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ISRAEL STARTS RATIONING CLOTHING, SHOES; SEEMS TO SAVE \$25,000,000 IN FOREIGN CURRENCY

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Government officially announced today the immediate introduction of rationing of clothing and shoes with a view to saving \$25,000,000 in foreign currency on importing raw materials from abroad.

Addressing a press conference, Minister of Supply Dov Joseph, said today that every citizen of Israel "will receive a fair share." Special arrangements have been made for Arabs in Israel whose garments differ from those of Jews, he stated. He stressed the necessity for reducing imports and increasing exports through higher industrial productivity.

It is understood that the rationing regulations, which will be made public within a day or two, will provide that each resident of Israel be allowed to buy one pair of shoes and one suit a year. Anxious to avoid a run on shoe stores and clothing stores, the Tel Aviv Merchants Association today ordered these stores to close for 24 hours until details of the new measure are published.

STATE DEPARTMENT, WHITE HOUSE MUM ON REPORT U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL RESIGNED

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- Both the State Department and the White House today refused to confirm or deny reports that James G. McDonald, American Ambassador to Israel, has submitted his resignation and intends to leave the U.S. diplomatic service. However, it seems that the reports have a basis in fact.

A spokesman for the State Department told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there would be no official comment on the reports. He stated that Mr. McDonald was coming home next month "for consultations and leave" and pointed out that announcements pertaining to the appointment and resignation of Ambassadors emanate from the White House. A White House spokesman, however, said that there is no announcement on Mr. McDonald.

EGYPTIAN STATESMAN URGES PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL; IRAQ REFUSES AID TO U.N. ON KOREA

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- An unnamed Egyptian statesman was today quoted by the Saudi Arabian radio as having suggested the immediate launching of peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states.

The broadcast said that the Egyptian dismissed reports of an economic crisis in Israel, declaring that "so long as the United States, the richest country in the world, continues to support the Jews, the state of Israel will never suffer." The statesman was further quoted as saying that the "Arabs must either fight the Jews--a foolish enterprise--or display wisdom by making peace."

A broadcast from Bagdad said today that the Iraqi Government notified the U.N. of its refusal to give military assistance to the U.N. in the Korean conflict. The broadcast quoted a cable sent by Iraq to Trygve Lie, U.N. Secretary-General, justifying its refusal by stating that "the provision of arms and military equipment of the Iraqi Army has fallen so short, that it is hardly capable at the present time to meet the requirements of internal security."

ISRAEL SOLDIER KILLED, TWO WOUNDED IN CLASH WITH ARABS; 500 ARAB INFILTRERS SEIZED

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- One Israel soldier was killed and two were wounded in a clash with armed Arab infiltrers last night that took place in the Sharon district.

More than 500 Arab infiltrers have been apprehended in the Jerusalem district, Levi Abrahami, superintendent of the Jerusalem district police, told a news conference here today. Most of the infiltrers were seized with arms, he said, adding that their weapons were confiscated and the infiltrers turned over to the Israel Army.

The Arab infiltrers killed ten Jews and eight Arabs and carried out 200 robberies and thefts resulting in damages amounting to approximately \$90,000. Discussing the crime wave here, Superintendent Abrahami said that Jerusalem remains the "cleanest city," with only one murder and 726 petty offenses committed in the period under review.

ISRAEL REPORTS TO U.N. ON LEBANESE PLANE INCIDENT; SAYS ARAB STATES IGNORE WARNINGS

LAKE SUCCESS, July 31. (JTA) -- The Israel representative on the Israel-Lebanon mixed armistice commission has entered a formal complaint over the recent airplane incident on that border, and has informed United Nations headquarters here that the commission is dealing with the incident.

The communication, transmitted to the U.N. by Arthur Lourie, Israel Consul in New York, pointed out that there had been a number of such aerial violations of Israel borders in recent months. Mentioned were the sighting of two unidentified aircraft over the southern Negev on July 11, the appearance of Syrian planes over Lake Huleh on July 15, and recent forcing down of R.A.F. and Jordan planes.

Recalling that the Israel Government issued a series of warnings about these violations, the Israel representative said: "The latest incident shows the irresponsible attitude of the Arab states toward these repeated warnings." The communication added: "It would be advisable for appropriate U.N. authorities to call the attention of the Arab states to these repeated flights of Arab aircraft over Israel's borders, which constitute grave and unprovoked violations of the general armistice agreements."

Meanwhile, the United Nations received communications from Syria and Jordan supporting the Lebanese protest over the incident. Jordan complained that the "attack" on a Lebanese transport had adversely affected Holy Year pilgrim traffic, resulting in pecuniary losses to Jordan and its citizens.

AMERICAN MEMBERS OF JEWISH AGENCY ARRIVE IN ISRAEL TO DISCUSS "TRIENNIAL CAMPAIGN"

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Baruch Zuckerman and Mrs. Rose Halprin, members of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, arrived here today together with Henry Montor, director of the United Jewish Appeal, for consultations with Jewish Agency members here and with the Israel Government on problems concerning the raising of funds in the United States for Israel.

It is understood that they will discuss suggestions for a "triennial campaign" to be conducted in the United States during the next three years. The possibility of floating a popular loan for Israel will also be discussed.

AGED REFUGEES IN HOLLAND TO GET ANNUITIES UNDER PLAN DEVISED BY I.R.O. AND J.D.C.

THE HAGUE, July 31. (JTA) -- A group of aged refugees has been assured here life-long support as a result of a unique plan worked out by representatives of the International Refugee Organization, Joint Distribution Committee and the Dutch Government, it was reported here today.

The refugees, most of whom fled to Holland from Germany and Austria during the Hitler regime, will receive 30 guilders monthly for life from the Commercial Life Insurance Company as annuities purchased by the Dutch Government with funds provided by the I.R.O. and J.D.C. This is the first time that "hard core" refugees have been reestablished on a basis of receiving annuities, H.Serk, chief of the I.R.O. mission in Holland emphasized.

The Dutch Government will send a trade mission to Tel Aviv early next month to work out the details of a new trade pact between the two nations, it was announced here today. The existing trade agreement expires August 1. The Dutch delegation will be led by Dr. A. Van Blankenstein, of the Ministry of Economics.

FRANCE OPENS TRIAL TODAY OF MEMBERS OF NAZI UNIT WHO PILLAGED JEWISH ART COLLECTIONS

PARIS, July 31. (JTA) -- Six members of the "Insatz Stab Rosenberg"--a special unit formed by the Nazi leader Alfred Rosenberg for the purpose of pillaging Jewish art collections for removal to Germany--will stand trial here tomorrow.

Dr. Bruno Thoss, one of the accused, was charged by Field Marshal Hermann Goering with the task of sending the most valuable art treasures to him for his own use. The unit stole many valuable paintings, including those owned by members of the Rothschild family. Four French and two German attorneys will defend the accused.

U.N. ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE ON ADEQUACY OF IMPLEMENTATION SYSTEM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

GENEVA, July 31. (JTA) -- The social committee of the U.N. Economic and Social Council adopted a resolution today to send a draft international covenant on human rights to the General Assembly for eventual return, after Assembly discussion, to the Human Rights Commission for re-drafting.

The resolution asked the Assembly to determine whether the system of implementation written into the covenant by the Human Rights Commission is adequate or not. Jewish groups maintain that it is not. The committee's resolution must now be taken up by the Council as a whole.

EIGHT PERSONS WHO ASSAULTED TWO JEWS IN GERMAN TOWN ARE CHARGED WITH PUBLIC DISORDER

DUSSELDORF, July 31. (JTA) -- Eight persons who last month assaulted two Jews in Bensheim were charged today by the public prosecutor here with "disturbing public order." Only three of the eight are now under arrest.

FORMER NAZI VICTIMS FORM GROUP IN AUSTRALIA: WILL PRESENT CLAIMS TO GERMANY

SYDNEY, Australia, July 31. (JTA) -- Former inmates of Nazi concentration camps today formed committees in Sydney and Melbourne which will act as branches of a united organization to put forward claims against the German Government. The organization will seek among other things to secure from Germany support for survivors of Nazi persecution.

DENVER JEWISH CONSUMPTIVE RELIEF SOCIETY WELCOMES LIFTING OF BAN ON N.Y. FUND-RAISING

DENVER, July 31. (JTA) -- An announcement yesterday in New York that grounds for complaints within and outside the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society of Denver have now been removed and that the ban on soliciting funds for this institution in New York State has, therefore, been lifted, was welcomed here today by Noah A. Alter, president of the institution. The announcement was made by Nathaniel L. Goldstein, New York State Attorney-General, who previously issued the injunction.

The Jewish Consumptive Relief Society in the past collected an average of \$500,000 a year from citizens of New York State. In his statement here today Mr. Alter said that the injunction put a serious crimp in J.C.R.S. funds. He appealed to supporters of the institution to come to its financial aid "to maintain its humanitarian, charitable services to tuberculars of all faiths."

Mr. Alter emphasized that he received pledges of support from the New York advisory board and New York auxiliaries of the J.C.R.S. which will resume their fund-raising activities on behalf of the Denver sanatorium.

SALY MAYER, SWISS JEWISH LEADER WHO SAVED 200,000 JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS, DIES

GENEVA, July 31. (JTA) -- Saly Mayer, Swiss Jewish leader whose skilled negotiations during World War II saved the lives of 200,000 Hungarian Jews about to be deported by the Nazis to extermination camps in occupied Poland, died today at St. Moritz of a heart attack. He was 67 years old.

In addition to being one of the most prominent Jewish leaders in Switzerland, Mr. Mayer was also director of Joint Distribution Committee operations in Switzerland for a period of 10 years, which included the war years. His activities in rescuing Jews from Nazi Germany were praised in a report issued by the U.S. War Refugee Board in 1945.

(Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the J.D.C., in learning of Mr. Mayer's death, said today in New York: "Jews everywhere have lost a rare and inspiring figure with the death of Saly Mayer. He gave his fullest devotion to the cause and welfare of his fellow Jews, and was responsible for helping to save literally hundreds of thousands. He believed implicitly in the tenet that it was the duty of all to be their 'brother's keeper,' and he fulfilled that belief in a manner equalled by few men in his time.")

The War Refugee Board report told how the Nazis in the spring and summer of 1944, striving to leave off defeat, sought to negotiate a vast ransom of 10,000 trucks and supplies in return for sparing the lives of the 200,000 remaining Jews of Hungary. Mr. Mayer, as J.D.C. representative, was approached in the matter by a Gestapo representative for Hungary. There followed a protracted series of meetings between Saly Mayer and the German representatives, with the full knowledge of the U.S. Government. Through the ingenuity and perseverance of Mr. Mayer, every imaginable dilatory tactic was employed and the talks continued for month after month.

When the war ended, the 200,000 Jews of Hungary were still alive, thanks to Mr. Mayer's efforts and to the efforts of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish non-Jew who, working inside Budapest, fed the Jews, using funds provided by the J.D.C. through the War Refugee Board.

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY CELEBRATES SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY OF COMPOSER ERNEST BLOCH

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31. (JTA) -- The 70th birthday of Ernest Bloch, renowned Jewish composer, was celebrated here during the week-end by the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, of which he was director 25 years ago. Mr. Bloch, through a bequest from Mrs. Sigmund Stern, now lives in Oregon where he composes his music.

The Swiss-born composer wrote an entire new series of Jewish music, including the "Baal Shem" themes on Chassidic life, the "Jewish Poems," the "Israel" symphony and Psalms set to music.

U.S. TRUCK-MANUFACTURING COMPANY CONCLUDES AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL FOR ASSEMBLY UNIT

ALLENTOWN, Pa., July 31. (JTA) -- The conclusion of an agreement between the Israel Government and Mack Trucks, Inc., by which the latter will construct in Haifa heavy duty truck parts to be assembled by Israel workmen was announced here today by Charles J. Moran, the company's plant consultant.

The parts will be manufactured in a Haifa plant now under construction and assembled under the supervision of a Mack engineer. Under the arrangement, about six trucks a day are expected to be turned out when production gets under way later this year.

DROPSIE COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA WILL OPEN FIELD STATION IN ISRAEL TO TRAIN STUDENTS

PHILADELPHIA, July 31. (JTA) -- The Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning which established its Institute for Israel and the Middle East two years ago will open a field station in Israel this fall to provide practical field training opportunities for a limited number of specially qualified students, it was announced here today.

In the academic year 1950-51 the headquarters of the field station will be located at the communal settlement of Ein Harod. Students will divide their time between working in the settlement and carrying out a social research project under the guidance of Dr. Raphael Batai, professor of anthropology at The Dropsie College, who has been appointed director of the field station.

20-YEAR-OLD ISRAELI GIRL WILL ATTEMPT TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL THIS MONTH

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- Wanda Bontag, a 20-year-old Israeli from Haifa, will attempt to swim the English Channel this month in the London Daily Mail's International Cross Channel Race. Miss Bontag, who is a long-distance swimmer by training, is now in London preparing for the race. First prize in the contest is \$2,800.

JEWS HONOR SAN MARTIN, ARGENTINE LIBERATOR, FOR HIS SUPPORT OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

BUENOS AIRES, July 31. (JTA) -- An open-air mass meeting, held under the auspices of the DAIA, central representative body of Jews in Argentina, took place here today before the monument of Jose San Martin, liberator of Argentina. Speakers at the meeting lauded San Martin's espousal of religious tolerance and brotherhood among all Argentinians.