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MANY SOVIET JEWS REPORTED TO BE IN CAMPS; JEWISH GENERALS OUT

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Of the 3,000,000 Jews who resided in the Soviet Union at the beginning of 1939 there are today only 1,500,000 left, it was reported here today from Yugoslavia.

The report quoted the Yugoslav Review of International Affairs as stating that of 100 Soviet generals who have recently retired, or "died suddenly," 63 were Jews. It claimed that 30 percent of the Jews in the Soviet Union are in concentration camps.

Pointing out that during the Nazi invasion of Poland many Jews fled to Russia, and that there were an additional 2,000,000 Jews in Soviet-annexed Polish territory in the early stage of the war, the Yugoslav organ says that even if the Nazis killed about 1,000,000 Jews during their occupation of Soviet territory, Moscow does not account for about 2,500,000 Jews.

The Yugoslav publication stresses that "not one of these missing Jews has moved to Israel because it was the U.S.S.R. that raised the greatest difficulties for Jews who wanted to emigrate." It draws attention to the fact that during the past several years nothing is mentioned about the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan, or of the Jewish colonies in the Ukraine and in Crimea.

Soviet Agrees to Pay in Foreign Currency for Israeli Products

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government has agreed to pay in foreign currency for citrus fruits imported from Israel, it was reported here today by an Israeli delegation which went to Moscow to negotiate an agreement for the sale of citrus fruits.

Previously, Soviet authorities suggested an exchange of wheat for citrus fruits. Israel, however, rejected such an arrangement, because the prices quoted by Moscow for wheat were higher than world market prices. The Soviet authorities agreed to buy 400,000 cases of Israeli oranges.

Next year's citrus crops is estimated at 6,000,000 cases as compared with the 3,700,000 cases sold last year. Zvi Isaacson, head of the Citrus Marketing Board, said prior to his departure on a sales trip to Scandinavia, the Benelux countries, France and Switzerland.

STATE DEPT. OPTIMISTIC ON EGYPT'S JOINING OF MIDDLE EAST COMMAND

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- State Department sources today indicated optimism on the Middle Eastern situation for the first time in several months. There were high hopes that Egypt might join a Middle East Defense Command, they said.

A report from Cairo received here today stated that Prime Minister Aly Maher told Egyptian army officers here that the United States has promised Egypt considerable Point Four aid to industrialize the country and reclaim the desert. The report quoted him as saying that an agreement to this effect was reached in a series of conferences with American Ambassador Jefferson Caffery.

U.S. EXPERT DRAFTS REGULATIONS ON OIL DRILLING IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Regulations for the administration of the recently enacted Israel's Petroleum Law are being drafted here by Max W. Ball, American petroleum consultant to the Israel Government, together with Assistant Attorney General Gad Kitron of Israel. Mr. Kitron arrived here in August to work on this project.

The completed regulations will be submitted for approval at the end of this month to Jerusalem. A petroleum board which will act in an advisory capacity to the government will be appointed, consisting of three government officials and four members of the public. No information about the regulations will be given here until they are submitted and approved.

THREE GROUPS APPLY FOR OIL DRILLING LICENSES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Three foreign and local groups of investors have already applied for permits to drill for oil in Israel, it was learned here today.

In an address at the Berl Katznelson Institute, Minister of Trade and Industry Dov Joseph today declared that Israel's total industrial export potential is in the vicinity of \$130,000,000 annually. He compared this goal with Israel's \$16,000,000 worth of exports during 1951 and cited Israel's basic needs as more electrical power and raw materials.

ISRAEL LIMITS SALE OF SCRIP TO INDIVIDUALS ONLY; U.S. FIRMS AGREE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A draft agreement between the Israel Government and representatives of four American companies selling scrip for securing food as gifts from American relatives was initialed yesterday in Jerusalem, it was announced here today.

The agreement provides that the companies are not to sell scrip to organizations, and that the sale of scrip would be limited to individuals only. The Behira company did not sign the agreement.

ISRAELIS WILL GET INCREASED FOOD RATIONS FOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Israeli residents will get increased food rations for the forthcoming Jewish holidays, it was announced here last night by Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Trade and Industry, who is in charge of food distribution.

The Minister said in his broadcast that food reserves in Israel today are greater than ever before. He stated that an extra ration of one-third of a pound of frozen meat and one-fifth of a pound of fat will be distributed for Rosh Hashanah.

GERMAN CABINET TO CONSIDER REPARATIONS AGREEMENTS TODAY

BONN, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The West German Cabinet, which meets tomorrow for the first time since the Federal Parliament recessed, will consider the reparations agreements worked out at The Hague by German, Israel and world Jewish delegations, it was reported here today.

If the German and Israel Cabinets approve the agreements the signing ceremony is expected to take place between September 8 and 10 at either The Hague or Luxembourg. The reparations situation was the main subject of discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

Hundreds of letters from German firms containing requests for information on orders in connection with the German reparations payments to Israel have been received by the German Ministry for Economic Affairs, the press reports here. The letters say that a large-scale trade is about to be initiated with Israel and contain offers of exclusive representation of their firms' products in the Jewish State.

The Ministry has also been visited by a number of people--mostly German Jews or Israelis who hold valuable contracts that they concluded with German firms for exclusive representation in Israel. One firm, which goes by the name of "Isropa," has attempted to create the impression that it is closely connected with the Israel Government. It is headed, however, by a Cologne attorney.

BAVARIAN GROUP ASKS INVESTIGATION OF CONDUCT OF AUERBACH TRIAL

MUNICH, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Association for Freedom and Justice of Bavaria today demanded an immediate government investigation into the background and conduct of the trial of the late Philip Auerbach, one-time head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, on charges of fraud in office. Auerbach was convicted by a five-man court, three of whose members were former Nazi judges. Immediately after his conviction last month he committed suicide.

The Axis Victims League of New York and the New York Committee for Fair Play in the Auerbach Case have asked the Bavarian Ministry of Justice to take disciplinary action against the presiding judge in the Auerbach trial because he had stated that "Rabbi Ohrenstein and Auerbach had not said the full truth for religious and ethnic reasons." The Ministry was also urged in the future not to use judges with Nazi records in future trials involving Jews.

Meanwhile, Joseph Klibansky, chief defense counsel for Auerbach, said here today that he welcomes proceedings ordered against him by the Bavarian Ministry of Justice, explaining that thus he will be given an opportunity to point out the "real background of the Auerbach trial" and make known the reasons for the sentence imposed on the former head of the Bavarian Restitution Office.

Dr. Klibansky also charged the Bavarian Justice Minister with "clear anti-Semitic tendencies" for having asked for proceedings against him only, and not against Auerbach's second defense counsel, Dr. Panholzer, who "made the same statements."

GERMAN COMPANY PREPARES TO MAKE FILM ON ISRAEL'S DEVELOPMENT

FREIBURG, Germany, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A documentary film on the economic and cultural development of Israel is being prepared by the Fehse Film Company here, at the suggestion of the "Peace with Israel" movement. The company plans to begin shooting film in Israel soon.

CONSTITUTION PARTY GOES ANTI-JEWISH; TOP LEADERS RESIGN

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Two top leaders of the Constitution Party have resigned from the party in protest against anti-Semitic principles adopted by members of the National Committee of the group here. The two are: Percy L. Greaves Jr., chairman of the party, and Mrs. Suzanne Stevenson, co-chairman.

A statement issued by Mrs. Stevenson said: "The principles of the party as rewritten by an unauthorized meeting of a few of the National Committee in Philadelphia last week contain the phrase, 'We must preserve our Christian heritage which has been the strength of this nation.' Such a declaration sounds to me like anti-Semitism. I will have no part of any movement which seems to me to be so steeped in bigotry."

Mrs. Stevenson denied that her resignation was due to an announcement made here by Upton Close, known for his anti-Jewish sentiments, who said he was speaking for the Constitution Party and declared that the party would seek to persuade members of the electoral college to vote for Gen. Douglas MacArthur for President of the United States.

VERMONT ASSOCIATION DENIES DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS IN HOTELS

BOSTON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Officials of the Vermont Hotel Association today denied that discrimination against Jews is being practiced in Vermont hotels. They said that any discrimination is "based on congeniality rather than on religion or race."

A. Ray Ball, president of the Association, declared that "there is nothing in the by-laws of the Association that discriminates at all. It is a matter up to the individual person - owner or manager." Borden Avery, executive secretary of the Association, said he was willing to wager that a check would disclose persons of Jewish descent registered in every hotel in the state at the present time. He went on to explain, however, that one class might not be acceptable to one type of hotel any more than one class of Gentiles might be acceptable.

The statements of the Association officials came as a response to a letter written recently by Jesse Levin of Newport, Vermont, past-president of the Vermont Jewish Council and a member of the board of the New England Regional office of the Anti-Defamation League. Mr. Levin had made an extensive investigation of the situation prior to the introduction of a bill to the Vermont legislature last year seeking to outlaw the advertising of discrimination in Vermont resorts. The measure was defeated.

Mr. Levin's letter, which evoked the reply by the Vermont Hotel Association, reads as follows: "We found that there was and still is extensive discrimination among the resort type of Vermont hotels, inns and lodges. On the other hand, there was very little, if any, such un-American practices by the transient-type city hotels of the state. It is very amusing to note that when the Hotel Association, apparently admitting that restricting on a basis other than of character is wrong, wanted to deny the charges levelled against them quoted only from the management of city hotels catering to transient trade.

"They failed to print quotations from such famous resorts as Basin Harbor Lodge, Quimby's Inn at Averill Lake, Camp Elizabeth Inn at Newport, East O'Lake Inn, Mountain Top Club of Chittenden, Pisgah Lodge at Willoughby Lake, the Worthy Inn at Manchester, Bromley Lodge in Peru, Camp Skyland and the Lodge at Stow. I challenge the Vermont Hotel Association to issue to the press statements from the management of the above resorts regarding their policy of restricting on the basis of religion and color."

ARABS IN CHILE USE RADIO BROADCASTS FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- I. Arensburg, Chilean Jewish leader, now visiting England, today said he had grave fears about the "vicious anti-Jewish propaganda being conducted by sections of Chile's large Arab population." He said the Arabs had been using time allotted to them on the Chilean radio to foment anti-Jewish feeling and had also disseminated anti-Semitic leaflets.

RED CROSS PARLEY RECEIVED NO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FROM ISRAEL

TORONTO, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The International Red Cross conference which concluded here recently did not receive any application for membership from the Magen David Adom of Israel, it was reported here today.

According to Dr. W.S. Stenbury, Canadian National Commissioner for the Red Cross, only a diplomatic conference could approve the red Shield of David as an emblem of the Magen David Adom in Israel. The question of recognizing the Jewish symbol was therefore "beyond the competence of the International Red Cross conference," he explained.

Israel's observers at the conference included Finhas Eliav, David Goitein and Col. Chaim Herzog, of the Israel Embassy in Washington; Lt. Col. Aryeh Harrel, of the Israel Army medical corps; and Dr. Nathan M. Wolff, of the Magen David Adom organization.

AMERICAN AGUDISTS URGE OUTLAWING OF FANATIC SECT IN ISRAEL

FERNDAL, N. Y., Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A demand that the Kanaanim movement in Israel, composed of fanatic youths, should be declared illegal was voiced here today at the convention of the American Agudath Israel Youth Organization. The speaker, Dr. Itzhak Lewin, chairman of the American section of the World Agudas Israel executive, said that the Kanaanim movement must not be tolerated because it constitutes "a revolt against the historic character of the Jewish people."

Dr. Lewin also told the convention that the Agudas Israel organization may be compelled to leave the coalition cabinet in Israel if the Laborites do "not respect the agreement with regard to the autonomy of religious education and the mobilization of women in the armed services."

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY RESPONSE TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL LAUDED

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The response of South African Jewry to the United Israel Appeal campaign this year has been "very good," Israel Dunskey, chairman of the Appeal, reported here today in a review of the first six weeks of the current campaign.

Mr. Dunskey pleaded for giving the Appeal a "clear field" unimpeded by the fund-raising efforts of local groups. "Local fund-raising efforts have their place in the scheme of things," he said, "but at the moment we are engaged in an enormous task involving hundreds of thousands of lives as well as the destiny and future of the whole Jewish people. This cannot wait; it deserves and should receive priority over all other causes whose significance is obviously much more limited."