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U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION REGRETS FAILURE TO ACHIEVE PALESTINE PEACE SETTLEMENT

GENEVA, July 10. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine today expressed regret at having failed to achieve agreement between Israel and the Arab states to a plan which would "have hastened the return of a final peace in the Middle East."

The Commission statement also announced the end on July 15 of the talks with both parties here. The three-nation body will proceed to U.N. headquarters in Jerusalem at the end of July in order to be closer to the parties concerned. Before leaving Geneva the Commission will submit a progress report to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

KOREAN WAR MAY SPREAD TO MIDDLE EAST IF NOT LOCALIZED, JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL SAYS

LONDON, July 10. (JTA) -- The prediction that if the Korean war is not localized the Middle East may also become an area of conflict was made today by S. Levenberg, speaking on behalf of the Jewish Agency at an annual conference of Bachad, an organization of religious chalitizm.

"If war should ever come to the Middle East," the Jewish Agency representative said, "food will become one of the major problems. Israel must become self-sufficient and must not rely on imports. It is therefore essential that immigration to Israel should be speeded up," he declared.

The conference adopted resolutions pledging to send manpower to Israel and calling for the strengthening of the World Zionist Organization. It reiterated its demand that a world conference of religious Zionist laborites should be convoked to consider major issues affecting the interests of religious laborites in Israel.

KNESSET GROUP LEAVES FOR ENGLAND; INVITED BY BRITISH PARLIAMENT; MOVE DEEMED SIGNIFICANT

TEL AVIV, July 10. (JTA) -- A delegation of members of the Israel Parliament left today for London at the invitation of the British Parliament. They will be given a reception by the Lord Mayor of London and a dinner will be arranged in their honor by Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

The delegation represents six parties in the Israel Parliament but not the Left Socialist Mapai or the extreme right Herut. It is headed by Pinkhas Lubianik, general secretary of the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, and a leading member of the right-wing Socialist Mapai. In a statement issued prior to the departure of the delegation, Mr. Lubianik said:

"The delegation was pleased to receive the invitation of the British Parliament. It considers the invitation a symbol of the desire of the British people to improve relations and understanding between Britain and Israel. The delegation is convinced that personal contact will contribute to mutual British-Israeli cooperation for peace and progress in the Middle East."

25 ISRAEL-BOUND LEBANESE JEWS APPREHENDED FLEEING LEBANON IN ROWBOATS

TEL AVIV, July 10. (JTA) -- A party of 25 Lebanese Jews has been captured while attempting to flee Lebanon for Israel in several rowboats, the Beirut radio declared today in a broadcast monitored here.

Four hundred immigrants arrived at Haifa aboard the Israel vessel Negba. The majority of the party, which embarked at Marseilles, were Youth Aliyah wards.

ISRAEL AUTHORITIES RELEASE IMPOUNDED BRITISH PLANES WHICH BROUGHT IRAN JEWS

TEL AVIV, July 10. (JTA) -- Israel authorities at Lydda airport today released two British aircraft which were impounded last week for landing without permission.

One of the planes brought a large party of wealthy Jews from Teheran, capital of Iran. The second arrived a day later with the immigrants' baggage. Both planes were chartered by the immigrants.

ISRAEL LEADS IN NUMBER OF DP'S AND REFUGEES ACCEPTED AS IMMIGRANTS FROM AUSTRIA

VIENNA, July 10. (JTA) -- Israel has accepted more displaced persons and refugees from Austria than any other country, it was revealed here today. Figures released by the Jewish Agency show that 60,420 Jews left Austria for the Jewish state.

According to statistics furnished by the International Refugee Organization, the United States was second with 17,900 immigrants, while Canada was third with 14,070. In all, some 155,000 DP's and refugees have left Austria for their former home countries or for resettlement.

TEL AVIV AREA TO GET 13,000 NEW TELEPHONES; SEEK IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS

TEL AVIV, July 10. (JTA) -- More than 13,000 new telephones will be installed in Tel Aviv and the surrounding area, it was announced here today by the Communications Ministry. Many millions of dollars are invested in new telephonic equipment, the announcement added.

Speaking to newsmen, Minister of Communications David Remez declared that Israel's Post Office Department is attempting to establish standards of communications which are as good as those in Europe. There are now 61 post offices and 79 postal agencies in the country.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN ARRIVES IN GENOA EN ROUTE TO SWITZERLAND FOR EYE TREATMENT

GENOA, July 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, has arrived here today en route to Switzerland where he will undergo eye treatment.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT APPROVES FIRST READING OF NEW CITIZENSHIP MEASURE

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today approved the first reading of the new citizenship bill. The measure, known as the "Return to Zion Law," guarantees all Jews the right to enter Israel as immigrants and to assume citizenship automatically once they have settled in the country.

REMOVAL OF JEWS FROM IMPORTANT PUBLIC POSITIONS IN POLAND BY SOVIET MARSHAL PREDICTED

BOSTON, July 10. (JTA) -- All Jews will be removed from important public positions in Poland and will be replaced by Russian citizens, it is predicted in a report published here by the Christian Science Monitor.

The report says that the purge of Jewish officials is to be expected as a result of Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's becoming the chief of the Politburo in Poland. Polish-born Rokossovsky "is known for his anti-Semitic attitude," the paper says, adding that he also has the reputation of being a "specialist in conducting purges."

The first high Jewish official to be removed was Jacob Berman who, from the very beginning of the present Polish Government's existence, has been known as Moscow's liaison man, the Monitor reveals. Another prominent Jewish figure rumored as marked for demotion is Hilary Minc, Polish Minister of Commerce and Industry, the report says.

"The fact that Marshal Rokossovsky is known for his anti-Semitic attitude strengthens the belief that he has orders to make personnel changes that gradually will result in complete elimination of Jews from public affairs in Poland," the article says. "Marshal Rokossovsky himself is expected to take Mr. Berman's place as secretary of the Polish Communist Party. Jewish spokesmen say that dismissed Jews will go to Moscow, ostensibly for a visit as has often occurred before, but that this time they will not return, and that they will not be allowed to leave the Soviet Union."

NATIONAL MINORITIES TAX, WHICH RUINED JEWS, CALLED "SHAMEFUL" IN TURKISH PARLIAMENT

ISTANBUL, July 10. (JTA) -- The question of the levying of a discriminatory tax on Jews and other minorities in Turkey in 1942 has been raised in the Turkish Parliament by a deputy of the Democrat Party, which recently upset the 30-year-rule of the Republican People's Party. The tax spelled economic ruin for many Turkish Jews.

The deputy, Sinan Tokelioglu, asked the Democrat Finance Minister, H. Ayar, to report on the discriminatory tax, known as Varlik, and its effect. The Minister refused to speak of the effects of the law, terming them "shameful" but said that the measure itself embodied concepts of justice which did not jibe with the traditions of the Turkish state. Mr. Tokelioglu has insisted that the Minister reply more fully, and Mr. Ayar has asked for more time.

Under the terms of the 1942 law, commissions of Turkish citizens were authorized to prepare secret estimates of the wealth of their neighbors who were members of national minorities. The commission did not have to use any previously prepared government tables of taxation and in most cases the taxes levied were enormous. Many members of minority groups, including Jews, were forced to liquidate their businesses and other assets to meet the tax. Those who could not pay the levy were deported to forced labor camps.

Observers in Ankara do not believe that the present investigation into Varlik is apt to result in restitution of assets confiscated by the Turkish Government in 1942.

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WAR CRIMES COURT SENTENCES EX-NAZI TO LIFE TERM FOR PARTICIPATING IN JEWISH ROGROMS

MUNICH, July 10. (JTA) -- A war crimes court in Erfurt today sentenced former Nazi district leader Wilhelm Muentze to a life term in prison, loss of all civil rights and the confiscation of property, for playing a leading part in the pogroms of November, 1938.

A Frankenthal court today sentenced Albert Shappert to three years at hard labor in prison for setting fire to the Frankenthal synagogue in November, 1938, and for participating in the looting of Jewish homes and business firms. Three co-defendants received prison terms ranging from nine to 12 months, while seven other defendants were acquitted.

GERMAN PROVINCE FAILS TO WITHDRAW ANTI-SEMITIC TEXTS FROM SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

MUNICH, July 10. (JTA) -- Despite the announcement of the North Rhine-Westphalian state government that it had withdrawn school texts which contained anti-Semitic statements the books have not, in fact, been withdrawn from schools and libraries and still may be bought freely. When newspapermen today questioned education department officials on the situation they refused to comment.

From Stuttgart it was reported that Dr. Benno Ostertag, chairman of the local Jewish community, has called on the Württemberg-Baden government to take action against Municipal Judge Hans Kottacker, for expressing anti-Semitic statements. During a trial at which testimony was introduced that the defendant had been a gauleiter during the Nazi regime, the judge declared: "It makes no difference to me whether somebody was a gauleiter or unsuccessfully tried three times to gas a rabbi."

MEMBER OF AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT ACQUITTED BY VIENNA COURT OF CHARGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, July 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Steuber, a member of the Austrian Parliament representing the neo-Nazi Union of Independents, was today acquitted by a court hero of the charge of incitement to racial hatred. The court based its decision on testimony given by Steuber's friends.

Last February, Steuber made a violently anti-Semitic speech in which he described members of the Parliament who had been victims of Nazi persecution as "pests" who must be destroyed.

ITALIAN CABINET APPROVES BILL ON DEATH CERTIFICATES FOR DEPORTED CHILDREN

ROME, July 10. (JTA) -- The Italian Cabinet has approved a proposal by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities dealing with declarations of death of children deported by the Nazis during the war.

At present a deported child is not presumed dead until nine years after the date on which he would have achieved his majority. The new bill, which goes to the Parliament for final approval, calls for the issuance of a declaration of presumed death three years after the date of deportation. The new bill will facilitate the clearing up of considerable litigation involving inheritance.

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CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS GETS ASSURANCE ON CHECKING ADMISSION OF UKRAINIAN ANTI-SEMITES

MONTREAL, July 10. (JTA) -- The Canadian Minister of Immigration has agreed to hold up approval of any applications of members of the Ukrainian Galician Division for immigration to Canada in order to give the Canadian Jewish Congress an opportunity to submit evidence that the Galician Division, which was formed by Hitler during the last World War, is composed of persons who participated in the mass murder of Jews under Nazi instructions.

The Canadian Jewish Congress is continuing its search for data in support of its assertions concerning the fascist and anti-democratic activities of the Ukrainian Division. It will submit all facts to the government as soon as they are collated. In the meantime, the Congress has been assured that if the facts presented by it are correct, the members of the Ukrainian division will not be able to pass security screening. The Minister of Immigration has also promised the Canadian Jewish Congress complete cooperation in its investigation.

CANADIAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS STUDYING PROPOSED LIBERALIZED IMMIGRATION POLICY

OTTAWA, July 10. (JTA) -- Canada's relaxed immigration policy which will make possible the admission of at least 10,000 Jewish immigrants is now being studied by its chief labor organizations to determine their effect on Canadian labor.

Under the new policy several new classes of immigrants will be admitted automatically. They include groups of not more than 25 brought in by employers; domestics and nurses' aides, persons recommended by the settlement service of the Immigration Branch, and relatives of legal residents of Canada.

The Minister of Immigration also was given power to admit immigrants without the procedure of a formal order-in-council. In addition, the Government would confer with provincial governments to determine settlement possibilities for immigrants from Britain and France.

A.R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor, said the new policy could be considered in the light of Canada's current unemployment situation. "We don't oppose immigration as long as it is on a proper basis," he said. "Before immigrants are brought to Canada we want to be sure they will have employment and housing, and that their arrival will not deteriorate existing wage structures."

INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT COURSES STARTED IN NEW YORK FOR VISITING ISRAELIS

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- The first of a series of industrial management seminars arranged for the benefit of Israel industrialists and labor representatives visiting the United States was opened today at the Astor Hotel. It was conducted by Professor Hurley Madochain, lecturer in management problems at New York's City College.

The seminars are sponsored by the American Technion Society and the Israel Manufacturers Association. They will be supplemented by field visits to industrial plants in the New York area.

B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM

CHICAGO, July 10. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice B. Bokarsky, well-known American Jewish educator, has been granted a year's leave of absence from his post as director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Chicago to institute the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it was announced today. The Foundation in Jerusalem will be the 200th Hillel unit.

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