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ISRAEL CHIEF RABBINATE ASKS ALL JEWS TO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE ON SUCCOTH SABBATH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- On the eve of Succoth festival the Chief Rabbinate of Israel has appealed to synagogues throughout the world to offer special prayers for world peace this Saturday, the Sabbath of Succoth.

In ancient times it was customary to sacrifice 70 bulls during this Sabbath as an offering for peace for the 70 nations which comprised the contemporary world. Special peace prayers will be recited on Mount Zion here during the holiday.

Jews Throughout U.S. Usher in Succoth Holiday Tonight

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The eight-day Festival of Tabernacles, or Succoth, will be ushered in at sundown tonight in Jewish communities throughout the United States. The New York Board of Rabbis announced that ethrogrim (citrons) and lulavim (palm branches) have been provided to Jews in 110 institutions in the metropolitan area served by chaplains affiliated with the Board.

Several hundred newly-arrived Jewish FP immigrants living at the HIAS shelter here until they find permanent accommodations will celebrate the Succoth holiday in the traditional Succah (ceremonial hut) on the HIAS headquarters premises. The Synagogue Council of America, representing Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Judaism in America, issued a statement explaining the symbolism and historic significance of the festival.

J.N.F. REDEEMED 2,000,000 DUNAMS OF LAND. FUND HEAD REPORTS AS IT ENTERS JUBILEE YEAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund has reached the goal of 2,000,000 dunams of land as it enters its fiftieth year of land redemption. Attainment of this goal was announced last night at the eighth Kol Hadama, (Voice of the Soil), held as the Fund entered its jubilee year. The assembly was addressed by Dr. Abraham Granott, head of the Fund; Eliezer Kaplan, Israel Finance Minister, and Levi Eshkol, treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

Messages were received from President Chaim Weizmann, Premier David Ben Gurion and others, praising "the wonders in the field of land development" and calling for "incessant, continued efforts." The assembly adopted resolutions calling on the Jews of Israel and throughout the world to help shoulder the burden of redeeming land for agricultural development and the settlement of thousands of families.

EGYPTIANS CONFISCATE MAIL DESTINED FOR ISRAEL; LETTERS CAME FROM U.S., LATIN AMERICA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The Israel Postmaster General announced today that 21 sacks of mail destined for Israel were confiscated by Egyptian authorities after a forced landing of an Israel-bound TWA plane in Egyptian-held territory on September 18. The announcement said the mail originated in New York, Boston, Madrid, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Buenos Aires.

ISRAEL RESIDENT WHO SERVED AS GUARD IN NAZI CAMP ADMITS BEATING JEWISH PRISONERS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Ria Hines, 26-year-old Israel resident who is charged with having beaten Jewish women prisoners at the Oswiecim concentration camp in 1944 and 1945, yesterday admitted in magistrate's court that she struck a number of women prisoners but denied charges of having collaborated with the Nazis. She served as a supervisory guard at the camp during that period.

Malka Goldstein, the first of five prosecution witnesses, testified that the Hines woman beat a friend of hers, Vera Schwartz, until the girl collapsed. She said that she was also beaten by the Hines woman, but not as severely. After giving details of several such incidents, Miss Goldstein charged that the Hines woman's actions were not warranted under the circumstances because Nazi camp authorities were seldom present when the beatings took place. This statement was a direct refutation of the defendant's plea that she was forced to be cruel under orders from the Germans.

The preliminary hearing will be continued on Wednesday when other prosecution witnesses will take the stand. The indictment, which was also read yesterday, stated that the defendant's actions caused a serious deterioration of the physical and mental condition of Jewish prisoners "with the intention of exterminating the Jewish people." If found guilty, she faces the death sentence. This is one of several cases involving a recent law which provides for the punishment of Nazis or Nazi collaborators apprehended on Israel soil.

MOSLEM RELIGIOUS COURTS OPEN IN ISRAEL; MINISTRY FOR RELIGIONS BEGINS REPAIRING MOSQUES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Moslem religious courts were officially opened in Israel this week-end. The Ministry for Religions also announced that it was starting a program to repair all state mosques which suffered from damage or neglect during the war. Special care will be extended to the famous Elgisar Mosque in Acre, the Ministry declared.

Iraqi police have arrested members of an organization said to have issued forged passports to Jews desiring to emigrate from that Arab country to countries other than Israel, it was reported from Beirut. The only passports for emigration issued to Jews are for those going to Israel.

MINISTER ELATH HONORS BRITISH, JEWISH NEGOTIATORS OF ANGLO-ISRAEL AIR PACT

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Israel Minister Elishu Elath today tendered a luncheon to the Israel and British negotiators who last week completed a civil aviation pact between the two nations. Present at the luncheon, in addition to the negotiators, were Lord Pakenham, British Minister for Civil Aviation, representatives of the British Foreign and Colonial Offices and members of the Israel legation staff.

Expressing satisfaction with the agreement, Minister Elath recalled Britain's contribution to Israel air traffic by laying the foundations for Lydda airport, Israel's chief landing field which is rapidly expanding and may soon become the most important airfield in the Middle East. After paying tribute to the Israel negotiators, the British aviation experts promised all assistance to the Jews in developing their civil aviation.

(From Tel Aviv it was reported that an official delegation from The Netherlands has landed at Lydda airport to negotiate an air agreement with Israel.)

MIZRACHI LEADER DENIES RUMORS OF SPLIT IN RELIGIOUS BLOC, WITHDRAWAL FROM COALITION

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Rumors of an imminent split within the Religious Bloc in Israel and its withdrawal from the government coalition were vigorously denied here last night by Itzhak Raphael, head of the Jewish Agency immigration department and a labor Mizrahi leader, addressing a meeting under the auspices of the Mizrahi and the Hapoel Mizrahi organizations here.

Declaring that the Religious Bloc could well be satisfied with the number of its achievements in the religious field due to its participation in the government, Mr. Raphael said that the Hapoel Hamizrachi--as the main force in the bloc--would, together with its partners, continue to share the burden of responsibility of government.

The speaker said that the present economic difficulties in Israel, which opposition to the government is exploiting, are caused mainly by the continued mass immigration into Israel which is placing a superhuman burden on the shoulders of the young state. He said it was the duty of Jews throughout the world to help carry this burden and expressed his conviction that the difficulties would be overcome by joint efforts.

BRITISH MAPAM PARTY OPENS PARLEY; BENTOV ASSAILS POLICIES OF ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Israel cannot fulfill the task of gathering in Jews from all parts of the world without the help of the world Zionist movement and the Jewish people as a whole, Yigal Alon, former commander of the Palmach, declared here last night at the opening session of the annual conference of the British Mapam Party.

Mr. Alon asserted that the part played by the Mapam Party in the realization of the Zionist ideal is greater than it would appear from a comparison of the relative strength of the various Zionist parties. He insisted that the Mapam must be the "guiding force" in guaranteeing the security of the Jewish state by "turning the army into a popular pioneering force."

Mordecai Bentov, Mapam member of the Israel Parliament, told the conference that the Mapam Party does not accept the separation between Jews and Israelis and between socialism and Zionism, which the party considers inseparable. He severely criticized the Israel Government for rejecting, 18 months ago, a plan for the mobilization of manpower and capital and for increasing production. He insisted that a year after this rejection, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan was forced to resort to similar measures.

Mr. Bentov denounced the "rising tide of clericalism" as "one of the deplorable by-products of this regime." He also criticized the Mapai's "westward drift," adding that "until the Mapai is ready to transfer its center of gravity from the right to the left we will continue to remain in opposition."

ALL RELIEF WORK CONDUCTED BY BRITISH JEWS SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO ISRAEL, CHIEF RABBI SAYS

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- An appeal to all Jewish relief and philanthropic organizations in Britain to "devote their activities in the next two to three years to the relief of newcomers in Israel" was voiced here last night by Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, addressing a conference of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations here.

The British Chief Rabbi continued: "I want to go on record as stating that all philanthropic relief work in our community should go to the relief of the newcomers in Israel and that any plans that groups concerned may have regarding extension of their activities in other directions should be postponed."

J.D.C. EMIGRATION PROGRAM MAY END SUDDENLY BECAUSE OF FUND SHORTAGE. SCHWARTZ WARNS

PARIS, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A warning that the Joint Distribution Committee's extensive emigration and resettlement program may come to a sudden halt owing to a lack of funds was sounded here today by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European J.D.C. director. Dr. Schwartz said that funds allocated for emigration for the rest of 1950 will be exhausted by the end of this month, "which may cause 75,000 Jews in Rumania, Poland and Iraq to lose their chance of emigrating to Israel."

In the last five years, he reported, the J.D.C. spent \$50,000,000 to move 500,000 Jewish displaced persons to Israel, the United States and other countries. Some 85 percent of the J.D.C.-aided emigrants were transported to the Jewish state, 45,000 went to the United States, and some 30,000 proceeded to Latin America and the British Dominions.

"The migration movement," the J.D.C. official stated, "has altered the entire aspect of the Jewish communities in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. While 250,000 Jews were living in DP camps in Germany, Austria and Italy three years ago," he added, "only 17,000 still remain in the camps today." Reviewing the J.D.C. program of emigration aid for Jews in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yemen, North Africa, Poland, Rumania and Iraq during the last few years, Dr. Schwartz asserted:

"With three months still to go, and thousands clamoring for emigration aid, a crisis situation has developed, caused by the Committee's inability to pay for further emigration." Dr. Schwartz urged intensified support of the United Jewish Appeal, adding: "If the funds are forthcoming, a decent future is assured for tens of thousands of human beings whose destinies we control, but if the response we hope and pray for is not there it means their final catastrophe."

CARE OF INFANTS IN ISRAEL IMMIGRANT CAMPS GROWS MORE DIFFICULT; WIZO TAKES STEPS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The care of infants in immigrant reception camps in Israel has become more difficult as a result of the conversion of one-third of the reception centers into labor camps and the closing down of Jewish Agency institutions in the camps, it was reported here today.

The Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) has been asked by the Israel Ministry of Social Welfare to expand its child-care programs in the immigrant camps immediately. In compliance with the request the WIZO has already reopened three previously closed-down welfare institutions in the Jerusalem and Nathania areas, as well as several kindergartens. Special courses designed to instruct immigrant mothers in the care of infants will also be instituted by the WIZO.

Dr. Leon Gellman, world Mizrahi leader, was en route today by plane for Paris, London and New York to "enlighten Jewish communities, especially in the United States, on the present situation in Israel as well as to strengthen the Mizrahi movement abroad."

LEHMAN SAYS HE WILL FIGHT TO REPEAL SUBVERSIVE CONTROL BILL; CONFERS WITH TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman visited President Truman at the White House today and told correspondents later that he will fight for repeal or modification of the subversive control bill enacted into law during the week-end, despite the President's veto and administration objections. Major Jewish organizations have opposed the bill on the grounds that it would violate traditional American guarantees of individual freedom by the use of "totalitarian methods."

CONFERENCE OF NEW YORK-ONTARIO REGION OF C.J.F.W.F. CALLS FOR CENTRAL ISRAEL FUND

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The creation of a central Israel fund to "insure maximum benefit" from philanthropic contributions through local welfare funds was urged here last night at the conclusion of the two-day 15th annual conference of the New York-Ontario Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The representatives of 21 Jewish communities comprising the region also stressed in a resolution the necessity for making certain that funds secured through loans or private investments be "in addition to and not a substitute for" money contributed through welfare funds. The delegates reaffirmed the principle of fund-raising through strong central community organizations as the best means of raising maximum sums for Jewish local, national and overseas causes, and urged the Jewish communities to make available as much cash as possible from previous campaigns to the United Jewish Appeal.

Harold Glasser, director of the C.J.F.W.F. Institute on Overseas Studies, told the conference that the solution to Israel's present economic difficulties lies in its ability to strengthen its foreign exchange position through a large-scale expansion of industry and agriculture. He cited the present unbalance of Israel's imports over exports, and declared that continuing aid was necessary to avert "serious economic consequences." Chief present sources of foreign exchange for Israel, he added, were: continuing philanthropic support from American Jewish community welfare funds, the \$100,000,000 U.S. Export-Import Bank loan, and private investments.

Alan V. Lowenstein, president of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, N.J., and vice-chairman of the national Council Committee on Community Organization, reviewed the growth of Jewish communities in the U.S. and Canada during the last 50 years and spoke of the functions of the Committee on Community Organizations.

Maurice S. Tabor of Buffalo, retiring regional president, noted in his review of the year that there had been an increase in joint planning to meet specific needs and added: "It is extremely important that we continue to act as an association of New York State and Ontario communities to express our point of view on national business." Arthur Markson was elected regional president to replace Mr. Tabor, who held the post for the past two years.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS LEADERS FROM ISRAEL, EUROPE, U.S. ARRIVE IN N.Y. FOR CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Leaders of the World Jewish Congress from Israel, Europe and America have arrived here for a special conference to open at the W.J.C.'s New York headquarters on September 28, it was announced today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the W.J.C. Western Hemisphere Section.

One of the topics to be discussed will be the work of the World Jewish Congress at the United Nations, including the "problem of meeting the new situation arising in Western Germany as the Allies hand over to German officialdom virtually complete power over German affairs." The W.J.C. is pressing for retention of the Allied program for German restitution of property and assets which were to be returned to Jewish survivors and heirs of Jewish survivors.

Among the W.J.C. conferees at the New York meeting will be: from Israel, Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, chairman of the W.J.C. General Council; Dr. Arieh Turtakower, chairman of the Israel Executive; Dr. Anselm Reiss, member of the Israel Executive; from Europe, Dr. Gerhardt Reigner, W.J.C. representative in Switzerland; Dr. Noah Barou of London, chairman of the European Executive; Alex Easterman of London, Political Secretary for Europe; Dr. Abraham Steinberg of London, head of the Cultural Department; from Argentina, Dr. Moise Goldman, acting director, W.J.C. Latin American office. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting president of the W.J.C., will keynote the meeting.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL DENOUNCES CHARGES OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP LEVELED AGAINST AMERICAN JEWS

BOSTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Charges of "dual citizenship" leveled against American Jews were denounced here last night by Attorney-General J. Howard McGrath, addressing a special New England conference of the United Palestine Appeal. "I can see no possible problem of it in anything loyal American citizens of the Jewish faith do in helping Israel," he said.

Mr. McGrath continued: "By helping Israel, the American Jew links himself with Jewry everywhere in developing their common heritage--the ethical principles of every religion--liberty, justice and the brotherhood of man. Indeed, the establishment of the state of Israel has brought new dignity to every Jew everywhere," he said.

The U.S. Attorney-General also asserted that it was in the "best interests of America" for Israel to "stand as a strong outpost of freedom and democracy in the Near East." He declared further in referring to Israel that a "self-governing, dignified, strong and free nation in that part of the world will be a potent element in achieving and maintaining universal peace." Other speakers included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, and Rudolf G. Sonnenschein, chairman of the U.P.A. board of directors.

N.Y. STATE REPORTS LESS DISCRIMINATION IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS; ANTI-JEWISH BIAS REMAINS

ALBANY, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The New York State Board of Regents reported during the week-end "substantial improvement in the reduction of discriminatory practices in admissions by institutions of higher learning" since passage of the Education Practices Act of 1948.

The report, however, noted that despite "general improvement between 1948 and 1949," there were indications that discriminatory practices still existed in the state. The rate of rejection by upstate colleges of high school graduates in upper New York was greater for Jews than for non-Jews, it was noted. The rejection percentage in this category was 10.1 for Protestants, 12.5 for Catholics and 20.5 for Jews.

INTERFAITH MOVEMENT STAGES N.Y. RALLY; MAYOR SAYS CITY LEADS NATION IN TOLERANCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A rally staged by the Interfaith Movement, Inc., on the mall of Central Park here yesterday afternoon attracted some 5,000 persons who heard Acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri assert that the city of New York leads the nation in tolerance.

A message from President Truman to the rally urged that "those who are meeting to observe Interfaith Day renew their devotion to the principles of tolerance and mutual respect. Our greatest blessing is the faith we Americans have in one another. As we grow in our understanding of these principles, our nation will be stronger in the eyes of man and more worthy in the eyes of God." Messages were also received from Governor Thomas Dewey, Senator Herbert Lehman and others.

N.Y. YOUTH ARRESTED AS ANTI-SEMITIC LETTER-WRITER AFTER POLICE CHECK STUDENT SIGNATURES

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Joseph E. Britt, 21, was this week-end arraigned in a district court at nearby Mineola, Long Island, on charges of having sent threatening letters to Jewish residents of Rockville Center, L.I., during the last two years. Britt was apprehended following an investigation by detectives who checked the handwriting on the notes against the files of signatures of high school students in the community.

BECAUSE OF SUCCOTH THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON THURSDAY