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ISRAEL CONSIDERS GRANTING RETROACTIVE CITIZENSHIP TO ALL JEWS ANNIHILATED BY NAZIS

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today asked the parliamentary committee dealing with internal affairs not to take any decision on a proposal recommending that Israel should grant retroactive citizenship to the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis. The Premier informed the committee that the Israel Cabinet is now discussing the matter.

The Jewish Agency here indicated that Israel is expecting a flood of Jewish immigration from Iran where the growth of nationalistic feelings among the population is provoking alarm among the 100,000 Jews in the country. A Jewish Agency spokesman estimated that 70,000 Jews would be ready to leave Iran for Israel if they were only given the opportunity to do so.

The immigration of Jews from Rumania into Israel is continuing unabated despite the strong propaganda conducted by the Jewish Communist press in Bucharest against the Jewish State. The Rumanian steamer "Transylvania" arrived in Haifa today with 1,200 Jews from all parts of Rumania.

U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL INCREASE ITS AID TO COUNTRIES IN NEAR EAST; ISRAEL GETS MORE WHEAT

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson today told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the U.S. Government plans "to make stronger the several strong points" in the Near East "and to help other countries to strengthen themselves against the danger of internal subversion."

Mr. Acheson said: "We are proposing military aid of 415 million dollars and economic aid of 125 million dollars for these purposes." He didn't specifically mention Israel but it was clear that Israel is included in the area to which he referred.

Israel will receive part of Italy's unused wheat allocation for the period ending July 31st, it was learned here today, thus reducing Israel's need for open-market purchases.

Israel, which had a quota of 160,000 tons of wheat fixed by the International Wheat Council for the year ending July 31, had to buy an additional 60,000 tons at a price of \$20 a ton over the price set by the export quota agreement. An application was made to the Council at its meeting in London to increase the Israel quota to 280,000 in view of the increase in the Israel population, the dependence of a large part of the population on bread as a major item of diet, and the failure of the Israel wheat crop this year.

The Council decided not to increase quotas for any country, but to re-establish the same quotas for the coming year as for the past year. However, the Council agreed that surplus, unused wheat quotas would be made available in part at least to Israel.

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EBAN MEETS IN WASHINGTON WITH U.S. COMMISSIONER FOR GERMANY; DISCUSS RESTITUTION

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- Israel ambassador Abba Eban today met with John J. McCloy, High Commissioner for the American zone of Germany, and it is thought that the question of German restitution for Jewish property was discussed.

U.N. OFFICIAL CONFERS WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON ON ARAB REFUGEE SITUATION

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- John G. Blandford, Jr., new head of the United Nations Relief and Works agency today called on Israel Ambassador Abba Eban for a discussion of the Arab refugee situation. Blandford told of his hope for the re-integration of Arabs in Arab countries.

Later, at a press conference, Mr. Blandford said the Arab nations have agreed, contingent on three conditions, to the United Nations program for the re-integration of "870,000" Arab refugees in Arab countries. The three conditions are: 1. the Arab nations will not be expected to contribute large funds to the program; 2. they want evidence of the sustained interest of the international community in the program; 3. the rights of repatriation and compensation will not be prejudiced.

Mr. Blandford said the program will take from three to five years at a cost of an additional 150 million dollars. He said he believes that three Arab countries may contribute to this program. The Agency hopes to build complete villages adjacent to work opportunities in areas in Arab states where work can be found, he stated.

DR. SILVER ADDRESSES JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA; ASKS FOR MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, June 26. (JTA) -- Jews in South Africa were asked last night by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to give maximum aid to Israel in a speech which the American Zionist leader delivered at a dinner here marking the 50th anniversary of the existence of the Jewish National Fund.

Dr. Silver pointed up that much is yet to be done by the Jews of the world before the young Jewish state is secure. "Israel," he stated, "is still surrounded by enemies dreaming of a second round, and re-arming for it. The position of Jerusalem is still not defined, and the United Nations is evading the question."

Emphasizing that what Israel fears most is not the danger on the political front, but the danger of an economic breakdown which might encourage the enemy, Dr. Silver said: "In the struggle against economic defeat we alone, the Jews outside of Israel, can supply economic weapons." He recalled the long struggle and the achievement of the Jewish National Fund and pointed up that the J.N.F. is the greatest non-governmental organization in the world. "Its contributions are monumental," he declared. The American Zionist leader also thanked the South African government for its support to Israel at the United Nations. He expressed the hope that this support would continue.

TUNISIAN ZIONISTS SPLIT OVER CONGRESS ELECTIONS ISSUE; TWO GROUPS FORMED

TUNIS, June 26. (JTA) -- A split has occurred in the ranks of the Tunisian Zionist movement following a decision by the organization's executive not to proceed with the Zionist Congress elections. Two opposing Zionist federations have now been formed, one headed by Elie Guetta, the other by Simon Belhassan.

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BAVARIAN MINISTER REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT ON ARREST OF CHIEF OF RESTITUTION OFFICE

MUNICH, June 26. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Minister of Justice, Joseph Mueller, today appeared before the Parliament for the second time with a report on the case of Dr. Philip Auerbach, former chief of the Bavarian Restitution Office, who is now under arrest under charge of mismanagement. The Minister was more moderate today than in his first report. He declared that the Auerbach case is becoming more and more complicated.

The Bavarian Senate this week-end charged that the Bavarian Restitution Office is making payments too slowly despite the recent change in administration which followed the arrest of Auerbach. Sen. Josef Ackermann severely criticized the government for making an arrangement with banking groups permitting them to pay off claimants on the basis of 45 per cent of the recognized claim. The bankers will receive 75 per cent of the claim from the state, but not earlier than 1954. Another senator, Leonard Horlacher, suggested that priority in payment be given claimants 69 years of age and over, otherwise, he stated, the claimants might starve to death before receiving their lawful indemnification.

Meanwhile, Dr. Franz Zdralek, present head of the Restitution Office has announced the reorganization of the office into two separate parts; one dealing with validation of claims; the other making the actual payments. Dr. Zdralek has stated that since he took office several months ago, claims have been paid at the rate of 1,000,000 deutschemarks a month. Four more officials of the Auerbach administration have been dismissed and 25 placed on notice, bringing the total thus far to 12 dismissals and 31 persons on notice of dismissal.

JEWISH RELIGION VANISHING IN FRANCE; PARIS JEWS PLAN TO ESTABLISH A KEHILLAH

PARIS, June 26. (JTA) -- Religious leaders of French Jewry, at a three-day conference here, emphasized that Judaism is holding its ground in Paris, but is vanishing at an alarming rate elsewhere in France.

Negotiations with various Jewish groups for the establishment of a Kehillah in Paris are progressing satisfactorily, Marc Jarblum, one of the leaders of the Jewish community in France, reported. He said that "the formation of such a central body would be of the utmost importance if the present anarchy in French Jewish communal life is to be ended."

Mr. Jarblum stated that the new Kehillah would act on behalf of the East European Yiddish-speaking Jews as a parallel organization to the Jewish consistory. He described the latter as a representative body of a "rather assimilated" type of French Jew. The Kehillah will be set up on the basis of direct elections. The Communist-dominated Union of Jewish Societies will also be represented, he reported.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PERMITS JEWISH STUDENTS IN LIBYA NOT TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS ON SABBATH

ROME, June 26. (JTA) -- The Italian Colonial Office here today cabled its representatives in Libya that it had no objections to the postponement of the date of examinations for Jewish students, if the date fell during the Sabbath.

The decision was made after the Jewish community of Tripoli had cabled the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, requesting that it take the necessary steps to obtain the postponement of examinations on the sabbath.

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"SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE" IN MEMBERSHIP OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS REPORTED AT PARLEY

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- There has been a "substantial increase" in the membership of the American Jewish Congress throughout the United States during the past year, Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director of the A.J.C. reported at the quarterly meeting of the organization yesterday. More than 200 delegates attended the session, at which it was decided that the bi-annual convention of the Congress should be held in New York in the middle of November.

Rabbi Irving Miller, president, reported to the delegates that he had taken sharp issue with the State Department for "whitewashing" Nazi gains in German State elections. Rabbi Morton M. Berman, chairman of the national administrative committee of the A.J.C., defended the stand of the Central Conference of American Rabbis against teaching religion in the public schools and the released-time program for religious instruction. This stand was criticized last week by Rev. John S. Middleton, secretary to Francis Cardinal Spellman.

MRS. ROOSEVELT AWARDED GOLD MEDAL BY U.J.A.; \$28,000,000 RAISED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the recipient here last night of a gold medal from the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at a dinner in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel at which it was announced that the U.J.A. raised \$28,000,000 in New York since Feb. 1, when the campaign started. Mrs. Roosevelt is serving as special chairman of the campaign for June.

In a statement presented to Mrs. Roosevelt at the dinner, leaders of the U.J.A. declared:

"We are greatly indebted to you for taking an active part in this year's campaign as our June chairman. Your leadership has been an important factor in the considerable progress made so far and we know that your unique services will be reflected in the final outcome of the 1951 drive." A cable from David Ben Burion, Prime Minister of Israel, described Mrs. Roosevelt as "that illustrious personage and great humanitarian, who brings honor to her country and represents all that is noble in the United States."

400 RABBIS ENROLLED IN PENSION PLAN; HOLD POLICIES WITH \$9,870,000 MATURED VALUE

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- At a meeting of the Rabbinical Pension Board held here last night, Rabbi Samuel M. Gup of Chicago was elected to fill the vacancy existing on the Board occasioned by the death of Jacob Aaronson, as chairman of the Board. In his report, Rabbi Gup pointed out that 400 rabbis are now enrolled in the pension plan, holding policies with a matured value of \$9,870,000. The Rabbinical Pension Board represents the Reform Rabbis of the country in all life and annuity matters.

MARC CHAGALL, NOTED ARTIST, VISITS ISRAEL; SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO SETTLE THERE

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- Marc Chagall, well-known American Jewish artist, expressed a wish at a press conference here today to settle in Israel. He told the newsmen that Israeli reproductions of his paintings were superior to those reproduced in London.

REMAINS OF DR. NAHMAN SYRKIN, FOUNDER OF ZIONIST LABOR PARTY, TO BE MOVED TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- The Histadrut executive announced here today that it will soon transfer the remains of Dr. Nahman Syrkin, one of the founders of the Zionist Labor Party, from New York to Israel for reburial. Dr. Syrkin died in New York in 1924.

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