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AMSTERDAM STOCK EXCHANGE ENDS STRIKE AGAINST JEWISH RESTITUTION

THE HAGUE, May 28. (JTA) -- Acting on the advice of the Netherlands Government, the Amsterdam Stock Exchange today reopened for business after a week's strike in protest against a Dutch court decision invalidating the sale of Jewish-owned securities during the German occupation.

It was learned that the government is planning new legal measures to aid Jews from whom the Germans stole property. The court decision last week affirmed the rights of the Jews to securities surrendered to a Nazi bank under duress and sold by the bank in legal and other channels. The Exchange struck, insisting that if the principle laid down by the court were followed in all similar cases the operations of the Exchange would dissolve into chaos.

KNESSET REJECTS MOTION TO PROCLAIM BOYCOTT AGAINST GERMANY

JERUSALEM, May 28. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament today rejected attempts by both the right and the left to force a full-scale debate on the dangers of German rearmament.

Motions for a debate, citing the signing of a contractual peace agreement between Bonn and the Western Powers and ending the Allied occupation of West Germany, were filed by Herut deputy Jochanan Bader and Mapam representative Itzhak Bar Yehuda. Mr. Bader stressed the danger of the rearming of both parts of Germany and proposed:

1. That the Israel Government immediately suspend negotiations with the West German Government on reparations claims.
2. That the Israel Government proclaim a world-wide boycott of Germany and that the Government of Israel lead the Jewish nation in this campaign.
3. That the Israel Government bring to the United Nations Security Council the problem of German rearmament and explain its menace.

ISRAEL WILL CURTAIL TRAFFIC TO SAVE OIL, MINISTER ANNOUNCES

JERUSALEM, May 28. (JTA) -- Communications Minister David Zvi Pinkas today announced in Parliament that the government is considering measures to curtail inter-urban vehicular traffic as part of an oil conservation program.

It was reported that one of the restrictions planned by the government is the suspension of all traffic for two days of each week. The Poale Mizrahi is demanding that one of these two days should be Saturday.

NEW COST OF LIVING PACT SIGNED IN ISRAEL BY MANUFACTURERS AND LABOR

TEL AVIV, May 28. (JTA) -- A new agreement for cost of living increases has been signed by representatives of the Histadrut, the labor federation, and the Manufacturers Association of Israel, it was announced here today.

The agreement provides for recomputation of the cost of living every two months instead of every three, as heretofore. The first increase in the new contract will go to a maximum of nine pounds a month for certain types of industrial workers.

It was also agreed to re-establish production committees in all factories employing 50 or more workers. These committees will establish production norms and set incentive pay for exceeding the norms.

AMERICAN BANK GRANTS \$500,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL AIRLINE

TEL AVIV, May 28. (JTA) -- El Al, the national subsidized airline of Israel, is seeking private foreign capital with which to enlarge and improve its services, according to A. Pinkus, general manager, who just returned from the United States.

Mr. Pinkus has negotiated a \$500,000 loan from the Chase National Bank of New York. The loan is underwritten by the Israel Government which will help the company repay it. Mr. Pinkus pointed out that once the company's new repair shop is opened with funds provided by the loan, foreign currency which normally goes for repair bills will be saved. Money is also needed to establish an aviation school to provide personnel for the company, he said.

A Swiss-Israel air agreement was signed at Lydda airport last evening by Swiss Minister H. Seipet and A. Bartur, director of the Foreign Ministry's economic department. The agreement provides for the full use of the Israeli and Swiss air facilities by Swissair and El Al.

AUSTRIAN FIRMS SEEK TRADE WITH ISRAEL; OFFER MANY PRODUCTS

VIENNA, May 28. (JTA) -- Austrian firms are showing increasing interest in trade with Israel following the granting of a 100,000,000 schilling credit by Austria to Israel to expand trade between the two nations. A number of firms are making bids to sell Israel metal products, machinery, wood and paper products, chemicals and optical instruments.

ISRAEL PREMIER ATTENDS REBURIAL OF PERETZ SMOLENSKIN'S REMAINS

JERUSALEM, May 28. (JTA) -- The remains of Peretz Smolenskin, famed Hebrew writer, which were brought from Italy to Israel this week, were reburied here today at the national cemetery on Mt. Herzl. Premier Ben Gurion, Acting President Joseph Sprinzak and prominent figures in the Israeli literary world attended the ceremony.

The procession, which moved through the capital's main streets, was led by several classes of elementary schoolchildren. The coffin, which arrived here from Tel Aviv, was met by an official escort at Ramleh. The remains were buried close to the section reserved for the Herzl family. Smolenskin died in 1885 at the age of 43.

JEWISH LEADERS CONFER WITH BRITISH MINISTER ON GERMAN RESTITUTION

LONDON, May 28. (JTA) -- Restitution matters which are likely to be affected by the contractual agreements between the Western Powers and Germany signed this week were discussed here between representatives of leading British Jewish organizations and Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd, it was learned today. No statement was issued.

GERMAN GROUP PRESENTS 10,000 MARKS TO COUNCIL OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES

HAMBURG, May 28. (JTA) -- Erich Lueth, initiator of the "Peace with Israel" movement in Germany, has presented the welfare office of the Central Council of the Jewish Communities of Germany with 10,000 deutschemarks. The money represents the proceeds of an "olive tree" campaign which was designed to help the victims of Nazism who are still resident in Germany.

A house-to-house collection and street canvass under the slogan of "Conciliation With the Jews," was started this week in the southern German town of Tuebingen. All political and non-political youth movements of the town are participating in the drive.

MUNICH COURT HEARS APPEAL FOR ACQUITTAL OF DR. AUERBACH

MUNICH, May 28. (JTA) -- Counsel for Philip Auerbach, deposed head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, has appealed to the German court trying Auerbach on charges of fraud in office for the release of the defendant. Counsel said that so many charges against Auerbach have been dropped that there is not sufficient evidence to warrant his detention.

Meanwhile, other attorneys for Auerbach have charged that Dr. Josef Mueller, Bavarian Justice Minister, sold indemnification credits worth 20,000 deutschemarks at a profit to himself. The charge is based on a deposition by Juda Weismann of Tel Aviv.

Meanwhile, it was revealed here today by the Bavarian Ministry of Finance that only 5,500,000 deutschemarks were paid out to victims of Nazism in Bavaria last year, despite the fact that 12,000,000 deutschemarks were made available for indemnification purposes. The Ministry said that this was due to a lack of "technical organization in the settlement of indemnification claims resulting from corruption at the Bavarian Restitution Office under Philip Auerbach."

DISSENSION PERILS EXISTENCE OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN GREECE

ATHENS, May 28. (JTA) -- Communal dissension, apathy to Jewish affairs and the lack of able leadership may bring about the disintegration of the Jewish community in Greece, it is feared here. Two recent conferences of Jewish communal representatives failed to solve the outstanding problems connected with the administration of Jewish heirless property and in the development of religious programs here.

It is pointed out here that although the Jewish Board for the Administration of Heirless Property has considerable funds under its control, many Jewish institutions doing valuable work may close down due to a lack of funds.

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ISRAEL ASKS UNITED NATIONS TO SEND 35 EXPERTS; TEAM TO LEAVE SOON

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 28. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel has asked the United Nations for 35 experts to aid in various development projects throughout the country, Secretary-General Trygve Lie reported today. These experts include hydraulic and petroleum engineers, metallurgists, educators, public administrators, manufacturers of various kinds.

Later this year, Mr. Lie said in his report, a team of technicians will go to Israel to demonstrate how to construct buildings out of ordinary earth by a system known as "stabilized earth construction." The team will be bringing equipment with them to train Israelis in this cheap method of making building materials out of earth.

TRUMAN CONDEMNS MASS DEPORTATIONS IN RUMANIA; RECEIVES DELEGATION

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA) -- President Truman today condemned the mass deportations by the Rumanian authorities of thousands of Jewish and non-Jewish inhabitants of Bucharest and other cities to unknown destinations for forced labor service.

A delegation composed of representatives of various Rumanian groups in this country presented to the President a report stating that in Bucharest alone about 200,000 inhabitants are scheduled for deportation in "a purge of genocidal character."

The President told the delegation that he believes that eventually the present regime in Rumania will "pay for it." The deportations, he said, were "far worse than anything that can take place in actual open warfare."

STATE DEPT. WARNS AGAINST HINDERING RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA) -- The State Department today warned against Senate adoption of an amendment proposed by Sen. John W. Bricker, of Ohio, which would prevent American ratification of the United Nations Conventions on Human Rights and Genocide.

Acting Secretary of State David K. Bruce testified before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee to urge rejection of the amendment. He said its enactment "would jeopardize the influence of the United States in the world today."

"I believe that if the Government were prohibited from entering into any such treaties, we must reckon with the obvious fact that the United States would have lost its standing in the forum of world politics to attack the despotism of the Kremlin," Mr. Bruce said.

SWEDEN RATIFIES GENOCIDE CONVENTION; IS 37TH COUNTRY TO DO SO

UNITED NATIONS, May 28. (JTA) -- Baron Goran E. Von Otter, acting permanent representative of Sweden to the United Nations, deposited his Government's ratification of the convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide with the U. N. Secretary-General in a ceremony here. Sweden is the 37th country to ratify the convention, which outlaws genocide--denial of the right of existence of racial, religious, ethnic or national groups--as a crime under international law.

SHAVUOTH STARTS TONIGHT; SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL ISSUES PROCLAMATION

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, which represents Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism, today issued a proclamation urging the Jews in this country to attend their synagogues on Shavuoth, the two-day holiday honoring the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. Shavuoth will begin at sundown tomorrow.

"Sinai," the proclamation says, "marked the all-important half-way station between the slavery and degradation of Egypt and the freedom of the Land of Promise. There at the foot of the mountain, the newly liberated slave people received the moral law which would enable them to live together with their fellow men in peace and concord and would make of them fit keepers of the flame of justice and freedom. Without the morality of Sinai there could not have been the freedom of the Land of Promise.

"The Synagogue Council of America therefore urges American Jews to attend their synagogues and to participate in the significant services of this holy day, thus reaffirming the ideals of justice and righteousness which were proclaimed at Sinai.

"Realizing that the great imperishable message brought forth on this lowly mountain can yet lead the peoples from darkness into light, the Synagogue Council calls upon all who are concerned with the moral climate in which we live, to take heed of this message: that there can be no true freedom unless it is based on the moral law, no enduring peace without justice, and no real brotherhood without a sense of the sanctity of life," the proclamation concludes.

SIX JEWISH GROUPS RECEIVE CITATIONS FOR SERVICE TO VETERANS

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA) -- Six national Jewish organizations represented on the Veterans Administration Service National Advisory Committee received citations for their services at ceremonies held here at which President Truman was guest of honor. Awards to the six organizations and to the other 34 on the committee were made by Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

On the V. A. V. S. National Advisory Committee are the Women's Organizations and Armed Services Division of the National Jewish Welfare Board, the B'nai B'rith and the B'nai B'rith Women's Supreme Council, and the Jewish War Veterans and National Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans.

UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL WINS AWARD FOR ITS MOTION PICTURE "TENT CITY"

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- The first annual award for the "outstanding film of Jewish interest" this year was presented here today by the National Council of Audio-Visual Materials to the United Israel Appeal for its motion picture "Tent City."

Henry Clay Greenberg, New York Supreme Court Justice and chairman of the New York Chapter of the American Association of Jewish Education which sponsors the Audio-Visual Council, made the presentation to Rudolf G. Sonneborn, U. I. A. national chairman. Written and produced by Baruch Diner of the Israel Motion Picture Studios, "Tent City" was made in Israel with the immigrants of the Beth Lid Reception Camp.

15 JEWISH MIDSHIPMEN, FIVE CADETS, TO RECEIVE COMMISSIONS

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA) -- Fifteen Jewish midshipmen at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis will be commissioned as ensigns in the Navy at graduation exercises next Sunday. Five Jewish cadets will be commissioned as 2nd. lieutenants at the graduation exercises at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point on June 3.

HADASSAH SOLD \$7,850,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS; STARTS 1952 DRIVE

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Hadassah groups and chapters sold \$7,850,000 in Israel bonds throughout the United States during the past year, including \$2,000,000 in New York; it was announced here today at the opening of Hadassah's 1952 Israel Bond Drive.

The 800 Hadassah leaders attending the affair at the Hotel Commodore were addressed by Mayor Abba Hushi of Haifa and Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, chairman of the National Women's Division for State of Israel Bonds, who returned from a visit to Israel. Both speakers emphasized that the acquisition by American Jews of Israel bonds will help the Jewish State to achieve economic independence and self-support.

'SHARETT DAY' PROCLAIMED BY SOUTH BEND MAYOR; ISRAEL MINISTER HONOURED

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 28. (JTA) -- Yesterday was Moshe Sharett Day in this city as Mayor John A. Scott proclaimed the city's intention to honor the Israeli Foreign Minister who spoke here in behalf of the Israel Bond Drive. Mr. Sharett is touring the U.S. in an effort to aid the United Jewish Appeal and the bond campaign.

At a luncheon meeting for the Foreign Minister the Mayor presented the Israeli diplomat with a key to the city. Later, Mr. Sharett was the guest of honor at a dinner held at Temple Beth-El. Religious and communal leaders packed the affair to hear Mr. Sharett plead for continued American support for Israel.

CONVENTION OF HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS DEFENDS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Resolutions criticizing recent attacks on parochial schools and calling for the establishment of more parochial Hebrew schools in the United States were adopted here last night at the concluding session of the two-day convention of 250 Jewish religious educators representing Orthodox Hebrew Day Schools in a number of American cities.

A resolution clearly aimed at Harvard President Conant who recently called the parochial schools "divisive," stated: "We affirm the basic American and democratic right inherent in the establishment and support of the Hebrew Day School. The Hebrew Day School, as well as the private and parochial school, is part and parcel of the American educational and democratic scene. This fact is not so by right or by sufferance, but by the dignity of privilege. A true democracy is not one which regiments its educational system, but one which allows experimentation and private initiative full sway as long as its main objectives are in consonance with the over-all aims of America and the democratic heritage."

ARGENTINE ZIONIST FEDERATION HOLDS FOUR-DAY SESSION

BUENOS AIRES, May 28. (JTA) -- A praesidium of three was elected to head the Zionist Federation of Argentina at the conclusion here of a four-day convention of the organization. The praesidium, chosen to give representation to the two sections of the General Zionist Party which were recently reunited, consists of Dr. Israel Yagubsky, Jacobo Bronfman and Max Starkman.

A group of 46 Argentinian chalutzim sailed for Israel this week-end. They were seen off at the boat by Zalman Shazar, former Minister of Education in Israel, who is currently visiting this country.

PERUVIAN OFFICIALS ATTEND CORNERSTONE CEREMONY FOR HEBREW SCHOOL

LIMA, Peru, May 28. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Peruvian Education Ministry and other Peruvian notables attended a ceremony here at which a cornerstone was laid for a new Hebrew school. The school is sponsored by the Association of Jewish Societies of Peru.