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ISRAEL PRESENTS U.S. AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV WITH NOTE ON ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN IRAQ

TEL AVIV, March 20. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today handed to the U.S. Ambassador and British Minister here a note reviewing the situation of the Jews in Iraq and informing the American and British Governments of the decision of the Israel Government to retaliate against Iraq's freezing of Jewish property in the final settlement of compensation that the Jewish state has agreed to pay to Arabs who fled from Palestine.

The Jewish Agency executive today discussed a plan presented by Levi Eshkol, treasurer, for the immediate erection of 20,000 barracks to house the thousands of Jews who will be taken out of Iraq and brought to Israel on planes at an average daily rate of 1,000 immigrants. Carrying out this plan would cost the Agency about \$21,000,000.

Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, reported on his talk with a delegation of Iraq Jews now living in Israel. Following the report, the executive decided that the joint Coordination Committee of the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government should meet to consider urgent measures necessary to alleviate the situation of the Jews in Iraq and to hasten their transfer to the Jewish state.

2,000 Jews from Iraq Demonstrate in Tiberias; Ask Israel to Rescue Relatives

Two thousand Jews from Iraq demonstrated today before the government buildings in Tiberias in a demand for Israel Government action to rescue their brethren in Iraq. The demonstrators carried banners with the slogan, "Save our brethren from the second Hitler-Haman." A delegation was received by the district commissioner who assured its members that the Israel Government was doing everything possible to aid the Jews remaining in Iraq.

A 19-hour interruption in the Bagdad-Lydda air service on Sunday was explained today as due to the inability of the Iraqi authorities to cope with the large number of applicants for travel documents. Assurances have been given, it was reported here, that in the future, the formalities attendant on the emigration of the Iraqi Jews, will keep pace with the requirements.

New Wave of Jews from Kurdistan Expected in Turkey En Route to Israel

ISTANBUL, March 20. (JTA) -- A new wave of Israel-bound immigrants will be leaving Persian Kurdistan this spring as soon as the inclement weather lets up, it was reported here today. It is anticipated that as many as 5,000 Kurdish Jews will travel overland through Turkey to Istanbul where they will board Israeli vessels for the last leg of their journey.

This week a group of Kurdish Jews arrived here from eastern Turkey where they were marooned for over a month by heavy snows which blocked all roads. Also, in Van, in easternmost Turkey, 100 members of the ancient Jewish community of Van--the oldest in the country--are waiting for a change in weather so that they can make the trip to Istanbul and thence to Israel.

ISRAEL'S LABOR PARTY WANTS UNIFIED ZIONIST ORGANIZATION; DEFINES ITS FUNCTIONS

TEL AVIV, March 20. (JTA) -- The demand for a special legal status in Israel for the Jewish Agency in all matters pertaining to the special tasks of the Zionist movement will be supported by the Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, which will be held in Jerusalem this summer, it was announced here today at the concluding session of the Mapai's national conference.

The conference adopted a resolution urging the establishment of a joint body composed of representatives of Israel and of the world Zionist movement for the purpose of outlining a sphere of activity for the latter. At the same time, the conference defined the functions of the world Zionist movement as follows: 1. To organize the Jewish people abroad for the support of Israel's efforts to "gather in the exiles"; 2. To spread the Hebrew language and Jewish culture; 3. To train Jews abroad for emigration to Israel and to recruit all forces possible for assistance in the work of mass migration of Jews to the Jewish state.

The Mapai delegates to the World Zionist Congress were instructed by the conference to strive for the establishment of a unified Zionist organization in all countries based on the principle of individual membership in both the party Zionist group and in the unified Zionist organization. Each unified national organization would, under the Mapai resolution, work within limits determined by the World Zionist Congress.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT URGES ARAB REFUGEES FROM PALESTINE TO SETTLE IN ARAB COUNTRIES

LONDON, March 20. (JTA) -- Arab refugees from Palestine should "make up their minds" to settle in Arab countries rather than in Israel, Minister of State Kenneth Younger told the House of Commons in a statement on the British Government's policy on the Arab refugee question.

He said that the Government believes the refugees should come to this decision "in conformity with realism and in the interests of the refugees themselves" without prejudice to their right to return to Israel or to receive compensation for their properties. He pointed out that the Israel Government had reaffirmed its willingness to pay fair compensation for abandoned land and to pay a sum on account into the re-integration fund now being set up by the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine.

VFAR ASSAILED FOR ASKING JEWISH MEMBER OF COMMONS TO RAISE QUESTION INVOLVING CHURCH

LONDON, March 20. (JTA) -- The Committee of Privileges of the House of Commons began an investigation today to ascertain whether a breach of privilege--interference with a member of Parliament in the exercise of his duties--had been committed in the dispatch of a letter denouncing S.S. Silverman, a Commons member of the Jewish faith, for having raised a question in the House involving a Church of England minister.

The letter, headed "Glen Criton," was addressed to a Kent vicar who had asked Mr. Silverman to raise a question of privilege in the House. The letter assailed the vicar for having selected a Jew, describing Mr. Silverman as "no Christian, no Briton and certainly not a patriotic British subject interested in the Church of England or its ministers."

The letter was accompanied by a document attacking the role of Jews in British public life. Mr. Silverman presented the letter and the enclosure to the House, and the Speaker ruled there was prima facie evidence of breach of privilege.

GERMAN MINISTER ANNOUNCES ARREST OF FORMER HEAD OF RESTITUTION OFFICE IN BAVARIA

MUNICH, March 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Mueller, Bavarian Minister of Justice, today revealed that Dr. Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian State Restitution Office, had been arrested on charges of fraud and falsification of documents. He told an audience at Ansbach that Auerbach's arrest should not be exploited for anti-Semitic purposes.

Auerbach, whose tenure as restitution chief had been a stormy one, had made repeated charges that documents submitted to the restitution office by German refugees from Eastern Germany and others had been falsified by local Bavarian authorities. His administration of the office had been under heavy fire and he had filed a libel action against one member of the Bavarian Parliament who had accused him of embezzlement.

An investigation of the office by the public prosecutor failed, according to the Minister of Justice, to produce evidence of embezzlement or criminal acts by Auerbach and his subsequent removal from office was ascribed to his lack of technical qualifications for the job.

The newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung said today that the Central Council of Jews of Germany had urged an "objective and thorough" investigation of the Auerbach case, contrary to the desires of Auerbach himself who was, according to the paper, "regrettably inclined to brand any criticism of himself as anti-Semitism, thus gravely damaging the cause he wanted to serve."

JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH GROUPS IN ENGLAND PROTEST REARMAMENT OF GERMANY; OUTLINE DANGERS

LONDON, March 20. (JTA) -- Opposition to the rearmament of Germany was voiced here last night at a public meeting arranged jointly by the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Union of Democratic Control. The speakers included Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board of Deputies, F. Elwyn Jones, former British prosecutor at the Nuremberg trial of the German war criminals, and Frank Byers, chairman of the executive committee of the Liberal Party.

Outlining the dangers which the rearmament of Germany may spell for democracy, the speakers denounced the tendency to rearm unrepentant Germans as "a sign of moral bankruptcy." They warned the British Government against taking "this dangerous and immoral course." Similar protest meetings are being organized by Jewish Representative Councils in all major provincial cities.

VANDALS DESECRATE MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM; REMOVE STAR OF DAVID

FRANKFURT, March 20. (JTA) -- Unknown vandals again desecrated the memorial to Jewish victims of Nazism in Essen and removed the Star of David from it, it was reported here today. Local police offered a reward of 1,000 marks for information leading to the apprehension of the culprits.

When the memorial was desecrated last year, the Star of David was returned to the Jewish community by mail. This time it was found by a workman amidst debris in an adjoining street, the report said.

HOUSE VOTES TO PERMIT IMMIGRATION OF FORMER "NOMINAL MEMBERS" OF TOTALITARIAN GROUPS

WASHINGTON, March 20. (JTA) -- The House today passed and sent to President Truman a Senate amendment to the McCarran Internal Security Law which would permit former "nominal members" of all totalitarian organizations to enter the United States.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS WORKERS HOLD TWO-DAY PARLEY; DISCUSS JEWISH INTEGRATION

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- The solution of problems of group living for Jews in the United States was discussed here at the two-day annual conference of the Association of Jewish Community Relations Workers, which concluded last night, re-electing Maurice B. Fagan, of Philadelphia, as chairman.

Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, addressing the parley, said that the solution lies "in fostering as much as possible of the elements of believing and enjoying as Jews as will make our belonging a source of personal dignity, growth and creative enjoyment." He spoke on the question: "Is it or is it not possible for Jews to be integrated into American life and yet somehow to survive as a distinct group without necessarily being segregated?"

Mr. Fagan predicted increasing interest during the present decade in the establishment of state councils for Jewish community relations work. He emphasized the importance of the work which public and non-sectarian organizations are carrying on in the field of human relations, and urged the professional Jewish community relations workers to continue their active cooperation with these agencies.

ORT TOOL SUPPLYING PROGRAM TO ISRAEL PROVES SUCCESSFUL; 1,500 MACHINES PLACED

GENEVA, March 20. (JTA) -- The Israeli Tool Supply Corporation, organized by the ORT to supply machinery and tools to Israeli immigrants, workers, settlements and institutions, is proving itself successful, the ORT announced here today.

To date 1,510 machines have been delivered to 1,051 immigrants, 279 "old residents," 89 kibbutzim and 30 educational institutions, including the Weismann Institute of Science and Rehovoth. The machinery, purchased by the ORT in Switzerland, America, England, Italy and France, is sold to Israelis on the installment plan. The ORT reports that payments are made punctually and by all individuals and institutions.

ISRAEL ORCHESTRA CONCLUDES ITS TEN-WEEK TOUR IN U.S.; GAVE 53 CONCERTS IN 40 CITIES

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra tonight gave its final concert here concluding a ten-week tour during which it gave 53 concerts in 40 cities throughout the United States. The tour was sponsored by the American Fund for Israel Institutions. A farewell reception for members of the Orchestra was tendered here by the American section of the Jewish Agency.

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST PARLEY CONSIDERS PROBLEMS FACING WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

JOHANNESBURG, March 20. (JTA) -- Problems facing the forthcoming World Zionist Congress were discussed here at a meeting of the South African Zionist Council, which represents all factions of the Zionist movement in the Union.

Benjamin Gorin, former Zionist Federation chairman who resigned in protest against the party system, urged that the Congress change its constitution and "prevent the party politics of Israel from being dragged into the World Zionist Organization." Representatives of various Zionist parties opposed his suggestions and offered representation to non-party Zionists. No formal resolutions were adopted at the parley.

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