

J T A DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC. 231 West 58th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Contents Copyright: Reproduction only by previous arrangement

VOL. XVIII No 240 - 33rd year.

Thursday, December 13, 1951

U.S. ZIONIST LEADERSHIP ATTACKED BY BEN GURION IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- American Zionist leadership was attacked here today by Premier David Ben Gurion for failing to move to Israel following the establishment of the Jewish state.

Speaking in Parliament, the Premier said that if the gates of the Soviet Union are not opened for Jews to migrate to Israel, the Jewish state will soon face a grave problem of lack of immigrants.

Mr. Ben Gurion then lashed out at the American Zionist leaders. He questioned whether "the leadership of American Zionism had gone bankrupt with the establishment of the Jewish state, if 50 leaders did not rise to come to Israel." However, he added that "even if they came, it is doubtful whether a big immigration from the United States would follow."

"Catastrophic immigration"--the transfer of entire Jewish communities to Israel--is now coming to an end, the Premier told Parliament. "It will cease within the next few years," he warned. His remarks were made in reply to questions about the decision of the Jewish Agency to introduce a system of selective immigration to Israel.

Mr. Ben Gurion denied that the new policy restricts immigration. He said that the Agency's decision is in complete accord with the law of returning all "Jews in exile" to the Jewish state. He also took issue with Herut and General Zionist deputies who claimed that the Agency's decision practically restricts immigration, in an effort to dictate the future structure of the Yishuv.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN'S CONDITION VISIBLY IMPROVED, DOCTORS REPORT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- President Weizmann's condition has improved visibly, it was announced today at his home in Rehovoth by his physicians. His condition has bettered to such an extent that the doctors feel that only one daily bulletin on the President's health need be published instead of the several which were the rule in the past two weeks.

Today's bulletin said that Dr. Weizmann had shown improvement in his general condition, as well as in heart functioning and circulation. In addition, it was stated that he was showing definite signs of increased strength. Although the President had recovered from a pulmonary infection days ago his generally weakened condition had caused grave concern.

Among the President's visitors today were Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog and Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, one of the oldest Zionist leaders in Israel.

MARITIME UNION REFUSES AID TO STRIKING ISRAEL SEAMEN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Israeli seamen who are on strike in the port of New York today sought but failed to obtain support from the National Maritime Union. However, American longshoremen, although told to disregard the strike, could not board the Israeli vessel "Yafo" to unload cargo taken on at Newfoundland.

The Committee for Labor Israel today announced that the New York Central Labor and Trade Council, representing American Federation of Labor unions, has expressed its solidarity with the Histadrut stand against the strikers. The Committee also announced receipt of a cable from the Histadrut headquarters in Israel asserting that the strike is not an industrial dispute but an "attempt to undermine the Histadrut's authority."

The National Maritime Union said that it had told a delegation from the striking members of the "Yafo" crew that it would not intervene in the Israeli strike unless and until advised to do so by the Congress of Industrial Organizations. It is understood that the "Yafo" delegation was also told that the N. M. U. would accept only communications from duly authorized union heads.

The "Yafo" strike at the New York harbor continued for a second day today without any signs of a let-up, and none likely unless the striking crew receives instructions from the striking seamen in Israel to end the work stoppage. The crew's refusal to lower gangplanks or turn on power for the winches has prevented the unloading of the vessel by American dock workers.

Meanwhile, the crew of a second Israeli vessel, the Haifa, has gone on strike in an American port. The crew stopped work when the vessel put in at Baltimore where it was scheduled to take on additional cargo before returning to the Jewish State. Here, too, stevedores were prevented from working on the vessel by the crew's refusal to lower gangplanks or turn on power needed for loading purposes.

SECOND BRITISH OFFICER CHARGED WITH DIVERTING ARMS TO ISRAELIS

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The trial of Col. Thomas Gerrard Gore, commanding officer of a British unit in Palestine when the Jewish State was proclaimed, who is charged with having received funds from the Jewish underground for the diversion of British arms to the Israelis, opened today before a British Army court martial.

Chief witness against Col. Gore is former Major Ralph Herbert Thomas Newman, convicted several weeks ago of receiving 16,000 pounds for the diversion of the weapons. Newman, who was brought from prison where he is serving a six-month term, testified that Col. Gore told him what arms were surplus and could be diverted to the Jews and accounted for on the records as having been destroyed. Col. Gore, who pleaded not guilty, is said to have received 2,886 pounds from Newman, who was his subordinate officer in Palestine, knowing that the money was received for the sale of arms to the Jewish underground.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- David Zvi Pinkas, Minister of Communications of Israel, arrived here today to address more than 1,000 leaders of Jewish communities throughout the country at the United Jewish Appeals' national conference this week-end at the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City.

U. N. COMMISSION REPORTS FAILURE TO SETTLE ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

PARIS, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission today acknowledged its complete failure to bring about a settlement between Israel and the Arab states. In a report submitted to the U. N. General Assembly the Commission says that it has been "unable to make substantial progress" in the tasks given to it by the Assembly. The Commission has been in existence for three years.

The report says that the members of the Commission find neither Israel nor the Arabs ready to come to an agreement. It charges both Israel and the Arab states of being equally guilty for the failure of the negotiations which were carried on this year in Paris and previously in Lausanne and in Geneva.

The Government of Israel, the report says, is not prepared to implement the resolution of the U. N. General Assembly of Dec. 11, 1948 which stated that Arab refugees wishing to return to their houses in Israel territory should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date. The Arab states, on the other hand, the report points out, are not prepared to implement the part of that resolution which calls for a final settlement on all questions outstanding between them and Israel.

The Commission emphasizes in its report that it took into account the fact that positive progress in the transition from war to peace in Palestine is impossible as long as the problem of the Palestine refugees remains unsolved. It concludes by stating that it considers that further efforts towards settling the Palestine question could yet usefully be based on the principles underlying the proposals it had submitted to the parties in September of this year in meetings held in Paris.

In these proposals, the Commission suggested that an agreement be reached concerning war damages arising out of the hostilities of 1948, such agreement to include mutual cancellation of such claims, by the Governments of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria and the Government of Israel; that Israel agree to the repatriation of a specified number of Arab refugees; that Israel accept the obligation to pay compensation for property abandoned by refugees not repatriated; that the governments concerned agree to the release of blocked bank accounts; and that the governments concerned agree to consider, under United Nations auspices, a revision or amendment of the existing armistice agreements between them.

The Commission's five-point proposal was preceded by a preamble which called on the parties to undertake to settle all differences peacefully and without resort to force. The Commission's report to the Assembly records its belief that if and when the parties to the dispute are ready to accept the principles underlying its proposals, agreement could be sought through direct negotiations with United Nations assistance or mediation.

GOLD, COPPER, IRON MINES REPORTED DISCOVERED IN SOUTHERN ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A report that "King Solomon's mines have been discovered in Southern Israel" is published in the News-Chronicle today. The report says that the existence of copper and iron ore underground has been proven by geological research secretly conducted in two spots.

"In one spot," the paper reports, "gold has been found which even King Solomon failed to find when he looked for it nearly 3,000 years ago. A decision of the Israel Cabinet is expected shortly which will launch mining operations to exploit what may be fabulous discoveries," the paper adds.

JEWISH GROUP ASK BRITAIN'S SUPPORT ON CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A delegation representing five British Jewish organizations yesterday visited Anthony Nutting, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and informed him of the decisions taken at the recent conference of Jewish organizations held in New York in connection with Jewish claims against Germany. The delegation urged British support for these, as well as Israel's claims against Germany.

Mr. Nutting promised his government's sympathetic consideration of the requests and expressed a willingness to be kept informed on further developments. The delegation consisted of representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Anglo-Jewish Association, British section of the World Jewish Congress, Agudas Israel and the Council for the Protection of Rights and Interests of German Jews.

The Jewish Representative Council in Glasgow decided to hold a mass protest meeting against the resurgence of Nazism in Western Germany, it was reported here today. The decision was taken following a report that the Jewish community in London was said to be divided on the issue.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY DRAFT SELF-GOVERNING REGULATIONS

ROME, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Renzo Bonfiglioli, recently elected president of the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy, has paid his first official visit to Dr. Vincenzo Cardamona, director-general of the department of minorities of the Ministry of Interior.

Meanwhile, the Union, at the request of the Ministry, has begun the drafting of a code of regulations under which Jewish communities govern themselves. Several local communities have already drafted their own regulations, but the Union is planning to work out one general document for the use of all communities. This will be submitted to the Ministry.

FRANKFURT GROUP OPPOSES SHOWING OF "OLIVER TWIST" IN CITY

FRANKFURT, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The local Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation has protested the showing here of the British-made film "Oliver Twist" on the grounds that it might create anti-Semitism in Germany.

The president of the German film authority replied to the protest by asserting that after extensive cutting the film was permitted to be shown in Western Germany for three months without arousing either demonstrations or "anti-Semitic or pro-Semitic reactions."

U. N. COMMITTEE CONTINUES DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANT

PARIS, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The U. N. Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee today continued debate on the draft International Covenant on Human Rights which would bind all states which sign it to implement the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. So far in the debate there has been a division of opinion as to whether there should be one covenant or two separate covenants--one for political rights, the other for economic and social rights.

The view taken by the representatives of France, Professor Rene Cassin, and of the United States, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, was that it was essential for articles on all rights--political, civic, economic and social--to be drafted and finished in time for the next session of the General Assembly. Mrs. Roosevelt announced that the American delegation intends to propose the broadening of the concept of self-determination of peoples in the draft covenant.

LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT BY JEWS IN "IRON CURTAIN" LANDS PREDICTED

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Unbridled propaganda against Israel and Zionism is reviving and stimulating anti-Semitism in the countries beyond the Iron Curtain, the London Times reports today in a 2,000-word article on the position of the Jews in Eastern Europe.

"Tens of thousands of Polish Jews who changed their names during the German occupation of Poland in order to pass as Gentiles have continued to keep those names because of local anti-Jewish prejudice," the article says. In Russia, the article continues, the State of Israel is depicted as "unworthy of statehood." Jews there who look toward Israel are considered traitors.

The article predicts that Jews in the countries behind the Iron Curtain, whether assimilated or not, will eventually be excluded from regular employment because of the increasing facilities for technical training and the educational priority given to sons of workers and peasants, and also because of anti-Jewish prejudice.

"It is for the solution of just such a situation that the State of Israel exists, however, for to the Jews in Eastern Europe, the Iron Curtain seems now to have descended with the finality of a prison gate," the Times says.

MIAMI JEWISH WAR VETERANS DROP PLAN TO GUARD SYNAGOGUES

MIAMI, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans here today dropped its plan to post 24-hour guards around all synagogues in order to prevent further terrorism on the part of anti-Semitic elements.

The decision to drop this plan was taken in compliance with the views of local rabbis and Jewish community leaders who maintained the protection of the houses of worship must come from the local authorities and not from Jewish groups.

Investigation on the part of the local and Federal authorities into the dynamiting of the synagogues in Miami and Coral Gables continued today. Participating in the investigation are the local police, F. B. I., postal inspectors and officials from the Governor's office and from the office of the state's Attorney General.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ANNOUNCES PROJECTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress is preparing a number of major projects in the field of adult Jewish education, it was reported here today by Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director. He spoke at a gathering of 150 officers and leaders of the organization.

Dr. Petegorsky revealed that a volume on "Great Jewish Books" incorporating interpretative essays on, and selective readings from, books which have shaped Jewish life and history will be published by the American Jewish Congress in February for use by study groups and adult education institutes.

NEW ISRAELI MINISTER ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON TO ASSUME DUTIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- David Goltein, Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel, arrived in Washington today to assume duties at the Embassy of Israel.

LENIENCY TO IMPRISONED NAZI GENERAL STIRS PROTESTS IN CANADA

TORONTO, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A storm has broken out in Canada over the case of Nazi General Kurt Meyer, who was removed from a Canadian prison where he was held for his part in the murder of Canadian prisoners of war to a German camp from which he was given "leave" to visit his family. After the news of the "leave" broke here, his defenders asked that he be released from jail to head an anti-Soviet European army unit.

In an address which has received wide circulation in Canada, Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg of this city has expressed the hope that "the day will never dawn when Kurt Meyer snaps military commands to sons, brothers and compatriots of Canadian prisoners murdered only a few hundred feet from his headquarters." The Rabbi described the general as a "fanatical, fundamentally unchanged Nazi who refuses to admit that Hitler was wrong."

U.S. SUPREME COURT WILL RULE ON "RELEASED TIME" ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The U.S. Supreme Court will rule on the legality of the much-disputed "released time" program of the New York public schools which provides that children be freed from classes for one hour each week to receive religious instruction in schools of their faith outside of public school property.

The Federal Supreme Court in 1948 ruled in connection with a "released time" plan proposed in Champaign, Illinois, that the public system might not be used to help any religious group spread its faith. However, the Champaign plan differed from the New York program. In Champaign, the religious instruction was carried on inside the public school buildings. In New York, no religious instruction is given in the schools. Only children whose parents give written authorization and designate the religious schools to which they are to go are released in the New York public schools.

Opponents of the New York program argue that it violates the principle of separation of the church and state. They claim that the program specifically violates the 1st and 14th amendments of the Constitution. The New York Court of Appeals has upheld the constitutionality of the program. It is estimated that in New York City more than 100,000 children are participating in the "released time" program.

CITY OF PARIS GRANTS LAND FOR MEMORIAL TO 6,000,000 MARTYRED JEWS

PARIS, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The municipality of Paris has granted a plot of land for the erection of a memorial to the 6,000,000 Jews slain by the Nazis, Israel Schneerson, president of the Jewish Documentation Center, announced here at a reception given by the Center in honor of Nathan Chanin, American Jewish labor leader who is visiting Paris. Mr. Chanin pledged himself to rally the aid of Jewish labor in America for the erection of the memorial.

The land granted by the city adjoins the city hall. It will be officially turned over to the Center as soon as the raising operations now underway are completed. Plans call for the construction of a library to house more than 100,000 items gathered by the Center documenting Nazi treatment of the Jews. A monument will be built to an "unknown Jewish martyr."

- - -