

PAUL BAERWALD SCHOOL IN FRANCE WIDENS ITS PROGRAM OF TRAINING FOR JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS

VERSAILLES, France, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Paul Baerwald School, founded by the Joint Distribution Committee here in 1949 to train Jewish social workers for service in European, Israeli and North African communities, is widening its scope by offering short-term courses in American social welfare throughout Western Europe and North Africa this fall, it was announced here yesterday by Dr. Henry Selver, director of the school, at commencement exercises marking the graduation of the second class to complete the institution's course of study.

At ceremonies held in the 18th century Chateau de la Maye, in which the school is housed, certificates were distributed to 29 men and women from eight countries in Europe, North Africa and the Near East, including Israel, who will return to their homes to apply their knowledge of American social work methods in their native communities.

Announcing the inauguration of extension courses by the school, Dr. Silver reported that a team of three American faculty members will leave next month for Tunisia and Morocco to conduct intensive in-service training courses for those already working in existing welfare groups. Additional on-the-spot training programs are being planned by the institution during the coming school year in Belgium, France, Germany and Switzerland. At the same time, the Baerwald School will continue its normal functions, although with a smaller student body, 25 of whom are coming from Israel and North Africa this year.

ZIONIST YOUTHS IN MEXICO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO ATTEND COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Nine members of Zionist youth organizations here left for Israel to attend a one-year course for instructors. Following the completion of the course, they will return to Mexico to direct Zionist activities among Jewish youth in this country.

Thousands of Mexicans attended a mass meeting here addressed by Vicente Lombardo Toledano, prominent Mexican labor leader and president of the Latin American Labor Confederation, who just returned from a visit to Israel. In conveying his impressions of the Jewish state, Mr. Toledano emphasized that "Israel is a bastion of peace and democracy for the entire Near East."

JEWISH AGENCY'S HEBREW SEMINAR CONCLUDES IN ENGLAND; INSTRUCTORS CAME FROM ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A two-week Hebrew seminar conducted under the aegis of the Jewish Agency's Education and Culture Department concluded at the Wychwood School in Oxford. More than 100 students--including teachers, physicians, attorneys and other professional people--took part in the two-week course, which included instruction in Bible, Hebrew and related subjects. The instructors came here from Israel especially for the seminar.

WALTER RATHENAU'S INTEREST IN ZIONISM REVEALED IN HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH DR. HERZL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20, (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Rathenau, first Foreign Minister of the Weimar Republic, who was assassinated in 1922 following intense anti-Jewish propaganda against him, read Zionist publications and literature although he was not a Zionist, his correspondence with Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of modern political Zionism, reveals.

The Rathenau-Herzl correspondence, published for the first time this week in the Congress edition of "Zion," organ of the World Zionist Executive, reveals Dr. Rathenau's interest in the Zionist movement and the attention he gave to developments concerning it.

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AMERICAN JEWS LAUDED AT ZIONIST CONGRESS FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO ISRAEL'S CAUSE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A tribute to American Jews and their devotion to the cause of Israel was paid today by Rudolph G. Sonneborn, national co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, speaking in the general debate of the 23rd World Zionist Congress. Mr. Sonneborn praised the role of the American Jewish welfare funds which, he said, had raised over \$600,000,000 for the United Jewish Appeal from 1941 to 1950, or 93 per cent of all the U.J.A. funds.

"They have been faithful partners in providing means for the development of the Jewish State and the ingathering of our brethren," he told the Congress, adding that the American Zionists had only themselves to blame if they did not dominate the welfare funds in the Jewish communities. He said that this was because, "in our preoccupation with other matters, we have not given time or energy nor taken our rightful place in the development of these welfare funds."

Mr. Sonneborn added that experience on such issues as a Central Israeli Fund and national budgeting had shown that whatever "our occasional differences with the leadership of the welfare funds, whenever we presented our Zionist viewpoint, we have been reassured of overwhelming support for our side" by the community leaders.

Mr. Sonneborn, who is also chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, warned the Congress against a too hasty discounting of the importance of the traditional Zionist funds. He warmly praised the effort of the United Jewish Appeal and Edward M.M. Warburg, its general chairman, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, its executive vice-chairman.

Sonneborn Scores U.S. Zionists Who Criticize Israel's Leaders

In a comment on the Congress proceedings to date, Mr. Sonneborn urged the assembly "to recognize fully the vital importance of raising funds for Israel and to devote more time to discussing connected problems." He said the eyes of those connected with the raising of funds for Israel were on Jerusalem, from where they expected words of encouragement and leadership. He scored "some American Zionist officials here who have taken Israel's leaders to task." This criticism, he asserted, "is merely an effort to divert attention from their own deficiencies."

Dr. Joseph Sonnenbaum, American General Zionist, told the delegates to the Congress: "You don't know America. It is too big for you to understand. You have fantastic ideas about the United States." He said that the Zionist Organization of America delegates could not understand the rebuke levelled against the Z.O.A. "We demand respect from the Zionist movement," he declared. "Without the Zionist Organization of America, Israel will suffer."

Rabbi Semach Zambrowsky, executive vice-president of the Canadian Mizrahi Organization, told the Congress that Israel's aim should not be a second Switzerland,

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but like "Israel of the past." He said there was no pioneering movement from America because there is not the enthusiasm there in the measure anticipated after three years of Israeli statehood. This enthusiasm was missing, he declared, because it is too soon to speak of Zionist fulfillment and people today think that Israel is the fulfillment and it does not meet their dream.

Dr. Benno Weiser of New York, who represents Ecuador Zionists at the Congress, told the assembly that if Zionists were not coming from the West to settle in Israel it was because, with the establishment of the State, they felt more secure. He urged greater understanding and patience and expressed the belief they would come to Israel eventually.

Abraham Harzfeld, head of the Jewish Labor Federation's settlement department and a member of the Israeli Parliament, advised the delegates to visit the settlements in Israel, "which will inspire you more than all the speeches and resolutions here." He said the Congress must find the ways and means to expand colonization activities. "We need every kind of material aid, plus man power," he declared. "One is as vital as the other."

American Revisionist Delegate Causes Tumult at Congress

A. Sasson, a delegate of the Herut party and himself a recent immigrant from Iraq, charged before the Congress that Iraqi Jews "are being treated like second-class citizens." He asked for a public inquiry by the Congress delegates. A steady flow of denials from the Mapai section punctuated his address and the chairman was forced to call the meeting to order a number of times.

A tumult also broke out at the session today when American delegate Beinish Epstein, a Revisionist, charged that the "economic dictatorship" of Israel's organized labor has forced American investors to turn away from Israel without making any investments in the Jewish state.

Labor delegates protested loudly and sought to prevent the Revisionist from continuing his speech. Delegates of the rightist Herut Party, on the other hand, shouted encouraging remarks to Mr. Epstein. The chairman was compelled to call the delegates to order and told the Revisionist to continue his speech.

A second disorder developed when the Laborites attempted to answer the right-wing criticism. Berl Frymmer, American Labor Zionist, told the Revisionists that labor built the Jewish state. He was interrupted by Revisionist delegates heckling, as was Hayim Shurer, Israeli Mapai delegate, who called the Revisionists "hysterical" and asserted that the reclaimed and irrigated soil of Israel "speaks for us."

Mrs. D. Rabinowitz, an American Mizrahi delegate, said it would not be wise to place Orthodox children in non-Orthodox settlements in Israel. "His practice," she said, might result in establishment of ghettos and possible discrimination.

The financial difficulties faced by the Jewish Agency in bringing Jewish youth from various countries to Israel were outlined here today at the Congress by Bertha Schoolman, leader of the Hadassah. Mrs. Schoolman, who is engaged in youth immigration work, reported to the Congress that accumulated debts and the increase in the cost of living have seriously affected the Jewish Agency budget for youth immigration and have impeded the Youth Aliyah work. She recommended that the budget for the coming year be such as to make possible the absorption and education by the Youth Aliyah of at least ten per cent of the new immigrant population.

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Z.O.A. ECONOMIC MISSION FINDS CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL "EXCELLENT" FOR INVESTMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America economic mission which has been studying industrial and business conditions in the Jewish state will, upon its return to the United States, report that conditions are "excellent" for private investments in Israel.

Isador Turover, of Washington, D.C., chairman of the commission, told the press today that after a determined investigation of rumors of discrimination against private investors, the group was "convinced that there is no truth that such a policy exists." He said that "some minor officials might have been over-zealous in pushing the Socialist Party's philosophy in the granting of import licenses and foreign exchange requests." But this situation was "always corrected" whenever the facts were proven.

Mr. Turover said that the members of the commission expect to meet with Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan later this week and cite to him some instances of favoritism. "But the overall picture is excellent, and we are convinced that the private businessman would do well to invest here," he stressed.

The Z.O.A. leader also reported that American businessmen will soon help establish three new commercial and industrial ventures in Israel. They will be: a 3,000,000-pound cement factory which will produce 20 per cent of the country's domestic needs; a factoring corporation to furnish raw materials for local industry and market Israeli products in the United States; and, a company which will rent farm machinery to private farmers.

WORLD LABOR ZIONIST CONFERENCE DECIDES TO DEMAND CHANGE IN STRUCTURE OF ZIONIST FUNDS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The world Labor Zionist conference, decided today to demand in the World Zionist Congress a change in the present structure of the Zionist national funds but did not commit itself to a definite formula pending negotiations with other Zionist parties.

ARAB SENTENCED IN ISRAEL FOR ESPIONAGE; PROVIDED ARAB COUNTRY WITH SECRET INFORMATION

HAIFA, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A sentence of five years' imprisonment was imposed today in Haifa District Court on an Arab found guilty of espionage in providing a neighboring country with information detrimental to the State of Israel and intended to bring about the annexation of a part of the national territory. The verdict considered the demilitarized zone in Israel as territory in which the laws of Israel apply.

ROMANIAN IMMIGRANT VESSEL AGAIN ARRIVES IN ISRAEL WITH SMALL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- For the second successive voyage the Rumanian liner Transylvania has brought to Israel considerably less than the number of immigrants it can handle. The vessel arrived at Haifa today with 768 passengers, about half the number it can transport.

The newcomers report that representations have been made to the Rumanian authorities against the system of notifying and processing immigrants leaving for Israel which, they claim, is responsible for the falling off of immigration. These sources say that applicants for emigration currently receive only two or three days notice of permission to sail. Many, unable to liquidate their businesses and settle their personal affairs on such short notice, do not report to Constanza in time to make the sailing.

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BRITAIN INSISTS ON EGYPT'S LIFTING OF SUEZ BLOCKADE; WILL ACCEPT NO COMPROMISE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Observers here expressed the belief today that the U.N. Security Council will have to pass the three-power resolution calling on Egypt to lift its anti-Israel blockade at the Suez Canal since they see no chance of success for Turkey's attempt to get Egypt to settle the matter out of court.

A spokesman for the British delegation today ruled out the possibility of a compromise, declaring that "a compromise is not what we want. What we want is the lifting of restrictions on shipping through the Suez Canal." The spokesman indicated clearly that Britain would demand either the lifting of the blockade or passage of the resolution.

The scheduled vote on the resolution was postponed until next Monday at the request of Turkish delegate Selim Sarper who asserted that he was certain that there was another method which would achieve the lifting of the blockade besides passage of the three-power resolution in the Council. Informed sources see behind Mr. Sarper's request the meeting in Cairo last Saturday night between Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the Arab League, and the Turkish Ambassador to Egypt, during which Azzam Pasha reportedly accused Turkey of double dealing in professing friendship for the Arabs while supporting the resolution in the Security Council.

(In London, British sources said today that new Egyptian proposals, reported to be the basis for Turkey's request for deferment of Security Council action on the Suez blockade, might be a red herring to delay passage of the resolution or "an attempt to bring the Egyptian action into line with armistice agreement requirements." They added that if it were the latter, it would not do away with the general British complaint which asks removal of all restrictions on shipping through the Canal.)

The report on the Huleh situation by Lt. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. truce supervisor in Palestine, received at U.N. headquarters yesterday is regarded here as an interim report. There are indications that the Security Council will not discuss it, but will await Gen. Riley's final report and recommendations. Yesterday's report contained no recommendations and no conclusions.

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER ADDRESSES WORLD AFFAIRS INSTITUTE AT DENVER BY RECORD

DENVER, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett warned today that "democracy has little chance of surviving on a global scale unless we succeed in eliminating the glaring economic inequalities that disgrace our civilization."

In a speech specially recorded for the World Affairs Institute at the University of Denver, Colorado, Mr. Sharett said the democracies are threatened by a false sense of security. "In the last resort, the guarantee of civic freedom is to be found not in institutions or constitutional devices, but in the readiness of ordinary men to stake all on the attainment and the defence of liberty," he stated.

"Democracy and human freedom can be maintained only if the plain people of the world have the political maturity to defy the blandishments of the demagogue, and the moral courage to resist the challenge of the would-be dictator from the moment he lifts his spurious banner," Mr. Sharett continued. He said the world's most difficult objective is the elimination of war, which he called "the arch-enemy" of human freedom.

He emphasized that Israel "time and again" declared its readiness to sit at a peace table and end the Middle Eastern tension. "In the end," he said, "sheer necessity and enlightened self-interest will lead to understanding and a lasting peace" in the Middle East.

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BRITISH DP CAMP CLOSES IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY; LAST JEWS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

HAMBURG, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The last transport of displaced Jews to leave for Israel from the British zone of Germany departed from the Jever Displaced Persons camp today. Present at the official ceremony closing the Jever camp were the British commissioner for the state of Oldenberg and various German officials.

The Office of the Joint Distribution Committee in Munich today issued a statement declaring that an organization called the Society for Relief for Jewish Emigrants from Germany and Austria is unknown to the J.D.C.

BRITAIN REACHES AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY ON TRANSFER OF PENSIONS TO REFUGEES

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The British Treasury today announced that the Federal German Government has agreed to allow the transfer of pensions on a limited scale to persons resident in the United Kingdom who have pension rights originating in Germany, but who were excluded from the regulation for the release of blocked pension accounts made Feb. 26, 1951.

Last September, the German Government agreed to allow the transfer of pensions between residents in West Germany and those of Britain. However, German regulations issued this February allowed the transfer of pensions only to those pensioners who had resided abroad before they took up employment in the Federal Republic, thus excluding German emigrants now living in Britain. Today's announcement makes it clear that from now on the transfer of pensions from Germany will be made without any prior examination other than that of genuineness, provided that the amount involved does not exceed 300 German marks monthly.

In its announcement today the British Treasury points out that Britain has accepted the new arrangement only out of consideration that the German Government still has difficulty in earning sufficient foreign exchange to meet its essential requirements. However, the British Government has at the same time informed the Federal Government of West Germany that Britain will ask for an increase in the monthly limit if it becomes evident that such increases could be met by the German Government without serious repercussions.

FRENCH MILITARY TRIBUNAL ACQUITS FORMER NAZI WHO REQUISITIONED JEWISH PROPERTY

PARIS, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A French military tribunal has acquitted Gerhard Utikal, former chief of the Nazi office for requisitioning art works in France during the German occupation, of responsibility in the seizing of art works and valuables owned by French Jews.

Utikal was specifically charged with responsibility in the stealing of 4,174 specific items. It was estimated that 37 railway cars were used to ship the loot from France to Germany at various times between 1941 and 1944.

MAJORITY OF JEWISH STUDENTS IN AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITY ARE REFUGEES FROM NEARBY COUNTRIES

VIRNA, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A total of 89 Jewish students attended Graz University during the 1950-51 academic year, the University announced today. Ninety per cent of the group were refugees from nearby countries, while the remaining ten percent was divided equally between Jews from Israel and from Austria. Twenty-one of the students completed their studies during the past year; 17 are going to Israel, three to Canada and one to Brazil.