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ISRAEL REPORTS ON BANK WITHDRAWALS; SAYS THEY ARE ONLY TWO PERCENT OF ALL DEPOSITS

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The withdrawal of deposits from banks in Israel during the last few days amounted only to 2,500,000 Israel pounds, which is not more than two percent of total deposits in the country, the Israel Office of Information announced here today on the basis of a report received from Tel Aviv. The announcement said that a marked tendency towards redepositing of these funds is now being noticed. The text of the report received from Tel Aviv reads:

"During the last few days economic matters have been in the forefront of public attention in Israel. Following detailed statements on the economic situation which were made by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance at the Mapai Party conference last week, an erroneous report over the Swiss radio ascribed to the Prime Minister the intention to freeze bank accounts and introduce compulsory government loans.

"These false rumors aroused considerable disquiet, particularly as they coincided with the introduction of clothes rationing and certain tension over the international situation.

"A limited volume of withdrawals of bank deposits took place, amounting in all to 2,500,000 Israel pounds. These withdrawals represent only about two percent of total bank deposits in the country, and there has already been a marked tendency towards redepositing of these funds.

"Public nervousness also expressed itself in a further considerable rise of the free market price for gold sovereigns. It should, however, be borne in mind that these quotations have no influence on, and no relation to, exchange rates and essential commodity prices, the latter of which have remained stable."

(The Israel Cabinet was scheduled today to hold a meeting devoted to the economic situation. The meeting was also to be attended by economic experts representing various political groups, and great importance was attached to it by economic circles. At the time the Bulletin went to press no report had been received in New York as to the decisions adopted at the meeting.)

Orthodox Groups in Israel Seek Resignation of Minister of Supply

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The removal of Dov Joseph from his post as Minister of Supply was demanded today in a resolution adopted by the Religious Bloc, representing all major religious groups in Israel.

The three Orthodox members in the Cabinet were also instructed in the resolution to request of the Cabinet that the authority to fix prices and to determine imports be transferred from the Ministry of Supply to the Trade Ministry.

Daily Newspapers in Israel Curtail Editions to One Sheet

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Most of the daily newspapers published in Israel today appeared in editions of one sheet each due to the critical shortage of newsprint. The lack of newsprint is expected to last at least two weeks if shipments from Marseilles fail to arrive.

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ISRAEL READYING MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT TO UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN KOREA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) — Israel's contribution of medical supplies for the United Nations forces in Korea will be dispatched within the next three or four weeks, it was learned here today. The Cabinet has instructed the Ministry of Health to assemble immediately all medical supplies requested by the U.N. which are produced in Israel.

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund is spending \$380,000 in Israel this year to aid Israel Children, Dr. M. Mabileau, UNICEF representative in this country, today told Education Minister Zalman Shazar. Dr. Mabileau also informed the Minister that the last UNICEF conference had decided to recommend to the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly that aid for children be continued in the Far and Near East, which would include Israel.

ARAB REPORTS SAY ISRAEL ABOUT TO LAUNCH "PEACE OFFENSIVE"; FRANCE INTERVENTION SEEN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) — The Arab News Agency at Beirut is circulating reports that Israel will shortly launch a "peace offensive" among the Arab states, dispatches from the Lebanese capital today stated. The news agency reports assert that Israel's top "Arab experts" have been assigned to contact Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and the other Arab nations.

At the same time, reports from Cairo assert that France is taking an active part in attempting to make peace between Israel and Egypt. These reports say that French officials are attempting to persuade King Farouk, who is vacationing on the Riviera, to begin direct peace talks with the Jewish state on the basis of mutual recognition of the existing boundaries of both countries.

The same reports maintain that the French Foreign Office has promised to influence Syria and Lebanon to approve Egypt's actions along such lines. This is seen as a French move to rebuild a bloc of Arab states in the Near East in opposition to the British-dominated Hashemite bloc. France is said to have promised the Arab states that it would support the internationalization of Jerusalem at the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly session.

ISRAEL PATROLS DISPERSE ARAB BAND ATTEMPTING TO LAY NEW LANDMINE IN SOUTH

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) — Israel patrols, concealed in the area of Beit Jibrin where an Arab-laid mine exploded, killing five Israel soldiers and seriously wounding three others earlier this week, today surprised a band of Arab guerrillas attempting to set another explosive trap. The Israelis engaged the infiltrators and forced them to flee back across the border to Transjordan territory.

HISTADRUT ACCEPTS YUGOSLAV LABOR GROUP'S INVITATION TO SEND DELEGATION TO BELGRADE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) — The Histadrut executive today decided to accept an invitation from the Yugoslav Trade Union Congress to send a delegation to visit Yugoslavia. The decision was taken over the opposition of the Mapam members of the executive. A delegation of three or four persons will leave for Belgrade early next month.

ISRAEL APPOINTS NEW ECONOMIC ADVISERS TO WASHINGTON EMBASSY AND LONDON LEGATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) — The appointment of Zemakh Hyman as economic adviser to the Washington Embassy, succeeding Zemakh Vitkin who is returning to Israel, was officially announced here today. Announcement was also made that Dr. Yaacov Aharon Brin has been named economic counsellor in London, replacing E.F. Shinnar.

ISRAEL TRADE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN TURKEY TO DISCUSS EXPORT OF ISRAEL PRODUCTS

ISTANBUL, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- A trade delegation representing the Israel Company for Export and Import has arrived here to negotiate with Turkish authorities the export of Israel products, including drugs, radios and other manufactured goods, it was announced today. A second delegation which will discuss the export of shoes is expected here next week.

It was also learned that Israel has bought \$100,000 worth of Turkish goods, consisting mainly of tobacco and a variety of foodstuffs, since a trade agreement between the two countries was signed last July.

J.N.F. ERECTING WORK VILLAGES FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS; TO RECLAIM 1,000,000 DUNAMS OF LAND

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund is now implementing a scheme to erect work villages through the recovery of 1,000,000 dunams of hilly land, on which 20,000 families of newly-arrived immigrants will be settled in the next four or five years, Joseph Weitz, J.N.F. director of lands and afforestation, declared here.

By October, he said, 36 work villages--including 19 in the strategic Jerusalem corridor and 17 in Galilee--will be completed, with accommodations for 4,080 immigrant families. Each resident-worker will receive a daily wage of approximately \$4.00 and will be guaranteed 230 working days during the first year and a minimum of 800 working days in the subsequent four years. In addition, each resident of the work villages will receive agricultural training and "general assistance."

The Jewish National Fund plan also provides for the planting of 4,000,000 trees this year at a total cost of \$5,600,000, which will also cover the cost of reclaiming hilly country and the planting of saplings. Yemenite immigrants engaged in the J.N.F. afforestation program, it was reported, are displaying high skill in handling such heavy equipment as bulldozers and compressors and have already planted orchards which they tend with great care.

EUROPEAN MIZRACHI CONFERENCE ENDS; CALLS FOR RELIGIOUS ZIONISTS TO STRENGTHEN ISRAEL

KNOCKE, Belgium, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The European Mizrahi Conference concluded here last night with the adoption of a resolution calling on the membership of the entire Mizrahi movement to devote itself to solidifying the foundations of the Jewish state which, the resolution said, "needs the mass immigration of all traditional-minded Jews."

In a series of other resolutions, the parley deplored the Israel Government's negative attitude on matters dealing with religious principles, particularly the matter of Sabbath observance and the importation of non-Kosher meat. The delegates also expressed regret that Israel's economic policy is "alienating" private capital and enterprise.

The conference also called for the establishment of a commission of inquiry to effect a maximum of economy in the operations of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund. Finally, the delegates suggested the holding of a world conference to improve relations between the Mizrahi movement and the Labor Mizrachists.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ADVISED TO CONSULT U.N. ON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OF SPANISH JEWS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Israel branch of the World Jewish Congress today recommended to the parent body that it obtain the prior consent of the United Nations before acting on a request from the Jews of Spain that they be permitted to join the World Jewish Congress.

The recommendation is based on the fact that Spain is under a U.N. boycott and the local branch of the W.J.C. fears that acceptance of the Spanish body without the U.N.'s consent might cause the international organization to withdraw the consultative status it has granted the Congress.

AUSTRALIAN JEWISH COUNCIL ISSUES "CALL TO ACTION" TO FIGHT ADMISSION OF GERMANS

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, central representative body of the Jews of this continent, today issued a call to all Jews to give active support to a campaign which the Council will soon launch against the admission of Germans as immigrants.

In its "call to action," the Council declared that the Australian Jewish community has learned "with consternation" of the plan to admit large numbers of Volks-deutsche German refugees from Eastern Europe. The Council labelled the plan a "menace to Australian democracy and to Australian Jewry's security."

TWO FASCISTS HOSPITALIZED, TWO JEWS ARRESTED FOLLOWING CLASH ON BUENOS AIRES STREETS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Two Jews were arrested and two fascists were hospitalized as a result of a clash which developed here when a gang of fascists who were selling "Alianza," organ of the anti-Semitic and ultra-nationalist Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista, insulted a number of Jews. During the melee the police arrived and arrested one of the fascists who was hurt, because he was found in possession of a knife.

Three factions of the Alianza have been reunited in a single organization. The announcement of the merger, in an Alianza publication, included a statement of policy by the organization which placed it in opposition to both the government and the other opposition parties.

SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIAL PRAISES CONTRIBUTION OF JEWS TO WELFARE OF COUNTRY

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Administrator of Natal, D.G. Shephstone, today praised the contribution of the Jews to the upbuilding of South Africa at a ceremony marking the laying of a cornerstone for a Jewish communal building in Durban.

Mr. Shephstone also paid tribute to the "sanity and wisdom of the Jewish approach" to the problems besetting mankind. The Mayor of Durban, Ken Clarke, lauded the contribution of the Jews to the welfare of the city. Other major speakers at the ceremony were Rabbi M.C. Weiler, head of the Reform movement in South Africa, and J. Friedman, president of the Natal Council of Jewry.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews here witnessed a heated debate over the Board's attitude toward the Reform movement. Some of the deputies, pointing out that the majority of the South African community is Orthodox, insisted that the Board speak only for the Orthodox community. Others insisted that the Board must speak for all elements in the community, regardless of affiliation.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS EMBARKED ON \$12,000,000 BUILDING PROGRAMS DURING YEAR

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Fifty-nine Jewish Community Centers in 55 communities in 24 states embarked on building programs involving the erection of brand new structures or the remodelling of existing facilities with a total estimated cost of \$12,000,000 during the year ended August 31, 1950, according to a report today by the National Jewish Welfare Board, the national association of Jewish Community Centers.

The report said that 20 new or remodelled Center buildings costing \$5,530,000 are now under construction, while 26 other Centers completed and occupied new or remodelled buildings costing \$4,300,000 during the year ended August 31st. Fourteen other Centers acquired building sites during the year.

JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY; WILL DISCUSS NEED FOR CREATIVE JEWISH LIFE IN U.S.

NARROWSBURG, N.Y. Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The current American Jewish scene and the need for an effective program for Jewish youth will be discussed at the annual assembly of the National Jewish Youth Conference which opens tomorrow at Camp Wel-Met, near here, attended by about 200 delegates representing national Jewish youth organizations throughout the country. The Conference, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be in session until September 8.

Designed to develop leadership and a more active participation in Jewish community life, the assembly will hear a number of addresses on the present and future role of Judaism as a creative force in American life. The delegates will examine a number of approaches to creative Jewish living which will be proposed to them by leaders of the National Jewish Welfare Board and of other organizations.

The National Jewish Youth Conference represents 300 Jewish youth and young adult councils and most national Jewish youth organizations. It was created in September of 1948 to provide a self-governing representative body of organized Jewish youth which can develop a service for meeting the needs of American Jewish young people.

HILLEL FOUNDATION CONFERENCE OPENS; DELEGATES FROM 74 COLLEGES ATTEND PARLEY

WEST SHOREAN, New York, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Delegates from Hillel foundations at 74 leading colleges and universities in the United States and Canada today assembled here at the opening of a special summer conference of Hillel groups. The parley will continue through September 6. Aimed at providing leadership and guidance to Hillel groups, the conference will discuss outstanding problems affecting Jewish life in this country and in Canada.

CLEVELAND TEMPLE COMMISSIONS TWO COMPOSERS TO WRITE NEW MUSIC FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS

CLEVELAND, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Two Jewish composers have been commissioned by the Fanny Farbas Music Fund of the Temple on the Heights here to write new musical settings for the High Holidays liturgy. The composers, Mark Silver and A.W. Binder, are widely known for their Jewish compositions. The Music Fund was set up to encourage the composition of new liturgical works. Cantor Saul Meisels, of the Temple on the Heights, and Harry E. Stone, are co-chairmen of the Fund.

VICE-MAYOR OF TEL AVIV LEAVES UNITED STATES AFTER THREE-MONTH STUDY OF MUNICIPALITIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Eliezer Perri, Vice-Mayor of Tel Aviv who spent three months in this country at the invitation of the U.S. Government, today returned to Israel, after having completed a study of municipal governments in various American cities.

Mr. Perri was greatly impressed with the different municipal systems existing in various cities. He emphasized that he was cordially received by the mayors of the cities which he visited and was everywhere accorded cooperation. "The results of my study will certainly be beneficial to Israel," he said.

ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC POSTS AT RIO DE JANEIRO AND MEXICO CITY, TSUR REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Israel will create diplomatic posts at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, and Mexico City, but in no other Latin American countries at present, Yaacov Tsur, Israel Minister to Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, today told a press conference prior to his leaving for Buenos Aires.

Minister Tsur said that Latin America has become an important food source for Israel and he predicted that a regular supply of meat would be flowing to the Jewish state from Argentina as trade relations between the two countries improve. He said that the facilities granted Israel by Argentina are unprecedented in the history of Argentina's trade relations with foreign nations.

EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND BRAZIL EXPECTED SOON

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and Brazil through the exchange of ministers between the two states was predicted here by Dr. Abraham Drapkin, of the Latin-American Department of the Israel Foreign Office.

Although Brazil has extended de jure recognition to Israel, there is only an "Honorary Israel Consul" in Rio de Janeiro and no Brazilian envoy in Tel Aviv. Before he left, Dr. Drapkin expressed appreciation for the reception he had received from members of the Brazilian Government.

900-SEAT THEATRE BEING CONSTRUCTED IN TOWN ISRAEL BUILT ON GULF OF AQABA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- A 900-seat auditorium is now under construction at Eylath, the town established by Israel troops and pioneers on the Gulf of Aqaba, in Southern Israel, it was announced today. The building will be used as a cinema, concert hall and for other public purposes.

AUSTRALIAN JEWRY WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED AT MACCABIAH IN ISRAEL; HEAVY EXPENSE CITED

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Australian Jewry will not be represented at the Maccabiah games in Israel next month, it was revealed today in a report submitted to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry by the Associated Judean Athletic Clubs. The report said the "heavy expenditures involved" and the short time available made it impossible to send a representative team to Israel.

JEWISH AGENCY APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE TRANSFER OF SOKOLOV'S REMAINS TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive today named a committee to arrange the transfer to Israel of the remains of Nahum Sokolow, former president of the World Zionist Organization, who was also one of the founders of the Zionist movement. The members of the committee are: Berl Locker, Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum and Z. Shragai.

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