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ISRAEL JACOBSON FREED BY HUNGARIAN POLICE; REACHES VIENNA; REPORTS MISTREATMENT

VIENNA, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Israel Jacobson, director of the Joint Distribution Committee office in Hungary who was held incommunicado for nearly two weeks, arrived here today after being released last night by the Hungarian authorities. He was ordered to leave Hungary immediately following his release. Hungarian authorities explained that Mr. Jacobson was being expelled for "abusing the privileges given to foreigners" and for "acting against the interests of the state."

Upon his arrival here, Mr. Jacobson issued a statement to the press describing how he was treated in prison and declaring that the Hungarian security police suggested to him in the course of their questioning that the 1,500 J.D.C. employees engaged in aiding Jews in 130 communities in Hungary represent "an espionage net."

The J.D.C. official disclosed in his statement that he was kept for 12 days in the Andrassi prison in Budapest. Throughout the 12 days the lights in his prison cell were constantly turned on. He was permitted only four hours sleep daily. He was ordered to undress completely and every article of clothing he wore, from his shoes to his necktie, was searched. During the first week of his incarceration he was subjected to a series of questionings which lasted all day. The main charges against him, he said, were that he conducted espionage activities and that he maintained contact with the American legation in Budapest.

One of the charges against him was also the allegation that he helped Hungarian Jews to leave the country, Mr. Jacobson stated. He was questioned about all persons listed in his appointment book. He repeatedly denied any intelligence activity, he said, and told the security police that the J.D.C. is engaged in feeding Hungarian Jews and in spending millions of dollars to aid them.

During each day of his arrest, he was compelled to sign about 50 pages filled with explanations with regard to persons with whom he was associated and about trips he had made. Only during the last days of his imprisonment was he permitted longer hours of sleep, he said. After spending 12 days in prison he was told by the security police that his presence in Hungary was no longer desired and he was ordered to leave the country. Six agents accompanied him to the Austrian border, he reported.

State Dept. Says Hungary Had No Justification for Treatment of Jacobson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The State Department said today that Hungary at no time demonstrated any justification for its treatment of Israel Jacobson, who was held incommunicado for nearly two weeks.

Michael J. McDermott, State Department press chief, said the issues raised by the action of Hungary in the Jacobson arrest and in the imprisonment of another American, Robert A. Vogeler, will continue to receive the urgent attention of this government.

SHARETT SUBMITS REPORT ON ISRAEL'S PEACE TALKS WITH TRANSJORDAN AND OTHER ARAB LANDS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A report on peace negotiations now being conducted by Israel with King Abdullah of Transjordan and neighboring Arab countries was submitted today by Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett to the foreign affairs committee of the Knesset. Mr. Sharett also reported on the international situation as well as on the situation in the United Nations with regard to Jerusalem.

Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, addressing a conference of his group, vigorously attacked Mr. Sharett for Israel's negotiations with King Abdullah. He said that these negotiations "only harm our international situation." The Herut conference, which will continue for two days, was convoked for discussions on Israel's future economic structure as well as on the foreign policy of the Jewish state.

KNESSET RESUMES DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT BILL TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Knesset today resumed debate on the bill introduced yesterday by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan to encourage foreign capital investment in Israel. The measure provides that investors may take out of the country annually ten percent of their investment in the currency originally invested and also reduce their taxes to the level of Israel investors.

The Knesset has allowed eight more hours of debate to the issue after which the Israel parliament will turn to problems of foreign policy. Discussion of the Jewish state's foreign policy is generally expected to begin Monday.

Earlier, Mr. Kaplan introduced the draft of a bill empowering the government to prolong the concession of the Palestine Potash Company in the Dead Sea, leaving Transjordan as a partner but also allowing American and British capital to participate. Opposing views taking issues with the draft measure were expressed by deputies of the Mapam and the Religious Bloc. It is believed the government will introduce a final draft of the measure next Wednesday.

The cultural committee of the Knesset simultaneously named a subcommittee to investigate strong charges made by a spokesman for the Religious Bloc who said "religious and cultural murder" was being perpetrated in the immigrant reception camps.

Shimon Agrarat, who was born in the United States, was approved today by the Knesset as a member of Israel's Supreme Court.

AMERICAN OWNERS OF LAND IN ISRAEL REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH CONSULATES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Americans who own land in Israel have been requested to register with the Israel Consulates in this country in order to facilitate settlement of taxes.

The Israel Treasury, in making the request, explained that owners of Israel land are liable to a fine of 20 percent of the tax value if the taxes are not paid on time. At present, the addresses of many landowners here are unknown.

Registration may be made with the Consulates in New York, Los Angeles or Montreal. The required information includes full name and address, number of the block and of the parcel, and if possible also the registration number in the land registry. Alternatively, a copy of the deed may be submitted.

TORRENTIAL RAINS FLOOD TEL AVIV STREETS; DOWN-OUR SUSPENDS WORK AT HAIFA PORT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The main thoroughfares in this city were impassable today as a result of the heavy rainfall which is continuing for the eighth consecutive day. In the last five days Tel Aviv has already received 80 percent of the customary annual rainfall. The city has been constantly flooded.

In Haifa work at the port was suspended owing to the unabated torrential down-pour. Ships are being kept idle inside and outside the main breakwaters. Reports from all parts of the country indicate that the torrential rains have created a situation which may develop into a major catastrophe if prompt action is not taken to remove many of the 90,000 new immigrants from the reception camps in which they have been dwelling since their arrival in Israel.

AMERICAN JEWS ASKED FOR EMERGENCY AID TO VICTIMS OF TORRENTIAL RAINS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A call for large emergency funds to be remitted by the United Jewish Appeal for immediate relief measures to transfer the newcomers in Israel from flooded camps and to provide special housing facilities for thousands of their children who are suffering as a result of the torrential rains in the country, was issued here today by Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A.

"The children have been the worst sufferers," Mr. Morgenthau said. "As one of the emergency measures taken to meet this critical situation, the Jewish Agency has undertaken the organization of a child placement program asking families throughout Israel to provide housing for two months for children who are now living in immigrant camps. This program has just been initiated in the municipality of Nathanya where the school children have been urged to take one immigrant child into their home.

"The children involved in this emergency effort range in age from six to fourteen. In the Beth Lyd immigrant camp there are 3,500 children in this category. The Jewish Agency's Department of Absorption, which receives its funds from the United Jewish Appeal, has undertaken to pay families the equivalent of the cost of maintaining a child in the camp. Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Supply, has arranged to extend extra rations to all families who are taking in camp children temporarily. Throughout the country special meetings are being held to put this plan into operation.

"We are confronted with a situation that may develop into a major catastrophe if we do not act promptly through the United Jewish Appeal to take approximately 90,000 men, women and children out of the immigrant camps. The funds needed to house these people decently and give them a fresh start in their new homeland cannot be delayed without adding new misery to the suffering from which these people fled in other lands.

Immigrant Tents Collapse; Public Buildings Converted Into Living Quarters

"Tragic suffering of catastrophic proportions has struck the immigrant camps where so many of the newcomers and their families are living without a roof over their head," Mr. Morgenthau reported. He added that in Shaar Aliyah, the reception camp through which all new immigrants must pass, all tents have collapsed as a result of heavy storms, and the people are being crowded into huts to get some shelter. In view of the inability to transfer the immigrants to other camps during recent weeks, this reception center has become abnormally over-crowded. Eleven hundred new immigrants arrived yesterday, aggravating further the conditions of crowding there.

"At the present time," he declared, "desperate efforts are being made to shift the families from tents in the immigrant camps into stone and wooden barracks. At Beth Lyd the public buildings including the lecture hall and dining rooms are being converted into living quarters."

ISRAEL'S FIRST MINISTER TO TURKEY ARRIVES WITH HIS LEGATION STAFF IN ANKARA

ISZANBUL, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Eliahu Sassoon, Israel's first Minister to Turkey, arrived in Ankara today together with his legation staff. His arrival marks the establishment of friendly relations between Israel and Turkey and opens up possibilities for normal trade between the two countries.

A delegation of Israel businessmen is scheduled to arrive here shortly to negotiate with local commercial firms, particularly export companies, it was reported today. Export firms in Turkey have already received numerous orders from the Jewish state and it is expected that trade relations between the two nations will increase considerably in 1950.

The absence of a formal commercial agreement between Israel and Turkey has to date handicapped the expansion of economic relations between Tel Aviv and Ankara; but it is believed that the development of diplomatic relations will improve this situation in the near future.

MAPAM, LAST ZIONIST GROUP IN POLAND, WILL DISSOLVE JAN. 1; MOST MEMBERS WENT TO ISRAEL

WARSAW, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Mapam, the last Zionist organization remaining in Poland, will dissolve on Jan. 1, 1950, owing to the fact that the majority of its members have left for Israel, it was stated here today.

A large number of Polish Mapam leaders are scheduled to proceed to the Jewish state next month while all members of the organization are expected to be out of the country en route to Israel by the end of February.

JERUSALEM CANNOT BE INTERNATIONALIZED, GREEK CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP INFORMS VATICAN

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Archbishop Hakim, Greek Catholic Archbishop of Acre, Haifa and Galilee, and one of the chief Christian spokesmen in Palestine, was quoted here last night as having asserted that the internationalization of Jerusalem was "an impossibility" and of having communicated that information to Pope Pius XII.

John Stanley Graul, former Protestant minister of Worcester, Mass., speaking before the joint national conventions of the B'nai B'rith Young Men and B'nai B'rith Young Women at the Hotel Roosevelt here, revealed the substance of a conversation he had held with the Archbishop in Haifa a few months ago.

"Archbishop Hakim is the highest religious authority in the Greek Catholic Church in Palestine," Mr. Graul asserted. "The substance of his remarks to me were as follows: First, that the internationalization of Jerusalem was an impossibility; second, that he had communicated this opinion to His Holiness, Pope Pius; third, that in the carrying out of his duties of office, his relationships with the Israel authorities, especially with the Minister of Religion, were of the best."

Mr. Graul, who recently returned here from the Middle East, added that he agreed with the Archbishop's point of view. "It is impossible to impose an international regime on a community which does not and will not accept such a regime," he declared. "I am convinced that neither the Jews nor the Arabs of Jerusalem will retreat one inch from this stand."

J.D.C. DIRECTOR FOR POLAND TO LEAVE COUNTRY AT END OF WEEK; AGENCY'S OPERATIONS CEASE

WARSAW, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- William Bein, Joint Distribution Committee director for Poland, will leave here for Paris on Dec. 31, when the J.D.C. will cease all operations in this country. The J.D.C. conducted relief and rehabilitation programs for the Jewish community in Poland since World War I.

GENERAL COUNCIL FOR REFUGEES ORGANIZED IN AUSTRIA; URGE WIDENING OF COMPENSATION LAW

VIENNA, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A "General Council for Refugees" residing in Austria was formed here this week consisting of representatives of overseas aid agencies, the International Refugee Organization and of the displaced persons offices of the three western occupying powers.

Austrian Minister of Justice Dr. A. Tschadek was asked in Parliament whether anti-Fascists who were imprisoned in concentration camps in 1933-45 will be given compensation since the present compensation law covers only persons who were jailed on orders of a court and who were later found innocent of all charges.

Since former inmates of Nazi concentration camps were detained without prior sentencing by a court, they are not included in the benefits accruing from the present law. The demand for amendment of the law to include concentration camp inmates was made by Socialist deputies in the Parliament.

POLES FOUND GUILTY OF WAR CRIMES AGAINST JEWS GET VARIOUS IMPRISONMENT TERMS

WARSAW, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Krugera who, after acquittal by the British occupation authorities in Germany, was extradited to Poland, was sentenced today to 15 years imprisonment at Dobro, where he was a major in the Gestapo. The charge was crimes against Polish Jews.

At the same time, three Polish policemen, who served under the Germans during the occupation, were also charged with complicity in the extermination of Jews at Jaslo. One was sentenced to death, another to 12 years imprisonment and the third was acquitted. A total of 140 witnesses testified.

At Cracow, Dr. Ernst Boepfle, deputy secretary for the German administration in Poland during the occupation, was sentenced to death for a series of war crimes, including responsibility for the extermination of Jews.

REMAINS OF 2,300 POLISH JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS IN 1942 REBURIED IN JEWISH CEMETERY

WARSAW, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The remains of 2,300 Polish Jews, murdered by the Nazis on Nov. 18, 1942, at Lomza were reburied today at a local Jewish cemetery. The reburial was arranged by the few surviving members of the Lomza Jewish community, who spent the war years in Russia.

The Nazis made the Lomza Jews crawl a distance of almost three miles to the place of execution where they were also compelled to dig their own graves.

ASHES OF 20,000 JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS LIE IN STATE IN ISRAEL; TO BE REBURIED TODAY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Urns containing the ashes of 20,000 victims of the former Nazi concentration camp at Flossenbürg, near Munich, are reposing in state in Tel Aviv until tomorrow when they will be transferred to Jerusalem for reburial on Mount Zion.

THREE-DAY CONVENTION OF JEWISH MEDICAL FRATERNITY OPENS TODAY; TO DISCUSS SCHOLARSHIPS

BOSTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A three-day national convention of the Jewish medical fraternity, Phi Lambda Kappa, will open here tomorrow at the Somerset Hotel to discuss problems concerning Jewish physicians.

The convention will also review plans for sponsoring scholarships for the Hebrew University medical school. A scholarship fund guaranteeing not less than \$6,000 yearly for four medical students at the Hebrew University has been arranged for by Arthur Winick, of Kiamasha Lake, N.Y. Students, by virtue of their high moral character, scholarship and service to the cause of Israel, will receive tuition and full maintenance during their studies, under terms of the scholarship.

A gold medal award to the outstanding Jewish physician for 1949 will be made at the convention. This is known as the Phi Lambda Kappa Grand Scientific Award and usually is conferred on a physician of national or international renown for the merit of his contributions. The award is not limited to members of the fraternity. The name of this year's recipient of the award will be announced at a banquet concluding the convention sessions.

The convention will bestow honorary membership on Dr. Sidney Farber, professor of pediatrics at Harvard and chairman of the Child Cancer Research Foundation. Last year he was the recipient of the Grand Scientific Jewelled Gold Medal Award for his most unusual outstanding work on Child Cancer.

AGUDAH YOUTH LEADER ARRIVES IN U.S. FROM ISRAEL TO RECRUIT PIONEER SETTLERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz, president of the Agudas Israel Youth Organization in Israel, arrived here last night by air to conduct a three-month tour of the United States to help recruit Jewish youths for settlement in the "strategic agricultural areas of Israel."

Rabbi Lorincz said he would seek to interest young men between the ages of 16 and 25, particularly those attending parochial schools and theological seminaries, in enrolling in a pioneer training farm at Highmount, N.Y., prior to their embarking for the Jewish state. He said he expected the first group would leave for Israel toward the end of April.

ZIONIST FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA AUTHORIZES SPECIAL HISTADRUT FUND-RAISING DRIVE

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- At the recent biennial conference of the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand, the newly-elected executive committee decided to authorize a special Histadrut campaign for 1950, in addition to the United Israel Appeal.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL OF MACON, GEORGIA, IS CELEBRATED

MACON, Ga., Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Celebration of the 90th anniversary of Temple Beth Israel here took place this week. Rabbi Isaac Marcusson has served as spiritual leader of the congregation since 1894. The Temple was established in 1859.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN SENDS MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON DEATH OF MRS. JABOTINSKY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Israel President and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann have sent a message of condolence on the death of Mrs. Vladimir Jabotinsky, whose funeral will be held here tomorrow, to Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late founder of the Zionist Revisionist movement and Mrs. Jabotinsky. The message said: "Our sincerest condolences on the death of your mother, our friend."

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