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SIXTEEN SUSPECTED MEMBERS OF BRIT KANAIM RELEASED; ONLY 13 MEN WILL FACE TRIAL

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) -- Acting Premier Moshe Sharett last night announced in Parliament the release of the last 16 of 56 persons detained several weeks ago following the smashing of the religious underground movement Brit Kanaim for allegedly plotting to blow up the Parliament. Mr. Sharett said that only 13 of the arrested men will face trial.

Meanwhile, in the midst of a Parliamentary free-for-all, a Mapam resolution censuring "religious fanatics for endeavoring to impose religious rules on the state" was adopted. The Mapam motion was passed after one introduced by the Religious Bloc calling on the Knesset not to force the issue of whether it had the power to issue orders to the government on administrative matters was carried. This represented a reversal of the Knesset's decision of last week, in which the Orthodox bloc concurred, and brought about the Mapam's anti-Religious Bloc move.

The Religious Bloc resolution also carried a second part which called for the early trial of all religious underground members against whom the government had evidence and the immediate release of all other detainees. The Acting Premier's announcement took the wind out of the sails of the Orthodox parties on this matter. However, the Knesset appointed a seven-man committee to investigate Orthodox charges of police brutality against the detained Brit Kanaim members.

MAPAM CONFERENCE DECIDES TO CHANGE NAME OF PARTY; ADOPTS LENINIST VIEWS

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- The national conference of the Mapam, Israel's left-wing workers party, concluded today after stipulating the following set of conditions as a basis for participating in a coalition government:

1. Israel to give no military bases to foreign powers; 2. No foreign power should control the command of the Israel Army; 3. The Israel Government is to give no assistance to the war efforts of foreign powers; 4. Israel is to have no economic or political alliances with foreign powers; 5. The Jewish state should reject foreign loans and grants-in-aid as well as technical aid, if any political strings are attached; 6. Israel's workers should never be asked to fight the Soviet Union.

The conference decided that the Mapam Party--composed of the Hashomer Hat-zair, Achdut Avodah and the Left Poale Zion--should change its name to "The Zionist Pioneer Socialist and Revolutionary Party of the Workers Front in Israel."

Among the various resolutions adopted unanimously or by wide majorities was one accepting the views of the late Bar Borochov, theoretician of the Zionist labor movement, with regard to Jewry's concentration within the territorial limits of the Jewish homeland. On the international scene, the delegates accepted the Marxist-Leninist precepts on world policy. They also condemned "Titism."

AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS EXPRESS SUPPORT TO PROGRESSIVE PARTY FOR CONGRESS ELECTIONS

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- A group of important American Zionist leaders--including three former presidents of the Zionist Organization of America--today sent to the Progressive Party in Israel "fraternal greetings" and "wishes for success in the Zionist Congress elections." The group includes Louis Lipsky, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Robert Szold, Rudolf Sonneborn, Fred Monosson, Ezra Shapiro and Morris Margulies.

"Thousands of members of the Z.O.A. of which we are active officers and members, are deeply sympathetic to your program and to your struggle to maintain a liberal position in the Zionist movement," the message said. "A number of us will attend the Zionist Congress in Jerusalem and look forward to an exchange of views with your delegates in advance of the congress with a view of common action. It is our deep conviction that the welfare of the Zionist movement and of the State of Israel requires the strongest possible representation of liberal and Progressive Zionism at the forthcoming congress."

TWO-WEEK SEARCH FOR MISSING ISRAEL PLANE BRINGS NO RESULTS; LOST IN LABRADOR

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- All hope has been abandoned of finding the Israeli cargo plane which disappeared after taking off from the Goose Bay Airport, in Labrador, en route to Israel, it was reported here today.

The plane, piloted by a crew of two Americans, is believed to have crashed near an Eskimo village some 125 miles northwest of the air base at Goose Bay. No trace of the missing plane or its crew has been found in the two weeks since it disappeared.

TWO JEWS DECORATED IN EGYPT FOR FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS; APPEAR ON KING'S HONOR LIST

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- For the first time in four years two Jews have received Egyptian royal decorations, it was reported here in a Cairo despatch.

The two who appeared on the King's Honor List are: Emanuel Mizrahi Pasha, legal advisor to the Administrator of the Royal Private Estates, and Prof. Jacob Bitzchai, Professor of Urology at the Ibrahim University, who was also honored recently with a Papal decoration. Both men were made officers of the Order of the Nile.

NEW ARRESTS OF JEWS REPORTED FROM IRAQ; OTHER JEWS PERMITTED TO LEAVE IRAQ BY SEA

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- The Iraqi press reports that a number of Jews leaving Iraq for Israel have been arrested at the Baghdad airport on charges that they sought to smuggle gold and jewelry out of the country. At the same time, it is reported that Iraqi Jews are now being permitted to leave that Moslem country for Israel by sea. About 600 Iraqi Jews reportedly sailed for Israel from the port of Basra.

AMERICAN ZIONIST GROUPS MOURN DEATH OF KOUSSEVITZKY; WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Zionist groups here today joined in mourning the death of Serge Koussevitzky, who took an active interest in Israel's musical life and conducted the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra during its recent tour of the United States, helping to make it a great public success.

Mr. Koussevitzky, who died last night at the New England Medical Center in Boston after a brief illness, was a close personal friend of President Chaim Weizmann, who succeeded in interesting him in Jewish affairs. He was also music consultant of Brandeis University.

U.S. AUTHORITIES IN BAVARIA COMPLY WITH CHIEF RABBI'S REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

MUNICH, June 5. (JTA) -- A German magistrate today began an investigation of the affairs of Bavarian Chief Rabbi Aaron Ohrenstein to see if he was involved in the alleged fraudulent dealings of Dr. Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian Restitution Office. However, before the inquiry had gone very far during its first day, the matter was taken over by the American authorities because Rabbi Ohrenstein, who had requested the investigation to clear himself of "rumors" which he said were destroying his reputation, is not a German citizen.

Dr. Julius Spanier, who is both chairman of the Jewish Community Council of Munich and a member of the Bavarian Senate, has charged that Dr. Ohrenstein was involved in the forgery of documents to establish the validity of claims filed with the Restitution Office. Dr. Spanier, who has called a meeting of the council for next week to expel Dr. Ohrenstein, a member of the body, has himself come under fire of the opposition groups within the community. These groups say that he is attempting to defeat the opposition, with whom Rabbi Ohrenstein is associated, by charging the Rabbi with a crime. A Jewish delegation will visit George N. Shuster, American Commissioner for Bavaria, Thursday, in connection with the Ohrenstein investigation.

Meanwhile, Josef Mueller, Bavarian Minister of Justice, told a press conference today that the investigation of Rabbi Ohrenstein is part of the Auerbach affair. He asserted that "new and complex" frauds involving the former restitution director are being discovered "every week." The German authorities recently arrested a number of poor Jews who received small welfare allowances from Auerbach's office without having validated claims.

Jewish spokesmen here today stated that an American commission investigating restitution progress in Bavaria would find that neither Dr. Auerbach nor his successor, Dr. Franz Zdralek, have obeyed the restitution law in respect to making payments to persons eligible for restitution who live outside of Germany. They pointed out that the Bavarian Government has not yet allocated funds for this purpose, despite the fact that some 50,000 claims were filed before the deadline by former German residents who suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

They also point out that even the claims of persecutees who are still in Germany are being settled at a very slow rate and for a small fraction of the amount claimed. Since Dr. Zdralek took office several months ago, they say, only 300 cases have been settled--none of which included the claims of Jews. Sixty policemen are still assigned to the investigation of the Restitution Office and continue to immobilize the office's files.

Meanwhile, Dr. Spanier, who in addition to being the head of Munich's Jewish community is also a member of the Bavarian Senate, attacked Dr. Philip Auerbach in a speech in the Senate. Dr. Spanier pointed out that he had warned various members of the government as long as two years ago against Dr. Auerbach's activities, but "nobody would listen." Dr. Spanier also asked that the Bonn Government make funds available for the payment of compensation to victims of Nazism.

HUNGARY ESTABLISHES GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR DEALING WITH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BUDAPEST, June 5. (JTA) -- A bill providing for the establishment of a government department for Ecclesiastical Matters has passed the Hungarian Parliament. In the future religious matters concerning any community in Hungary will be handled by this bureau, which will be headed by Istvan Kossa.

CONVENTION OF JEWISH EDUCATORS ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS

CLEVELAND, June 5. (JTA) -- The National Council for Jewish Education last night closed its 25th anniversary conference with the adoption of resolutions on religious education in the public schools, educational and cultural relations between Israel and America, Jewry's communal responsibility for Jewish education in America, and training of Jewish teachers and a social welfare program for the profession of Jewish education. Samuel J. Borowsky was re-elected president of the Council for another term.

The central theme of the conference revolved about two papers presented by Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield, president of the College of Jewish Studies of Chicago and Dr. Samuel Dinin, director of the Jewish Board of Education in Los Angeles. They dealt with the basic changes in the American Jewish scene, the establishment of the State of Israel, the challenge they present and the new objectives they compel for Jewish education.

Reports on the progress made in the introduction of Hebrew as a duly accredited subject in public high schools and in the inauguration of courses in modern Hebrew in the colleges and universities in the United States were given at the conference by Judah Lapon, Prof. Abraham I. Katsch and Dr. David Rudavsky. The reports indicated that in the city of New York, Hebrew leads all other modern languages in the public high schools and junior high schools. Over 25 colleges and universities throughout the country inaugurated courses in modern Hebrew. Classic Hebrew and literature are now being taught in over 200 higher institutions of learning in the United States.

U.S. JEWISH GROUPS WILL SPONSOR EXCHANGE OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN JEWISH STUDENTS

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, in cooperation with the intercollegiate Zionist Federation and the Federation of Jewish Student Organizations, will sponsor an exchange of British and American Jewish students, it was announced here today.

Hillel and the cooperating groups will arrange lectures, field trips to national Jewish organizations, summer camps and home hospitality in this country for some 20 British youths. American Jewish youths will have an opportunity to become acquainted with Jewish life in Britain at a two-week camp sponsored by the Inter-University Jewish Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, which will open near Cork, Ireland, on August 15.

CANADIAN MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECEIVES B'NAI B'RITH HUMANITARIAN AWARD

MONTREAL, June 5. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award has been presented to Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister for External Affairs, at the 99th annual convention of B'nai B'rith's District Grand Lodge No. 1 here.

The citation was awarded for Mr. Pearson's "valiant efforts in behalf of world peace and his unceasing endeavors for the liberation of the oppressed." Presenting the award to Mr. Pearson, Frank Goldman, B'nai B'rith president, stressed the Canadian Minister's role as a "champion of human rights throughout the world."

PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT STORE GETS DENVER JEWISH HOSPITAL AWARD

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Thomas W. MacLeod, president of a New York department store, was honored last night for his "outstanding service" to the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, Colo., and its patients, at a dinner celebrating the 52nd anniversary of the hospital at the Waldorf-Astoria. The \$100-a-plate dinner, with 2,000 guests present, raised \$141,829 for the hospital.

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