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KOREAN CONFLICT SPURS EMIGRATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM AUSTRIA; FEAR SPREAD OF WAR

VIENNA, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Fear that the conflict in Korea may develop into a war between the western democracies and the Soviet satellite countries and convert Austria into a battlefield has prompted more than 2,000 Jewish refugees here to register during the past month for immediate emigration. About 1,000 applied for emigration to Israel and the remainder are seeking entry into other countries.

This was revealed here today by Mordecai Yoffe, director of the Immigration Office for Israel in Austria. There are approximately 12,000 Jewish refugees today in Austria, a half of this number living outside refugee camps. During the last two years more than 22,000 Jewish refugees emigrated from Austria to Israel.

A recent survey made by the Israel Immigration Office here established that one-fourth of the 12,000 Jewish refugees in Austria intend to leave for Israel, the remainder having registered for emigration to the United States, Canada, Australia and other countries where they have relatives. A small but constant influx of Jewish refugees from East European countries into Austria is still noticeable.

The Jewish refugee camps in the British and French zones of Austria have practically been liquidated, but there are still 4,350 Jews in the refugee camps in the U.S. zone and about 1,300 in camps in Vienna. In his statement today Mr. Yoffe praised the role played by the Joint Distribution Committee and the International Refugee Organization in organizing aid and transportation for the Jewish refugees. He emphasized that the major part of the cost of transportation and maintenance of the refugees was covered by the J.D.C.

The shrinking number of Jewish refugees resulted in the closing this week of the Linz headquarters of the Israel Immigration Office. The Linz office was the fourth closed in Austria since the beginning of the year since the number of Jewish refugees continued to decrease.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT VOTES DEATH PENALTY FOR NAZIS WHO COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST JEWS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A bill stipulating the death penalty for Nazis and their collaborators who during the period of Nazi domination committed crimes against the Jewish people or humanity was unanimously approved by the Israel parliament today. Among crimes specified as punishable by death is the compulsory removal of children from their homes.

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, addressing the Knesset, outlined the government's policy to combat inflation. "The fight against inflation concerns the masses more than the employers," he said. He pointed out that the government considers it essential "to bring home to the public as a whole our great anxiety in our present situation, and in our immediate future."

Emphasizing that it is the aim of the government to raise the standard of living, the Minister declared: "It is clear that the standard of living cannot be improved except as a result of an increase in national production and productivity. In the present circumstances, any demand for wage or income increases, without a corresponding production increase, strengthens the inflationary tendencies."

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TEL AVIV MERCHANTS STRIKE AGAINST RATIONING OF CLOTHING AND SHOES; KEEY STORES CLOSED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- All of Tel Aviv's clothing and shoe stores shut down today in protest against the new clothing and shoe rationing law announced yesterday by Minister of Supply Dov Joseph. The shopkeepers maintained that the rationing law had been imposed suddenly and was not only inefficient but detrimental to individual business turnover.

Business here has generally remained paralyzed since yesterday's announcement. Dr. Joseph's announcement apparently came as a surprise to wholesalers and retailers alike. The businessmen seem to be determined to fight the rationing law bitterly.

All shop windows in Tel Aviv carried large notices today signed by the Tel Aviv Merchants Association announcing that the clothing and shoe stores will remain shut down until a fair arrangement is concluded with the Israel Supply Ministry. "If the rationing law is not modified, the merchants will not be able to conduct even a minimum scale business," the Association stated.

The affected shopkeepers said that if they are compelled to conduct a prolonged strike, they feel certain "all other business men will join them." Meanwhile, discussions were started between Minister Joseph and representatives of the Merchants Association on the situation. The possibility was not excluded that the issue will be raised in parliament.

The Argentine Minister to Israel, Pablo Mangui, today handed over to the Israel authorities a consignment of food and clothing contributed for needy immigrant children in the Jewish state by the "Ben Berni Social Aid Foundation," which is supervised by the wife of President Juan Berni of Argentina.

20,000 ISRAELI RESOURCES TO BE IMMUNIZED AGAINST THE 350 FLEA CASES REPORTED IN JUNE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Nearly thousand Bedouins living in the Negev desert area of Israel will be inoculated against tuberculosis during the month of August in the first such program ever extended to Bedouin Arabs, Israeli medical authorities announced today.

A total of 350 cases of phthisis were reported in Israel during the month of June as compared with 335 cases in May and 26 in April, it was revealed today by the central statistical bureau.

Approximately nine out of every 100 persons afflicted by the disease in June died, it was reported. During May the ratio of deaths was 12 out of every 100 cases. The bureau said that the spread of polio remains the principal concern of the Israel population at present.

ISRAEL APPROVES THE AMERICAN COMMERCE DEPARTMENT PLANS FOR OPENING BUSINESS SERVICE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The Constellations purchased in the U.S. are due to arrive in Israel next month to be used for regular flight operations, it was announced today at ceremonies here marking the completion of the first year of air service by E. A. Airlines.

A group of 130 students from all parts of the world arrived today aboard the liner "Anne Marie" to participate in the 10th world conference of the World Federation of Jewish Students which is in open this week in Israel.

WATER SUPPLY LINE OPENED IN EILAT; PREMIER ENTHUSIASTIC OVER FLOW OF WATER TO ARID DESERT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A three-way celebration, attended by Premier David Ben Gurion, took place in Eilat yesterday. The ancient town, located at the southernmost tip of Israel on the Gulf of Aqaba, marked the laying of a cornerstone for a 50-unit housing development, inauguration of a telephone line and the launching of a water supply line.

Premier Ben Gurion, speaking at one of the dedication ceremonies, said: "I saw something today which has not occurred since the Almighty created heaven and earth--water flowing in the arid desert." Participating in the ceremonies were also Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Aubrey S. Eban; former Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Yaacov Dori; and Chaim Halpern, director-general of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The new pipeline at Eilat will provide a constant supply of water to Israel's southernmost point, including water for agricultural needs now in experimental stages. The water source was discovered after borings were undertaken near an old Arab well. The new source provides 100 cubic meters of water hourly. Experts believe that additional borings will turn up even larger quantities of water resources.

STRINGENT AUSTERITY IS IMPERATIVE FOR ISRAEL, FORMER BRITISH COLONIAL MINISTER REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- "Nothing short of the most stringent austerity and the most drastic re-evaluation can cope with the present economic situation which Israel faces," Col. Leopold Amery, former British Colonial Secretary, said here today following an extended visit to the Jewish state.

Writing in the London Times, Col. Amery asserted that the economic and social strains which a tighter austerity program will set up will be "a severe test of what is at present a stable political structure." The former Colonial Minister emphasized the Jewish state's need for peace and for the resumption of normal economic relations with Jordan.

Col. Amery said that his visit to Israel after a lapse of 25 years was "almost a bewildering experience." He declared that the country had changed "from a primitive, chiefly Arab country into a state which swarms with a new population, Western in restless and creative energy as well as in social habits." The predominant impression that the visitor discerns, especially in the younger generation, is one of robust health and exuberant vitality, Col. Amery added.

"Despite the widely different origin of immigrants," the former Minister stated, "Israel is much more than a miscellaneous collection of Jews from all ends of the earth. It is a new nation--an entirely new shoot from a very tough old root." He concluded with a review of efforts to develop agriculture and industry in Israel and emphasized that it is on technical skill, invention and enterprise in the field of lighter industry that Israel must rely.

ARTHUR LOURIE, ISRAEL CONSUL-GENERAL IN NEW YORK, ADVANCED TO RANK OF MINISTER

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Arthur Lourie, Consul-General and Deputy Representative in Israel's permanent delegation to the United Nations, has been advanced to the rank of Minister, it was announced here today by the Israel Office of Information.

Y. Löwe, a prominent Israel agronomist, has arrived in Washington to assume duties with the Israel Embassy staff as agricultural attache. He replaces Dr. Ludwig Sammel, who returned to Israel.

PROMINENT JEWISH SOCIALISTS ARRESTED IN HUNGARY; JEWISH COMMUNITY HEAD FLEES TO AUSTRIA

ROME, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The arrest in Hungary of several prominent Jewish members of the Hungarian Socialist Party was reported here today from Budapest. Those arrested include Dr. Ladislas Farago, former member of the Hungarian parliament; Dr. Emerik Gyöcsky, another ex-member of Hungary's parliament who was also the legal adviser of the Socialist Party; Dr. Joseph Buschler, who at one time held the post of vice-president of the Bank of Hungary; and Armin Ladanyi, former president of the Budapest Bar Association.

The same report stated that Odoen Antil, president of the Jewish community of Kaposvar and leading member of the Independent Smallholders and Citizens Party, fled to Austria. Dr. Istvan Ries, leading Communist in Hungary and former Minister of Justice--who is of Jewish origin--is reported among those arrested in the Budapest purge.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUES ORDER TO PREVENT ENTRY OF ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The Australian Minister for Trade and Customs has ordered all customs collectors in this country to examine and detain literature imported from abroad which may be classified as seditious.

The order was issued following representations from the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, which pointed out that increasing numbers of anti-Semitic and Fascist publications have been imported into Australia in recent weeks.

The E.C.A.J. reported that one firm in Sydney--"Tidal Publications"--has arranged to sell these anti-Semitic publications openly. Most of the current crop of anti-Jewish papers comes from England.

ARGENTINE JEWS ARE URGED TO PERMIT THEIR CHILDREN TO IMMIGRATE TO JEWISH STATE

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Argentine Jews were urged today to permit their children to immigrate to Israel for permanent settlement there. The suggestion was made by Meir Grossman, member of the Jewish Agency executive, now on a visit here in the interests of the United Jewish Appeal.

Addressing a mass meeting arranged by the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Agency leader expressed the opinion that "only timid Jews speak about double loyalty, while Gentiles understand the situation." He expressed the belief that in the field of international politics, Israel should take a stand similar to that taken by the Scandinavian countries.

Mr. Grossman especially appealed to Argentine Jewry to contribute to all fund-raising drives for Israel institutions and to support middle-class projects in the Jewish state through private capital investments. He emphasized that the Zionist movement in Argentina must be strengthened.

DP'S RESETTLED IN NEW JERSEY HAVE NOT DISPLACED AMERICAN WORKERS, COMMISSION REPORTS

TRENTON, N.J., Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The State Commission on Displaced Persons reported that DP's resettling in New Jersey in the past year have not displaced American workers in their jobs, and have been absorbed without appreciable disturbance of the normal employment picture.

According to the report, approximately 8,000 DP's of all religious faiths are in New Jersey. Between one-third and one-half are actually workers, the rest being wives and children. Moreover, the state will have no difficulty in finding homes and jobs for its quota of newcomers expected under the revised DP law.

CENSUS OF JEWISH POPULATION IN TWO CALIFORNIA COUNTIES WILL START IN OCTOBER

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Preparations for a Jewish population census of Alameda and Contra Costa counties during the month of October were completed here today. The survey is one of the few such census undertakings in the United States.

The census will be taken by volunteers working from the Oakland Jewish Community Center under the direction of Dr. Samuel C. Kohns, Jewish Welfare Board Western States Section director, who recently completed a similar project in Portland, Oregon.

J.W.B. IS PREPARED TO EXPAND ITS WEST COAST FACILITIES; HEEDS SECRETARY JOHNSON'S PLEA

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- West coast offices of the National Jewish Welfare Board are prepared to meet the increased needs of the armed forces in this area and overseas with additional religious materials and Kosher food supplies, Shea Schwartz, J.W.B. West Coast representative, announced here following a special Washington conference of J.W.B., Y.M.C.A., and National Catholic Community Service leaders with Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

According to Mr. Schwartz, expansion of J.W.B. staff and facilities, particularly on the West coast, was asked by Secretary Johnson of the newly-formed Associated Services for the Armed Forces--of which the J.W.B. is a part--because of increased needs arising out of the Korean war.

U.S. GROUP RAISES FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTISTS AND SINGERS SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Completing a transaction which will culminate in the establishment in Israel of a settlement for Jewish artists and singers, cantor Myro Glass, Zionist leader of Indianapolis, turned over today a check for \$10,000 to Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund. The sum was donated in the name of the Palestine Symphonic Choir, of which Cantor Glass is chairman.

The \$10,000 contribution marks the first installment on a Biblical Music Center which will be located on 200 dunam of land allocated by the Jewish National Fund in Maale Bachamisha in the vicinity of Jerusalem. The Music Center, which is to be named "Asaph," after the choir leader of the Second Temple, will include an amphitheater as well as living accommodations for cantors and musicians. The sponsors of the Center hope to promote the revival of Hebrew music and to make Asaph a center for national festivals.

The negotiations between the Fund and the Palestine Symphonic Choir for the land tract in Israel were brought to a close by Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the J.N.F., during his recent visit to the Jewish state. Among the officers of the Music Center Project are Prof. Jacob Weinberg, noted musicologist and composer, and Rabbi James Heller of Cincinnati, outstanding Zionist leader.

TEL AVIV VICE-MAYOR WELCOMED IN DETROIT; STUDIES U.S. SYSTEM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

DETROIT, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Eliezer Peri, Vice-mayor of Tel Aviv, was welcomed here at City Hall by Mayor Albert E. Cobb. Mr. Peri toured the city to study the functions of Detroit's government. His visit is part of a tour of leading American cities during which Mr. Peri will study municipal government structures.

REMAINS OF RABBI ZVI CHAJES, FORMER VIENNA CHIEF RABBI, TO BE INTERRED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The remains of Rabbi Zvi Peretz Chajes, former Chief Rabbi of Vienna who was chairman of the Zionist Actions Committee, will be transferred from Vienna to Israel by the Austrian Jewish Association here for re-burial in Jerusalem, it was announced today.

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