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The ORT programs in Hungary and Poland are continuing but in Rumania the ORT's work has been taken over by the government, Dr. Aron Syngalowski, chairman of the executive committee of the World ORT Union, declared at a press conference here today. Dr. Syngalowski is in this country to negotiate with the Joint Distribution Committee for 1950 allocations for the ORT.

Owing to the fact that there was no need for ORT's work to continue in Czechoslovakia, Dr. Syngalowski declared, the organization's program in that country was curtailed. He revealed that in Israel there are now close to 1,000 students in ORT installations. The ORT pupils, he added, come from 31 countries and are instructed in a wide variety of vocational courses.

Emphasizing that the majority of Jews now living in Western Europe are of East European origin, the world ORT leader said that the ORT programs in this region are producing skilled industrial workers, many of whom--particularly the youth--plan to immigrate to Israel. Between 1946 and 1949, he disclosed, there were 80,000 ORT students, of whom about one-third were women. European Jewry has experienced a change of attitude towards the concept of labor, he reported, with many Jewish parents now anxious that their children become trained workers.

Eliahu Eliashar, president of the Union of Sephardic Jews in Israel and a member of the Central Board of the World ORT Union, who is also in this country to participate in the ORT-J.D.C. negotiations, reported that ORT training courses in the Jewish state are geared to the needs of the newly-arriving immigrants from Moslem and other countries.

SPECIAL PROGRAM TO PREPARE 4,000 HARD CORE CASES FOR IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL OUTLINED

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A special rehabilitation and welfare program designed to make possible the immigration to Israel of 4,000 Jewish displaced persons now in European DP camps, who are classified as "hard-core" cases owing to severe physical and mental handicaps which they suffered as a result of Nazi brutality, was outlined here today at a press conference addressed by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency; and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The first 15 months of the project, in which the Israel Government will take an active role, will also extend aid to aged and ill immigrants already in the Jewish state. The initial phase of the program will cost \$15,000,000. The 4,000 handicapped persons in Europe who will benefit from the program total, with their dependents, a group of 9,000 persons. They are living at present in Germany, Austria and Italy.

GERMAN JEWS TO MARK WEIZMANN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY BY LAUNCHING SPECIAL J.N.F. DRIVE

MUNICH, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The 75th birthday of Israel President Dr. Chaim Weizmann will be marked in Germany by the launching of a special Jewish National Fund drive among German Jews in the communities and among the displaced Jews in the American zone. Radio stations in both this city and Frankfurt have planned special programs in honor of Dr. Weizmann.

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