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## ISRAELI FLOOD VICTIMS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES; RECONSTRUCTION STARTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Most of the families who were evacuated from their homes during floods of the past two weeks today began returning, while those whose houses and tents were destroyed by the gales or washed away by the waters remain in public buildings under the care of social welfare organizations.

Clear weather today greatly aided the work of reconstructing and repairing the tents in the immigrant camps. Army engineers started to erect new bridges in the Hadera Area where the bridges were damaged by flood. Volunteers are still doing relief work among the disaster victims.

A consignment of prefabricated wooden huts arrived today in the port of Haifa and will soon be set up for the victims of the flood. In the meantime, the Israel Parliament was asked today to approve an appropriation of 3,000,000 Israeli pounds for reconstruction work.

## ISRAELI SEAMEN RETURNING TO SHIPS; JOBS PROVIDED FOR ALL

HAIFA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The four hundred-odd Israeli seamen who formally ended their strike against the Histadrut yesterday today began returning to their ships while the new Histadrut-sponsored national maritime union began the job of registering all seamen. It was learned here today that with the acquisition of two new ships by the Israel merchant fleet jobs will be found for all strikers who were replaced by "volunteers" recruited by the Histadrut to sail the struck vessels.

In addition to providing jobs for all strikers and the "volunteers," the agreement between the strikers and the new union provided that the Histadrut would use its influence to attempt to have released from the Israeli armed forces any strikers drafted during the work stoppage. The strike, which lasted over 40 days, affected over 600 seamen and 17 vessels at its height.

## ISRAELI AUTHORS CONFERENCE ASKS SOVIET RELEASE OF JEWISH WRITERS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The annual conference of Israeli authors and writers here today called upon the Soviet Union to release all arrested Jewish writers and to permit the emigration of Israel-bound Jews.

During the debate that preceded the vote on the resolution, the motion was attacked sharply by the Mapam. When the majority adopted the resolution, Moshe Shamir, a Mapam-affiliated writer, walked out of the conference. Earlier, the party was addressed by Prof. Benzion Dinaberg, Minister of Education and Culture.

JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL PLEASSED WITH DISCUSSIONS ON SPECIAL STATUS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Satisfaction with the result of the discussions here on the Israel Government's granting a special status to the Jewish Agency was expressed today by Maurice Boukstein, legal advisor of the Jewish Agency in New York, prior to his leaving the country.

Mr. Boukstein said that a special committee appointed by the Israel Cabinet is co-operating with a committee named by the Jewish Agency on the drafting of a law on the Agency status which will be submitted to Parliament. The agreement will provide that the World Zionist Organization should represent the Jewish nation in Israel in connection with the special tasks performed by the Agency, he declared.

Mr. Boukstein is proceeding from here to Germany where he will deal with problems connected with the return of heirless property in which the Jewish Agency is interested as a major beneficiary of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization.

AGUDAH LEADER WARNS AGAINST SPECIAL STATUS FOR JEWISH AGENCY

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- "The friendly co-operation which now prevails among the representative Jewish organizations might be gravely impaired should the State of Israel invest the Jewish Agency or another voluntary Jewish organization with any powers resting within the domain of the state," H.A. Goodman, chairman of the European section of the Agudas Israel world executive, said here tonight, addressing a public meeting.

"There now exists constant consultation amongst the Jewish representative bodies both in relations to the United Nations and on matters of restitution and on other political issues," he said. "There is also increasing danger of anti-Semitism, without a doubt inspired by the renaissance of German political independence. It is therefore clear that the representative Jewish bodies still have an important part to play in the defense of Jewish rights and liberties, and any effort that is made to afford preferential treatment to any of these bodies by the State of Israel will be a grave disservice to Jewish unity," he declared.

Touching on dissatisfaction with recent developments in the party in Israel, Mr. Goodman said he hoped an early meeting could be arranged for Rabbi I. M. Lewin, Agudah leader in Israel, to meet with his European colleagues to achieve a modus vivendi. He added that it was now clear that there are two sharply-defined ideologies within the Agudah movement and that some effort must be made to achieve harmonious co-operation in the interest of furthering Orthodox Jewish life throughout the world. The "victory of secular nationalism might endanger the whole Jewish future," he said.

ORTHODOX RABBIS OPPOSE JEWISH AGENCY CONTROL OVER DRIVES FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Alliance of America, representing Orthodox rabbis, issued a statement protesting against the system introduced by the Jewish Agency, in co-operation with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, under which no campaign for Israeli institutions can be sanctioned in the United States except by the Agency.

The executive board of the Alliance, the statement said, has decided to ask the Jewish Agency to permit heads of Yeshivas to hold campaigns in this country for religious institutions in Israel. The Agency will also be asked to publish the names of Orthodox organizations and the amounts they have contributed to Israeli institutions.

MIAMI POLICE FAIL TO CHECK TERRORISM; CRITICISM MOUNTING

MIAMI, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Criticism of the police authorities was mounting here today as a result of the murder by terrorists last night of Harry T. Moore, head of the Florida section of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which was preceded by another attempt to dynamite a Jewish center. Mr. Moore was killed when a bomb exploded beneath his house.

Jewish groups here, while critical of the police, are divided in their evaluation of the situation. Some think the terrorists are members of the Ku Klux Klan who direct their attacks equally against Jews, Negroes and Catholics. Other Jewish groups are inclined to believe that the anti-Jewish incidents have no direct connection with the terrorism directed at the other groups. The police say that the dynamiting of the Jewish centers in the Miami area was done by "amateurs" while the bombing of Negro quarters was accomplished by "professionals."

Two police officers said today they believe that they foiled an attempt to dynamite a Jewish center yesterday when they surprised three men in a parked car outside of the Hialeah Jewish Center. The police officers saw a mysterious flare in the car and approached it with drawn pistols, but the auto sped away. An unexploded stick of dynamite was found on the steps of a local Catholic church this week-end.

F.B.I. officials here who are investigating terrorist activities have still not reported their findings to F.B.I. headquarters in Washington. Local police authorities have uncovered no clue so far to the criminals involved in ten bombings or attempted bombings recorded in this area in recent months.

\$250,000 Damages Done to Jewish, Negro Buildings in Miami

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Terror in Miami as a result of the wave of dynamitings of Negro homes and Jewish communal buildings "is at least as intense as that caused by the Nazis' first forays from the beer cellars of Munich," Stetson Kennedy, prominent writer, reports in an article in the current issue of The Nation.

The writer declares that "racial violence now rife is worse than anything Miami has known in the past" and estimates at a quarter of a million dollars the damage done to Negro and Jewish buildings by the last half-dozen blasts alone.

The terrorists, Mr. Kennedy charges, have received "aid and comfort" from the lenient treatment given five youths last spring despite their confessions that they had been guilty of bombings and from the "police sanction" given the Ku Klux Klan. He quotes Police Chief Walter Headley as insisting that the Klan is "an American law-abiding organization chartered by the State of Florida."

VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL URGED TO PASS LAW BANNING DISCRIMINATION

VANCOUVER, Br. Columbia, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A sub-committee of the City Council here has approved a recommendation that the Council pass a by-law banning racial discrimination in public places of business. The by-law was first proposed to the City Council by the Vancouver Joint Labor Committee Against Racial Discrimination.

Proposed penalties for an infraction of this law include a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100, or imprisonment for a period not to exceed two months. Any licensee convicted under this by-law shall also have his license cancelled for a period of not less than 30 days or more than six months.

## CHALUTZ FARMS TO CEASE EXISTENCE IN U.S.; NEW SYSTEM ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A complete change of policy in the training of American Chalutzim for settlement in Israel was announced here today by Habonim, Labor Zionist youth organization, which has been maintaining Hachshara farms in the United States for many years.

Revealing that approximately \$800 per year was expended for the training of each American chalutz on the Habonim farms, and that the number of Chalutzim on these farms has recently dropped considerably, the announcement says that the national executive of the Habonim has now decided to introduce a new system of Hachshara. Instead of maintaining training farms in this country, the organization decided to embark on the following system:

1. American youths wishing to be trained for settlement in Israel will have to join Youth Workshop in Israel for a period of nine months. The primary aim of the Workshop is the crystallization of collective groups. Each participant is required to pay the sum of several hundred dollars during the nine-month course of work and study.
2. After returning from the Workshop to the United States, the participants are to pursue studies, vocational training and active leadership in the Zionist movement. At the end of two or three years they will go to settle in Israel, after undergoing an intensive seminar in America of two or three months. This seminar will concentrate upon Hebrew, the general situation in Israel, adjustment of new settlers, and other subjects of immediate concern.
3. Upon settling in Israel, the American youths will undergo improved training. Traditionally, groups of chalutzim undergo a period of training in agriculture and collective living after they arrive in the Jewish state and before they settle independently. The Habonim organization considers this training inadequate for American chalutzim and will seek ways of improving it.

Anticipating criticism for introducing this radical change in the training of American chalutzim, the Habonim says in its announcement: "Those who would seek to make political capital of Habonim's decision will hail it as a sign of weakness, as a retreat from 'true' chalutzit. They will attempt to label Habonim as defeatists, bowing in the face of circumstance. But those who share with Habonim the desire to create a large and effective chalutz movement in America and an understanding of American Jewish youth, will not be misled or perturbed by such criticism."

The experience of working and studying in Israel close to a year as part of an organized group, can help decide the choice of a future course, the Habonim statement points out. "If the choice is to settle in the country it is based on a personal knowledge of Israel's reality, and the young man or woman now has the basis for preparing himself in a way that will enhance his successful adjustment. This will mean that ultimately less American chalutzim will leave Israel. If, on the other hand, he decides, for whatever cause, that Aliya is not for him, he has decided this also on an intelligent basis and, in any event, will certainly have become a better Jew," the statement declares.

## THIRTY PERCENT OF HADASSAH INCOME WANTED FOR YOUTH IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Moshe Kol, head of the Youth Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, left today for England, Canada and the United States in the interests of his department. He will discuss with the Hadassah in America the decision adopted by the last World Zionist Congress suggesting that Zionist women's groups should appropriate 30 percent of their income for youth immigration to Israel.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA ISSUES CALL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, through its Commission on Education, has resolved that the Festival of Chanukah and the entire month following, be dedicated to religious education. In a call to its 500 members who are serving as spiritual leaders of Orthodox Jewish communities in every State of the Union, the Rabbinical Council has urged that the need for religious education be emphasized from pulpit and platform, and through every means of public communication.

"It is greatly deplorable," the appeal says, "to note the decline in the Talmud Torah education of Jewish children. Instead of setting and maintaining high standards, most educators yield to the demand of the parents and continue watering down the curriculum, substituting entertainment for genuine Hebrew education. Being over-zealous for the physical well-being of our children, parents and teachers have made common cause in depriving our youth of the spiritual vitality which has been the mainstay of the Jewish people throughout its history. Instead of taking pride in being the 'people of the Book,' we are fast deteriorating to the level of the cook book and the comic book."

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION ESTABLISHES FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The American Association for Jewish Education today announced the establishment of a Semel Educational Foundation as a tribute to the 50 years of active leadership given to Jewish education by Bernard Semel, noted American Jewish leader. The Foundation will be used to support projects in Jewish education meriting special attention, with particular emphasis on scholarships and fellowships to train educational personnel at colleges and universities.

HEBREW TEACHERS INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The 30th anniversary of the Herzliah Hebrew Teachers Institute was celebrated here at a dinner in Hotel Brewster attended by prominent Jewish leaders, scholars and educators. The speakers paid tribute to Dr. Moses Feinstein, founder of the Institute. Messages of greetings were received from Israel's Minister of Education Dr. Ben Zion Dinaburg and from Dr. Moshe Schwabe, Rector of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

THREE-VOLUME ENCYCLOPEDIA HANDBOOK ON JEWISH LIFE PUBLISHED IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The publication of a three-volume encyclopedia handbook on Jewish achievements in various fields from Biblical times to the present day was completed today with the appearance of the third volume. The three volumes, published under the title "The Jewish People, Past and Present," present a comprehensive guide on Jewish religion, social and political movements, education, literature, art, music, and pay particular attention to problems of Jews in the Western Hemisphere.

SAMUEL SCHNEIERSON RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH CHILD CARE ASSN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Child Care Association today announced the re-election of Samuel S. Schneierson as president for the year 1952. He will serve during the Association's 130th year of service to children in need of temporary care away from their own homes because of tragedies in the family. The Association, which traces its origin to a bequest made by a Jewish soldier of George Washington's army, has served more than 52,000 Jewish children of all ages in foster homes and in specialized institutions.