

4,300 JEWS LEFT EUROPE IN PAST 100 YEARS; EUROPE NO LONGER PRINCIPAL JEWISH CENTER

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Over 4,300,000 Jews migrated from Europe in the past one hundred years, a detailed survey conducted by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress disclosed today.

As a result of this mass migration and the death of millions of Jews through persecution, Europe has ceased to be the principal center of Jewish life, the report says. It points out that 88 percent of the Jews of the world lived in Europe in 1850 and only 24.5 percent one hundred years later, adding that "the major part of European Jewry is now to be found in Soviet Russia, separated and cut off from the rest of the Jewish people."

The results of emigration and mass extermination have been so striking that today there are considerably fewer Jews in Europe than there were in 1850. A century ago, according to the survey, 4,500,000 Jews lived in Europe, whereas the number in 1950 was only 2,750,000. The trend of Jews to emigrate from Europe is a continuing one, the study established. Approximately 530,000 Jews left Europe from the beginning of 1946 to the end of 1950 and that many thousands of others are registered for emigration.

ISAAC STERN, FAMED AMERICAN CONCERT VIOLINIST, MARRIES IN ISRAEL; MET BRIDE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- A two-week romance culminated this week-end in the marriage here of Isaac Stern, famed New York concert violinist and Miss Vera Lindbilt, formerly of New York, who recently settled in this city.

Mr. Stern, who is 30, has just completed a series of concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and was to have left by air for a European concert tour. He cancelled his passage suddenly on Friday and the newlyweds will leave for Europe on Monday. The bride, who is 24, lived for many years in the same house in New York as Mr. Stern's accompanist, but they met for the first time two weeks ago in Tel Aviv.

HADASSAH DECIDES TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY IN SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Hadassah will hold its 37th national convention at Atlantic City from September 16 through September 19, it was announced today. More than 3,000 delegates representing almost 300,000 members in every state of the Union are expected to attend the convention to formulate plans for continuing and in some instances expanding Hadassah's medical and social welfare programs in Israel.

DAVID COHEN, PUBLISHER OF PORTLAND ENGLISH-JEWISH NEWSPAPER, DIES

PORTLAND, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- David E. Cohen, publisher of the English-Jewish weekly newspaper "The Scribe," died here. Born in Charleston, S.C., he came to Portland in 1907 to become associated with Dr. N. Mosessohn and David N. Mosessohn, publishers of the Jewish Tribune. He and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise purchased the publication and changed the name to "The Scribe" in 1919. When Dr. Wise was called to the Central Synagogue in New York City in 1926, Cohen became sole owner.

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SECURITY COUNCIL POSTPONES TODAY'S SESSION; SEE HOPE OF EGYPT LIFTING SUZS BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council session scheduled for tomorrow morning was postponed late tonight at the request of Selim Sarper, Turkish delegate to the U.N. The session will be held next Monday.

Mr. Sarper communicated with Warren Austin, Council president, late this afternoon and informed the American that he felt sure that there was another way of getting the Egyptian Government to lift its blockade of Israeli traffic at the Suez Canal than adoption of the three-power resolution. Mr. Sarper asked that the members of the Council be polled on a postponement. They agreed. The Council had been expected to adopt the tri-power resolution at tomorrow's meeting.

Meanwhile, Palestine truce chief Gen. William E. Riley's report on the Hulah situation was released here today. The Hulah drainage project has reached a critical point in that the next step is construction of a dam which the Arabs claim will interfere with the flow of water into their irrigation systems, Gen. Riley reported.

On August 7, he disclosed, he urged the Israel Government to stop the Palestine Land Development Company from proceeding with further drainage work. At the same time, he said, the company had submitted a project which, it claimed, would be carried out without interfering with normal irrigation. "I am expecting further details on this project," Gen. Riley informed U.N. headquarters.

The view here is that today's report was an interim report and that Gen. Riley appears to prefer to continue direct negotiations, although no agreement has yet been reached between the parties.

FIRST ISRAEL PARLIAMENT FORMALLY DISSOLVED; NEW PARLIAMENT OPENS ITS SESSION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The first Parliament to meet on the soil of an independent Jewish state in nearly 2,000 years, was formally dissolved at noon today after two years and seven months of existence. Josef Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, formally dissolved the body in a short speech, after which the 120 members and spectators in the gallery joined in singing Hatikvah.

Several hours later, the new Parliament, whose members were elected on July 31, held its opening session and re-elected Mr. Sprinzak Speaker. The new Parliament includes about 45 new members. The opening session was attended by members of the Israel Cabinet, including Premier David Ben Gurion.

The session heard a message from President Dr. Chaim Weizmann who stressed that "vital problems" are facing the new Knesset. The President informed Parliament that because of illness, he was unable to attend the opening session, whereupon the Knesset chose its oldest member--74-year-old General Zionist Hayim Boser--to preside over the session temporarily until a Speaker was elected.

U.S. DELEGATE AT ZIONIST CONGRESS CRITICIZES WORK OF ISRAELI EMISSARIES IN AMERICA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- More American Jewish youth will immigrate to Israel "if the right approach is used," Dr. Morton Robbins, national chairman of the American Youth Commission, told the Congress last night. He said it was unfortunate that some emissaries sent from Israel to work among American Jewish youth knew little English and did not understand the American mentality.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, in a special sermon heard by many Congress leaders and delegates, pleaded with Jews from overseas, and particularly the United States, to come to Israel "if not in your totality, then in your tens of thousands, and if not in your tens of thousands, at least in your thousands, and fully participate in this country." He called for continuing moral and spiritual growth of the country to parallel the physical maturing of the state.

The Congress paid tribute, in a one-hour service, to members of the Zionist movement and Jewish and non-Jewish friends of the movement, who died since the last World Zionist Congress. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who delivered the memorial address, eulogized the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise as "an encyclopedic Jewish leader in the scope of his activities and a man whose foremost quality was his love for every individual." Among other Americans singled out for tribute were Judge Morris Rothenberg, Daniel Frisch, Alexander Fekelis, Gedaliah Bublick, Dr. Judah Leib Magnes, Henry Monsky, Bronislaw Huberman and Col. David Marcus.

The "continued pride" of the American labor movement in the achievements of the Israel Labor Government was expressed to the World Zionist Congress here last night by a delegation representing the American Trade Union Council for the Histadruth, the Israel labor federation.

Joseph Breslaw, chairman of the Council, read to the Congress a declaration describing the aid given Israel by the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations during Israel's liberation war. "Earlier, the delegation was present when four streets in the settlement of Holon, lined with houses built with funds made available by American trade unions, were named after American trade unions. One street was named after the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, another after the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the third, after the Jewish National Workers Alliance, and the fourth after the Hotel and Restaurant Waiters Union.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA IS OFFERED TWO SEATS IN JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- As the World Zionist Congress wound up its first week of general debate on issues confronting it, private negotiations began on composition of the new administration of the World Zionist Organization.

It is reported today that two seats in the Jewish Agency executive have been offered to the Zionist Organization of America, for Benjamin G. Browdy, its president, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, its former president, with the proviso that Dr. Neumann assume duties in Israel. The Z.O.A., however, is reported insisting on the designation of these two men without conditions.

Representatives of the two conflicting groups within the World Confederation of General Zionists are to meet at a roundtable shortly and seek to heal the breach within the movement which arose over the question of representation within the Confederation for the General Zionist Party of Israel.

Following peacemaking efforts by Israel Dunsky, South African General Zionist, a tacit understanding was reached between the two groups on the basis of giving the Israel General Zionists 24 mandates in the Confederation and representation in all organs established by the Zionist Congress. The roundtable conference will seek to put this understanding into definite form.

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SENATE COMMITTEES MEET TO CONSIDER FOREIGN AID BILL WHICH CONTAINS GRANTS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations and Military Affairs Committees met behind closed doors today to consider the House-approved Foreign Aid Bill, which contains grants to Israel. A spokesman for the committees said the two groups probably will spend at least three or four days on the measure before clearing it for final Congressional action by the Senate.

The House trimmed about one billion dollars off the measure last Friday night, although aid to Israel was left intact. The bill calls for a \$50,000,000 grant to aid Jewish refugees coming to Israel. The section providing military and economic funds for the Middle East includes a \$23,500,000 provision for Israel. There is an attempt in the Senate to slice another billion dollars from the bill. It is not yet known how this will affect the aid-to-Israel portion.

(In New York, Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council which is interested in securing American grant-in-aid for Israel, today said that the action of the House last Friday "is a renewed and welcome expression of American goodwill to Israel.")

HIGH BRITISH OFFICIAL APPOINTED MINISTER TO TEL AVIV; SERVED AS CONSUL IN NEW YORK

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Sir Francis Edward Evans, former British Consul General in New York and now Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has been named British Minister to Tel Aviv, it was announced today.

He succeeds Sir Alexander Knox Helm who has been appointed Ambassador to Turkey. Sir Noel Charles, present British Ambassador to Turkey, is retiring soon from the diplomatic service.

JEWS IN GERMANY VOICE OPPOSITION AGAINST NEW RESTITUTION LAW IN RHINE-WESTPHALIA

DUSSELDORF, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Severe criticism against a new law for compensation of victims of Nazism, framed by the government of North Rhine-Westphalian province is voiced in the Allgemeine Zeitung, principal Jewish newspaper in Western Germany. The paper lists four main reasons for opposing this law:

1. It provides no compensation for persons persecuted by the Nazis who are now living abroad. Instead, the new legislation covers only those Nazi victims living in North Rhine-Westphalia as of January 1, 1947.
2. The law makes no provision for those who recently returned to their homes after having resided abroad. A number of Jews returned to their homes primarily for the purpose of receiving compensation.
3. Only the surviving wives and children of Nazi victims may receive compensation, while the parents of Nazi victims are excluded. The newspaper points out that it is "precisely the old people who will most need material compensation."
4. According to the law, all those claiming more than 2,000 marks in compensation will receive a pension of up to 500 marks monthly until their claims are adjudicated. The paper adds that the former persecutees will only receive this pension if they can prove they need financial assistance. The newspaper believes that the payments should be made without any reference to the financial position of the claimants.

Meanwhile, a British spokesman said last night that the British High Commission in Germany was still "closely interested in the question of restitution" and wanted satisfactory legislation passed in the British zone.

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N.C.R.A.C. ASKS NO PREJUDGING OF MACIVER REPORT ON JEWISH GROUPS FIGHTING BIAS

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- An appeal to interested groups not to prejudge the report by Prof. Robert M. MacIver on the activities of Jewish organizations engaged in combatting anti-Semitism in the United States was issued here today by Irving Kane, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council which sponsored the MacIver report.

"The widespread comment and discussion evoked by Professor Robert M. MacIver's report on the Jewish community relations agencies is a recognition that the issues and problems with which the report deals are of vital concern to the entire Jewish community," Mr. Kane said. "It is precisely because the resolution of these issues does so directly concern the total community that I deplore the tendency to quote excerpts of the MacIver report out of context, to attribute judgments to Dr. MacIver which are not borne out by the full text of his report and, on the basis of partial and incomplete evidence, to prejudge the conclusions which he sets forth.

"Such a tendency is grossly unfair to Professor MacIver, whose objectivity and scholarship in the field of human relations made him the unanimous choice to head the study; to those organizations participating in the study which are giving the report the serious and careful attention which it merits; and above all to the Jewish community which is being misinformed and confused.

"The report submitted by Dr. MacIver is but the initial step in a process which was begun on January 12, 1950, when the executive committee of the N.C.R.A.C. authorized a study of the field of Jewish community relations work and created a special committee on Evaluative Studies, comprising representatives of the constituent national and local agencies of the N.C.R.A.C. and of the Large City Budgeting Conference, to plan and supervise the study process. The study process called for a report by Dr. MacIver, comments on his report by all the agencies concerned, both N.C.R.A.C. and L.C.B.C., and findings and recommendations by the Evaluative Studies Committee itself, based upon both the report and the attendant comments.

"In accordance with that process, Professor MacIver's report is presently receiving the concentrated attention of the agencies and of the Evaluative Studies Committee. The committee has spent two days in meetings with Dr. MacIver to clarify various points in his report and additional meetings have already been scheduled for September and October. At those meetings, the agencies will express their opinions on the issues dealt with by Dr. MacIver and the Committee will draft its findings and recommendations for consideration and action by the executive committee and plenum of the N.C.R.A.C. Thus, the study process will not be completed until the plenary session scheduled for November 24 through 26.

"Until then, and during the present period of discussion and preparation of the final report by the widely representative Committee on Evaluative Studies, I urge all to maintain an attitude of suspended judgment regarding the report and to refrain from precipitate action."

ORT OPENS FUND-RAISING DRIVE IN MEXICO; SECURES SUPPORT OF ALL LEADING JEWISH GROUPS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A fund-raising drive for the ORT was proclaimed here by S. Milman, special representative of the ORT in the United States. The campaign has the endorsement of all leading Jewish groups in Mexico.