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## JEWISH GROUPS SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO MIAMI TO HELP CHECK TERROR

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Labor Committee and other Jewish organizations here today sent special representatives to Miami to make on-the-spot studies of measures that can be taken to check terrorism there against Jewish institutions and those of other minority groups.

The American Jewish Congress today urged U.S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath to make the fullest use of the Federal law enforcement machinery to apprehend and punish those responsible for the campaign of violence in the Miami area and to prevent further terrorism there. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the organization, in a telegram to Mr. McGrath charged that the recent bombing incidents in Florida are part of an organized effort to deprive groups of American citizens, through intimidation and terror, of their basic democratic rights.

The Americans for Democratic Action, the liberal group in which Senator Herbert H. Lehman is active, today urged the Federal and state governments to take immediate action to apprehend those responsible for "terroristic" intolerance in Florida. A. D. A. chairman Francis Biddle, a former U.S. Attorney General, said the bomb killing of Harry T. Moore, Florida leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was a "shocking demonstration of violence" directed "at racial and religious minorities" in Florida.

Demands for quick action to prosecute the perpetrators of the series of attacks on members of minority groups in the State of Florida was also made today by the C.I.O. James B. Carey, secretary, who heads the organization's Committee to Abolish Discrimination, called for immediate investigations by the Federal and state government, and for Congressional action to strengthen civil rights legislation. Telegrams were sent to President Truman, Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida, and to the Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress.

### Two More Bomb Explosions Reported from Miami

Meanwhile, two more bomb explosions ripped the nerves of Miami today as a terrorist telephoned police that "we just want to let you know we've got plenty of dynamite left." Police are investigating the two latest explosions which were reported from the Coral Gables area and from the vicinity of Hialeah.

Coral Gables Safety Director William Kimbrough said he received a phone call from a man who spoke with a heavy accent. Just what sort of accent was not

specified. The voice, he said, warned that "we have no preference as to what kind of church it is. We intend to go on bombing churches." The same voice warned of new attacks.

In Miami, the municipality passed an ordinance designed to control the purchase and use of dynamite explosive. This is the fourth such ordinance recently drawn up in an effort to halt local terroristic activity. Hialeah, Miami Beach and Coral Gables have already adopted similar statutes.

The 23-page law will require the licensing of dynamite distributors and the registration with distributors of purchasers of the explosive. Purchasers will also be required to explain the use to which the dynamite will be put. Other recommendations of the ordinance will prohibit the transportation of explosives by car. Vehicles loaded with dynamite will be required to carry warning signs on them.

#### ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTS ON HIS TALKS WITH EDEN, VISHINSKY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today reported on his recent conversations in Paris with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky. He spoke to newsmen at a press conference.

At his meeting with the British Minister, Mr. Sharett revealed, he had explained the Israeli attitude toward the proposed Middle East Command and had expressed the hope that Mr. Eden understood the Israeli views. The command had not been discussed during his talks with Mr. Vishinsky, the Israeli Foreign Minister said, adding that he had brought to the Soviet official's attention problems concerning immigration.

Mr. Sharett also gave the newsmen a summary of Israeli activities at the first half of the current United Nations General Assembly session in Paris. He explained that the Jewish State had not voted in favor of Greece during the lengthy vote deadlock between Greece or Byelorussia for a seat on the Security Council, because Greece had "shown hostility toward Israel." He stressed that he considered the recent change in membership on the Council unfavorable to Israel. Asked about reports of a contemplated union of Jordan and Iraq, Mr. Sharett said that Israel had already proclaimed its position on the matter.

#### JEWISH AGENCY SPENT \$10,000,000 IN GIVING AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency spent some \$10,000,000 in rescue operations during the past two weeks, an Agency spokesman told the press last night.

He revealed that the Agency had mobilized some 5,000 relief and rescue workers and also established a special rescue headquarters on the premises of the Agency here. Thus far, he said, about 1,000 of approximately 1,700 evacuated families have returned to the immigrant camps and the remainder are expected to follow within a few days.

Some 6,000 prefabricated wooden huts will be set up in Israel by the middle of February at a cost of 1,500,000 pounds, according to a report to the Knesset Labor Committee. They will be used to replace tents which were damaged or destroyed in the recent storms. The report, presented last night by representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Labor Ministry, said that 5,000 of the huts would be imported from Austria and Italy while the remaining 1,000 will be made locally.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT EXTENDS \$6,000,000 TO ISRAEL FOR FOOD PURCHASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Technical Cooperation Administration today extended \$6,000,000 for new purchases of foodstuffs to Israel under terms of the Mutual Security Act. The funds were taken from the approximately \$25,000,000 made available in interim aid to meet emergency needs until the full amount of assistance provided Israel is available.

Previously the amount of \$14,000,000 was released to cover earlier purchases. The new purchases will include two shiploads of wheat, beans, fats, sugar, barley, and other foodstuffs.

## IRAQI SUPREME COURT CONFIRMS DEATH SENTENCES ON TWO JEWISH YOUTHS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Reports heard here today on the Arab radio indicate that the death sentences against two Jewish youths charged with "terrorism" in Baghdad have been confirmed by the Iraqi Supreme Court of Appeals and only intervention from the Throne can now save the youths.

The young men, Sholom Saleh Shaban and Yussef Ibrahim Basri were accused of bombing the United States Information Office, connected with the American Embassy in Baghdad, and of placing explosives near Jewish firms. Their trials were marked by confessions obtained by torture and later repudiated. A legal official who normally acts in Baghdad as public prosecutor served as judge while defense attorneys apologized for defending the accused.

The Arab radio announced that the defendants would be found guilty and sentenced to death even before the trial opened. The use of torture was admitted by the court and was employed with the knowledge of the court. Approximately 40 other Jews are either on trial or awaiting trial in Baghdad, it was learned.

## BEN GURION ASKS SPEEDY ACTION ON LEGAL STATUS FOR JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion has urged the Ministerial and Jewish Agency committees working together on the problem of a legal status for the Agency in Israel to complete the work within two weeks because of the urgency of the matter. The two committees will meet within a few days to begin drafting a law providing for such status.

The Ministerial committee is composed of the Premier; Dov Joseph, Minister of Trade and Industry; Golda Myerson, Labor Minister; and Moshe Shapira, Minister of Interior and Minister for Religious Affairs. The Agency group consists of Zalman Shazar, Eliahu Dobkin, Itzhak Raphael and Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

## ARABS KILL TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS, WOUND ONE IN NEGEV AMBUSH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Israel has protested to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission against the killing of two Israeli soldiers and the wounding of a third party of Arabs who ambushed the Israelis near Sodom, in the Negev, at noon. The three men, who were travelling in a truck when they came under fire, managed to kill one of their attackers before they were overpowered and their arms and uniforms were stolen from them.

PROVOST OF BERLIN APPEALS TO GERMANS TO AID NEEDY JEWS

BERLIN, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. S. Grueber, Protestant Provost of Berlin, well known for his friendliness toward Jews, has appealed for aid for needy Jews in this city and in the Soviet zone of Germany.

Dr. Grueber addressed his appeal primarily to those who "want to make reparations because they are guilty through their silence." Leading Protestant figures in various parts of West Germany have urged Germans to back Dr. Grueber's campaign.

Following a meeting with West German Minister of Justice Dr. T. Dehler, a working committee of a Jewish lawyers group in Germany has issued a statement that the Minister has a positive attitude toward reparations problems. Dr. Dehler was severely criticized recently at a conference of Jewish lawyers in Dusseldorf for his remarks on Israel and reparations during an address to the conference.

GERMAN PAPER WANTS "EQUAL RIGHTS" FOR HITLER'S ELITE TROOPERS

HAMBURG, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The local newspaper Die Zeit today published an appeal for "equal rights" for former members of the Waffen S.S., Hitler's elite storm troop organization.

The newspaper declared that "many young Germans not guilty of any crimes as individuals, and often recruited into the Waffen S.S. against their wishes, are today branded with the stigma of having belonged to a criminal organization." Die Zeit pleads that members of the corps are "entitled to equal rights in the state like any other individual whose guilt has not been established."

Two editors of the Hamburg illustrated paper, "Stern," have been placed on trial here on charges of publishing a defamatory article on the Jews.

JEWS WAR VETERANS PROTEST RELEASE BY CANADA OF NAZI GENERAL

MONTREAL, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish war veterans in Canada are up in arms over reports of the possible release of former Nazi General Kurt Meyer, who was recently returned to Germany after a period of imprisonment in this country.

In a telegram to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, the General Wingate Branch of the Canadian Legion--a Jewish veterans group in Toronto--protested the "release of Meyer to Germany" and requested that the former Nazi general be returned to this country to "serve out his full term of imprisonment."

Meyer was condemned to death by a military tribunal which found that he and his men were responsible for the murder of at least 100 Canadian soldiers behind the lines during World War II. Meyer joined the Nazi Party in 1930 and served in the Gestapo until his capture in 1944. In 1939, a German unit under his command murdered 50 Jewish civilians in Modlin, Poland. In 1953 he ordered the village of Jefremovka razed and every inhabitant executed.

The Canadian Jewish Congress will approach the Canadian Government asking it to take action through its diplomatic representatives on the revival of Nazism in Germany. This was decided at the session of the National Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith which was held here under the chairmanship of Prof. Jacob Finkelstein of Toronto. Delegates were present from a number of Canadian cities, including Hamilton and Winnipeg.

## JEWS TO CELEBRATE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR SETTLEMENT IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Plans for a nationwide celebration of the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Jews in the United States were announced here today at a press conference by Ralph E. Samuel, chairman of the Committee on Organization for the celebration. Initiated by the American Jewish Historical Society and the American Jewish Committee, the celebration will take place in 1954 and 1955.

Mr. Samuel reported that tentative plans for the tercentenary celebration call for publication of books and documents on the history of the Jews in America; historical exhibits, special ceremonies at various national shrines, interfaith meetings and many other types of celebration.

"Nearly three centuries have elapsed since September 1654, when the first Jews arrived in New Amsterdam in search of religious freedom," he said at a press conference. "While building a flourishing American Judaism, Jews in America have joined with their fellow citizens of all faiths and origins in the creation of the American democratic civilization that we have today."

The Tercentenary Celebration of Jewish Settlement in the United States, Mr. Samuel declared, will be an occasion for demonstrating to the world once more the tremendous potential of democracy, as symbolized in this land, where people of every faith, race and origin work together in the service of humanity's highest ideals.

"For American Jews," he stated, "the tercentenary will provide an opportunity to reflect on the tradition of religious freedom and equality in the United States, the first country in the world to insist on the equality of all its citizens and the complete freedom of religion. This still vigorous tradition justifies our confidence in the future as we strive to make the American reality correspond more closely to the American ideal."

The history of the Jews in the United States was traced at the press conference by Dr. David de Sola Pool, official historian for the celebration and present rabbi of the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue, first synagogue in America, which was established nearly 300 years ago by the Congregation Shearith-Israel.

## CAMPAIGN AGAINST DEROGATORY USAGE OF WORD "JEW" STARTED IN ITALY

ROME, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has begun a campaign to get Italian newspapers to stop using the term Jew in a derogatory sense and to stop identifying criminals and persons involved in scandals by their religion only when they are Jewish.

In a letter to the Undersecretary of the Premier's Office, the Union pointed out that the press--regardless of political adherence--always identifies as such any Jew who is involved in a scandal. But, said the Union's letter, the person stigmatized in the press is never identified as a member of any other religion if he is not a Jew.

The Union also addressed letters to the Rome daily *Il Paese* and the Milan newspaper *Tempo*, protesting their identifying as a Jew a man named Beraha who is involved in a forgery scandal, but not identifying any other member of the group involved by his religion. In the case of *Tempo*, the Union objected to the publication of an unproven statement to the effect that Beraha "started counterfeiting money to finance the Zionist army, but later turned the activities of his organization to private use."

20,000 JEWS RECEIVED VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN ORT SCHOOLS IN 1951

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- More than 20,000 Jews received vocational training in ORT schools in 1951, it was reported today by Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation. The organization maintains schools in 22 countries.

Dr. Haber stated that 3,987 students completed their studies in 1951 and received their diplomas as skilled craftsmen in their respective trades. An additional 6,705 students received partial training prior to emigration. The new school year began in October, 1950 with an enrollment of more than 10,000.

These activities receive a substantial share of their financial support from the American Jewish community through an agreement of the American ORT Federation and World ORT Union with the Joint Distribution Committee. Since 1947, when the first such agreement was concluded, a total of \$7,350,000 has been sent overseas. Discussions are now in progress for a similar understanding between ORT and the Joint Distribution Committee for financing vocational training centers in 1952.

"During the coming year, the new vocational schools in Israel, North Africa and Iran, expect further expansion and financing will be directed toward this purpose," Dr. Haber said. "American support to ORT's school system in Israel constitutes a problem which is now being given special consideration since, in previous years, this essential program was not included within the ORT-JDC agreements.

"In Israel, the ORT network is one of the largest trade education institutions in the nation, making vital contributions to the pool of skilled manpower so essential to economic growth," Dr. Haber explained. "Many special classes have been established at the government's request and in collaboration with other organizations. This program has grown from an enrollment of 1,198, a year ago, to 1,701 attending schools in 14 cities and towns."

"Our schools in Iran, Tunis and Morocco have also had a sharp rise in attendance, and modern well equipped new buildings have been added in these areas to keep pace with the growing demand for ORT services," he continued. "New facilities, locally financed, recently opened in several South American nations will shortly come into full operation, increasing the scope of ORT in that area."

By contrast, Dr. Haber indicated, the programs ORT had organized in Germany, Austria and other countries after the war, for the rehabilitation of displaced persons, have declined sharply with the closing down of the DP camps and the emigration of most of the former refugees. However, ORT is actively participating in occupational therapy activities established at various sanatoria for the tubercular and others in the so-called "hard-core" category of refugees.

HUSBANDS TAKE OVER HOUSEHOLD CHORES ON "MOTHERS' DAY" IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The city of Haifa yesterday celebrated its first Mothers' Day. The major feature of the day was the giving of gifts to mothers and the taking over of household chores--for one day--by their husbands and children. In addition, all mothers were released from work in industry. Special meetings were held in various parts of the city to explain to children the meaning of the celebration.

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