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NEW YEAR FINDS JERUSALEM'S POPULATION INCREASED; CITY ENJOYS GREAT BUILDING BOOM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A review of the year published here today establishes that the population of Jerusalem has increased by 27 percent during the year just concluded. There are now 127,000 residents in the Jewish section of the city.

The population increase is due chiefly to the arrival of new immigrants. The return of government employees from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem--since the proclamation of the city as Israel's capital--has also contributed to this increase.

The hardships which the city faced as a result of the water shortage have been removed during the year by the completion of an additional water pipeline. The restrictions on the use of water have now been lifted. The city is enjoying an unprecedented building boom with 3,000 dwelling units being built in various sections of the Jewish part of Jerusalem.

A Year Book published today by the Israel Government was termed by Gershon Agron, director of the Department of Information, as "the most valuable reference book on Israel." He emphasized that the book "will serve as the Israel Government's visiting card to the non-Jewish world." The book contains 500 pages, with detailed information on the composition and the activities of each government department, as well as data on various aspects of life in Israel. It also contains detailed information on Israel's parliament and the laws it passed.

S.Z. SHRAQAI ASSURED OF ELECTION AS MAYOR OF JERUSALEM; FORMAL VOTE DELAYED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- S.Z. Shraqai, Poale Mizrahi leader and coalition candidate of the Religious Bloc and the General Zionists, is assured of election as Mayor of Jerusalem despite the fact that he was tied with former Mayor Daniel Auster in the last formal vote in the municipal council.

At that time, the count was nine to nine, but Mr. Shraqai and two General Zionists abstained while awaiting the outcome of the Nathanya elections where General Zionist Mayor Oved Ben Ami had the support of both groups. Meanwhile, the Nathanya elections were postponed again today. In Petach Tikvah and Rehovoth, where no single candidate in either city received the required majority, the balloting was postponed until tonight.

In Ramat Gan, another satellite city of Tel Aviv, the former Mayor, Abraham Krintzi, was re-elected. He was the candidate of the General Zionist Party. A General Zionist mayor, I.M. Grushkevich, was also elected in Kfar Motzkin. In the following towns Mapai candidates were elected to head the municipal administrations: Holon, Dr. H. Engel; Lydda, Pesach Lev; Nedera, David Berman; and Kfar Saba, A. Keren. Histadrut candidates--Mapai and Mapam in coalition--were elected in Tiberias and Netariya. They were M. Weill and Gershon Tatz, respectively.

10,000 COMMUNIST AND MAPAM MEMBERS IN ISRAEL PROTEST REARMING OF WEST GERMANY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Some 10,000 persons--members and supporters of the Mapam and Communist Parties in Israel--this week-end staged a protest demonstration here against the proposed rearming of Western Germany by the North Atlantic Pact powers.

Israel Bar-Yehuda, Mapam leader and Knesset deputy, told the throng in Mograbi Square that the Government of Israel should express immediately its condemnation of the proposed rearming of the U.S., British and French zones of Germany. Yaacov Rif-tin, also a Mapam deputy in Parliament, emphasized that thousands of the demonstrators had lost close relatives in Germany during the Nazi reign of terror.

Ether Wilenska, leading Communist, denounced the use of the atom bomb and urged Israelis to prevent the country from becoming "a battlefield for the imperialists." The rally drew the fire of the Mapai for denouncing the rearmament of Western Germany while disregarding Soviet Russia's rearmament of East Germany.

ISRAEL PREMIER ATTENDS GRADUATION EXERCISES AT MILITARY SCHOOL; SPEAKS ON ARMY TASKS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, who also holds the post of Minister of Defense, today attended graduation exercises of the army officers' school here. He addressed the graduates on the tasks faced by Israel's army and on the security problems faced by the country.

An impressive military parade marked conclusion of the ceremony. Mr. Ben Gurion was accompanied by the Chief of Staff of the Israel Army and by high-ranking military officers when he later visited several agricultural youth settlements.

TOP OFFICER OF ISRAEL'S NAVAL DEPARTMENT LEAVES FOR TURKEY; AIM OF TRIP UNDISCLOSED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Eliezer Dekel, head of the Naval Department of Israel's Defense Ministry, left for Ankara today. The purpose of his trip has not been announced. It is recalled that Col. Moshe Dayan, one of the commanders of Israel's forces in the Arab-Israel war, recently visited Turkey and met with military and civilian leaders there.

CLARIFICATION OF TURKEY'S ATTITUDE TO ARAB STATES SOUGHT FOLLOWING ISRAELI'S VISIT

ISTANBUL, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Arab diplomats in Ankara have sent a joint memorandum to the Turkish Foreign Minister demanding clarification of Turkey's attitude toward the Arab states, it was reported here by Arab sources.

It is understood that the memorandum was drafted after the recent visit here of Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, head of the Israel delegations to the four mixed armistice commissions set up among Israel and Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria. Col. Dayan received an enthusiastic public welcome from Turkish official circles and the Turkish press.

"MARCH" OF ARAB REFUGEES INTO ISRAEL POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER JAN. 20, BAGDAD RADIO SAYS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The proclaimed "march of Arab refugees across Israel's borders," scheduled to begin tomorrow, has been postponed until after the January 20 meeting of the Arab League's political committee in Cairo, the Bagdad radio said last night in a broadcast heard here.

JEWISH AGENCY BEGINS WORK ON IMPROVING CONDITIONS IN IMMIGRANT WORK CENTERS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's plans for alleviating the situation of thousands of immigrants in temporary and semi-permanent work villages throughout the country have been completed and part of the program has already been put into effect, it was learned here today. Some 4,500 canvas huts have been erected in various work centers as have been 5,000 tin structures. Most of the new huts are located in the northern portions of the country.

Meanwhile, a meeting of representatives of the Jewish Agency, the Ministry of Labor, Solel Boneh--the Histadrut construction cooperative--and the city of Beersheba was held to consider the construction of new work centers in the Negev, Israel's southern desert. It was decided that two work villages will be established in the vicinity of Wadi Araba, south of the Dead Sea, with the settlers working in stone quarries and on road construction. Most of the immigrants have been assured of permanent employment.

NOTABLES ATTEND TEL AVIV CELEBRATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Members of the Cabinet and Parliament were among the many notables here who attended a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Jewish National Fund, which took place in the Habima Theatre here.

Dr. Abraham Granot, world head of the Fund, told the gathering that there are 2,000,000 dunams of abandoned land in Israel and that their acquisition is being sought by the J.N.F. He announced that the Jewish National Fund will plant, in 1951, 7,000,000 new trees, doubling the afforestation rate up to now. He also said that 50,000 dunams of land will be made available by the Jewish National Fund for farming expansion.

Other speakers at the ceremony included Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of Parliament; David Remez, member of the Cabinet; and G. Kamini, national chairman of the Jewish National Fund. A message of greetings was read at the gathering from Dr. Earris J. Levine, president of the J.N.F. of America.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT DENIES REPORTS FORMER MINISTER TO WARSAW SEEKS HAVEN IN POLAND

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Government denied this week-end reports in the British and American press that Israel Barzilai, former Minister to Warsaw, and several of his aides had decided to seek political haven in Poland.

An Israel spokesman said that inquiries to Warsaw had elicited the information that the reports were "baseless." Mr. Barzilai and two of his aides, all of whom resigned last month, are expected to arrive in Israel in the middle of the month, the spokesman added. The false reports stated that the diplomats had decided to remain in Poland, together with their families, as a protest against Israel's pro-West foreign policy.

FRENCH SINGER HECKLED ON ISRAEL STAGES; CHARGE HE COLLABORATED WITH NAZIS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Tino Rossi, noted French singer who is touring Israel, was jeered this week-end when he appeared on a stage here. A similar demonstration took place in Haifa, where the demonstrators charged that Rossi had collaborated with the Nazis during the occupation of France. The police halted both incidents in short order.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL APPOINT JEWS TO ADMINISTER HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY

PARIS, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders or organizations will be appointed custodians of all heirless Jewish property in France under the heirless property law promulgated last week, it was learned today.

In addition, high government officials have assured Jewish communal leaders that the proceeds of the sale of heirless Jewish property in this country will ultimately be handed over to the Jewish community. The custodians to be appointed under the new law will be government-paid employees responsible to the national government.

Before the custodians can begin their job, however, much of the property must be traced and catalogued. This task has been handed over to a committee of prominent French Jews. Discussing the problems of this committee, one of its leading members, I. Schneersohn, pointed out that much of the property is still in the hands of Vichy-appointed administrators or has been disposed of illegally. With the aid of Jewish members of chambers of commerce and others the committee hopes to be able to complete its functions within a three or four-month period, M. Schneersohn said.

GERMAN MUNICIPALITIES PROTEST U.S. COURT RULING ON RETURN OF NAZI-SEIZED VALUABLES

MUNICH, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Representatives of a number of German municipalities met here today to protest against the decision of an American higher court that municipal councils in Germany must return to the original Jewish owners any art objects and jewels confiscated by Nazi authorities and now in the possession of pawnshops managed by the city. The court also ruled that municipal pawnshops must pay indemnity to Jews for valuables turned over by them to Nazi authorities.

The conference decided to submit a memorandum to the Allied High Commission claiming that city pawnshops acted under orders from higher Nazi authorities when turning over confiscated Jewish property in their possession to these authorities; thus they cannot be made responsible for the property.

Speakers at the conference pointed out that if the ruling of the U.S. court were carried out, it would mean that various municipalities in Germany would have to pay to Jews approximately 20,000,000 marks. The memorandum to be submitted to the Allied High Commission will point out that the financial situation of German cities makes it impossible to pay such indemnification.

LARGE QUANTITY OF SILVERWARE TO BE RETURNED TO JEWISH OWNERS BY CITY OF HAMBURG

HAMBURG, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Two tons of household silver and art objects of the same metal is awaiting restitution to its rightful Jewish owners from whom it was confiscated by the Nazis in 1938, it was learned here. The owners must present a receipt issued by the Hamburg authorities who confiscated or be able to present a detailed description of their property before it will be returned to them.

The 4,000 pounds of silverware is part of some 20 tons of Jewish property stolen by the Nazis under instructions from Hermann Goering. The Hamburg authorities were able to prevent this part of the loot from going forward to central collection depots by claiming that it had to be catalogued and handled differently in order to save from destruction important cultural objects.

AUSTRIAN POLICE RAID JEWISH HOMES IN VIENNA; ARREST TEN ON BLACK MARKET CHARGES

VIENNA, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- For the second time in three weeks Austrian police this weekend raided Jewish homes in the vicinity of the Rothschild Hospital, which now serves as a Jewish DP transit center, and arrested Jews on charges of alleged black market operations. One hundred persons were detained for questioning and ten were finally arrested.

JEWISH DOCTORS DEVELOP DRUG THAT MAY HALT GROWTH OF CANCER CELLS BY STARVATION

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel B. Schoenbach, associate professor of preventive medicine at Johns Hopkins Medical School, told a news conference during the week-end that a compound, known as citrovorum factor, which helps cancer cells to starve themselves, has been found and may turn out to be a significant weapon in the fight against many forms of cancer, including leukemia.

The work of Dr. Schoenbach and two other scientists--Drs. Ezra Greenspan and Jacob Colsky--is outlined in the current issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. The report relates that several years ago, it was determined that folic acid, a vitamin, plays a big role in the growth of cancer and that malignant cells appeared to wither and die when their supply of this vitamin was cut off.

With the aid of funds supplied by the American Cancer Society, the three Johns Hopkins scientists set about trying to find a means whereby a synthetic compound would attack only malignant cells. Their discovery was the citrovorum compound.

JEWISH MEDICAL FRATERNITY POSTHUMOUSLY HONORS HEBREW UNIVERSITY CANCER EXPERT

CHICAGO, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Phi Lambda Kappa, national Jewish medical fraternity, this week-end awarded its Grand Scientific Award to the late Dr. Leonid Doljanski, a cancer expert at the Hebrew University. Dr. Doljanski was killed in 1948 during an Arab attack on a convoy of medical personnel which was moving from Jerusalem to the Hadassah Hospital and the University, on Mt. Scopus.

FIRST JEWISH ALL-DAY SCHOOL OPENS IN AUSTRALIA; LAUDED BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The first Jewish all-day school in Australia has been opened here and will be known as Mt. Scopus College. Speaking at the opening ceremonies, Minister of Education L. Inchbold, of the Victorian provincial government, lauded the school's "spiritual and cultural program" and predicted it would become one of this city's great institutions of learning.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DR. JACOB BILLIKOPF, SOCIAL SERVICE LEADER, TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Dr. Jacob Billikopf, Jewish philanthropic and labor arbitration leader who died here yesterday at the age of 67, will be held on Wednesday, it was announced today. For the last 45 years he held important executive positions in Jewish social service organizations.

A native of Lithuania, he came to this country at the age of 14. He held executive positions in Jewish social welfare groups in Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Kansas City. He was also executive director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of this city. In recent years he was labor relations director of department stores in Philadelphia. In 1942 he was awarded a citation by the alumni of the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1903, for "service to the community, nation and the world."

Formerly he was president of the National Conference of Jewish Social Workers and of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare. Shortly after World War I, he directed a \$25,000,000 drive to aid Jewish war sufferers. He was the son-in-law of the late Louis Marshall, well-known American Jewish leader.

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