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## ISRAEL TO INSIST ON MOSCOW'S PERMISSION TO CONTACT SOVIET JEWRY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Circles close to the Israel Government today stressed that the Jewish State expects not only declarations of goodwill from the USSR but deeds in consonance with such statements. This view was expressed in connection with Soviet Premier Malenkov's statement on Israel made before the Supreme Soviet which is now in session in Moscow.

The same circles pointed out that most important in Israeli eyes is the problem of re-establishing contact with Russian Jewry, looking forward to the possibility of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union to Israel. They also underlined that it is Israel's policy to maintain friendly relations with all nations, regardless of the nature of their internal regimes.

## W.J.C. ASSEMBLY DEMANDS FREEDOM FOR JEWS IN "IRON CURTAIN" COUNTRIES

GENEVA, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Delegates to the Third Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress today adopted resolutions sharply condemning the arrest of Zionist leaders in Hungary and Rumania, opposing the arming of the Arab states and urging worldwide adoption of the Geneva convention for the protection of civilians during wartime, which offers effective protection to Jews against atrocities.

The conference criticized the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union and other Communist countries and demanded that Jews in those states be permitted to organize their own communal life and maintain their own institutions, as well as have the right to immigrate to Israel and to maintain relations with the Jews of other countries.

In a resolution stressing support of Israel, the delegates pointed out that it has frequently offered to enter "into free and friendly" peace negotiations with the Arabs. The supplying of arms to the Arabs only confirms them in their intransigence toward making peace, the WJC said. In addition, the conference pointed out that Jerusalem is not only Israel's capital but is the "eternal city" of the Jewish people.

The assembly unanimously adopted a resolution calling on those member states of the United Nations "who have failed or refused to ratify the genocide convention to reconsider a policy by which they exclude themselves from an international effort to stigmatize and prevent what is at once a monstrous crime against humanity and, so long as it is not outlawed, a menace to the peace and stability of the world." In a series of other resolutions, the delegates took positions in support of efforts to extend and maintain human rights, assist refugees and in support of efforts to relieve international tension.

In the cultural field, the delegates said that the WJC would cooperate with the World Sephardic Federation in its cultural and educational activities. They also resolved that the "World Jewish Congress Cultural Department should continue its

policy of forging the unity of world Jewry in cooperation with the State of Israel and in coordination with Jewish organizations, especially the Jewish Agency." At the same time, the resolution endorsed the belief that the State of Israel is and will continue to be "the mainspring in stimulating Jewish cultural integration in all parts of the Diaspora."

#### PALESTINE TRUCE CHIEF ARRIVES AT U. N. FOR CONSULTATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, of Denmark, chief of staff of the United Nations truce commission in Palestine, today indicated that because of increased Arab-Israel tension, he will ask for more U. N. observers to be assigned to his staff. At present there are 25 members of his staff engaged in watching the troubled border lines between Israel and the Arab countries.

Gen. Bennike arrived here for two or three weeks of consultations with U. N. officials. He met with U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold yesterday and is expected to meet also with members of the Israel and Arab delegations to the United Nations.

#### KISHON RIVER HARBOR IS NEARING COMPLETION; ADJOINS HAIFA PORT

HAIFA, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has begun accepting bids for lease space in warehouses and plants in the Kishon River Project, port area adjoining the Haifa port, which is nearing completion after three years of construction. Some 3,000 square meters is available for lease.

When the harbor project is complete ships will be able to come up the Kishon River mouth to safe anchorages. The project includes close to 2,000 feet of breakwater and a channel just as long and 20 feet deep. It will also have a dam to regulate the level of water in the harbor.

#### WEST GERMANY WILL COMPENSATE JEWISH VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

BONN, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- A new federal law, which has just been promulgated, provides for the reinstatement of pensions due to a number of Jewish refugees from Germany who served in the German Army during the first World War, and for certain of their dependents.

Beneficiaries are those who received veterans' pensions prior to the Nazi regime, generally because they had been disabled in the fighting or because their husbands had been among the 12,000 Jews killed for Germany. These pensions were stopped by the Nazi government because, as Jews, they had to seek refuge in other countries.

Until very recently Germany made no attempt to remedy this injustice and to discharge her debt to those who gave their health or their lives for Germany. In the future, eligible veterans or their dependents may file claims to have these pensions restored, retroactive to April 1, 1950.

#### TAX-FREE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO JEWS TAXED BY BONN MINISTER

BONN, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Federal Minister of Finance Fritz Schaeffer has rejected a unanimous request of the Bundesrat that Federal income tax, and a Berlin emergency impost, not be levied on certain compensation heretofore paid out to some Jewish victims of Nazism on a tax-free basis. In Wuerttemberg-Baden alone, where the indemnification program is most advanced, some 4,000 persons are affected.

GERMANY DEPORTS JEWISH DP'S WHO ENTERED COUNTRY "ILLEGALLY"

MUNICH, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- For the first time, Germany has made good the threat of Bavarian Refugee Commissioner Theodor Oberlaender that Jewish displaced persons coming here "illegally," without valid visas and residence permits, would be deported.

It was learned here today that two former Polish Jews, Mordecai Grommer and Shachno Gersten, who had returned to Austria from Israel and then infiltrated into Germany, were arrested and given a prison sentence. After serving it, they were taken to the Austrian border by the German police. Other than "illegal entry," there were no charges against them. It is understood that they are being held in a jail at Salzburg, and will be sent back to Israel, via Italy, by the Austrian authorities.

GERMAN CHEMIST SENTENCED FOR SUPPLYING GAS TO NAZI GAS CHAMBERS

FRANKFURT, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The Wiesbaden Court of Assizes yesterday sentenced Dr. Gerhard Peters, a German chemist, to six years' imprisonment following his sixth conviction on charges of supplying a deadly cyanide gas to Nazi concentration camps for the annihilation of 450,000 Jews and other inmates.

The prosecution had demanded a 16-year sentence. The court allowed half of the six-year sentence to be deducted for time spent in pre-trial custody. The prosecution of Peters began with one of the earliest war crimes trials in 1945 and has been appealed to various courts including the German Supreme Court and the case has always been ordered re-tried because of the leniency of the sentence, which in the past varied between four and one-half years and five years.

During his trial, Peters admitted being told by an S. S. officer that "Zyklon B" gas, produced by his "German Corporation for Vermin Extermination" was used to exterminate Jews. Yet, he continued to supply huge quantities of the product to the Auschwitz gas chambers. The corporation, an affiliate of the international I. G. Farben cartel, continues to do business in Frankfurt to this day.

Throughout his various trials, Peters showed that he was an unreconstructed Nazi. Nevertheless, many prominent Germans have signed clemency petitions in his behalf and he was released from prison several years ago after the intervention of Minister-President Zinn, a prominent Social Democrat. Many observers doubt that Peters will ever serve his sentence.

Medical Congress in Israel Condemns Crimes by Nazi Physicians

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- A medical congress being held here today adopted a resolution calling upon the governments of the world to take action to prevent the recurrence of such crimes against humanity as were carried out in the name of medical science by Nazi physicians. The congress also urged that freedom of medical science be guaranteed to all practitioners.

The resolution was adopted after Dr. M. Vorzecki presented a report, supported by photographs and documents, outlining the extent of "medical" crimes and "experiments" conducted by German doctors in Nazi concentration camps. Later, all the delegates stood in silence in commemoration of the victims of these "experiments."

## SIX-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION OPENS IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The Fourth International Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations Interested in Migration (NGO) opened here today to discuss problems connected with the admission of refugees to various countries. About 125 delegates from 60 voluntary agencies, including Jewish, are participating in the party which will last six days. The Conference is being held under the joint sponsorship of the United Nations and the International Labor Office.

(In a statement issued in New York today by HIAS, it was emphasized that its representatives at the Conference will recommend that the NGO take action "to prompt the governments of the world to simplify their migration procedures and to liberalize their immigration laws.")

The Conference will discuss the need for establishing a single international governmental organization within the framework of the United Nations to deal with refugee problems through integration, rehabilitation, temporary aid and emigration for refugees in countries where they cannot be absorbed to countries which need their skills.

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that the International Refugee Organization in Liquidation, which has its headquarters in Geneva, will be dissolved next month. The organization has resettled more than one million refugees and during liquidation has made available more than \$5,000,000 to various societies for resettlement of displaced persons.

It was also announced here today that a high official of the International Committee for Migration from Europe will leave for Washington this week to consult with United States officials on the implementation of the new American law providing for the admission of 214,000 aliens to the United States within three years above existing immigration quotas.

## U.S. CITIZENSHIP RESTORED TO AMERICAN JEW STRANDED IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- After more than four years of litigation instituted by the American Jewish Congress, the United States Court of Appeals has restored the U.S. citizenship of Morris Mendelsohn, a naturalized American who has been stranded in Israel since 1936, the AJC announced today.

Mendelsohn went to Palestine in 1936 to manage orange groves owned by his father. In 1940 Congress passed the Nationality Act which revokes the citizenship of naturalized Americans if they stay out of the U.S. continuously for more than five years. Due to war conditions, financial reverses and the serious illness of his wife, Mendelsohn was prevented from returning to the U.S. and the State Department cancelled his passport and refused him permission to enter the U.S.

The AJC raised the issue of discrimination in the Nationality Act, pointing out that native-born Americans could not be stripped of their citizenship for residing abroad for more than five years. The Court of Appeals upheld Mendelsohn, but failed to rule on the larger issue raised by the AJC. While the AJC hailed the decision as modifying the "harshness of the scope of the statute," it was disappointed over the court's failure to act on the Constitutional issue and pointed out that the statute, now a part of the McCarran Act, "will perpetuate discrimination against naturalized Americans."

TWO JEWS RE-ELECTED TO CANADIAN PARLIAMENT; ANTI-SEMITE DEFEATED

MONTREAL, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- David Croll of Toronto and Leon Crestohl of Montreal, the only two Jewish members of the Canadian Parliament, were re-elected yesterday in the Liberal Party's sweeping return to power. Both men are well known communal workers and Zionist leaders.

Adrien Arcand of Quebec, who gained notoriety in the past decade or so as the "Quebec Hitler," was defeated in his campaign for Parliament. During the election campaign, Arcand renewed his anti-Semitic incitement.

AMERICAN OIL DRILLING CREW TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL THIS WEEK

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The first American crew to start oil drilling operations in Israel will leave for the Jewish State this Friday, it was announced at a press conference here today by Abraham Dickenstein, president of the Ampal-American Palestine Trading Corporation.

Mr. Dickenstein said that the actual drilling operations will start immediately upon the arrival of the crew in Israel. The drilling will begin on one of the sites where the Ampal-financed "Lapidoth-Israel Petroleum Company" has acquired licenses covering about 500,000 acres of leases.

"Lapidoth-Israel Petroleum Company has signed an agreement with the Kerr-McGee Oil Industries Inc. of Oklahoma City as exclusive drilling contractors for Lapidoth," Mr. Dickenstein reported. "Kerr-McGee will send to Israel about 20 of their American field personnel and a drilling superintendent. An important feature of the contract provides for the gradual training of Israelis and eventual replacement crews. The offices of Kerr-McGee will be available for expert technical advice during operations in Israel."

Senator Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, president of Kerr-McGee, speaking at the press conference, pledged his organization's complete cooperation in making this venture a successful one. "We are confident," Senator Kerr said, "that oil will be found in Israel and hope that we can drill the country's first discovery."

WARBURG HOUSING PROJECT IN ISRAEL NEARING COMPLETION

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Minister of Labor Golda Myerson today inspected the first housing project to be built in Israel under a revolving fund established in memory of the late Felix Warburg by his wife Mrs. Frieda Schiff Warburg.

The project, which is nearing completion, consists of some 200 concrete units which will be sold at low prices to Yemenite immigrants now living in a nearby camp. The project is located near Hadera. Money from the sale of the homes will revert to the fund and will be used to build more homes.

ISRAEL LABOR PARTY TO START PUBLICATION OF YIDDISH DAILY NEWSPAPER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Beginning this Friday, the Mapai Party will begin issuing a daily newspaper in Yiddish. Because of existing regulations which prohibit the establishment of new dailies, the newspaper will be published as "Unzer Zeitung--Dos Wort" for three days of the week and as "Unzer Zeitung--Die Zeit" for the other three days.