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FIFTY ZIONIST LEADERS REPORTED ARRESTED IN RUMANIA; EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL STILL PERMITTED

TEL AVIV, July 24. (JTA)--Persistent reports reaching here from Rumania indicate that more than 50 Zionist leaders in that country have been rounded up by Rumanian authorities and concentrated in one single place of detention.

Among those allegedly detained are Dr. A. Benveniste, former president of the Rumanian Zionist Organization, and members of the Zionist executive in that country, including Dr. Loewenstein, B. Badi, H. Yakrakner, S. Unger, Dr. Drummer, Dan Iesanu and Michael Leiba. All of those reportedly arrested are either Mapai or General Zionist sympathizers, although one is said to be a Revisionist. No Mapam or Mizrahi leaders were detained, since they have already arrived in Israel.

The reports also indicate that all of the Zionists purportedly arrested in Rumania had applied for permission to immigrate to Israel. They emphasize the fact that while the majority of similar exit permit applications have been granted, those well-known Zionist leaders have been barred from emigrating from Rumania.

RUMANIA CONTINUES TO BAR JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIALS FROM SELECTING ISRAEL IMMIGRANTS

HAIFA, July 24. (JTA)--A group of 1,375 Jewish immigrants from Rumania landed here this morning. They arrived on the Rumanian ship Transylvania, and include a large number of aged persons.

This is the second transport of immigrants from Rumania selected by Rumanian authorities without the participation of a representative of the Jewish Agency or of the Israel Consulate in Bucharest. Under the existing agreement between Rumania and Israel, the selection of immigrants must be conducted jointly by Rumanian authorities and Israel representatives.

NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL CAMPS DECLINES; IMMIGRATION REGULATION CONSIDERED

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA)--The coordinating board established by the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency for the purpose of settling problems concerning absorption of immigrants met today under the chairmanship of Premier David Ben Gurion and heard a report on the situation in the immigrant camps in Israel.

The report revealed that the number of immigrants in the camps has declined during the past month from 90,000 to 69,000, despite the arrival of 12,000 new immigrants. At its meeting today the Board elected a special committee to regulate immigration during the period from October to January.

The Jewish Agency will seek to relieve the congestion existing in the coastal plain area of Israel as well as to liquidate the "unproductive" immigrant reception camps, which cost approximately \$43,000,000 annually to maintain, it was learned today. Among other projects which the Agency is planning are the planting of vineyards in the Jerusalem hills and the establishment of factories at Migdal Gad.

BRITAIN THREATENS SANCTIONS IF EGYPT BARS PASSAGE OF ISRAEL-BOUND OIL TANKERS

TEL AVIV, July 24. (JTA)--The British-controlled Near East broadcasting station in Cyprus today carried a warning to Egypt indicating that Britain may cease to supply arms to Egypt should the Egyptian Government persist in prohibiting British oil from passing through the Suez Canal en route to the Haifa refineries in Israel.

At the same time the Cairo radio indicated in a broadcast that Egypt will use force, if necessary, to prevent oil tankers from passing through the Canal on their way to Israel. The broadcast revealed that a number of tankers passed through the canal without clearance papers.

Reuters reported today from Cairo that shipowners have complained about Port Said clearance delays which have often involved them in uneconomic demurrage charges. Britain protested to Egypt in May, 1949, over shipping detentions, claiming they constituted a violation of the Suez Canal Convention which provided for unrestricted passage for ships of all flags in peace and war. On June 20, 1949, Egypt agreed to ease restrictions and cease demanding certificates of ultimate destination, although it was announced that Britain considered that the relaxations did not go far enough.

BRITISH OFFICERS IN MUFTI REPORTED TRAINING EGYPTIAN PILOTS IN CAIRO SUBURB

LONDON, July 24. (JTA)--British officers dressed in mufti are flying Egyptian planes outside of Cairo and Egyptian pilots are being trained in Britain, it was revealed in an article published in the New Statesman and Nation, leading British publication.

The article points out that despite the fact that Britain is actively engaged in training pilots for Egypt and is shipping arms to that country, the Egyptian Government abstained from voting approval of the U.N. Security Council resolution on Korea. "Considering all the blandishments lavished on Egypt by Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin since 1945, this is a singularly ungrateful action," the writer points out.

The article compares the action of Egypt with that of Israel on the Korean issue. It criticizes the British Foreign Office for continuing to maintain a policy aimed at strengthening Egypt's military position vis-a-vis Israel.

M.P. Says Israel Is "Most Stable" Country In Middle East

The assertion that "Israel is the most stable and democratic country in the Middle East," was made here last night by Woodrow Wyatt, Labor M.P., who visited Israel recently. He spoke at a Labor Zionist mass meeting.

The M.P. said he was deeply impressed by the constructive achievements he had seen in Israel, but criticized the kibbutzim there for their refusal to use hired labor, asserting that this policy hampered the absorption of immigrants. S. Levenberg, Jewish Agency leader who spoke after Mr. Wyatt, defended the policy of the kibbutzim, asserting that the movement could not "lightly abandon its basic principles of self-labor and equality."

Leaders of all parties in the British Parliament and government spokesmen in various departments today attended a reception by the Israel legation in honor of the Israel Parliamentary delegation which is concluding its visit to this country. Among the British leaders present at the affair were: Lord Chancellor Viscount Jowett, Deputy Speaker of the House, J. Milner, Conservative Party leader Anthony Eden and Clement Davies, head of the Liberal Party.

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FRENCH MILITARY COURT SENTENCES GERMAN OFFICER TO HARD LABOR FOR BRUTALITY AGAINST JEWS

PARIS, July 24. (JTA)--A sentence of 20 years at hard labor was imposed here today by a French military court upon a German officer, Lieutenant Joseph Fitz, who was in charge of the recruiting office for slave labor for Germany during the Nazi occupation of France.

The German lieutenant was charged with using excessive brutality against Jews rounded up by his soldiers for shipment to Germany. Many of the Jews died as a result of the brutalities suffered in a camp in France where they were held prior to being sent to Germany, it was established at the trial.

GERMAN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE CONTRIBUTES 300,000 MARKS FOR RESTORATION OF SYNAGOGUE

STUTTGART, July 24. (JTA)--The Wurttemberg-Baden parliament's finance committee today approved a motion to contribute 300,000 marks to help in the restoration of the synagogue here destroyed by the Nazis.

Meanwhile, the Jewish community here has opened a temporary house of worship and has invited Rabbi A. Neufeld, formerly of Stuttgart who is now living in Israel, to return here to act as spiritual leader for a two-year period.

The Star of David which a smith in Essen had made for a memorial to Jewish victims of Nazism to be erected near Essen's main synagogue, and which was removed from the memorial on June 29, was returned today by mail to the smith. The package also contained a 20-mark note and a letter telling the smith to put the emblem back. Police investigation determined that the sender's return address is false. A reward of 1,000 marks has been posted by the police for information leading to the arrest of the desecrators.

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSN. URGES LIBERALIZATION OF NATURALIZATION LAWS IN VARIOUS LANDS

LONDON, July 24. (JTA)--A symposium arranged by the International Bar Association, which is now holding a session here, today adopted a resolution supporting United Nations efforts to abolish statelessness and calling for liberalization of existing naturalization laws in various countries.

Egyptian and other Arab delegates strongly opposed the resolution, which was prepared by the Association's committee on immigration and naturalization, under the chairmanship of Dr. Bruno Weill, well-known Jewish legal expert from the United States.

EMPHASIS ON JEWISH RELIGIOUS LIFE URGED AT CONFERENCE OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEADERS

LONDON, July 24. (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie of the British Empire, addressing the conference of Jewish leaders from countries in the British Commonwealth, now taking place here, today called on Jewish communities to concentrate on the religious aspects of Jewish life. He said that present "emphasis on rehabilitation and relief is merely temporary and would be solved by the all too many bodies engaged in this work."

The British Chief Rabbi also told the conference that financial obligations of Jewish communities throughout the world to Israel could be expected to decrease, since they "all hope to see in the not too distant future the Jewish state firmly established, and independent economically as well as politically." A general discussion on the question of Jewish education in British Commonwealth countries followed a report delivered earlier by Rabbi Brodie on the achievements of Jews' Colleges here.

EFFECT OF CIRCUMCISION ON CANCER REPORTED AT INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONFERENCE

PARIS, July 24. (JTA)--A study in the relationship between circumcision and cancers of the genital tract which sheds new light on cancer transmission was presented here to the International Cancer Conference in Paris by Dr. Abraham Ravich of New York City.

Dr. Ravich, chief of the Institute of Applied Biology in New York, was led to his study by the marked contrast in cancer incidence between his private practice in Brooklyn, N.Y., where his patients were predominantly Jewish, and statistics on cancer in the general population.

Cancer of the prostate while very noticeable among non-circumcised males was almost never seen among Jews, who are circumcised shortly after birth. Cancer of the cervix of the womb, the largest cancer killer of women in the general population, was comparatively rare among Jewish women.

A study conducted by Dr. Ravich and his associates over a period of years resulted in the following figures: While 2.5 percent of all types of male cancer are cancer of the penis, only one Jewish case of this type of cancer was ever recorded -- and that Jew had not been circumcised. Twenty percent of all male Gentiles suffering from cancer had cancer of the prostate gland -- but only 1.7 percent of Jews with prostatic disease had cancer of the prostate.

A study of cancer in females in various communities showed that the rate of cancer of the cervix, an affliction which kills 12,000 American women every year, was five to 18 times as high among non-Jewish women. Cancer of the cervix, while not as common as cancer of the breast is the largest single killer of the cancer types. Twelve thousand American males die of prostate cancer each year. Together cancer of the prostate and of the cervix account for one-eighth of all U.S. cancer death.

Dr. Ravich's paper was presented in Paris by his son, Dr. Robert Ravich of New York, at one of the opening sessions of the International Cancer Congress. Discussion of the paper, which is normally limited to 20 minutes, ran for 45 minutes as various other delegates added striking corroborative evidence.

It was pointed out that in the Fiji Islands where two sharply-defined social groups live -- one circumcised, the other uncircumcised -- women of the uncircumcised group have an incidence of cancer of the cervix nine times as great as that of women of the circumcised groups. An Indonesian doctor reported similar statistics from his country.

CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT ACT TO ADMIT MORE IMMIGRANTS

MONTREAL, July 24. (JTA)--The Executive Council of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has given approval of a recent government order-in-council whereby Canada's doors will be opened wider for the admission of thousands of new immigrants, including refugees.

Commenting on the new immigration policy a spokesman for the body stated: "The Chamber believes that the country's economy is capable of supporting a larger population. An increasing population is a contributing factor to the fullest possible development of our great natural resources and of our high standard of living."

HIAS REPRESENTATIVE SEEKS ARGENTINE IMMIGRATION VISAS FOR JEWISH WRITERS IN FRANCE

BUENOS AIRES, July 24. (JTA)--Dr. Henry Shoskes, overseas representative of the HIAS of America, today announced here that he is trying to secure Argentine immigration visas for a group of Jewish writers who are now residing as refugees in France and Belgium. Mr. Shoskes was released yesterday from a local hospital where he was treated for a few days for injuries received in an automobile accident.

LEO GALLIN RESIGNS AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY; BISNO APPOINTED

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA)--Resignation of Leo Gallin, executive secretary of Los Angeles Jewish Community Council since 1943, has been accepted by the Council's Board of Directors, president Isaac Pacht announced here. Named acting executive secretary by the Board was Julius Bisno who has served as assistant to Mr. Gallin since 1945. Mr. Gallin also terminates his service as executive director of the Council's annual United Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns.

STANLEY ENGEL APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JEWISH FEDERATION IN YOUNGSTOWN

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, July 24. (JTA)--The appointment of Stanley Engel as executive director of the Jewish Federation of Youngstown was announced here today by Murray A. Nadler, president of the Federation. Mr. Engel succeeds Leonard Seliger who served as executive director since 1942.

ALBERT HARRIS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MID-KANSAS JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

KANSAS CITY, Kansas, July 24. (JTA)--The appointment of Albert L. Harris as executive director of the Mid-Kansas Jewish Welfare Federation was announced today by the board of directions of the Federation. Mr. Harris was formerly with the New York headquarters of the HIAS and later served with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

DETROIT JEWISH FEDERATION TO NAME ITS HEADQUARTERS "FRED BUTZEL MEMORIAL BUILDING"

DETROIT, July 24. (JTA)--The board of governors of the Jewish Welfare Federation here today voted to name the projected downtown headquarters for the Federation and its member agencies after Fred M. Butzel, the late Jewish leader who gave a lifetime of service to the Detroit Jewish community as well as to civic and humanitarian causes.

MEXICAN JUDGE, MEMBER OF SUPREME COURT, LEAVES FOR THREE-WEEK STAY IN ISRAEL

MEXICO CITY, July 24. (JTA)--Judge Alfonso Francisco Ramirez of the Supreme Court of Mexico today left for Israel for a three week visit. He is the president of the Institute for Cultural Exchange Between Israel and Mexico and was for many years president of the Mexican Pro-Palestine Committee.

PALESTINE ISSUE WAS MAJOR POST-WAR FAILURE OF BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY, NEW BOOK STATES

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA)--Palestine is treated as the major postwar failure of British foreign policy in "Reprieve from War," a book by Lionel Gelber, former political adviser to the Jewish Agency in the United States, published today by Macmillan. Mr. Gelber also touches on Jewish aspects of the German problem.

Mr. Gelber acted as liaison officer for the Jewish Agency with the United Nations Secretariat and for a number of delegations at the U.N. during the proceedings which led to the establishment of Israel. He was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, a lecturer at the University of Toronto and an officer in the Royal Canadian Airforce.

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