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JEWISH AGENCY REPORTS DECREASE IN SALE OF SHEKELIM IN UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The number of persons eligible for representation at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress will be about 100,000 less than the number represented at the last Congress held in Basle in 1946, it was reported here today at the plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive.

Eliahn Dobkin, executive member in charge of the Organization Department, who submitted the report, said that as a result of the shekel campaigns of the last two years approximately 1,900,000 shekel holders are eligible for representation at the 1951 World Zionist Congress which will be held in Jerusalem early in the summer. He explained that the shekel campaigns would have shown an overall increase, except for the fact that approximately a half-million potential shekel buyers in Eastern Europe were excluded by domestic conditions prohibiting campaigns in that area.

Part of the loss, Mr. Dobkin said, was made up by a heavy increase in shekel buying in Israel, Latin America and the Middle East. Aside from Eastern Europe, the only two countries to show a decrease in the campaigns since 1948 were the United States and England. The speaker declared that except for Israel, all countries holding elections for the Congress will have completed their balloting by December of this year. In Israel, the holding of municipal elections in November prompted a decision to postpone Congress elections there until March. In those countries where no elections are slated because parties have voluntarily agreed on the allocation of delegates, the lists of such delegates must be turned in not later than December 1 of this year.

Mr. Dobkin gave the following breakdown on the current distribution of shekel holders: United States 774,000; Israel 670,000; Europe 140,000; Latin America 110,000; Middle East 75,000; South Africa 40,000; other countries 91,000.

FOURTH WAR CRIMES CASE OPENS IN ISRAEL; MAN CHARGED WITH MURDERING JEWS IN NAZI CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The fourth war crimes case to be heard in Israel opened today with a preliminary hearing in Magistrate's Court here. Yaacov Hoenigman, a butcher in Beersheba, faces 16 counts of crimes against humanity including the alleged murder of six Jews in various Nazi concentration camps.

A second Israeli woman was today committed for trial on charges of being involved in crimes against humanity. The woman is Ria Hines, one-time bloc captain in the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

The magistrate who committed her for trial did so on the charges that she tortured women inmates of the camp by forcing them to kneel for hours on a concrete floor and hold aloft bricks. She is also accused of having struck women prisoners with whip and stick, but was cleared of charges of having killed any of the prisoners. The other Israeli woman who faces trial under Israel's recently enacted law punishing Nazis or Nazi collaborators found on Israel territory is Elsa Trenk.

JORDAN ARAB GOES ON TRIAL CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ISRAEL SECRETS FOR EMBRY

HAIFA, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A district court here today began hearing charges of espionage against Shawhat Mohamed Skalahi, an Arab resident of a Jordan village bordering on the "Arab triangle" area in central Palestine.

Charged under the "Official Secrets Act," the Arab is accused of attempting to obtain "information valuable to the enemy." The proceedings are being held in camera because of the nature of the information involved. It was reported that he was captured after he had been enticed across the Jordan-Israel border through an intermediary.

ARAB STATES ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF ISRAEL WILL FAIL AS WAR DID, SHARRETT DECLINES

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The Arab states will not be able to strangle Israel by economic blockade any more than they were able to kill the Jewish state by military force, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett declared here last night at the annual dinner meeting of the New York chapter of Hadassah. Some 1,000 guests pledged \$250,000 toward Hadassah's medical program.

Asserting that the "Arab world thinks it can strangle Israel by isolation," Mr. Sharrett declared that the "crude attempt" would fail "as long as the sea and air remain free." Referring to the fact that Israel has been formally recognized by many countries in all parts of the world, Mr. Sharrett warned the Arabs that "as far as relations with Israel are concerned, the isolators are becoming isolated."

ARMISTICE UNIT INVESTIGATES JORDAN CHARGES ARAB CHILDREN SHOT BY ISRAEL SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- An Israel military spokesman today revealed that a subcommittee of the Israel-Jordan armistice commission is investigating the Arab complaint that two Arab children were killed by Israel soldiers in no man's land near Istarac.

The spokesman, who termed the incident "one of the most regrettable to have occurred in or near no man's land," said that the investigating group had not yet determined whether the children were killed by bullets fired by an Israel patrol or Arab infiltrators. They were apparently caught in a crossfire between an Israel patrol and a band of Arab infiltrators caught by the soldiers.

The spokesman also recalled the fact that a Jewish child was killed some time back in the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem by an Arab look-alike using a 3mm 3mm bullet--an outlined explosive projectile. The investigating committee will end its inquiry tomorrow, the spokesman revealed.

REMAINS OF JEWISH PROTESTANT HEROES WHO DIED ON ISRAEL MISSION BURIED IN HAIFA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The remains of Leonard Cohen, British Jew, and George Darling, Canadian Protestant, who died in a plane crash near Rome May 29, 1948, while en route to Israel to fight the invading Arab armies were today reburied with full military honors in a war cemetery near Haifa.

The men were temporarily buried in Italy until permission was obtained from their families to have them reburied as Israel heroes in the Jewish state. The remains of Cohen was buried in the Jewish section of the cemetery while Darling was buried in the Christian section. (Cables were received from all Zionist groups in Canada saluting the memory of Darling, who was Canada's top World War II fighter pilot.)

NEW CABINET WILL AIM FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION, BEN GURION SAYS; CALLS FOR EXPERT WORKERS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion said today that his new Cabinet would "strive for intensification of production" through Pinchas Lubianiler, Agriculture Minister, and Yeacov Geri, Minister of Trade and Industry. Mr. Ben Gurion spoke at a reception for a seven-member delegation of the South African Jewish press now visiting Israel. The Israel Premier stressed that his new Cabinet does not "represent a deviation in policy."

Premier Ben Gurion also lauded the South Africans who fought in Israel's armed forces and urged the delegation to convey "Israel's tribute" to South African Jewry. He also appealed to Jews in the British Dominion to send their "youths and skilled and expert workers to Israel," adding that they are "more important than money." The delegation yesterday made a flying visit to Eilat, Israel's southernmost outpost.

FIRST CHRISTIAN SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY BAPTISTS WITH U.S. FUNDS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Preparations are under way to establish a Baptist agricultural settlement near Petach Tikvah--the first Christian settlement since the proclamation of Israel statehood. Rev. R.L. Lindsey will lead the settlement, which will include a Bible school where the language of instruction will be Hebrew.

Initially, some 50 persons will reside in the settlement. Part of the funds required for the project was received from Baptists living in southern states in the U.S. The settlers will include several former Jews who joined the Baptist congregation while living in Europe. Most of the settlers are familiar with the Hebrew language.

ISRAEL TRADE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN BRUXELS; ISRAEL FIRMS MAY GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

BRUSSELS, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- An Israel trade mission arrived here to begin trade talks with the Belgian Government. It is understood that Belgium is prepared to give Israel preferential treatment in order to enable Israel firms to purchase Belgian products.

Under such a scheme Belgian exporters would sell to Israel firms which would pay in promissory notes of five to ten years duration. Both the Belgian and Israel Governments would undertake to guarantee the notes. If the scheme is approved, commercial circles here expect the Israelis to place immediate orders for some 2,000,000 pounds (\$5,600,000) worth of orders.

MOESHE YUVAL, ISRAEL DIPLOMAT IN WASHINGTON, DESIGNATED AS HEAD OF CONSULATE IN MONTREAL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Moeshe Yuval, First Secretary of the Israel Embassy in Washington, has been designated consul in charge of the Israel Consulate-General in Montreal, Canada. He will assume his duties there today.

Mr. Yuval has been First Secretary at the Embassy since May, 1949, and prior to that was attached to the Israel delegation to the United Nations. He was Israel's first passport control officer in the United States, following the establishment of the Jewish state. He was Israel's representative in Shanghai at the time of the evacuation of the Jewish community from China to Israel last year.

U.S. AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO TEL AVIV POST; SAYS HIS OFFICE TENURE DEPENDS ON TRUMAN

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador James G. McDonald returned here last night to resume his duties. Asked by newsmen about his reported resignation, he declared that the ultimate decision on that matter rested with President Truman. Otherwise, he added, the duration of his term in Israel is undecided.

PARIS STUDENTS ASK PARIS POLICE FOR ACTION AGAINST PURVEYORS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The French Student Committee Against Racial, Political and Religious Discrimination, which was involved in the recent demonstrations against a scheduled showing of the Nazi-made film "Jew Sues," today called on the Paris police to take action to prevent any further attempts at racist or fascist propaganda. The committee also asked the police to trace the source of funds of the groups carrying on such anti-Semitic propaganda.

I.R.O. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON ABSORPTION OF 5,200 JEWISH "HARD CORE" REFUGEES BY ISRAEL

GENEVA, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The group of "hard core" Jewish refugees from China which arrived at Naples on the International Refugee Organization vessel Anna Salen last week-end included the last of some 5,200 such refugees from various countries whom the Israel Government accepted under an agreement with the I.R.O., Donald Kingsley, I.R.O. director-general, announced here today. Mr. Kingsley added that the I.R.O. agreed to pay \$3,500,000 to Israel toward the cost of care for the "hard core" refugees.

In a letter to Israel representative Adler-Rudel, Mr. Kingsley declared: "I wish to express my deep personal appreciation for the great humanitarian contribution which your government so generously made to the solution of this distressing problem." The Israel representative, in turn, thanked the I.R.O. for the arrangements it made to transport the ill and aged Jews from China.

GERMANS TOLD THEY ARE WELCOME IN CANADA; JEWISH PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT HAS NO EFFECT

MONTREAL, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Notwithstanding a protest by the Canadian Jewish Congress that "the admission of Nazis among any German immigrants who may be allowed into this country will endanger the harmonious pattern of Canadian life and will complicate the security problems of the country," the authorities are proceeding with their plans to open the gates of this country to German nationals.

According to a report from Frankfurt, where a Canada exhibition was recently opened, the head of the Canadian mission to Germany, T.C. Davis, welcomed German exhibitors to next summer's Canadian International Trade Fair in Toronto, and said: "I can assure you that German exhibitors and buyers will be given a good welcome there and an opportunity to buy and sell in this new world market place. People of German origin now constitute the third largest ethnic group in Canada. We welcome German settlers."

Strong opposition to the "building up of Germany as a military potential and a possible threat to the peace of the world," was voiced in a resolution adopted by delegates to the sixth biennial conference of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, held in Winnipeg last week.

ANOTHER EX-NAZI APPOINTED TO HIGH OFFICE IN GERMAN PROVINCE OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

HAMBURG, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The new Schleswig-Holstein government, headed by ex-Nazi Walter Bertram, has appointed another former Nazi official, Dr. Ernst Kracht, director of the provincial Minister-President's office. The appointment has occasioned much protest, even in the Danish newspapers across the border.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS MEETS IN WASHINGTON TO COMBAT RELIGIOUS BIAS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The 22nd annual meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews opened here today at the Mayflower Hotel to consider the problems of fighting religious prejudice and discrimination on a global scale.

The three-day parley will adopt a nation-wide campaign goal of \$3,542,475 to finance an expanded program in 1951 and will elect new officers. Nominated for reelection are Dr. Everett R. Ulinch, president of the Conference, and Charles E. Wilson, Roger W. Strauss and Thomas E. Braniff, as national co-chairmen.

Highlights of the meeting will be a message from President Truman and the presentation of silver medals by the Conference to all past chairmen of Brotherhood Week. Recipients of the awards are Harold E. Stassen for his leadership in 1946; the late John G. Winant, 1947; Robert P. Patterson, 1948; Nelson A. Rockefeller, 1949; and John L. Sullivan, 1950.

RABBIS ADOPT PLAN ON PROVIDING JEWISH CHAPLAINS FOR AMERICAN ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Alumni of the Yeshiva University, at an all-day conference here today, adopted a program to supply 39 Jewish chaplains needed in the American armed forces by the end of this year, and 110 chaplains by July, 1951.

Under the plan, accepted by the rabbis, each graduate will be drafted, first, by the rabbinical group in line with the terms of eligibility set-up by the military authorities. Within these limits the rabbis will then be requested to volunteer for chaplaincy duty under a priority system similar to that being used by selective service officials. The call to duty will be determined by lot--drawn by a member of the University faculty.

REMAINS OF BRITISH GENERAL WHO HELPED HAGANAH WILL BE RE-INTERRED TODAY AT ARLINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Israel military officials will pay a final tribute to Maj. Gen. Orde C. Wingate, British officer who helped train the Haganah, tomorrow at re-interment services at Arlington National Cemetery here.

Gen. Wingate will be re-buried with the remains of U.S. Army Air Force men with whom he died in an air crash in Burma on March 25, 1944. The impact of the crash was such that individual bodies were indistinguishable.

Israel military attache Colonel Chaim Herzog and Wing Commander Yehuda Giladi will participate in memorial services and lay a wreath on the grave. American Air Force Chief of Chaplains Major General Charles Carpenter will officiate. High ranking British officers will also take part.

During his service as a British intelligence officer in Palestine, Wingate organized special units among the Haganah. At Ain Harod, in the Eneq, Wingate expanded facilities at a school which trained Haganah officers. He organized special "night squads" of Jews who helped put down Arab uprisings and defended the oil pipeline from Iraq to Haifa.

The remains were first buried in India and later removed to a single mausoleum at Manila, in the Philippine Islands. The final burial at Arlington was agreed to by the British Government because a majority of those involved in the crash were Americans.

ZIONISTS IN MEXICO URGED BY DR. NEUMANN TO AID ISRAEL; ATTACKS ISRAEL'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Zionists in Mexico were urged today to "throw in every ounce of energy to help carry Israel's staggering burdens" in an address delivered by Dr. Emanuel Neumann at a meeting held under the auspices of the Zionist organizations of Mexico.

Dr. Neumann charged at the same time that Israel's economic difficulties, largely due to the tremendous immigration, have been aggravated by "the perpetuation of policies on the part of the government which tended to discourage private capital" as well as by "a policy which tends to weaken organized Zionism" in countries outside of Israel.

The re-shuffle of the Israel Cabinet and the appointment of a non-Socialist Minister for Trade and Industry cannot be considered as "sufficiently far-reaching changes," Dr. Neumann said. "One obvious lesson of the Cabinet crisis is the urgent need of a strong liberal center party such as could be provided by a union of all General Zionists in Israel," he added. "General Zionists the world over must urge and demand the healing of the breach caused by the formation of the Progressive Party."

COMMITTEE FORMED TO SELECT AMERICAN SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS FOR ISRAEL PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A committee of prominent professionals and laymen has been established to select qualified trained American social workers to take up a 15-month assignment to help rehabilitate and establish newly arriving immigrants in Israel, it was announced here today by the National Committee to Select Social Workers for Israel.

Included in the 15 month assignment with Malben, social welfare agency jointly established in Israel by the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee, is a three month orientation course. The committee's announcement said that round-trip fare will be paid for those who complete the 15-month contract. The salary offered for case workers and supervisors "is sufficient for maintaining a reasonably adequate standard of living in Israel," the announcement added.

Case workers should be under 40 years of age, experienced graduates of a recognized social service school or its equivalent and should have a working knowledge of Yiddish, German and French. For supervisory personnel the age limit is 45, the education and experience qualifications are the same as for case workers, except that they must have had five years of supervisory experience.

DENVER DOCTOR SELECTED BY ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT TUBERCULOSIS SURVEY IN COUNTRY

DENVER, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Allan Hurst, medical director of the National Jewish Hospital of Denver, has been selected by the Israel Government to conduct a tuberculosis survey in the Jewish state, it was announced here today. Dr. Hurst will leave for Israel this month, the announcement said.

DR. Koussevitsky RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; PREPARED ISRAEL'S ORCHESTRA FOR U.S. TOUR

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Serge Koussevitsky, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, returned last night from Israel where he conducted the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in 14 concerts. Dr. Koussevitsky who spent five weeks in Israel, went there to prepare the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for its forthcoming tour of the United States under the auspices of the American Fund for Israel Institutions.