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ISRAEL STOPS DRAINAGE OF SWAMPS IN JEWISH-OWNED PART OF HULEH TO AID INVESTIGATION

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- A government spokesman today announced that the reclamation work in the Huleh swamp area was completely stopped this morning "for a short while" to permit clarification of certain questions connected with resumption of the drainage operations. The stoppage affects reclamation work done on Jewish-owned land in the Huleh area as well as in the disputed areas.

The chairman of the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission today visited the Huleh area to investigate and report on the ownership of a certain part of the swamp. He is expected to meet tomorrow with a United Nations observer to discuss his findings.

United Nations Headquarters Receives Report on Huleh Stoppage

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 6. (JTA) -- The United Nations Truce Supervisor in Palestine, Major General William E. Riley, today informed the United Nations that the Israelis had yesterday stopped all work on the Huleh drainage project in the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria pending an investigation of the Israeli - Syrian dispute.

Gen. Riley's report stressed that the investigation would lead to a resumption of work on land not under dispute. The investigation would be launched, he said, by the chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, who would also interview Arab land owners removed from the project area.

Gen. Riley told the UN that the Israel Government had agreed to permit those land owners to return to their property who expressed a desire to do so. His brief message made it clear that his aim was to negotiate agreements between the Israelis and the Arab land owners concerned, and to get the Huleh project back into operation.

BRITAIN DID NOT ASK THAT HAIFA BE DECLARED A FREE PORT, FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTS

LONDON, June 6. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison today told the House of Commons that the British Government had not approached the Israel Government with a request that Haifa and its oil refineries be declared a free port because the British Government did not believe that trade conditions which might make such a move expedient existed at this time.

The statement was made in reply to questions by Opposition M.P.'s who challenged the Government's Middle East oil policy. He was also asked for ideas for reviving the plants, whose products are badly needed in the British Empire, back into full operation. A third query was aimed at what the government had done about the Egyptian blockade of the Suez to tankers carrying oil to Haifa. Mr. Morrison's reply was to state that an approach had been made to the Egyptian government on this matter.

PREPARATIONS FOR HANGING OF SEVEN TOP NAZI WAR CRIMINALS COMPLETED IN LANDSBERG

LANDSBERG, Germany, June 6. (JTA) -- All roads leading to the Landsberg prison were barricaded today as preparations were completed for the hanging of seven top Nazi war criminals charged with ordering the mass execution of tens of thousands of Jews and others during the Nazi occupation of Poland and the Ukraine.

The seven condemned Germans were moved into the death cells yesterday following the announcement by American High Commissioner John J. McCloy that he had received a message from the State Department saying that all existing stays of execution have been removed. The wives of the seven criminals arrived in Landsberg prison today for final death cell visits with their husbands.

The first to arrive was the wife of former Gestapo General Oswald Pohl who was convicted of personal responsibility in the annihilation or deportation of 56,000 Jews. The second wife to arrive was Frau Blodel whose husband ordered the execution of 60,000 Jews in Kiev in September, 1941.

The Justice Minister of West Germany, Thomas Dehler, has confirmed reports that the West German Government has spent \$12,000 in defense of the seven Nazi war criminals.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS ASK U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT ISRAEL'S CLAIM AGAINST GERMANY

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council today addressed an appeal to Secretary of State Dean Acheson urging the support of the U.S. Government for Israel's claim of \$1,500,000,000 against Germany. The appeal was signed by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Council.

Mr. Lipsky justified Israel's claims to German reparations on the grounds that nearly 500,000 Jewish survivors who miraculously survived Hitler, found safe haven in what is today the State of Israel and that "the process of absorption is still going on at a prodigious financial cost to the new and struggling country."

JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED IN HOCHNEUKIRCH; CITY OFFERS REWARD FOR FINDING CRIMINALS

MUNICH, June 6. (JTA) -- The city of Hochneukirch has offered a reward for information leading to the apprehension of a gang responsible for the desecration of the Jewish cemetery in that city, it was learned here today.

Every tombstone, except two, were either overturned or broken by the vandals and all the fencework in the cemetery was smashed and scattered about during a night raid last week. Adult footprints all over the cemetery precluded the possibility of the police whitewashing the incident by blaming it on "playing children," as has been done in so many other German communities. The destruction was said to be as bad as any wrought during the Nazi regime.

City officials called on Jewish community leaders at Munich-Gladbach, who are responsible for the care of the Hochneukirch cemetery, to express their horror and regret over the incident. They also reported on their efforts to locate the criminals and to repair the damage.

NEW JEWISH CENTER IN MIAMI DYNAMITED; "RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE" SEEN AS MOTIVE

MIAMI, June 6. (JTA) -- The Northside Jewish Center here, which was to be dedicated on July 4, was dynamited last night causing several hundred dollars damages. George Weissbaum, leader of the Center, said he believes "religious intolerance" rather than vandalism was responsible for the explosion, but police found no evidence to suspect the Ku Klux Klan, which was reported to have sent warnings to another Jewish group.

AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A STAKE IN ISRAEL, VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY SAYS AT DINNER

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- The American people have a stake in the success of Israel both morally and because of the fact that Israel is spreading the concept of democracy in the Middle East, Vice-President Alben W. Barkley said last night at the annual dinner of the Mizrahi Organization of America at the Astor Hotel.

"We people of America and the people of Israel have inherited and live in a common tradition -- the tradition of the essential dignity of man. We are working toward a common goal -- the goal of independence and democracy," the Vice President stated. "So, it is natural and right that the people of this nation should encourage and aid the democracy of Israel. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of fostering and building up the democratic ideals in that part of the world as an example to all other people. It would be unthinkable that the State of Israel should be permitted to lag or fail to perform its mission, either because of economic weakness within or because of opposition from without."

At the dinner former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the Israel Independence bond campaign, presented citations to Abraham Mazer, Morris Morzenstern and Philip Stollman for "contributions to Israel and religious Zionism." Mr. Morgenthau said the \$500,000,000 State of Israel bond issue was meeting with a ready response from Mizrahi and other major American Jewish organizations.

At a session earlier in the day of the extraordinary Mid-Year conference which preceded the dinner, delegates formally endorsed the projected Mizrahi College of Arts and Sciences in Israel and urged American religious Jews to give full support to the project. The college will be built on a 30-acre site provided by the Jewish National Fund at Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv, and its program is now being prepared by a national committee of American educators, organized under auspices of the American Jewish Conference of Academicians for Israel.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC REGIONAL Z.O.A. CONFERENCE URGES NEUTRALITY IN ISRAELI AFFAIRS

LOS ANGELES, June 6. (JTA) -- The fifth annual conference of the Southern Pacific Region of the Zionist Organization of America adopted a resolution calling upon the Z.O.A. to "reaffirm and uphold" its traditional policy of "maintaining absolute neutrality in regard to the internal political affairs of the citizens of Israel."

Another resolution called upon the parent body to continue to "assist and support the constructive, economic, social and cultural efforts of all General Zionist bodies in Israel-- on the understanding that such aid will not be used for political campaigning in Israel and that the support will "redound to the welfare of the entire state and its government." Finally, the conference hailed the Z.O.A. for its "loyal support of the Government of Israel in the mobilization of all Zionist forces for the maximum sale of Israel bonds."

J.M. Alcow, who was elected president of the Region, said in his presidential address that "the General Zionists of America do not have and do not share any common political program with the so called General Zionists in Israel." He warned American Zionists against contributing funds for political activities of the General Zionist Party in Israel. "If the Zionists of America will be fully informed of the issues, they will refuse to go into any partnership or have any direct association with the Party's political activities," he declared.

"MANY" JEWS IN CANADA ARE BEING BAPTISED IN ANGLICAN FAITH. MINISTER REPORT TO SYNOD

TORONTO, June 6. (JTA) -- "Many" Jews are being baptised in the Anglican faith according to a report submitted by Rev. Maurice Kaminsky to the 99th Toronto Diocese Synod of the Anglican Church. Rev. Kaminsky, who is in charge of the Nathaniel Institute, said that nine Jews were confirmed in Toronto last April.

MENUHIN CREATES FELLOWSHIP FUND FOR ISRAELI MUSICIAN; IS GIVEN LAND IN JEWISH STATE

SYDNEY, June 6. (JTA) -- Yehudi Menuhin, who is currently in this city on a concert tour, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that just before he left Israel recently he created a fellowship fund for a musician to write a violin concert which Menuhin would play the next time he visits Israel.

(In Washington today the B'nai B'rith announced that the Hedera lodge of the B'nai B'rith in Israel has given Mr. Menuhin land on the Mediterranean Sea coast in gratitude for his playing a benefit concert for an old age home which the lodge is building in the town. Mr. Menuhin has since purchased additional land adjoining the gift plot and plans to build a villa there, the B'nai B'rith said.)

JOHN HERSEY WINS AWARD FOR HIS NOVEL ON JEWISH RESISTANCE IN WARSAW GHETTO

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA) -- John Hersey, author of "The Wall", a novel depicting Jewish life in the Warsaw ghetto under the Nazis and the revolt of the Jews against the German Army, was presented with the \$1,000 Annisfield Wolf award, sponsored by the Saturday Review of Literature. The award is given for the best fiction focussing public interest upon the tragedy of racial intolerance.

Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, chairman of the award committee, declared that the narrative form chosen by Mr. Hersey "is not only original and refreshing, but also peculiarly well suited to portray emotions and episodes that characterized the heroic resistance of the Jews of Warsaw against the tyranny and barbarities of the Nazi Germans." He added that "the volume deserves a place among the world's greatest classics."

SOL HUROK TO RECEIVE HEBREW ARTS AWARD FOR MANAGING THE ISRAELI ORCHESTRA IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- Sol Hurok, music impresario who managed Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's American tour last winter, in cooperation with the American Fund for Israeli Institutions, will be the recipient of the first annual award of the Hebrew Arts Foundation, it was announced today. The award is given to the person on the American scene who has made the greatest contribution to the appreciation of creative Hebrew arts in the United States.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN SENDS ENGRAVED BIBLE TO PERON THROUGH ARGENTINE MINISTRY

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- President Weizmann has sent a special silver bound and engraved Bible to Argentine President Juan Peron, it was learned today. Dr. Weizmann gave the gift to Argentine Minister Pablo Manguel yesterday, when the latter visited the President prior to departing on leave in Argentina.

WATTENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY RESIGNS: SERVED 11 YRS.

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- The resignation of Judah Wattenberg, executive director of the American Technion Society, was announced here today. Mr. Wattenberg, a lawyer and communal leader, who served since 1940, was one of the founders of the Society and its first executive director. A spokesman for the organization which supports the Technion in Haifa, Israel's Institute of Technology, said that no successor to Mr. Wattenberg had been chosen.

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