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LOCUST INVASION OF ISRAEL ON; SKIES OVER TEL AVIV DARKENED

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- The skies around Tel Aviv and Petach Tikvah were darkened today as the locust invasion of Israel from Jordan began in earnest. The swarms, coming from the east, passed the coastal cities and continued over the Mediterranean but soon returned and settled in the Sharon Valley, near Jordan, and around Safad. Other swarms were seen in the Jerusalem-Hebron area.

After a detailed examination of the insects, Israeli agricultural experts said that the pests were adults which are not harmful to plant life. However, they emphasized that the adults would soon lay eggs and that the danger to crops would come 14 days later when the young insects emerge from the eggs.

The experts said that they would spread poison in the areas where the egg-laying adults settle and thus kill the next generation of young. For this reason, they urged, the adults should not be disturbed and scattered over wide areas where they could not be checked adequately by poison.

ISRAEL PREMIER WARNS AGAINST BELIEVING WAR WITH ARABS IS OVER

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today reiterated his warning against the "dangerous thinking" that the war between Israel and the Arabs is over. He spoke at Ein Harod at a regional conference of the Mapai Party, which he heads.

Victory comes with the last battle, and this has not as yet arrived, the Israel Premier told the conference. The Arab countries, he said, have not yet agreed to the idea of Israel's independence, therefore Israel must increase its strength and productive power as a security measure.

In Jerusalem, Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin said today that "every day Jewish soldiers are killed and wounded while defending the frontiers of Israel." He spoke before a class of newly-graduated military nurses who were recruited from the ranks of the Israelis and from the immigrant population.

Britain May Increase Subsidy to Jordan's Army

LONDON, April 27. (JTA) -- The British Government has informed the Jordan Government that it is considering increasing its annual subsidy to Jordan's armed forces from 6,500,000 pounds to 9,000,000, it was reported here today.

The same report said that Britain may indirectly contribute to the Jordan Government's proposed development of the port of Akaba, which adjoins the Israeli port of Eilat. The Jordanians have announced that they will spend 250,000 pounds on Akaba immediately.

ISRAEL SEIZES TELEPHONIC EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR SYRIAN ARMY

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- Telephonic equipment consigned to the Syrian Ministry of War was found in the cargo of a Swedish freighter in an Israel port and placed at the disposal of the Israeli Army authorities, a military spokesman disclosed today. He said that the Swedish diplomatic authorities had been duly notified of the seizure.

ISRAEL'S FIRST TIRE PLANT OPENED; BEN GURION ATTENDS CEREMONY

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- Israel began manufacturing rubber tires and tubes for automobiles and trucks for the first time today when the Hadera plant of the Alliance Tire and Rubber Company was formally opened at ceremonies attended by Premier David Ben Gurion. The company was formed by American and Israeli investors.

The ceremony marked the opening of the plant, which will manufacture tires for both local use and export, and the 60th anniversary of the town of Hadera. Acting President Joseph Sprinzak sent a message of congratulations to Mayor A. L. Berman of Hadera.

MAPAM SUPPORTERS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST GOV'T'S ECONOMIC POLICY

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- About 3,000 Mapam sympathizers this week-end demonstrated against the Israel Government's new economic policy and assailed Israel's alleged subservience to the United States. The demonstration was preceded by a three-hour "warning strike."

The strike and demonstration, called by the Mapam Party and Communists, was denounced by the Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, as sabotage of the labor movement and misuse of the strike weapon. The Histadrut threatened participants in the strike with dismissal from their jobs.

The strikers marched in a two-mile procession through the streets of Tel Aviv bearing placards denouncing the government and critical of the United States. Women waving empty shopping bags, in protest against the food situation, were prominent in the line of march.

ISRAELI RABBINATE DECLARES 3,000 TONS OF ARGENTINE BEEF NON-KOSHER

JERUSALEM, April 27. (JTA) -- The kashruth department of the Israeli Chief Rabbinate today declared a shipment of 3,000 tons of Argentinian beef en route to Israel to be non-kosher, and thereby presented the Ministry of Trade with a problem.

The Ministry must decide what to do with the meat which cost a great deal of money and which has been awaited eagerly by a meat-starved population. In addition, it is impossible to obtain any other meat at this time.

The beef was slaughtered under the supervision of Argentine rabbis, but the Chief Rabbi's envoys in Argentina considered that the kashruth measures taken by the Argentine rabbinate were inadequate. On this basis the Chief Rabbinate in Israel decided to declare Argentine meat non-kosher until the Israeli envoys supervise its slaughter.

JEWISH RELIGION STILL ALIVE IN MOSCOW; NO TRACE OF JEWISH CULTURE

LONDON, April 27. (JTA) -- Jewish religion is still alive in Moscow but there is no trace of Jewish cultural institutions, Sydney Silverman, left-wing Laborite member of the British Parliament, declared here this week-end following his return from the Moscow Economic Conference.

"I think it is a pity that in the Soviet Union, which always took a great and justifiable pride in its encouragement of languages and cultures of so many minorities and nationalities, the Jewish community seems to be an exception," Mr. Silverman said in an interview with the London Jewish Chronicle. He added that he was unable to check on information his wife brought back from Russia last year that Itzik Feffer, noted Soviet Yiddish poet who "disappeared" from Moscow, is now living in Riga.

Mr. Silverman visited the Moscow synagogue on the eve of Passover and reported that he found it packed, with many young people present. He emphasized that in his opinion there is no element of anti-Semitism connected with the liquidation of the Jewish cultural institutions. He expressed the belief that the settlement of Jews in Biro-Bidjan has not been abandoned by the Soviet Government, but added that it was his impression that the project had not succeeded very well "probably because of the limited interest on the part of the Jews themselves."

Reporting on sentiment in Moscow toward Israel, Mr. Silverman said: "The Soviet attitude to the problem of contact between Soviet Jewish citizens and Israel can most easily be understood by considering what the attitude of the United States would have been to this matter if the Jewish State had joined the Russian bloc."

Moscow Jews Afraid to Approach Israeli Delegates

HAIFA, April 27. (JTA) -- Members of the Israeli delegation to the Moscow Economic Conference said today that they saw Jews in the Moscow synagogue only during Passover and that then, as well as at other times, the local Jews seemed afraid to approach the Israelis. The delegation returned yesterday from the Soviet Union.

One member of the delegation told of seeing his brother-in-law in the synagogue, but said that the latter was afraid to speak to him because of the "translators" who accompanied the delegates. The delegates also reported that there was no Yiddish newspaper in Moscow, but that a small number of Yiddish books is available.

The delegates said that there appeared to be a possibility for increasing Israeli citrus exports to the U. S. S. R. One delegate stated that oranges sold for four to five rubles each which, he said, is a very high price.

GERMANY TO REPORT TO U. N. ON PAYMENTS TO "SCIENTIFIC" VICTIMS

LONDON, April 27. (JTA) -- The Bonn Government is preparing a report to the United Nations on measures it has taken so far to make compensation to victims of "scientific" experiments in Nazi concentration camps, it was learned today.

The Human Rights Division of the U. N., in response to protests from the Agudas Israel World Organization on Germany's failure to aid these victims of Nazism, conveyed this information to the Jewish group. The U. N. division had given the Bonn authorities information on the cases of 200 victims of Nazi experiments. The Germans have released a credit of 500,000 deutschmarks for these survivors and the Allied High Commission in Germany has given assurance that it will permit conversion of this fund into foreign currency.

JEWISH CONGRESS URGES TRUMAN TO VETO OMNIBUS IMMIGRATION BILL

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- Concern over the passage of the Walter Omnibus Immigration Bill by the House of Representatives was expressed here today in a resolution adopted by the National Administrative Committee of the American Jewish Congress at the close of its two-day mid-year conference. The bill was passed in the House last Friday by a vote of 206 to 68.

In its resolution, the American Jewish Congress called upon the Senate to defeat the companion measure, the McCarran Bill. It urged President Truman to veto the measure, in the event that it was passed by the Senate, "as violative of American principles of justice and humanitarianism, as unresponsive to the urgent human needs of large numbers of people in many lands, and as prejudicial to the moral leadership which our country is giving to the free peoples of the world."

The conference also adopted a resolution demanding the immediate deportation of General Walter Schreiber, former Nazi Wehrmacht medical chief, discharged some months ago from his research post with the United States Air Force as a result of public indignation arising from the exposure of his criminal medical experiments on Nazi concentration camp inmates. The resolution also called for the discharge from employment in U. S. defense and military services of all former responsible Nazi government officials or military officers, regardless of their special abilities or skills, and demanded that those now in the United States be deported.

In a third resolution, the conference called upon the Administration to take leadership in securing Senate ratification of the U. N. Genocide Convention. Another resolution requested that the U. S. delegation to the U. N. support procedures for the enforcement of the Human Rights Conference by extending the right of petition to non-government organizations, in order to broaden and render more effective the machinery for international protection of human rights.

INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS URGED AT UNITED NATIONS PARLEY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 27. (JTA) -- A series of resolutions aimed at providing greater assistance and protection to migrants was adopted here this weekend at the conclusion of a six-day conference of 57 non-governmental organizations interested in refugee and migration work. The conference took place under the auspices of the United Nations and the International Labor Organization.

One resolution called on the U. N. High Commissioner for Refugees and other interested inter-governmental agencies to cooperate in the removal of difficulties encountered by refugees in obtaining immigration visas because of minor offenses committed under wartime conditions. A second resolution called for concerted action to remove obstacles in the way of refugees belonging to professional groups who are blocked from obtaining permits to practice their professions in the country of resettlement.

The conference also called on the U. N. and specialized agencies to prepare a compilation of the basic national laws and regulations of major countries of immigration on the admissibility of migrants. It proposed that its interim committee arrange for a comparative analysis of these laws. Arthur Greenleigh, head of the United Service for New Americans, was elected chairman of the interim committee.

U.J.A. ALLOCATED \$280,000,000 TO ISRAEL SINCE STATE'S EXISTENCE

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- In the four years of Israel's existence, American Jews have enabled the United Jewish Appeal to allocate close to \$280,000,000 for immigration, settlement, welfare and rehabilitation programs in the new state and "from this unprecedented record of achievement can draw satisfaction and pride in helping to build a vigorous addition to the world's democratic forces," Edward M. M. Warburg, U. J. A. general chairman, declared today in a message hailing Israel's fourth anniversary which will be celebrated this Wednesday.

"Israel's fourth anniversary," Mr. Warburg declared, "is a momentous event for liberty-loving people everywhere. In its four years of existence, the new state has astonished both its friends and its enemies with its courage in the face of hardship and its zeal for constructive endeavor. The free world may be especially pleased that in Israel there is not only respect for the democratic ideal, but stubborn dedication to it. It is this dedication to democratic principle that is at the root of Israel's present difficulties."

American Jewry's help for the State of Israel, Mr. Warburg reported, has already attained monumental size, with a total of \$277,795,000 allocated by the United Jewish Appeal to its two constituent agencies operating in the new state. These are the United Israel Appeal, which received \$216,500,000 in U. J. A. funds, and the Joint Distribution Committee, which for the conduct of programs in Israel exclusive of its other activities has utilized some \$61,295,000.

This four-year record of U. J. A. aid to Israel, he added, has financed the entry of more than 700,000 homeless Jews, and helped in the establishment of 288 agricultural settlements, the construction of more than 125,000 immigrant housing units, 124 immigrant work villages, a network of rehabilitation clinics, hospitals, sanatoria and workshops, and has placed many thousands of formerly neglected acres under cultivation as a result of the development of irrigation projects and other water resources.

He called upon American Jews to make it possible for the United Jewish Appeal to finance the establishment of another 100 agricultural settlements, the construction of an additional 21,000 housing units, the creation and expansion of 22,000 small immigrant farms, the building of another 40 immigrant work villages and the purchase of sorely needed pipe and pumping equipment to maintain the pace of irrigation and water development.

HOLDERS OF ISRAEL BONDS TO RECEIVE SECOND INTEREST PAYMENT

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- The second interest payment on State of Israel Independence bonds bearing three and one-half percent interest becomes payable on May 1 and may be deposited for payment at local banks from that date on, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president of the bond drive organization, announced here today. He added that this payment is due on bonds dated on or before November 1, 1951, revealing that interest on bonds dated after November 1 has already been paid to bondholders.

Many of the celebrations throughout the United States marking the fourth anniversary of Israel's independence will be devoted to the bond drive. One of the most spectacular of these celebrations will take place in New York where 30,000 people will attend a gala performance, admission to which will be the purchase of an Israeli bond. Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, U. S. delegate to the United Nations, will be the featured speakers at the New York affair.

J.D.C. IS BUILDING 1,250-BED "VILLAGE FOR AGED" IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- A new "village for the aged," which will provide facilities for 1,000 aged newcomers to Israel, as well as 250 bedridden invalids, is being created by the Joint Distribution Committee's Malben program at the former Ein Shemer immigrant camp in Israel, it was reported today by the J. D. C. here. The camp was recently vacated by the Jewish Agency.

The new "aged village" is part of Malben's giant new building and reconstruction program, which will increase the welfare agency's bed capacity from 3,000 to more than 5,000 beds before the end of 1952. Malben was established at the end of 1949 to aid helpless newcomers to the Jewish state and is now caring for more than 5,000 men, women and children who would otherwise be a burden upon the Israeli Government.

Since its establishment, Malben has aided more than 14,000 immigrants, making it possible for thousands from the DP countries and other areas to receive the care which they urgently required. Despite the continued expansion of Malben facilities during the past two and a half years, however, there are today some 4,000 still waiting for Malben care, for whom no facilities are as yet available, the J. D. C. report said.

YUGOSLAV SCULPTOR GIVES STATUE OF MOSES TO STATE OF ISRAEL

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 27. (JTA) -- Ivan Mestrovic, the sculptor, today confirmed here that he has presented his two-ton statue of Moses to the State of Israel "in deep appreciation of the contribution which the Jewish people have made directly or indirectly to human civilization."

Mr. Mestrovic, who is in self-exile from Yugoslavia, made the gift through the Yugoslav Government. He is currently working on a sculpture to be erected in New York's Riverside Park next year as a memorial to the Jewish martyrs of World War II.

W.J.C. DIRECTOR BROADCASTS LAST MESSAGE OF WARSAW GHETTO FIGHTERS

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- The final message of the fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943 before they were annihilated by the Nazis was a radio plea calling for the destruction of the forces which were attempting to destroy humanity, Dr. I. Schwartzbart, director of the organization department of the World Jewish Congress, declared in a broadcast here on the ninth anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

Dr. Schwartzbart, who as a member of the Polish Government-in-Exile in 1943 received the last two messages from the Ghetto, warned that the message from the Ghetto fighters has special significance now "when the same forces of destruction are rising again." In a second broadcast, in Yiddish, Dr. Schwartzbart explained the significance of the "great and unique" contribution of Warsaw Jewry to the Jewish cause.

3,000 in Rio de Janeiro Mark Anniversary of Ghetto Uprising

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 27. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 persons attended a meeting here this week-end to mark the ninth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943. Mordecai Schneierson of the Israel legation here was one of the chief speakers.

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