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U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON AUSTRIA'S PRO-NAZI LAWS

WASHINGTON, July 27. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government may, within a few days, issue a statement deploring the laws passed earlier this month by the Austrian Parliament restoring property and civil rights to more than 26,000 former members of the Nazi Party in Austria, it was learned here today.

An American veto of the pro-Nazi laws through the Allied Council in Vienna is expected. A State Department spokesman today said that the U.S. Government is postponing issuance of its statement on Austria's new legislation "pending one further development in Austria." He did not indicate the nature of the expected development.

American Jewish organizations which have vigorously protested the Austrian laws restoring property to former Nazis while trying to nullify legally valid restitution decisions in favor of Jews, today continued their fight against the projected formation by the Austrian Government of a "Hardship Settlement Fund" from heirless Jewish property. Part of this fund will be set aside as "compensation" to be paid to former holders of "Aryanized" properties impoverished by the restitution of such properties to rightful owners.

Terming the Austrian bill for the creation of the Hardship Settlement Fund "scandalous legislation," an American Jewish Committee representative here declared that the features of the bill "indicate the fantastic extent of injustices and prevarication the rulers of Austria have been willing to employ for the satisfaction of neo-Nazi appetites at the expense of the victims of Nazism." The bill was introduced in the Austrian Parliament jointly by Chancellor Leopold Figl's People's Party and the Social Democratic Party.

The bill not only proposes that all heirless and unclaimed Jewish property be confiscated by the Fund, but also that a 50 percent capital levy be imposed on properties restituted to the living owners or their heirs. The bill is expected to be considered by the Austrian Parliament early this Fall.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT WATCHES DEVELOPMENTS IN EGYPT WITH "OPEN EYES"

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is following events in Egypt "with open eyes and increased preparedness," a Foreign Ministry spokesman declared here today in comment on the abdication of King Farouk following the Army coup in Egypt last week.

ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES LAW ON PROPERTY TAX; KNESSET TO DECIDE

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today approved in principle the draft of a law taxing property which will be presented soon to Parliament. The legislation is a companion piece to the compulsory national loan which set aside ten percent of all money and bank accounts for the use of the government.

BRITAIN TO SELL 10 TRAWLERS TO ISRAEL; REDEEMS PALESTINE BONDS

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- Ten 60-foot trawlers, which were originally ordered by the British Admiralty toward the end of World War II, will be turned over to Israel authorities within the next six months, it was made known here today. The vessels are now being reconverted to Israel use. Each trawler will carry a crew of eight and will be able to remain at sea for ten days at a time.

Moshe Bar-Shimon, technical advisor to the Israel Department of Fisheries, said that the trawlers will be an important addition to the new state's fishing fleet and will increase production by some 1,000 tons of fish annually. He said the vessels will be based at Haifa and at Caesarea, where a new fishing port is being established.

A giant earth excavator complete with all auxiliary equipment has been shipped to Israel where it will be used in the building program at Kibbutz Yavneh, near Gadera, it was announced here today by the Strauss Metallurgical Company, manufacturers of the machine. The disassembled excavator was packed in crates and shipped in two freighters which are expected in Haifa shortly.

The British Colonial Office last night announced that it would redeem Palestine Bearer Bonds of the former Palestine Mandate Government at par value between August 1 and 31, 1952. The bonds carry a face value of 10 pounds, and all valid interest coupons dated up to July 31, 1952, will also be paid. The announcement added that no guarantees can be given that bonds presented after August 31 will be redeemed.

ISRAEL SIGNS PACT CREATING NEW DEAD SEA EXPLOITATION COMPANY

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Government and the representative of the Palestine Potash Company, Lord Glenconnor, this week-end signed an agreement establishing a new company to exploit the mineral resources of the Dead Sea. The Israel Government will have a 51 percent voting interest in the new company, the Dead Sea Works, Ltd.

The Palestine Potash Company will exchange all its assets and patent from the Mandatory Government in return for a minority interest in the new company. It will receive 1,220,000 shares--valued at one pound par--in the new company. This will give it 16 percent of the voting shares. In addition, it will receive 390,000 non-voting debentures.

The government will grant the new company \$2,500,000 from the U.S. Export-Import Bank loan and the company will seek to obtain an additional loan of \$1,000,000 from the Palestine Economic Corporation. The former shareholders in the Palestine Potash Company will appoint two directors in the new company and the government will name five directors. M. Novomeysky, manager of Palestine Potash, will be named honorary president of Dead Sea Works.

Meanwhile, a crew of some 200 workers will depart this week for Sodom, on the Dead Sea, to prepare homes for workers who will operate the plant. It is understood that the directors of the former Potash Company will soon contact the Jordan Government to negotiate for the company's plant in Jordan territory and to demand compensation for property destroyed during the War of Liberation.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES SETTLEMENT OF JEWISH CLAIMS

MUNICH, July 27. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Parliament has approved a lump sum settlement of 20,000,000 deutschemarks (approximately \$5,000,000) of Jewish heirless property claims. The sum will be turned over to the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, which pressed the claims and negotiated the agreement.

Earlier, the Bavarian Senate had deferred action on the agreement which had been reached between the J. R. S. O. and the provincial cabinet. The funds will be used for the benefit of survivors of the Nazi reign of terror.

J.D.C. SUPPORTS ONE OF EVERY EIGHT JEWS IN EIGHTEEN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) -- One of every eight Jews living in 18 countries of Europe and the Moslem world received the aid of the Joint Distribution Committee last year, it was reported here today by the organization.

By contrast, in 1950, when the Jewish population of these areas was considerably larger, J. D. C. aid reached one in ten Jews, indicating that, as emigration continues, a much higher percentage of the Jews remaining will be dependent upon J. D. C. assistance.

During 1951, J. D. C. provided relief, medical and welfare aid, educational assistance and emigration aid to some 152,400 men, women and children in 18 countries of Europe, North Africa and Asia, the announcement said, out of an estimated Jewish population in these areas of 1,171,500. In addition, J. D. C. aided some 18,000 aged, ill and handicapped immigrants in Israel through its Malben program.

Countries in which needy Jews received J. D. C. aid during 1951, in addition to Israel, included Austria, Germany, Italy, Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Algeria, Iran, Libya, French Morocco, Tangier and Tunisia.

J.W.B. FILLS QUOTA OF JEWISH CHAPLAINS IN U.S. ARMED SERVICES

FORT SLOCUM, N. Y., July 27. (JTA) -- Although the quotas for military chaplains for other religions are still to be filled, the Jewish quota is up to par, it was announced here this week-end at the 21st national convention of the Military Chaplain's Association. The Jewish chaplain quota is 3.5 percent of the total.

The problem of quotas has been solved by the National Jewish Welfare Board, Dr. Abraham Feldman, vice-president of the J. W. B. division of religious activities, told the parley. In 1950 younger rabbis throughout the country volunteered to be "drafted" by the J. W. B. At present the only rabbis called up by the Board are unmarried or married without children, he said.

700 AMERICAN EDUCATORS STUDY INTER-GROUP RELATIONS IN 24 COLLEGES

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) -- Some 700 educators are enrolled in 24 inter-group relations summer workshops on college campuses sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the organization revealed this week-end.

Dr. Everett Clinchy, president of the Conference, said that the program instructs teachers, principals and school board members that brotherhood can be taught and that the schools of the nation must teach it. The summer workshops in inter-group relations began at the Colorado State Teachers College in 1941.

SURVEY OF JEWISH-SPONSORED SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK AREA INITIATED

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) -- A three-year survey of Jewish-sponsored schools and educational institutions in New York City and the surrounding area has been initiated by leading members of the Jewish community under the guidance of an advisory board headed by Judge Maximilian Moss, former president of the New York City Board of Education. The survey, the first of such proportion in 15 years, will cover some 600 schools in the city and in Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

The study will seek to determine Jewish child distribution, distribution of pupil enrollment, distribution and standards of costs and income, qualification and functions of teachers, membership and functions of governing boards, curricula content and pupil achievement in different types of schools. The study will also analyze attitudes of parents, pupils, teachers and directors toward school aims and practices.

DENTISTS FORM WORLD FEDERATION FOR AN ISRAELI DENTAL SCHOOL

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- The formation of a "World Federation for an Israeli Dental School" was announced today at the International Dental Conference which is being held here.

The announcement was made by Dr. S. Sussman, head of the Israeli delegation to the parley, and Dr. B. Schrotter, London dentist who has been named to head the "federation." Speaking at a press conference, they revealed that the organization will shortly launch a worldwide campaign to raise \$120,000 to purchase a building and equip classrooms for graduate teaching of dental students. The school will be attached to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem until a permanent dental school can be set up.

Speaking of the great need for dentists in Israel, the two doctors revealed that the average age of the Israeli dentist is 52. They expressed doubt that the current minimum replacement rate of 50 dentists a year can be obtained in Israel where training facilities are poor, and pointed out that few dentists are expected among the future immigrants. American dentists were among the leaders in the international group which launched the project.

ANTHOLOGY OF WRITINGS OF ISRAELI WAR HEROES PUBLISHED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- A solemn ceremony took place today at the office here of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion on the occasion of the publication of "Scrolls of Fire," an anthology containing the writings of 194 men and women who were killed fighting in the War of Liberation.

A number of parents whose sons and daughters fell in the Arab-Israel war were presented with copies of the volume by the Prime Minister. Brig. Yigal Yadin, Israel Chief of Staff, who also took part in the ceremony, told the parents: "Only those who know how to live for an idea, know how to die for it."

GUZ-RIFKIN, JEWISH WRITER, DIES IN NEWARK; AUTHOR OF THREE BOOKS

NEWARK, N. J., July 27. (JTA) -- Yehuda Guz-Rifkin, Jewish author of three books of prose and poetry, died here today at his home. He was 58 years old. Born in Rogatchov, Russia, he migrated to the United States before World War I and settled in Newark. He was a contributor to several Jewish daily newspapers in New York.