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ISRAEL RELEASES PROPERTY OF ARAB CITIZENS; RELAXES POLICY TOWARD 23,000 INFILTRERS

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- Three major developments in Israel's policy toward its Arab population were announced here this week-end simultaneously with the release of a report by the Premier's Office detailing the condition of the Jewish State's Arab minority of 170,000 persons. The three new developments are:

1. The Custodian of Absentee Property has decided to release the property of Arabs who are citizens of Israel. The Custodian is prepared to release upon application all movable property and to consider the release of urban real property as well as unfreeze all Arab bank accounts.
 2. The Government has permitted some 23,000 Arab infiltrers to remain permanently in this country. In addition, it is known that 18,000 infiltrers reside illegally in Arab villages.
 3. The Government has agreed-- in conferences between Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and United Nations Truce Supervisor Lt. Gen. William E. Riley-- on procedures for the return to their homes of Arabs evacuated from the demilitarized zone of the Huleh region some months ago during Syrian-Israel fighting. The movement is expected to be concluded this week.
- The Premier's Office report states that the 170,000 Arabs in Israel include 32,000 living in cities and towns, 120,000 in rural communities and 18,000 nomads. It states that in carrying out the pledge contained in the Israel Declaration of Independence guaranteeing the Arabs political equality, the government has published its Official Gazette in Hebrew and Arabic, inscribed its currency in both languages and sponsors regular Arabic radio broadcasts and has extended the franchise to the Arab population.

Over 31,000 Arabs voted in Israel's first general elections and 70,000 are expected to participate this month in the Parliamentary balloting. The report reveals that the Ministry of Interior is sponsoring self-government in Arab villages, while the Ministry of Culture is attempting to raise the standard of living of the minority population and has a budget of 100,000 pounds for this purpose. The report says that 96 Arab villages hold 250,000 dunams of land.

EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM IRAQ TO ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE; DEADLINE REPORTED EXTENDED

TEL AVIV, July 1. (JTA) -- Emigration of Jews from Iraq to Israel will continue after July 1 despite declarations by Iraqi officials that emigration would cease by June 30, Jewish Agency sources indicated today.

(The New York Times reported from Beirut that Dr. Saleh Haydar, deputy director of the Iraqi National Bank, had told the Arab News Agency that the exodus of Jews from Iraq will have an adverse effect on the Iraqi economy.)

BREMEN SETTLES ALL CLAIMS TO HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY; PAYS LUMP SUM TO JEWISH GROUP

BREMEN, July 1. (JTA) -- A lump settlement of all claims to heirless Jewish property in the state of Bremen was reached during the week-end when state officials and representatives of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization signed an agreement under which the heirless property was surrendered to the government for 1,750,000 deutschmarks (about \$400,000).

The agreement had been approved by the Bremen Parliament and Senate. Excluded from the agreement were Jewish religious institutions and religious objects and art objects recovered by the occupation authorities and held by them at Wiesbaden.

JEWISH COUNCIL IN GERMANY DEMANDS GOVERNMENT CLARIFY ITS RESTITUTION POLICY

FRANKFURT, July 1. (JTA) -- Leaders of Jews in Germany, representing the Central Jewish Council, at a press conference here demanded that the German Government issue a statement clarifying its policy on restitution of property confiscated by the Nazis as well as on compensation for Nazi-looted property. The Jewish leaders all requested that the Bonn Government introduce federal legislation on restitution that will be binding for all states in West Germany.

The United States High Commission in Germany announced the dissolution of its property division and the transfer of its functions and responsibilities under the restitution law and general claims programs to the office of the general counsel of the Commission and the public affairs department. Inquiries from abroad regarding property interests in Germany will in the future be handled by the American Consulate General in Frankfurt.

George N. Shuster, United States Commissioner for Bavaria, told the German press today on his return from the United States that American public opinion is closely watching neo-Nazi activities in Western Germany and also the implementation of the restitution and general claims program.

JEWISH REFUGEES WHO RETURNED FROM SHANGHAI TO GERMANY RECEIVE U.S. IMMIGRATION VISAS

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- Fifty Jewish refugees, part of a group of nearly 400 which returned to Germany in 1949 and 1950 from Shanghai and other parts of China, were last week granted United States entry visas by the American Consul in Munich, the Joint Distribution Committee reported here today.

A total of 80 visas, including 30 issued earlier this year, have now been given to the refugees, almost all of whom fled Nazi Germany during the 1930's and made their way across Europe and Asia to Shanghai, only city which would permit them to remain. Interned behind barbed wire by the Japanese during World War II, they were kept alive only by the aid of J.D.C. Classified as DP's under the U.S. DP Act of 1950, the refugees will be brought to this country through the cooperation of J.D.C., the International Refugee Organization and the United Service for New Americans.

AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRIA TO OPPOSE MOVES TO ALTER RESTITUTION PLAN

VIENNA, July 1. (JTA) -- The American authorities in Austria will oppose attempts by pro-Nazi elements to amend the third Austrian restitution law, Zachariah Shuster, European director of the American Jewish Committee, said here this week-end after interviewing American officials. Attempts to amend the restitution law are being strenuously opposed by the Jews in Austria.

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JEWISH FEDERATIONS APPROVE PLAN FOR SURVEY OF JEWISH EDUCATION; URGE INCREASED AID

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- Increased financial support to the American Association for Jewish Education to help meet the problem of Jewish education in the United States was urged on welfare funds by the Large City Budgeting Conference, composed of representatives of the 12 major welfare funds of the country.

Stressing the importance of Jewish education to the community, the Conference, in a resolution adopted at its session here, declared that the present budget of the association "is not adequate for the conduct of effective operations in this field, even on a minimum level." The association is now working on a budget of \$134,000 and seeks yearly increases to a goal of \$329,000 to be obtained in 1954. It seeks to raise its budget for 1951 to \$181,500 for this year to expand its field service.

The L.C.B.C. also approved the association plan to sponsor a survey of Jewish education in the United States. "We view this project with great interest and shall seek and welcome all opportunities for consultations between welfare fund and A.A.J.E. representatives, so that the views of community representatives may be made available to the A.A.J.E. at all stages in the development of the survey," the resolution adopted by the L.C.B.C. says.

FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL BONDS WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The first National Conference for State of Israel Bonds will be held in Washington, from September 20 through September 23, it was announced here today by Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, which is directing the \$500,000,000 Israel Bond drive.

"This National Conference," Mr. Venezky stated in announcing the meeting, "will give Jewish leaders of America their first opportunity to meet on a national scale for the purpose of reviewing the economic situation in Israel and of developing plans to further the sale of State of Israel Bonds. Representatives will attend from Jewish communities through out the country, and from all important Jewish organizations. Results of the Bond drive to date have indicated an inspiring response from the American Jewish community," Mr. Venezky said.

More than 300 delegates representing 40,000 members of the Workmen's Circle, largest labor fraternal organization in the United States, adopted a resolution calling on every member of the organization to purchase at least one Israel Bond. The Workmen's Circle has 75,000 members nationally. More than 500 Israel Bond divisions composed of trades, professions, Zionist, labor and fraternal organizations have been established in New York since May 1st.

TRUMAN SIGNS BILL EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR ADMISSION OF DP IMMIGRANTS TO DEC. 31

WASHINGTON, July 1. (JTA) -- President Truman this week end signed legislation extending until December 31, 1951, the deadline for displaced persons to enter the United States as immigrants. The bill, which does not permit any more DP's to enter than the previous DP Immigration Act, specifies that for a DP to be eligible to enter under the new deadline, his case must have been under consideration by the Displaced Persons Commission before June 30, the previous deadline.

U.S. MIZRACHI LABORITIES OPEN CONVENTION; URGE CONVOCACTION OF RELIGIOUS CONGRESS

FALLSBURG, N.Y., July 1. (JTA) -- A proposal for the convocation of a religious congress at which representatives of all American Jewish religious groups would attempt to end a wasteful duplication of effort, and form a unified program of religious activity was made here at the 28th annual convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi of America by Chaim Chanowitz, national director of the organization. Over 600 delegates are attending the four-day conference of the religious labor Zionist movement.

Mr. Chanowitz also called for Israeli and American groups to provide scholarships for American Jewish youths to attend the Hebrew University and Yeshivas in Israel. He reported that the organization had grown by 25 per cent since its last convention, also noting that 30 per cent of all American youths who left to pioneer in Israel were trained by the organization. Yaacov Greenberg, member of the Israel Parliament, in a speech to the convention, predicted that the Hapoel Hamizrachi of Israel would increase its representation in the next Parliament.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH FAMILY SELECTED AS ONE OF FOUR REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN FAMILIES

WASHINGTON, July 1. (JTA) -- The family of Samuel Frank, of Los Angeles, has been selected as one of four representative American families to be flown to England for a one-week visit to witness the delivery by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower of a Roll of Honor containing the names of American war dead. The presentation will be made at St. Paul's Cathedral, with the King and Queen of England present.

Z.O.A. PRESERVED WITH PERSONAL PAPERS AND FILES OF PROF. RICHARD GOTTHEIL

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The personal papers, files and other documents of the late Prof. Richard Gottheil, a founder and first president of the Zionist Organization of America, were presented to the Z.O.A. at a ceremony at Z.O.A. headquarters this week-end. The presentation was made by Miss Eva Leon, sister-in-law of the late Prof. Gottheil, to Benjamin Browdy, Z.O.A. president. Carl Alpert, Z.O.A. educational director, is cataloguing the collection which will eventually go to Zionist archives in this country and Israel.

GABRIEL DAVIDSON RELINQUISHES POST AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JEWISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Gabriel Davidson, managing director of the Jewish Agricultural Society for many years, has relinquished the post, but will continue to serve the organization in the capacity of consultant director, it was announced here today. Theodore Norman, formerly assistant manager of the New York office of NYANA, will head the Society as its general manager.

ISRAELI FREIGHTER LAUNCHED IN AMSTERDAM CEREMONY; PROMINENT PERSONALITIES PRESENT

AMSTERDAM, July 1. (JTA) -- A 2300-ton Israeli fruit carrier, "Tamar," was launched here this week-end by Mrs. Dov Joseph, wife of Israel's Minister of Communications, at an impressive ceremony attended by many prominent Jewish and Dutch personalities.

NEW YORK YIDDISH COMMUNIST DAILY REDUCES SIZE; BECOMES A TABLOID

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The Communist Yiddish daily, Freiheit, today adopted a reduced size and tabloid format.

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