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ISRAEL PLANE CRASHES IN SNOW STORM; ALL 46 PASSENGERS SAFE; \$250,000 IN DAMAGES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A Paris-bound Israel passenger plane crashed at the Lydda airport, near here, last night during a take-off in a blinding snow storm. Only two of the 46 passengers were injured slightly, but it is feared that the plane is a total loss and that there was about \$250,000 in damages.

The plane, a Douglas DC-4, owned by the El Al airline, a government subsidized corporation, began its normal take-off run, but trouble developed before it was airborne and the pilot attempted to brake the ship. However, due to the snow and ice, the four-engine plane skidded off the runway and caught fire. The steward and stewardesses conducted the passengers to safety in an orderly manner, according to a statement issued by the company.

Among the passengers were Aubrey Eban and a delegation bound for Rome to discuss a communications agreement and an air-sea transportation pact. The plane was named the Theodor Herzl, in honor of the founder of modern Zionism, whose remains it carried from Vienna to Tel Aviv last year.

First Heavy Snow Since 1870 Cuts Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Road; Cripples Electricity

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency officials worked through the night in freezing temperatures examining conditions in immigrant reception camps in Israel, following the worst snow-fall that has ever hit this country. A heavy snow fell in the entire Tel Aviv area for the first time since 1870, while the rest of Israel was reported under a deep blanket of snow.

The city of Tiberias reported that it is snow-bound. The road linking Tel Aviv and Jerusalem has been out since last night while the official government radio, Voice of Israel, cancelled its programs owing to the failure of electric power. Transportation was reported to have been seriously cut throughout the country.

The streets, rooftops and trees in Tel Aviv are glistening white. Reports reaching here from various parts of Israel say the snow-fall is continuing everywhere. The snow storm raging in Jerusalem today made it impossible for the regularly-scheduled session of the Israel parliament to take place since most deputies reside outside the city.

U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OPENS DEBATE ON JERUSALEM; IRAQ OPPOSES GARREAU'S PLAN

GENEVA, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Mohamed Fadhil Jamali of Iraq told the United Nations Trusteeship Council today that the Arab world could not accept the "dynamite" proposal of Roger Garreau, Council president, to divide Jerusalem into three zones. It would "endanger peace for a long time," he said. Dr. Jamali spoke at the opening Council debate on the "working paper" for an international regime for Jerusalem which M. Garreau proposed a week ago.

PLAN TO REESTABLISH SANHEDRIN FAILS TO WIN SUPPORT AT ISRAEL RABBINICAL PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A proposal for the reestablishment of the Sanhedrin, advanced by Israel's Minister for Religion, Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, failed to receive sufficient support today at a stormy meeting of the Organizational Committee of the nationwide rabbinical conference which is taking place here. The committee decided that the conference should not enter into any debates on Rabbi Maimon's proposal but should merely take note of it.

The conference, which is being held under the chairmanship of Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel, adopted a resolution calling upon the Israel Government to improve religious activities, especially in the immigrant camps. The resolution demanded that religious education be given to all those who desire it.

Addressing today's session, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog appealed to the labor movement in Israel to "repair the harm done" by the religious education situation which has developed in the immigrant camps. He also appealed to the press not to consider the demand for religious education in the camps a political matter but as a "purely religious matter concerning the entire nation."

POLICE EVICT COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATORS OCCUPYING JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Twelve Israel Communists who have "occupied" the Jewish Agency building here for several days in protest against alleged discrimination against Communists in agricultural settlements were forcibly evicted today by the police.

The economic and foreign affairs committees of the Mapai and Mapam--the right-wing and left-wing sections of the Socialist Party, respectively--met here last night for an exchange of views. The meeting was described as exploratory and designed to reach an agreement which would permit the Mapam to join the present coalition government. The talks were inconclusive, but they will be resumed later in Jerusalem.

ANGLO-ISRAEL FINANCIAL TALKS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY THIS WEEK

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Israel financial talks now going on here may be concluded successfully by the end of this week, it was indicated here today in authoritative quarters.

On the release of Israel sterling balances frozen in London, virtual agreement has been achieved and it is expected that the British will agree to release larger amounts of currency to Israel during 1950 than were released monthly during 1949.

On the settlement of British claims against Israel for expenses incurred by the former Mandatory Administration, it is reported that the British have scaled down their claims considerably from the original 15,000,000 pounds requested and that there is only a small gap between their demands and the Israel offer. In an attempt to speed up the negotiations the heads of the two delegations have been meeting alone this past week.

ARAB INFILTRATORS OPEN FIRE ON ISRAEL POLICEMEN; TWO ARABS KILLED NEAR PETACH TIKVAH

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A close-range skirmish between Arab infiltrators and police of Ramat Gan, a Tel Aviv suburb, broke out in an orange grove near the Lydda road today when a police unit was greeted by sustained Arab fire. The Arabs succeeded in escaping in the direction of the Arab triangle areas.

In another clash which took place at Petach Tikvah between Israel troops and Arab infiltrators, two Arabs were killed and one was captured.

PELLEY, "SILVER SHIRTS" FOUNDER, GETS PAROLE; WAS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR SEDITION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The U.S. Parole Board decided today to free William Dudley Pelley, founder of the Silver Shirts of America and a leading anti-Semitic rabblouser. He will be paroled from the U.S. Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind., on Feb. 14.

Pelley's release follows an intense propaganda campaign waged in his behalf by many hate organizations. A U.S. Court convicted him on 11 counts of criminal wartime sedition in 1942. His sentence was for 15 years' imprisonment.

U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER SAYS NUREMBERG DEATH SENTENCES WILL BE CARRIED OUT SOON

MUNICH, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Execution of the death sentences imposed 26 months ago at the Nuremberg trials against top Nazi war criminals will be carried out soon in view of findings of the Senate Investigation Committee in the United States, it was announced here today by John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner for Germany. The execution of 16 high Nazi officials charged, among other crimes, with responsibility for the extermination of millions of Jews, was delayed during Commissioner McCloy's recent visit to the U.S.

Leo Altboesher, chairman of the Jewish Community of Ludwigshafen, announced today that the German Government has promised to allocate 80,000 marks for the building of a new synagogue in the city to replace the synagogue destroyed by the Nazis in November, 1938. However, the money will be used for the erection of a home for the Jewish aged.

Wilhelm Fischer, former mayor of Corbach, was arrested today on charges of participating in the destruction of the synagogue in Hellenthal, near Aachen, in November, 1938. He will be tried in a German court considering crimes against humanity.

MOSLEY THREATENS TO PICKET ANY BRITISH THEATRE SHOWING "SWORD IN THE DESERT"

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Union Movement, led by Sir Oswald Mosley, head of the pre-war British Union of Fascists, announced today that its members would picket any theatre--whether in London or in "a village in the most remote part of Britain"--where the Hollywood movie, "Sword in the Desert," is shown. The film depicts the fighting in Palestine between Jews and Britons before the establishment of Israel.

A smoke bomb was thrown into a leading London theatre Thursday night during the premiere of the film. As a result, the London County Council ordered exhibition of the film stopped, declaring that it feared that further showings would bring serious trouble. Outside the theatre, Mosleyites had distributed leaflets calling the film "an insult to British dead."

Australian Film Distributors Cancel "Sword in the Desert"

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Bookings for the Hollywood film, "Sword in the Desert," which deals with the "illegal" immigration of Jews to Palestine prior to the establishment of Israel, have been cancelled, it was revealed today.

The action was taken by Australian distributors following receipt here of reports of the film's reception in London, where its showing was cancelled after a theatre was subjected to the explosion of smoke bombs and the release of live rats among the audience.

ROMANIAN PASSENGER VESSEL SAILS FOR ISRAEL CARRYING 500 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The S.S. Transylvania sailed from the Rumanian port of Constanza today carrying 500 Israel-bound Jewish immigrants.

ISRAEL WILL NOT ADMIT ETHIOPIAN JEWS AS IMMIGRANTS; INFECTIOUS DISEASE CITED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has decided not to transport Abyssinian Jews to the Jewish state, it was learned here today.

Reports were recently received that the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia desired to immigrate to Israel. The Joint Distribution Committee began consultations with the Israel Government on the speediest manner of transporting the new immigrants and a medical mission was dispatched to Ethiopia. The mission, however, reported that the bulk of the Falasha Jews were suffering from an inherited infectious disease and the government decided not to permit the mass migration.

The Jewish Agency today reported that a total of 264,372 new immigrants were absorbed in Israel from the founding of the Jewish state to Jan. 1, 1950. Of them, more than 165,000 were settled in towns, 35,000 in colonies, 27,000 in kibbutzim, 16,000 in the Youth Aliyah settlements and 17,000 joined the Israel armed forces.

ILL AND INFIRM DP'S TO LEAVE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY FOR ISRAEL NEXT MONTH

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The first transport of "hard core cases"--Jewish DP's who are ill or infirm--will leave the British zone of Germany for Israel by air during the first week of March, it was announced here today by the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad.

German boards in the British zone which were established to rule on claims for compensation to persons imprisoned by the Nazis on racial, religious or political grounds are now processing applications, the Committee reported. Jewish relief groups in the zone have been active in providing proof of detention, particularly of victims who subsequently fled Germany. The same organizations have been active in obtaining pensions for persecutees and resettlement grants for Jews who have returned to Germany from nations of refuge, the report said.

NEW AMERICAN-ISRAEL SHIPPING LINE BEGINS OPERATIONS; TWO FREIGHTERS SAIL FOR HAIFA

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The freighter Meir Dizengoff sailed for Israel today, inaugurating a new U.S.-Israel transport service. The vessel was loaded with foodstuffs, machinery, trucks and piping, most of which had been purchased in this country with funds provided under the American \$100,000,000 loan to the Jewish state.

The vessel Jackstar, a Panamanian flag ship, left here yesterday with cargo and passengers for Haifa. This is the vessel's first trip to an Israel port since July 12, 1948 when her crew unloaded cargo in the port of Tel Aviv while Arab planes were bombing shipping and harbor installations. The crew and vessel were under fire for six days, but were never hit.

U.N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ASKED TO REVIEW FLIGHT OF JEWS IN MOSLEM LANDS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A petition asking the U.N. Economic and Social Council to place on the agenda of its tenth session--scheduled to open here tomorrow--the plight of the Jews in Iraq and other Moslem lands was submitted today by the World Jewish Congress to Trygve Lie, U.N. Secretary-General.

GERMAN COURTS IMPRISON GESTAPO OFFICERS FOR MISTREATMENT OF JEWS DURING HITLER ERA

MUNICH, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- German courts have imprisoned two former Gestapo officers for various crimes against Jews during the Nazi regime, it was reported here today.

In Dortmund the court sentenced Erich Schott to six years for having blackmailed and mistreated Jews. Hermann Kuehn, former Gestapo chief of Lüneburg, received a four-year sentence following his conviction on charges of mistreating Jews and political prisoners.

Kurt Schumacher, leader of the West German Social Democratic Party, today announced that his group has submitted draft legislation banning neo-fascist activities in the Parliament at Bonn.

He said the legislation would be aimed particularly at persons who practiced racial discrimination, and would carry a penalty of life imprisonment. He charged right-wing parties with planning a new dictatorship in Germany.

U.N. COMMITTEE ADOPTS AGUDAS ISRAEL PROPOSALS FOR PROTECTION OF STATELESS REFUGEES

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on Statelessness has adopted several proposals put forth by Dr. Isaac Levin, Agudas Israel representative, and has incorporated them into its current working paper on the protection of stateless persons.

The first suggestion was that refugees may not be expelled from a country except "on grounds of national security or public order and according to such procedure and safeguard as are provided by law." The second proposal provided for all nations to undertake "not to expel, in any manner whatsoever, refugees to the frontiers of territories where their life or freedom would be threatened on account of race, religion, nationality or opinions."

VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY DENIES AMERICAN JEWS AIDING ISRAEL HAVE A DUAL LOYALTY

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Vice-President Alben W. Barkley last night lashed out at those who raise the charge of dual loyalty in relation to American Jewry's support of Israel. Speaking here at an extraordinary conference of the United Jewish Appeal of St. Louis, the Vice-President declared that it is "preposterous to believe that anyone contributing to the development of Israel was being disloyal to the United States."

Mr. Barkley added that "nobody, Jew or Gentile, can truthfully say that it is disloyal for any American to try to help a little country which is being helped by the very Government of the United States." He lauded the state of Israel for holding out the "one great opportunity for world peace at a time when the forces of destruction are rising in the world and the armaments race has reached a new peak."

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF STUDENTS IN NEW JERSEY CITY ARE PROBED; PARENTS PROTEST

HOBOKEN, N.J., Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish parents here is pressing for an explanation from the local Board of Education as to why the religious faith of all public school students was recently requested in a community-wide questionnaire. The parents, who were joined by Protestant groups, have as yet received no elucidation from Rocco A. Catala, president of the school board.

260 AMERICAN TOURISTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL ABOARD U.S. VESSEL; 43 IMMIGRANTS DEBARRED

HAIFA, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The American vessel S.S. LaGuardia arrived at Haifa this week-end with 260 American tourists and 43 immigrants from European countries. Among the passengers was Gerard Swope, former chairman of the board of the General Electric Corporation, who is on a business tour of the Middle and Far East.

U.S. RELIGIOUS BLOC CABLES BEN GURION IT NEVER THREATENED ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The executive of the United Religious Bloc of America today made public the text of a cable sent during the week-end to Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, who rebuked the Bloc for interfering in the internal affairs of the Jewish state by demanding increased religious education in the immigrant camps in Israel.

The United Religious Bloc pointed out in its cable to Mr. Ben Gurion that the organization never meant to threaten the Israel Government but merely expressed the deep concern of religious Jewry over the religious conditions in the camps and requested the amelioration of these conditions.

"All our statements stressed the recognition of your serious approach to resolve satisfactorily the matter of religious discrimination against religious children in the camps," the cable said. "We also expressed our fullest support to the Jewish state and our increased effort on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal in this country."

GEN. HILLDRING HONORED IN BUENOS AIRES; OPPOSES INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Major General John Hilldring, who played an important role at the United Nations as member of the U.S. delegation, in helping to secure the Palestine "partition resolution" which led to the establishment of the Jewish state, was honored here by the Argentine branch of the Jewish Agency. Speakers at a luncheon in his honor included Israel Minister Yacov Tsur; Dr. Abraham Mibshan, director of the Agency's office in Buenos Aires; Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president of the DAA, and others.

Replying to the greetings, Gen. Hilldring expressed enthusiasm for Jewish achievements in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and in the Negev, which he witnessed during his visit there. He also declared that in his opinion it is not necessary to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship. It would be sufficient to make provisions for maintenance of and respect for the city's Holy Places, he stated.

AMERICAN JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL ANNOUNCES TWO LITERARY AWARDS FOR THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Book Council of America, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, announced today that it will make two literary awards in 1950, one to the author of a non-fiction work of general Jewish interest and literary merit, and the other to the author of a work of fiction of Jewish interest, either a novel or a collection of short stories.

The non-fiction award of \$500 will be known as the "Isadore Hershfield Award," in memory of the late Isadore Hershfield, of Washington, D.C., who for two generations was actively identified with Jewish communal affairs in the nation's capital. The fiction award of \$250 was provided by Samuel H. Daroff, Philadelphia philanthropist and civic leader.

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