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BEN GURION'S ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND PROVOKES RUMORS; MANY DOUBT VISIT IS PRIVATE

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The sudden appearance in England of Israel Premier David Ben Gurion has provoked all kinds of rumors here regarding the purpose of his visit, notwithstanding the fact that official announcements in Jerusalem and here yesterday said that his is "strictly a private visit," connected solely with Mr. Ben Gurion's interest in classical scholarship.

People here find it hard to believe that Israel's Premier and head of the defense forces of the Jewish state should choose this time to devote himself to classical studies in England and to his hobby of collecting books and antiques, especially when this is his first trip abroad since the establishment of Israel.

It is pointed out that the Israel Premier cannot remain altogether indifferent to the talks between Britain and Egypt which are now going on in London with regard to releasing Sterling balances and to similar talks which are to open officially tomorrow between Britain and Israel. Nor is it considered logical that the Israel Premier has no interest whatsoever in the issue of the defense of the Suez Canal and the Middle East which is now one of the major political issues in London.

The Manchester Guardian, one of Britain's leading newspapers, today stresses the need for collective defense in the Middle East. It does not indicate the role which Israel would have to play in a joint defense scheme. However, observers here do not dismiss the possibility of some connection between Mr. Ben Gurion's visit and plans for the defense of the Middle East, which are the hub of the talks now going on between England and Egypt.

David Horowitz, head of the Israel delegation which arrived here to negotiate the release by the British Government of Sterling balances to the Jewish state, today visited the Treasury. It has not yet been announced who will represent the British Government in the negotiations. Included in the Israel delegation is an oil expert and one of the assistant managers of the Israel National Bank.

The Histadrut delegation which arrived here yesterday was welcomed today in the House of Commons by the Parliamentary members of the British Labor Party. A dinner in their honor will be tendered in the House of Lords tonight. The delegation visited the Treasury this morning and will confer tomorrow with leaders of the Trades Union Congress.

Ben Gurion Visited Greek Premier During Stay in Athens

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Greek legation here reported today that during his brief stay in Athens, Israel Premier David Ben Gurion visited Sophocles Venizelos, Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece. Earlier reports from Athens said that Mr. Ben Gurion was merely on vacation in Greece.

RAINS FLOOD REFUGEE CAMPS IN ISRAEL; GOVERNMENT SEEKS SHELTER FOR 6,000 CHILDREN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A dramatic appeal to the Jews of Israel to open their homes to refugee immigrant children and offer them shelter during the cold and rainy season now starting here was made today by Social Welfare Minister Rabbi I.M. Levin. The appeal stressed the fact that the children are living in appalling conditions which are bound to affect their health.

At least 6,000 children of school age need homes during the winter, it was revealed here today by the Jewish Agency, in connection with the approach of the rainy season. The first intense rainfall yesterday has affected adversely many immigrant camps in various parts of the country.

Eyewitness accounts of the havoc wrought by the rain flooding the camps present a gloomy picture. Despite specially-fitted double flaps, many tents were flooded and beds and other articles were soaked through. In one tent a father was seen holding aloft his two-year-old child as deep mud covered the floor space.

Reports in the press today depict how children in the flooded tents were standing barefooted yesterday because of the lack of footwear for them. Many parents are reluctant to part with their teen-age children who could receive hospitality in towns through the special campaign now being conducted by the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency among the urban population to secure shelter for children.

JORDAN SUBMITS NEW COMPLAINT TO ARMISTICE COMMISSION; SAYS ISRAEL USING NEGEV ROAD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Jordan authorities today again submitted a complaint to the United Nations mixed armistice commission asserting that Israel continues to use the disputed part of the road to Elath, in the Negev, which was occupied last week by Jordan's Arab Legion. The Jordanians asked that the armistice commission hold an emergency meeting to discuss the situation.

A United Nations observer arrived today on the Arab side of the disputed area to check on the situation. Brig. Gen. William Riley, head of the U.N. truce commission, is expected to arrive tonight in Jerusalem. Following his arrival another meeting of the mixed armistice commission will probably take place.

Meanwhile, it became known today that Israel is preparing a memorandum for submission to the armistice commission regarding the situation on Mt. Scopus where the Jordan authorities have created new difficulties for Israel's convoys, by misinterpreting the Rhodes armistice pact, which provides that Jordan is to allow the passage of "visitors" through its territory to the Hadassah Hospital and Hebrew University, which are situated on Mt. Scopus. Jordan interprets the word "visitors" to mean only professors.

THIRD WOMAN IS ARRESTED IN ISRAEL ON CHARGES OF HELPING NAZIS TO TORTURE JEWS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Miriam Goldberg, a Jewish refugee who recently arrived in Israel from Germany, was arrested today in Haanana on charges that she participated in cruelties against Jews interned in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1944.

She is the third woman apprehended in Israel on such charges. She is also the eighth person in Israel to be put on trial on war crimes charges. Following her arrest today, she was released on bail by magistrate's court.

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ISRAEL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR FAR EAST NAMED; WILL COVER INDIA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES

HONG KONG, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The appointment of F.W. Pollak as Israel's first trade commissioner for the Far East was welcomed by Jewish business men here who are anxious to initiate trade relations with the Jewish state. Although Palestinian oranges were sold here during the British Mandate period, no Israel citrus or other products have been sold in Hong Kong since the establishment of the new state.

The Egyptian ban on Israel shipping through the Suez Canal, which would make it necessary for Israel freighters to go around the Cape of Good Hope, is responsible for the suspension of citrus shipments to Hong Kong. Jews here are anxious to receive from Israel olive oil and other items. Mr. Pollak will seek to expand commercial relations between Israel and India, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Thailand.

JEWS IN MALABAR SECTION OF INDIA AWAITING MASS TRANSFER TO ISRAEL, LEADER REPORTS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- H. Cynowicz, India Zionist leader who just completed a week-long visit to Jewish communities in the Malabar area, on India's south-west coast, reported today that the most important problem facing the Jews in that sector is emigration.

About 100 of the 2,000 Cochin Jews living in the Malabar area have already reached Israel, and the remaining members of the community are awaiting the opportunity to proceed to the Jewish state. The Jews of Cochin, who are dark-skinned and resemble the Yemenite Jews, have been living in India for some 2,000 years. A mass transfer of Jews from Cochin and the other communities in Malabar to Israel is expected to be started soon.

Mr. Cynowicz said that crowded meetings were held in Malabar at which Jews could hear his reports on the establishment of Israel and on life in the Jewish state. The Jewish communities which Mr. Cynowicz visited include Cochin, Ernakulam, Mala Parur and Chennamangalam, which is the seat of the Malabar Zionist Association.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION REVIVED IN LEGHORN; CEASED FUNCTIONING UNDER MUSSOLINI

LEGHORN, Italy, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- After many years of inactivity owing to the war and to Fascist racist legislation, the Zionist organization of this city has been re-established, it was announced today. Leghorn, formerly known as Livorno, is one of the oldest Jewish communities in Italy and was the site of a flourishing Jewish community in the latter part of the 16th and 17th centuries.

JEVISH NAVIGATION COMPANY IS FORMED IN ARGENTINA; WILL TRAIN YOUTHS FOR SEA CAREERS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Formation of the Argentine-Israeli Navigation Company, under the auspices of the Friends of Israel Maritime League, was announced here. The new firm has already purchased a vessel which will be used in the training of Jewish young men for maritime careers.

"SWORD IN THE DESERT." U.S. FILM ON PALESTINE, SHOWN IN TURKEY; WINS CRITICS' PRAISE

ISTANBUL, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Hollywood-produced film, "Sword in the Desert," which depicts the struggle of Palestine's Jews against the British Mandatory Power, has won critical acclaim here and has been popular with movie audiences during the two weeks it has been shown. The film, which was banned in England and other countries because of its allegedly anti-British character, was permitted to be exhibited in Turkey by the authorities.

U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN GERMANY ORDERS SPEEDING UP ACTION ON RESTITUTION CLAIMS

MUNICH, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Orders to all restitution offices in the U.S. zone of Germany instructing them to eliminate unnecessary red tape and to complete the entire program of restitution of property to Nazi victims by the end of next year were issued here today by U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy.

The High Commissioner also issued an order providing that action on applications for restitution of property must be taken within three months instead of six, as was the case until now.

FEDERATION OF JEWS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT RESTITUTION CLAIMANTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The United Restitution Office maintained by the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe announced today that it has been authorized by American authorities in Germany to represent persons seeking indemnification from Germany.

The announcement says that special offices have been established by the Federation for the purpose of representing Jews seeking restitution in the U.S. zone of Germany. The offices are located in Munich, Frankfurt and Wurttemberg. Another office will soon be opened in Britain.

TURKISH PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES DISCRIMINATORY TAX ON JEWS; PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT BLAMED

ISTANBUL, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The question of the discriminatory tax on Jews and other minorities in Turkey, levied in 1942, was again raised in Parliament today by the Democratic deputy, S. Tekelioğlu. The Finance Minister explained the irregularities and abuses of the former government's officials in the enactment of the tax law and urged the opposition members--who were in power then--to give a clear account of what they had done.

Taking this opportunity to express the new government's views, Prime Minister Adnan Menderes said that the levying of that tax has remained a delicate and grave question for Turkey. He revealed that the government will take up and discuss this matter soon. The issue was raised for the first time in parliament by the same deputy last July, following the Democratic Party's victory in the elections, and was denounced by Ministers and deputies.

It is not likely, however, that the sums and properties unjustly confiscated at that time will be restituted after the forthcoming parliamentary debates. The discussions are apparently intended to call public attention to this fact, which as the Prime Minister pointed out, remains a clear example of the bad administration of the country under the former government.

PORTUGUESE JEWISH LEADER RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE OF SORBONNE AT PARIS CEREMONIES

PARIS, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Professor Moses Ben Sabat Ansalak, rector of the Lisbon Technical University and president of the Lisbon Jewish Community, was awarded an honorary doctorate of the Sorbonne at ceremonies held during the week-end at Paris University.

N. ASSEMBLY BACKS JEWISH VIEW ON RIGHT TO COMPLAIN AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The long campaign of Jewish organizations to broaden the scope of the international human rights treaty being prepared in the United Nations was advanced as a result of human rights action by the General Assembly yesterday. However, the vote left a long and rugged road ahead before a covenant is completed.

What the Assembly did was to adopt a series of suggestions for revision of the present draft by the Human Rights Commission. Most important of these for non-governmental organizations was the Assembly's call for consideration of provisions, either in the covenant itself or in future protocols, for receipt and examination of petitions on alleged violations of the instrument from individuals and organizations. The Assembly resolution specifically refers to proposals on this question advanced by five countries, including Israel and Uruguay. The Uruguayan proposal embodies a recommendation of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations.

In writing the original draft, the Human Rights Commission turned down all such suggestions and restricted implementation of the treaty to signatory states. The Assembly has now dissented from that approach, but has left up to the Commission the complicated task of deciding what implementation formula, encompassing individual petitions, a sufficient majority of U.N. members will approve. Actually, this means a second round of debate on the subject in the Commission, then in the Economic and Social Council, and finally again in the Assembly next year.

Meanwhile, the Social Committee adopted yesterday a definition of the term "refugee" as it is to be applied by the projected High Commissioner's Office for Refugees. Under this definition a refugee is any person who is outside his country of nationality as a "result of events occurring before Jan. 1, 1951, and owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality or political opinion."

BOSTON POLICE CHIEF INKREVERES FOR JEWISH BOYS WHO FOUGHT ANTI-SEMITIC HOODLUMS

BOSTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Seven boys out of the group of 25 who were arrested in Hyde Park in connection with their efforts to retaliate against anti-Semitic hoodlums in the Dorchester area were given a third deferment in the case which is being tried before Judge Daniel W. Casey.

The deferment was requested by Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan who said he wanted the delay "to make further investigation." The case will again be taken up on January 5. The seven youths, in the meantime, were released after posting bonds of \$500 each. The group of 18 who remain of the original 25 are released in personal recognizance.

The difficulties began a few weeks ago when Jewish boys in the Dorchester district, in the vicinity of Hecht House, a local community center, were attacked and beaten by boys from Hyde Park. A group of Jewish boys decided to go out to Hyde Park and retaliate and the arrests followed.

WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF "MEDAL OF MERIT" TO AL JOLSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The White House announced today that President Truman has made a posthumous award of the "Medal of Merit" to Al Jolson "for extraordinary fidelity and exceptionally meritorious conduct" as a volunteer entertainer for U.S. troops. Jolson died of a heart attack after his return from Korea where he entertained American units.

WASHINGTON IS PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF ISRAEL'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, DR. NEUMANN REPORTS

MIAMI BEACH, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The victory of the General Zionists in the recent municipal elections in Israel "has made an excellent impression in Washington official circles," Dr. Emanuel Neumann, American Zionist leader, told the delegates assembled at the Southeastern Regional Conference of the Zionist Organization of America, which opened here today.

The results of the elections, Dr. Neumann said, have convinced influential circles in Washington that there is "a powerful trend in Israel away from the extremes of right and left, and toward a liberal-democratic center." This, Dr. Neumann added, will enhance the prospects of U.S. Government aid for Israel, as well as for the coming bond drive and the flow of private investment capital.

"The shadows of war must accelerate to feverish tempo our efforts to consolidate the state of Israel and speed the ingathering of the exiles while there is time," he said. "The goal of \$1,000,000,000 set for American Jewry, represents but a fraction of the resources we can make available through all possible methods and channels. It would be sheer folly to sacrifice the U.J.A. to the projected bond issue or to neglect the enormous potentialities of private enterprise and investment for Israel. The circumstances were never so favorable as they are today."

INDEPENDENT ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM CALLS ON TRUMAN TO EXTEND GRANTS-IN-AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the U.S. Government to extend grants-in-aid to Israel was approved last night at a meeting of the executive board of the Independent Order Brith Abraham. The resolution, which was sent to President Truman, noted that Israel has "demonstrated its democratic tendencies and has proven to be the bulwark of democracy in the Near East."

200 CHALUTZIM LEFT CANADA FOR ISRAEL SINCE 1948; 73 MIGRATED THIS YEAR

MONTREAL, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A total of 207 chalutzim left Canada for Israel from June, 1948, to November, 1950, it was reported here by the Vaad Hachalutz, which is composed of representatives of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and the Canadian Mizrahi and Labor Zionists. Of the 73 who emigrated during 1950, 31 were affiliated with Habonim; 21 with Hashomer Hatzair; six from Hachalutz Hatzair; two with Young Judea; one with Bichad; seven were unaffiliated and five were listed as professionals.

ISRAEL MINISTER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT; IS WELCOMED BY COMMUNITY

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Yaacov Tsur, Israel Minister to Paraguay, presented his credentials yesterday to President Chaves and expressed the Jewish state's appreciation for Paraguay's favorable attitude to Israel in the United Nations. The Jewish community in this country welcomed Mr. Tsur and celebrated the ceremony marking his presentation of credentials. The Israel Minister will remain in this country for conferences and radio talks until Thursday.

RESULTS OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS IN SAO PAULO ANNOUNCED; MAPAI IN LEAD

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Results of elections to the World Zionist Congress conducted in this city were announced today. Although 4,750 Shekolim were sold, only 2,400 persons cast ballots. The tallies are: Mapai, 1,151; Mapam, 478; General Zionists, 401; Mizrahi, 133.