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### U.S. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION LEAVES FOR ISRAEL ON OFFICIAL MISSION; SENT BY STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Earl J. McGrath, U.S. Commissioner of Education, Federal Security Agency, left by air today for Israel on an official mission to assist the Jewish state in the solution of its educational problems.

Israel requested Secretary of State Dean Acheson to send a mission of American educators to Israel under the leadership of Mr. McGrath. This followed an invitation by Israel President Dr. Chaim Weizmann to Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing, when he visited Israel last January.

Mr. McGrath will confer with Israel Government officials, including educational officials, on arrangements for two months of survey and assistance by other members of the mission, who will go to Israel this fall after schools are in session.

In notifying Commissioner McGrath of his assignment, Assistant Secretary of State Edward W. Barrett said: "It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been assigned to Israel for a period not to exceed two months, including travel time, under provisions of Public Law 402, 80th Congress, as a member of the mission to advise and assist the government of that country in working out an educational program adapted to meet the increasing needs in this field."

Commenting on the mission, Mr. McGrath said: "I am glad that the Federal Security Administrator and the Department of State have made it possible for me to be of service to the Government of Israel. We welcome this opportunity to share educational experience with the pioneering schools of Israel, to learn from their progress against great odds and to give them whatever counsel we can from the experience of education in this country."

### SECRET ISRAEL-JORDAN PEACE TALKS RENEWED; NEGOTIATIONS BY-PASS U.N. COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Direct talks between Israel and Jordan for reaching a permanent peace have been renewed and well-informed circles here today indicated their optimism as to the possible outcome. The negotiations are by-passing the United Nations Conciliation Commission, which is now making another attempt to develop the armistice agreements existing between Israel and the Arab countries into a permanent peace.

The United Nations office here announced today that U.N. Chief of Staff Gen. William Riley visited Lebanon on Monday for consultations with Commandant Delseries, U.N. chairman of the Israel-Lebanese armistice commission, on the recent incidents which have taken place along the Israel-Lebanese frontier. Gen. Riley also took up the plane incident, in which an Israel fighter chased a Lebanese passenger transport across the border.

Of a total Arab population of 2,500 in the border town of Migdal Gad some 700 have departed for Egyptian-held territory in the Gaza area since Israel took over the town and an additional 400 are preparing to leave, it was reported here today.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES COMMUNIST DISTURBANCES IN MOVIE THEATRES SHOWING U.S. FILMS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet discussed today methods of preventing repetition of disturbances recently staged in motion-picture theatres by Communists protesting against the exhibition of American newsreels depicting the war in Korea.

INCREASED WITHDRAWALS FROM ISRAEL BANKS REPORTED; GOVERNMENT DECRIES INFLATION FEAR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The amount of currency circulating in Israel as of yesterday was 2,500,000 pounds more than during the previous week, marking the highest weekly rise for several months, it was reported today.

The total amount of currency in circulation reached nearly 64,500,000 pounds, owing principally to publication of the clothing ordinance and the resultant panicky purchasing by consumers of the about-to-be-rationed items. Another reason for the jump was the spread of an unfounded rumor that bank accounts would be frozen.

An Israel Finance Ministry announcement issued last night said that the increase in currency circulation does not indicate that inflation is in force nor has it any bearing on the government's financial requirements. Only a small amount of the currency is being used for financial or business transactions, the announcement said, adding that the bulk of the money withdrawn from the banks was transferred to private vaults and safes.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT APPROVES PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING \$280,000 ASSEMBLY PLANT IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The British Treasury has approved the establishment of an assembly plant in Israel for agricultural and other machinery by the 200-year-old firm, C.H. Johnson Machinery, Ltd., located in Stockport, it was reported today. The Johnson company, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned, will operate the plant in partnership with a group of Israel investors. A sum of 100,000 pounds (\$280,000) has been invested in the project.

This is the second big project approved by the Treasury under an agreement reached two months ago between the Treasury and Israel authorities, whereby the British authorities undertook to "consider favorably applications from British firms for permission to establish branches in Israel" and transfer to the Jewish state equipment for this purpose.

The first case approved by the British Treasury recently was for a plant now in the course of construction in Lydda for refining used lubricating oil. This plant is being established by Pressure Lubricants, Ltd. The expansion of British industrial investments in Israel is hampered at present by currency restrictions and by the London government's decision to limit investments temporarily to dollar countries, such as the U.S. and Canada.

SHIP CARRYING 4,400,000 POUNDS OF U.S. GIFT FOOD FOR ISRAEL TO SAIL FROM NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The SS Atlantic Ocean, chartered by the American-Israeli Shipping Company of New York, will sail from here shortly carrying 4,400,000 pounds of surplus U.S. butter and cheese to Israel, it was announced today. The vessel is expected to unload its cargo in Haifa in time for the forthcoming High Holy Days.

The butter and cheese, valued at \$2,310,000, were turned over to Hadassah for distribution to the needy in Israel by the Commodity Credit Corporation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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JEWS IN GERMANY CRITICIZE U.S. AUTHORITIES FOR RELEASING PROMINENT NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

MUNICH, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- American occupation authorities in Germany are bitterly criticized today in the German-Jewish weekly newspaper, "Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden," for their decision to release leading Nazi war criminals, some of whom were sentenced for crimes against humanity and participation in the annihilation of Jews.

The Jewish newspaper charges the U.S. authorities with "violating justice and threatening the life and security of the Jews and other ex-Nazi persecutees." Pointing out that Nazi war criminals were punished shortly after the war "in the name of civilization," the article says: "It is impossible now for one of the occupying powers to act as though there were no collective responsibility for the sentences pronounced at Nuremberg."

Eight of the prominent Nazi war criminals will be released tomorrow from Landsberg prison, near Munich, on grounds of reduction of sentences for "good conduct." Twelve more will be released from the same prison before the end of this month on the same grounds. Among those to be released tomorrow are Otto Dietrich, former Nazi press chief, and Richard Darre, former Nazi Agriculture Minister. Both were sentenced at the Nuremberg trial for actively persecuting Jews.

ALLIES ANNUL GERMAN REGULATIONS DENYING COMPENSATION TO NAZI VICTIMS LIVING ABROAD

BONN, Germany, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Allied High Commission today annulled two regulations passed in the Bremen and Hesse provinces because they discriminated between Nazi victims living in Germany and those living abroad. The regulations provided that no compensation be paid to Nazi victims as long as they reside abroad.

(The New York Times reported that United States High Commissioner John J. McCloy has called the attention of Andre Francois-Poncet, French High Commissioner, to a confirmed report that a stairway constructed of headstones from Jewish cemeteries was being used at a children's school in Coblenz in the French zone. Continuous use of these stairs would lead to violent sentiments both in the United States and France, Mr. McCloy declared.)

NAZI LEADER COMPELLED TO LEAVE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING PROTESTS FROM JEWS AND SLOVAKS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Karol Sidor, Slovakian Nazi leader whose presence in the United States caused a storm of protest from Jewish and Slovakian organizations, has left the country, the Immigration and Naturalization Service said today.

Sidor's temporary three-month visitor's pass expired yesterday. Authorities here said it would not be renewed. The decision followed complaints by Rep. Arthur G. Klein of New York to the Justice and State Departments, noting that Sidor led Nazi organizations in Czechoslovakia during the Hitler era.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS BRAZIL TO DEPORT NAZI WHO ANNIHILATED JEWS IN RIGA

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The expulsion from Brazil of Herbert Cukars, leader of the Nazi Party in Latvia during the Hitler regime who was one of the persons directing the mass extermination of Jews in the Riga ghetto, was asked today by the World Jewish Congress in a letter addressed to the Brazilian Ambassador in Washington. The letter emphasized that the W.J.C. is in possession of evidence that Cukars is guilty of annihilating Jews. The W.J.C. also intervened with the Ambassador in behalf of three Brazilian Jews who were arrested for an alleged attack on the business premises of Cukars.

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI WARNS CONGREGATIONS AGAINST COMMUNIST AND PRO-COMMUNIST GROUPS

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie of the British Empire today sent a circular letter to all rabbis under his jurisdiction warning them against playing unwittingly into the hands of Communist and pro-Communist groups "which insinuate their propaganda" into Jewish circles. He especially requested the rabbis to advise the members of their congregations against signing so-called "peace petitions" which emanate from pro-Communist groups.

"Great caution should be displayed when you are called upon to be associated with causes which sound altruistic and humanitarian, but of whose ultimate sponsors you are not certain," the Chief Rabbi's letter says. With regard to the "peace petitions," the Chief Rabbi points out in his letter that "Jewish ministers work for peace through the Jewish Peace Society and the United Nations Association, collaborating with the clergy of all denominations, in setting aside days of prayer in behalf of the U.N. and world peace."

Explaining his move, the British Chief Rabbi said: "Organizations and societies have suddenly appeared which really do not seek peace for its own sake. Those who are behind them are interested in purposes which can have only one culmination--the end of freedom and the peace of death."

LESS ANTI-SEMITISM APPARENT IN SOUTHWEST THAN IN EAST AND MIDWEST SECTIONS OF U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The "Nazi philosophy of race" and its anti-Semitic manifestations are not so apparent in California and the Southwestern states as in the East and Midwest, according to Dr. Martin Bickham, Illinois expert on interracial problems.

Dr. Bickham, who is former chairman of the Illinois Interracial Commission, a sociologist and church leader, is making a survey of California's race migration trends for the California Federation of Civic Unity.

NEW CHAPTERS OF ANTI-SEMITIC AMERICAN FASCIST UNION BEING ORGANIZED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- New chapters of the American Fascist Union are being organized in the Yorkville section of New York by Richard Hamel, leader of the Union, who boasts that he is in "constant touch" with Sir Oswald Mosley, British fascist leader, the New York Compass reported today. The newspaper reprints a leaflet distributed by Hamel's organization in Boston, headquarters of the Union, which slanders and attacks the Jews.

TEN PERCENT OF ARGENTINE JEWISH FAMILIES ARE ENGAGED IN FARMING. SURVEY ESTABLISHES

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A survey of the 70,000-odd Jewish families in Argentina reveals that while the heads of 7,374 families are farmers, 9,775 family heads earn their living as small traders. The study was conducted by Yedidio Efron, Zionist leader and Jewish educator and was published today in the Yiddische Zeitung, leading South American Jewish newspaper.

A report issued by the Argentine Jewish Institute of Culture and Information, which is headed by Simon Mirelman, reveals that in the two years since it was organized the Institute has published 22 pamphlets on Jewish subjects and on anti-Semitism. In addition the Institute disseminates information on Israel, sponsors a radio program about Jews and Jewish culture and is collecting a library of 5,000 volumes on Argentine history, geography and economy to be contributed to the Israel National Library in Jerusalem.

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U.S. PROTEST TO EGYPT FAILS TO SECURE PASSAGE OF ISRAEL-BOUND SHIPS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Discussions held in Cairo between U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffrey and the Egyptian Foreign Minister may result in relaxation of restrictions imposed by the Egyptian Government against tankers passing through the Suez Canal in a northerly direction, it was indicated here today. The restrictions, however, will be stringently maintained for Israel-bound shipping, it was emphasized.

The American Merchant Marine Institute, which earlier had registered a complaint against the Suez Canal regulations with the Egyptian Ambassador in Washington and with the State Department, was informed today that the restrictions were instituted to "prevent the shipment of arms and war materiel to Israel." Egyptian Ambassador Rahim in Washington was reported to have told Institute officials that he saw no reason why vessels not destined for Israel should be so regulated.

PRESIDENT OF AMALGAMATED BANK, TWO PUBLISHERS JOIN BOARD OF JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The addition of three new members to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was announced here today. They are: Michael M. Nisselson, president of the Amalgamated Bank of New York; L.H. Frisch, editor and publisher of the American Jewish World of Minneapolis; and Leigh Danenberg, editor and publisher of the Sunday Herald, of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Mr. Nisselson is a member of the American Bankers Association, the national executive committee of the American Jewish Congress, and the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare. Mr. Frisch is treasurer of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers, a member of the board of the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service and an active Zionist leader. Mr. Danenberg is a board member in numerous civic and philanthropic organizations in Bridgeport.

CENTRAL BODY OF JEWISH WELFARE FUNDS IS ASKED TO DEFINE SOURCE OF ITS AUTHORITY

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Analyzing the report issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on its activities for the first six months of this year, Dr. S. Margoshes, columnist of The Day, Yiddish daily newspaper, takes issue with the fact that the Council considers itself "the national association of organized Jewish communities."

"How many Jewish Community Councils have their official representatives either on the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, or on its Council, or both?" Dr. Margoshes asks in his column. "I have not seen the list of constituencies of the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which, I presume, select the Council, but I have a notion that there are very few Jewish Community Councils on that list."

The writer refers to the part of the report which points out that the Council "is being directed and guided by more than 300 lay and professional community leaders who are participating in the programs of more than 25 national, regional and departmental committees, and are drawn from small and large communities in every part of the United States and Canada." He asks "by whom and how" these community leaders are drawn, emphasizing that the Council must define the source of its authority.

FIRST GROUP OF 21 JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS GRADUATES FROM PAUL BAERWALD SCHOOL IN FRANCE

VERSAILLES, France, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Commencement exercises will take place here tomorrow for the first class of the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work, established by the Joint Distribution Committee last October to train Jewish social workers in Europe.

The graduating class comprises 21 persons, including 12 Israelis who will return immediately to the Jewish state. The other graduates come from North Africa and western Europe. A new class has already been chosen for training for the new semester.

MIZRACHI EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OPENS THIS WEEK-END IN BELGIUM; TO STUDY NUMEROUS ISSUES

KNOCKE, Belgium, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A three-day European conference of the Mizrahi organization will open in this resort town this week-end with delegates from Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland and North Africa in attendance.

The conference will consider problems likely to come before the forthcoming session in Jerusalem of the World Zionist Congress, as well as Mizrahi programs in the fields of immigration to and absorption in Israel and middle-class colonization.

THIRD ISRAEL BRANCH OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A Haifa branch of the Israel United Nations Association was organized here today by a number of prominent residents of the city. Among the founders were: Mayor Shabtai Levi; Abba Chushi, Knesset deputy and head of the local labor council, and David Hacohen, general manager of Solel Boneh, the Histadrut's construction cooperative.

The Jerusalem U.N. Association will be represented at the forthcoming conference of the World Federation of United Nations Associations by Mayor Daniel Auster, Prof. Aryeh Tartakower, Yeshaiahu Persner and Daniel Sher. A branch of the organization also exists in Tel Aviv.

RECORD NUMBER OF SHEKOLIM IS SOLD THIS YEAR IN ARGENTINA; LABORITE DELEGATES IN LEAD

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A total of 65,666 Shekolim were sold in Argentina this year as compared with 50,000 sold in 1948 and less than 40,000 in 1946, it was revealed here at a special meeting at which official tabulation of the Shekolim sold was conducted by representatives of all Argentine Zionist parties.

In the order of their strength, the Argentine delegates elected by the sale of Shekolim to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress are listed as follows: Poale Zion-Hitachdut, General Zionists, Left Poale-Zion, Hashomer Hatzair, WIZO, Revisionists, Haapoel Hamizrachi, Sefardim and Mizrahi.

Resolutions expressing support of Meir Grossman, Revisionist leader and Jewish Agency executive member whose resignation from the Agency was demanded by Israel Revisionists, were adopted by the central committees of the Revisionist organizations in Argentina and Chile. The resolution adopted by the Argentine Revisionist Party's central committee voiced "confidence in Meir Grossman as Revisionist representative on the executive of the Jewish Agency."