

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN PARDONS HAGANAH OFFICER WHO ORDERED EXECUTION OF TUBIANSKI

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann today granted a pardon to Isser Beeri, former Haganah officer who ordered the execution of Meir Tubianski who was later exonerated by the Israel Government which admitted that a tragic mistake had been made. Beeri had been found guilty of manslaughter and was ordered to serve a symbolic one-day jail sentence which was scheduled for Dec. 22.

THREE HUGE CANDELABRA LIGHTED IN HEIGHTS AROUND JERUSALEM IN HONOR OF HANUKKAH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Three huge Hanukkah menorahs were lighted on heights surrounding the city of Jerusalem as Jews throughout the world ushered in the eight-day Festival of Lights which historically marks the Macabbean revolt against the Graeco-Syrians over 2,000 years ago.

This year the ceremony of the lighting of the outdoor candelabra marked not only the Jewish battle for independence centuries ago, but also their recent blows for freedom in establishing a state, beating off the Arab invaders and, more recently, announcing continuance of the transfer of the seat of the government to this city despite the U.N. decision to place Jerusalem under an international trusteeship. The Menorahs were placed on Mt. Zion, to the south of the city; on Mt. Scopus, to the east; and on Herzl Hill, to the west.

The huge torches were lighted from a torch which had been lighted at Modiin, site of the opening encounter of the Macabbees revolt, and borne throughout the country by runners. The runners halted at Rehovoth, during the marathon, where they were greeted by President Weizmann. Later, the runners were greeted by vast throngs at Tel Aviv. Outside of Tel Aviv they were met by a cavalcade of friendly Arabs sheikhs mounted on horses, who escorted them for a distance.

Four thousand members of the Gadna (youth battalions) will participate in a four-day torch relay race scheduled to end at Herzl Hill on Wednesday. Premier David Ben Gurion and Chief of Staff. Brig. Yigal Yadin will address the youths. A torch will be lit in Tel Hai, and another in Tirat Zvi. Three flambeaux were fired tonight in Yehiem and Daganah.

The torches will be taken to Tel Aviv tomorrow, where Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak will welcome them in Knesset Square. Another torch will be brought by a naval unit from Haifa, and still another from an airfield. All will then be borne to President Chaim Weizmann's office at Hakiryah.

Over 1,000,000 Jews in Israel This Hanukkah, Agency Official Reports

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Hanukkah this year marks the commencement of a new chapter in Jewish immigration with Israel now counting 1,008,000 Jews, Itzhak Raphael, Jewish Agency immigration chief, revealed today. He announced that 90,000 immigrants are expected to arrive here within the next six months.

Mr. Raphael added that prospects for the immigration to Israel of self-supporting pioneer immigrants from North and South America, South Africa and Eastern Europe were improving. Thirty thousand Jews have already come to Israel from Turkey and 50,000 more are preparing to immigrate here, he said.

Asserting that the Jewish communities of Benghazi and Derma in Libya have been "liquidated," Mr. Raphael said that "20,000 Jews remaining in Libya are ready with their luggage for the journey to Israel." Fifty thousand Jews are awaiting transportation to Israel in 18 transit camps, he said, while 200 immigration officers are secretly supervising Israel-bound immigration from many countries.

HUNGARIAN APPEALS COURT REVIEWS SENTENCES OF ZIONIST LEADERS; ACQUITS THREE

BUDAPEST, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A Hungarian Appeals Court this week-end reviewed the sentencing of nine Hungarian Zionists on various charges, including organizing mass emigration of Israel-bound Jews.

Three of the defendants were acquitted, while Magda Weiss, a Zionist youth leader, had her sentence reduced from two-and-a-half to one-and-a-half years. The other sentences were upheld, except for minor details.

ISRAEL CONSUL IN ATHENS APPEALS TO GREEK AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE TWO IMPOUNDED PLANES

ATHENS, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Israel consul Asher Moissis made oral representations today to permanent Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Panayotis Pipinellis concerning two Israel-owned Spitfires which have been impounded by Greek authorities since last year. This is the second time Mr. Moissis brought up the subject with the Athens authorities. Mr. Pipinellis assured him that the question would soon be considered by the Cabinet.

ISRAEL MINISTER TO MOSCOW RETURNS TO POST AFTER CONFERENCES WITH SHARETT, BEN GURION

MOSCOW, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Israel Minister Mordecai Namir arrived here by train yesterday from Warsaw. He had been absent a month since he went to Paris to confer with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, then on his way to Lake Success for the United Nations General Assembly meeting. Mr. Namir proceeded from Paris to Tel Aviv for a brief visit home and a conference with Premier David Ben Gurion.

ARGENTINE MINISTER TO ISRAEL HOME ON VISIT; REPORTS TO PERON ON CONDITIONS IN NEW STATE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Argentine Minister to Israel, Pablo Manguel, who is visiting here, was received over the week-end by President Juan Peron, to whom he reported on conditions in Tel Aviv and on activities of the new state.

BEN GURION'S SON ARRIVES IN LONDON; WILL STUDY POLICE METHODS OF SCOTLAND YARD

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Amos Ben Gurion, son of the Israel Premier, who is chief training officer for the Israel police force, arrived here during the week-end to study the methods of Scotland Yard for four weeks.

LEONARD STEIN RETIRES AS HEAD OF ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION; SUCCEEDED BY JUDGE MONTAGU

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Leonard Stein, retiring president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, declared at a meeting here today that the United Nations decision providing for internationalization of Jerusalem was "manifestly valueless as a contribution to a generally acceptable settlement" of the problem. He noted that the British delegation to the U.N. disassociated itself from the "ill-advised and irresponsible resolution of the General Assembly" and welcomed the fact that the unhappy tension between Britain and Israel recently has shown signs of relaxing.

The newly-elected president of the Association, Judge-Advocate of the Fleet Ewen B.S. Montagu, in a brief address accepting his new post, stated that his task was easier than Mr. Stein's. "With the proclamation of the state of Israel, the old shibboleths should have lost their edge," he said.

VALUABLE COLLECTION OF JUDAICA ACQUIRED FOR JEWISH SECTION OF ROYAL LIBRARY IN DENMARK

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Raphael Edelmann, director of the Jewish and Oriental section of the Royal Library in Copenhagen, has acquired for it the valuable collection of Judaica and Orientalia of Prof. Lazarus Goldschmidt, who was famous for his translation of the Talmud into German. It was the first complete translation of the Talmud into any European language.

The 2,500 volumes and rare manuscripts of the Goldschmidt collection will form a separate section in the Copenhagen institution and will be known as the Goldschmidt Library. The Jewish section is called Biblu Otheca Simonseniana, after the late Danish Chief Rabbi David Simonsen, whose library of 30,000 volumes forms the main part of it. The entire library is maintained by the Danish Government. Dr. Edelmann pointed out that Jewish scholars and institutions abroad may use the Copenhagen library and urged that Jewish institutions support it.

FEDERAL AID TO BE BARRED FROM HOUSING PROJECTS STIPULATING RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Federal Housing Authority and the Veterans Administration will not guarantee loans on property for housing placed under racial or religious restrictions by recorded covenants after Feb. 15, 1950, it was announced here over the week-end. The announcement constitutes implementation of the recently announced anti-discrimination policy in Federal-aided housing. The new rules apply to all types of loan insurance granted by the government.

N.Y. CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PROPOSED LAW TO BAR DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING PROJECTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The New York City Council and the Board of Estimate unanimously approved a proposed New York law which requires that all deeds, leases or other instruments executed by the city or any of its agencies in connection with housing construction include anti-discrimination clauses.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY GROUPS IN N.Y. STATE REPORTED ON INCREASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A report that "employment opportunities for minority groups are being opened today in places where they were never accepted before" was made here during the week-end by Henry Spitz, general counsel of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination. He indicated, however, that there was still a "great deal" of employment bias and discrimination in this state.

PROGRESS REPORTED IN REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATION CLAUSES FROM N.Y. COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The New York State Board of Regents reported during the week-end that "substantial progress" has been made in eliminating discriminatory questions about race, religion, color and national origin from college applications. The Board's committee on anti-discrimination in colleges and universities said that only two of the 75 non-denominational colleges and junior colleges in the state still ask questions on religion while one seeks to ascertain the applicant's nationality.

(A special committee investigating fraternity discrimination will report to the board of trustees of Rutgers University next week, it was announced in New Brunswick, N.J., over the week-end. The student council of the University's Law School in Newark earlier approved a resolution condemning discrimination and called on the University to withdraw approval from any fraternity practicing discrimination.)

42 ISRAEL AVIATION STUDENTS VISIT NEW YORK; ARE EN ROUTE TO OKLAHOMA FOR TRAINING

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Forty-two Israel aviation students stopped here this week-end at the International Airport at Idlewild. The first large group of its kind, it was proceeding to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a year's training in aviation mechanics.

EBAN SAYS ISRAEL WILL WORK FOR EARLY REPLACEMENT OF U.N. RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- "Israel will work for the early replacement of the U.N. General Assembly resolution calling for the internationalization of Jerusalem by a constructive solution harmonizing the religious interests of the international community with the legitimate political aspirations of Jerusalem and Israel," Israel's permanent delegate to the United Nations, Aubrey S. Eban, declared last night at the ninth annual dinner of the American Technion Society.

J.W. Wunsch, president of the Society, read a cable from Dr. Shlomo Kaplansky, president of the Technion, which reported that the Research Council of Israel had granted \$400,000 to the Technion for the purchase of scientific instruments. The grant is part of the allocation for scientific research in Israel received from the \$100,000,000 U.S. loan. Mr. Wunsch also announced the launching of the "Greater Technion Fund" totalling \$5,000,000 for the expansion of the Technion.

FRISCH CALLS ON U.S. TO TRANSFER EMBASSY FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM; LEAVES FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who left for Israel during the week-end, called upon the United States Government to transfer its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as "a concrete follow-up of its recognition of the justice of the Israel case for a Jewish Jerusalem."

Mr. Frisch also announced that the Z.O.A., in addition to its contemplated "Z.O.A. House" in Tel Aviv, will erect a similar edifice in Jerusalem. Paying tribute to the position of the United States Delegation at the United Nations on the Jerusalem issue, Mr. Frisch asserted that the transfer of the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem will be a "most effective demonstration of the American Government's serious intent to seek the reopening and reconsideration of the Jerusalem issue before the U.N."

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SETTLEMENT FOR 100 BLIND IMMIGRANTS UNDER WAY IN ISRAEL, UJA SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Construction of a new settlement in Israel for 100 blind immigrants and their families is now under way, Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, revealed during the week-end. Plans call for the new arrivals in the Jewish state to become self-supporting within three months. Mr. Morgenthau said that American Jews had paid for the cost of the project, \$125,000, which includes provision of \$85 monthly for each family in the colony during the initial rehabilitation period. The settlement is located at Gadera.

HISTADRUTH IVRITH AWARDS CITATION OF HONOR TO NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education of New York City were awarded citations of honor by the Histadruth Ivrit of America at the organization's Hanukkah dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria here tonight for being the "first public school system to offer modern Hebrew as an accredited subject." Speakers at the gathering included Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharott, Israel's U.N. delegate Aubrey Eban and Dr. Israel Goldstein, who presided.