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## BAVARIA PLANS ACTION AGAINST JEWISH "ILLEGALS"; CENSUS ORDERED

MUNICH, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The Bavarian authorities today instructed officials at the Föhrenwald camp, last remaining DP camp for Jews in Germany, to complete a thorough census of the camp population by tomorrow afternoon. The move followed the sit-down strike here of 200 "illegal" returnees from Israel and other lands to Germany, who protested their threatened deportation.

The German authorities insist that only by drastic measures can they halt the steady trickle of Jews who are returning to Germany in the hope of being able to migrate from here to the United States, Canada or other Western Hemisphere countries. The Germans wish to liquidate the camp, a goal supported, in principle, by the Jewish organization.

It is understood that the Bavarian authorities plan to remove the returnees, who came to Germany without entrance visas or residence permits, to the Funk-Kaserne emigration camp in Munich or to other new camps. These proposals are opposed by spokesmen for the "illegals." The authorities have threatened to use force if the "illegals" attempt to evade official action.

Meanwhile, Maurice Weinberger, president of the Association of Jewish Communities of Bavaria, in a press interview complained that exceptionally severe penalties for "illegal entry" are being imposed on Jews and that the Bavarian Government has turned a deaf ear to the Jewish DP's. Some 80 are currently serving six-week jail sentences for "illegal entry."

Of 120,000 Jewish DP's in Bavaria, he stressed, 112,000 had emigrated and "too much fuss" was being raised over the few hundred who have returned from Israel because either they could not obtain employment or could not adapt themselves to the climate. He referred to the returnees as "transient" as far as Germany was concerned.

## FORTY JEWISH "RETURNEES" FROM ISRAEL ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- More than 40 "returnees" from Israel who attempted to enter Austria were arrested on the Italian-Austrian frontier, it became known here today. The group was originally not permitted to leave their car when the train reached Austrian territory. They were locked in the car and shipped back to the Italian side of the frontier. However, the Italian border authorities refused to accept them and sent them back to Austria.

Anxious to avoid complications with Italy, the Austrian authorities arrested the Jewish passengers and placed them temporarily in a DP camp in Salzburg. The Israeli Consulate in Vienna, informed of their arrest, will take measures to secure their release and will arrange for their return to Israel.

FIRST TRANSPORT OF GERMAN REPARATIONS GOODS REACHES ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The first shipment of goods from Germany under the terms of the German reparations pact arrived at the Israeli port of Jaffa this week-end. The vessel, originally scheduled to dock at Haifa, was diverted to Jaffa by the authorities to foil a planned demonstration by the Herut Party, right-wing group which has opposed dealing with the Germans from the first.

The cargo aboard the Israeli vessel, the S. S. Ethrog, consisted of 250 tons of caustic soda and iron shipped from Hamburg. Three hundred port laborers immediately began unloading the vessel. A heavy police guard was maintained on the sea about the ship and on the dock.

ISRAEL AIDS GREEK VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE ON IONIAN ISLANDS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- As the Israeli naval flotilla which last week worked with American, British and Greek naval units in rescue and relief work among the many thousands of survivors of the disastrous earthquakes which struck the Ionian Islands off the Greek coast today left Greek waters, Israeli aid to the stricken Greek people entered a new phase.

The first transport of blankets desperately needed by victims of the tremors, many of whom are injured and some of whom barely escaped from homes which were wrecked, was today flown from Israel to Athens. The shipment was prepared by the Israeli Red Mogen David.

The shipment was addressed to Archbishop Spyridon, chairman of the Greek relief committee for the victims. It was the Archbishop who during the Nazi occupation issued a declaration calling on all Greeks to aid the Jews. For this he was jailed by the Germans.

Greek King Paul and Queen Frederika today thanked the commander of the Israeli flotilla for the assistance given by his men. During the operations the Israeli commander was a member of the relief command which consisted of a Greek general and the commanders of the American, British and Israeli rescue units on the scene. When the Israeli units, which had served chiefly in transporting the wounded and survivors from the islands to the mainland, sailed for Haifa an American band played Hatikvah in their honor.

The Greek Minister to Israel, H. Moscolpus, today publicly thanked the Red Mogen David for its organization of a relief program in Israel in behalf of the Greeks. He spoke glowingly of the work of the Israeli Navy which, he pointed out, had been the first to offer its aid.

A military spokesman here revealed that when Israeli units--which were conducting exercises in the vicinity of the Greek islands when the quakes began--were ordered to aid in the rescue work they set up a shore headquarters on an island opposite Argostolion, a city which was almost completely wiped out during the five days of intermittent quakes. They also set up stations for the distribution of food and medicine as well as clothing, then concentrated on ferrying the injured to Piraeus, on the mainland.

On one trip an Israeli vessel carried 150 stretcher cases to the mainland. During the trips Israeli medical personnel attended the injured and in some cases Israeli doctors operated on emergency cases.

ARABS DECIDE NOT TO RAISE JERUSALEM ISSUE AT U. N. ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Representatives of the six Arab states which are members of the United Nations decided this week-end not to protest at this time to the UN General Assembly against the transfer of Israel's Foreign Ministry from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Previously, the Arab states addressed such protests to Washington and the United Nations.

DULLES' STAND ON JERUSALEM CRITICIZED BY CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles may have helped "heighten tensions in the Middle East" by criticizing the recent move of the Israel Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem, the American Christian Palestine Committee said in a letter to the Secretary released today.

The letter, signed by five prominent American Christian leaders, backed the Israel-suggested plan for internationalizing Jerusalem's Holy Places. "It has been recognized for some time now by competent and unbiased authorities that there is simply no rationale whatsoever to the territorial internationalization of Jerusalem," it noted.

In deploring the Israel Foreign Ministry shift, Sec. Dulles said two weeks ago this action would only aggravate Middle East tensions. He observed that a United Nations resolution still on the books favored internationalization of all of Jerusalem. The action he criticized is part of Israel's plan to make Jerusalem its capital.

The Committee pointed out in the letter to Sec. Dulles that it seemed to them the effect of his remarks on the Israel action "may be to encourage further Arab intransigence towards a peaceful solution of the future of Jerusalem and indeed to heighten tensions in the Middle East which it is in our national interest to allay."

Since the Government of Jordan "is at one with Israel in its opposition to the territorial internationalization of Jerusalem," the committee said, "the action of the Israeli Government in transferring its capital to the most ancient symbol of Jewish identity is a matter that properly lies within its own purview."

The letter bore the signatures of Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary of the Church Peace Union and the International Alliance of Friendship Through Religion; Bishop Charles K. Gilbert of the Episcopal Diocese of New York; Dr. Samuel Guy Innes of New York City, former adviser to the State Department; Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of the Watchman-Examiner, Baptist publication; and the Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes, minister emeritus of the Community Church of New York City.

ARABS RAID TWO ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN JERUSALEM CORRIDOR AREA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Armed Arab bands last night raided two Israeli settlements in the Jerusalem corridor area, using hand grenades and automatic rifle fire. Jewish guards repulsed the attackers. There were no casualties among the defenders.

Observers here believe that recent attacks have been organized by a central Arab organization with considerable resources in money and weapons. The main purpose of the attacks of late seem to be to kill people and destroy property. Often the raiders withdraw without looting homes and settlement installations.

The same Israeli observers believe that Israel will be compelled to institute more stringent measures to secure its borders and permit the continuation of a normal life in the frontier settlements.

JEWISH GROUPS LAUD EISENHOWER'S MOVE TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which comprise six national Jewish organizations and 30 local Jewish community councils, today sent telegrams to President Eisenhower commending his executive order establishing a government committee to prevent discriminatory employment practices in enterprises working on government contracts.

The American Jewish Committee emphasized in its telegram that it trusts that the committee will be enabled to adopt such measures as will result in the "complete elimination of inequality based on race, color, creed or national origin in work performed for the government." The NCRAC expressed hope that the program "will be implemented in such a way as to make a maximum contribution to the achievements of equality of opportunity for all Americans."

EISENHOWER ANNOUNCES COMPOSITION OF GOVT. BODY TO FIGHT BIAS

DENVER, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- In a move designed to underscore the Administration's concern with the problem of checking discrimination in employment on work provided by government contracts, President Eisenhower this week-end appointed Vice President Richard M. Nixon chairman of the 15-member government committee to fight discrimination by government contractors. The order establishing such a committee was issued last week.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, announcing the membership of the committee--which the President increased from 14 to 15 to provide a place for Mr. Nixon--declared:

"We are deliberately designating as chairman the second highest official in the Government of the United States to do everything we can as an Administration to see that the policy of the Administration of equal employment opportunity for those employed, or seeking employment, on Government contracts, is carried out to the letter.

"This reflects the attitude of the President of the United States and the whole Administration that there must be no discrimination in any phase of Government activity. The President has said that time and time again."

The public members of the committee, most of whom will confer with the President next Wednesday, include: Fred Lazarus, Jr., a vice-president of the American Jewish Committee; J. Ernest Wilkins, a Negro and an attorney, who was designated by President Eisenhower as vice-chairman of the committee; George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor; Walter P. Reuther, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Also, John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt; Mrs. Helen Rogers Reid, chairman of the board of the New York Herald Tribune; John L. McCaffrey, president of the International Harvester Co.; John M. Wisdom, Republican National Committeeman from Louisiana. Vice President Nixon was also listed as a public member of the committee.

The members representing the government on the committee, who have not yet been announced, will be named by the following six government agencies which will each name one official to represent their departments: Atomic Energy Commission; Departments of Labor, Commerce, Defense and Justice; and the General Services Administration.

SEN. WATKINS GOES TO EUROPE TO CHECK ON ISSUANCE OF U.S. VISAS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Sen. Arthur V. Watkins today announced he will examine the workings of the McCarran-Walters Immigration Law in a tour of overseas consular offices starting next month.

The Senator, chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he will especially watch for evidence bearing on complaints regarding the law referred to him by President Eisenhower. The President, in a letter to Sen. Watkins, said many complaints had reached the White House charging "many serious and inequitable restrictions" were contained in the immigration law.

Sen. Watkins said he would sit in with as many consular officials as possible to observe how they handle applications for immigration visas. He will not check into any specific cases involving complaints, but will watch the general working of the immigration law, he stated.

The Senator's plans also call for visits to European refugee camps and for a check into arrangements for handling the Emergency Refugee Bill that was enacted last month. The report of his tour will form the basis for action by his subcommittee on proposed changes on the McCarran-Walters Act.

Eisenhower Is Asked to Support Revision of Immigration Law

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman this week-end called upon President Eisenhower to adopt as part of the Administration's program the measure sponsored by Sen. Lehman and seven other Senators and 24 Representatives to amend and liberalize the McCarran Immigration Act.

In a letter sent in behalf of the bill's sponsors, Sen. Lehman said that they plan to include some revisions in the measure next Fall and that if the President were to support the legislation, "we would be able to include with these changes other modifications which might be agreed upon as a result of consultations with you and your advisors."

Sen. Lehman also pointed out to the President that the bill was introduced in Congress late in the last session because the sponsors were waiting for the President's emergency immigration legislation to clear and not cause any collision between the two proposals. In addition, he said that the sponsors hoped to provide the bill with bi-partisan sponsorship and that many Republican legislators had waited for the President's views on immigration before agreeing to join in sponsorship of the bill to liberalize and replace the McCarran Act.

J. D. C. INSTITUTES CASH RELIEF PROGRAM FOR JEWS IN EAST BERLIN

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- An emergency cash relief program to aid Jews living in East Berlin was inaugurated in West Berlin today by the Joint Distribution Committee which distributed cash grants to 200 Jewish men and women living in the Russian-occupied sector of the city. JDC headquarters here announced. The grants were given out through the West Berlin Jewish community building.

Enough funds have been made available to provide cash relief to all needy Jews in Eastern Germany and East Berlin, the JDC's office announced, and it is expected that within a week or two the number of beneficiaries of JDC relief aid will increase to around 500.

