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### 110 "RETURNEES" MOVED TO HAMBURG; WILL EMIGRATE TO LATIN AMERICA

MUNICH, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- One of the most pathetic chapters of the postwar history of the Jews in Germany was drawing to a close today as 110 bedraggled "illegal returnees" evacuated the Moehl Strasse Synagogue, where they had been living under the most wretched physical conditions, and left for Hamburg. From that port they will leave for Latin American countries this month.

In Hamburg they will live in a German emigrants' hostel until they leave for Latin America. Their expenses during the remainder of their stay in Germany will be met by the Joint Distribution Committee and the central Welfare Agency of the Jews of Germany. The cost of the emigration program will be borne by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

The 110 "returnees" -- last of some 150 men, women and children -- all came here from Israel. Half of them had gone to Israel from Germany while the remainder had emigrated directly from various East European countries. Finding economic or weather conditions unsuitable in Israel, they "infiltrated" Germany via Austria and France this Spring, hoping to use Germany as a springboard for immigration to the Western Hemisphere. Without valid German entrance or residence permits, the "returnees" had hoped to find shelter at Fochrenwald, last remaining Jewish DP camp in Germany.

However, the German authorities, who now administer the camp, had effectively barred this move this past Summer when they carried out a census of the "illegal" DP's in Germany, giving a semi-legal status to the nearly 800 who registered at that time. The newcomers, penniless and unwelcome -- wherever they turned in this new situation -- in the end sought sanctuary in the Moehl Strasse Synagogue.

### SUPREME ZIONIST BODY ASKS RUSSIA TO PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The week-long meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, policy-making body of the Zionist movement between sessions of the World Zionist Congress, concluded here this week-end following the adoption of resolutions calling upon the Soviet Union and the other Communist countries to permit the emigration of Jews to Israel, expressing concern over the Western Powers' wooing of the Arab states at the possible expense of Israel, and approving structural changes in the Zionist organizational make-up.

The Zionist leaders from all parts of the world expressed their shock at the fact that Zionist leaders have been tried and sentenced to severe prison terms in Rumania.

Czechoslovakia and Hungary for their Zionist activities. The Actions Committee declared that it was identifying itself with imprisoned and exiled Zionist leaders and called for their release from jail and emigration from the satellite countries.

The resolution also called on the world to take note and protest against the "hostile and vengeful activities" of the Egyptian and Iraqi Governments for "fabricating judicial proceedings against Jews" in those countries on the grounds that they are Zionists.

The resolution expressing apprehension at the attempt to win over the Arabs, pointed out that these states are still waging war against Israel. It called for the Jewish people, the Zionist movement and world opinion to bring "to naught" the continuous efforts of the Arab states to destroy Israel. It also urged frustration of Arab plans to sabotage the development of Israel's natural resources.

#### Organizational Changes Decided Upon by Zionist Actions Committee

The resolution on organizational changes called for the establishment of territorial Zionist organizations in countries outside Israel, which would include all parties in the country as well as non-party members. Where the local Zionist groups feel that such an organization is unnecessary the matter will be referred to the Zionist executive for final decision.

The question of affiliation of individual Zionists who are not members of any party shall be decided in each country by a majority of the local Zionist groups in the envisaged territorial organization, the resolution said. Should such a decision not be arrived at, the matter would again be referred for final action to the Zionist executive.

The Actions Committee decided to postpone until its next session the question of whether Zionist parties in Israel shall continue to be entitled to double representation in the World Zionist Congress--the question of the so-called double shkel. The next Actions-Committee session will open July 21. The year 1954 was proclaimed Heral Year and special educational programs will be held in honor of the founder of modern Zionism.

The Actions Committee also made a number of personnel changes on the Jewish Agency executive, including: the naming of Louis Segal, American Labor Zionist leader, to succeed the late Hayim Greenberg as head of the Agency's cultural and education department; the replacement of Benjamin Browdy, who resigned from the American branch of the Agency, with Dr. Emanuel Neumann and his replacement as head of the economic department of the Jerusalem executive with Melv Grossman, Revisionist leader. It also appointed S. Z. Shragai to replace Itzhak Raphael, who resigned as head of the Agency's immigration department.

Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, addressing the final session of the meeting, appealed to Zionists in all countries to add investments to their contributions to Israel. "If every Zionist had built a house in Israel, planted a small orange grove or invested a little money here, how different would it look today?" he said. Mr. Eshkol warned that Israel still faces a tremendous danger and pointed out that the tendency of contributions to Israel to drop off may add to that danger.

David Ben Gurion, retired Premier of Israel, in an article in Davar, official organ of the Histadrut, says that the Zionist Actions Committee "did not give a clear and precise answer to the question of what are the obligatory values and contents of the Zionist movement." Referring to the letter which he addressed to the Actions Committee, and in which he indicated that immigration to Israel must be considered a primary aim of every Zionist, Mr. Ben Gurion said that the important part played by American Jewry during the recent Washington-Jerusalem crisis again poses the question: "What is the difference between an ordinary Jew and a Zionist?"

EISENHOWER TO ASK CONGRESS FOR \$190,000,000 AID FOR MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Eisenhower Administration is prepared to ask Congress for \$190,000,000 in economic aid for the Middle East in the next fiscal year, it was reported here this week-end. The fiscal year begins July 1.

FIRST CARGO OF SOVIET OIL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL ON ITALIAN TANKER

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The first cargo of Russian oil to be delivered to Israel under the recent Israel-Soviet trade agreement was unloaded at this port this week-end from an Italian tanker. The 10,000-ton cargo was destined for the Palestine Electric Corporation.

The oil, a heavy grade, will be tested by the company to see if it can be used directly in its operations without further refining. If it can be used, the power corporation will take the bulk of the 200,000 tons of oil which Israel will purchase with citrus fruit and cash. The Israeli Dolek fuel company has decided to sign another agreement for the purchase of 75,000 tons of oil from the USSR.

Originally, Israel was interested in purchasing Soviet crude oil and refining it at Haifa. However, this project was abandoned because it was found that the cost of refining the Russian type of oil was too high.

ISRAEL TRADE BALANCE IMPROVING; IMPORTS DOWN, EXPORTS UP

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Israel moved somewhat nearer to a favorable balance of trade during the first 11 months of 1953, it was indicated here today with the release of a temporary trade balance for the January-November, 1953, period. Imports dropped by some 25,000,000 pounds over the same period of 1952 while exports rose from 14,600,000 pounds in the first 11 months of 1952 to 19,000,000 pounds for the same months of last year.

The Cabinet this week-end extended the 80 percent premium for capital transfers in the form of hard currency from firms manufacturing industrial products for export to other sectors of the Israeli economy. In effect, this will extend the rate of L. 8 Israeli pounds for each dollar earned to the citrus, air transport and shipping industries. The transfer of funds by institutions, however, will continue to be made without premiums.

The extension of this rate to wider sectors of the economy was seen here as another move in the direction of the establishment of a single exchange rate of L. 8 pounds to the dollar. It was also interpreted to mean a reduction in the heavy government subsidies to essential imports which were provided by the assignment of the preferred exchange rate.

Citrus producers hailed the move as one which will make it possible for them to compete favorably with Spanish orange growers, who have provided severe competition in world markets. The citrus industry will not receive an immediate benefit from the new exchange rate because the citrus board owes the government some 3,000,000 pounds which will be repaid from citrus dollar earnings.

COMMUNISTS DEMONSTRATE IN TEL AVIV; DEMAND LOWER TAXES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Several hundred Communists demonstrated in the main streets here carrying slogans against the government's policy of freezing salaries, aid to unemployed, and taxes. The demonstration passed quietly.

TRIAL OF EIGHT EGYPTIAN JEWS STARTS IN MILITARY COURT

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The trial of eight Egyptian Jews, including one woman, on charges of conducting Zionist propaganda in Egypt in behalf of the left-wing Mapam Party, opened in Alexandria, it was reported here today from Cairo.

The eight, who face prison terms of three to ten years, are being tried by a military court and are being defended by a team of lawyers including Felix Ben Zakaria, vice-president of the Alexandria Jewish community. The defendants are: Albert Asoual; Robert Grunspan; Albert Gabbal; Andre Cohen; Jacques Jassoun; Joseph Chalom; Albert Sullam and Miss Rose Dayan.

ESTABLISHMENT OF GERMAN-ISRAEL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS URGED

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- German newspapers gave prominence this week-end to a front-page editorial in the "Allgemeine Wochenzeitung," only Jewish newspaper in Germany, advocating establishment of diplomatic relations between Germany and Israel as quickly as possible in 1954.

Karl Marx, publisher of the Jewish weekly, declared in the editorial that Israel could be charged with applying a double standard by refusing to maintain diplomatic relations with West Germany while maintaining them with Austria without regard to what he called the latter's anti-Jewish past and present policy. The editorial says that establishment of German-Israeli relations should not await fulfillment of Germany's material obligations.

JEWS HONORED IN ENGLAND; 13 JEWISH MEMBERS IN HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The elevation of Leslie Hore-Belisha to the peerage in the Queen's New Year Honors List brings to 13 the number of Jews in the House of Lords. This is the largest number of Jews to sit at one time in the Upper House in the history of that institution. Baron Leslie was Secretary of War in the pre-World War II Cabinet.

Also honored were: Jacob Epstein, the New York-born famous sculptor, who was named a knight; Kenneth Cohen of the Foreign Office, who was appointed a Commander of the Bath; Dennis Herbert Giffen, London health official, who was named an officer of the Order of the British Empire; Abraham Lightman, chief executive officer of the Food Ministry, who was named an officer of the OBE; Charles Edward Sebag-Montefiore, who was named an officer of the OBE; and P. Goldberg, Assistant Secretary of the Labor Ministry, who was named a Commander of the British Empire.

BRITISH BLACK SHIRTS SHOUT ANTI-JEWISH OBSCENITIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The resurgence of British Fascism, based squarely on anti-Semitism, was predicted here this week-end following a "reunion" of Sir Oswald Mosley's "Union Movement."

Reporting the proceedings of this public meeting, at which some 300 British Black Shirts gave the Nazi salute, sang the Nazi Horst Wessel song and bellowed "obscenities about the Jews," the "Picture Post," one of Britain's leading illustrated magazines, said that the significance of the meeting's being held in East London was that here Fascism is based "four square on anti-Semitism."

The magazine article said that Mosley admitted that after a series of public and private meetings this year, he plans to run for Parliament in East London.

HIAS OPENS ALIEN REGISTRATION BUREAU; U. S. COMMISSIONER PRESENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- In the presence of Argyle Mackey, U. S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, the HIAS today opened at its headquarters here a special alien registration bureau to help aliens of all faiths and nationalities file their annual report with the government during the month of January, in accordance with a provision of the Internal Security Act of 1952.

Commissioner Mackey came from Washington this morning to observe the registration process at the HIAS bureau and to help register the initial group of callers, including several G. I.'s recently discharged from service and awaiting citizenship, and a 100-year-old man who has been examined by the Supreme Court and expects to receive his citizenship papers by Spring. Seven HIAS branch offices at Boston, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington will also assist all aliens in filing their reports.

AMERICAN JEWISH SCIENTIST RECEIVES HIGH MATHEMATICS AWARD

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Bocher Award, one of the highest honors in mathematics, has been given to Prof. Norman Levinson of Harvard University for his "contributions to the theory of linear, nonlinear, ordinary and partial differential equations contained in his papers of recent years." The presentation was at the sixtieth annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society, at Johns Hopkins University.

The Bocher Award is made once every five years in memory of Prof. Maxime Bocher for "notable research memoir in analysis." Professor Levinson's citation, mentioning his contributions to the theory of differential equations, said the contributions "include studies of asymptotic behavior of solutions, stability questions, existence of periodic solutions and perturbations theory."

CATHOLIC COLLEGE HONORS MEMORY OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- St. Mary's College, a Catholic institution, has established a lasting tribute to the late Sam Levy, a devout Jew whose support of the Catholic college continued over many years.

The St. Mary's Alumni Association has established the Sam Levy Memorial Scholarship in memory of the Berkeley haberdasher who for many years helped many students at St. Mary's and other colleges in the area to continue their college careers.

ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADER TO STUDY CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL AND U. S.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Salvador Kibrick, noted Jewish lawyer and one of the leaders of Argentine Jewry, left today by air for Israel to study conditions there. He will also visit Jewish communities in Europe and in the United States.

A former secretary of the Jewish Agency in Buenos Aires, Dr. Kibrick was one of the founders of the Association of Friends of the Hebrew University in Argentina. He was lauded by Dr. Chaim Weizmann for his efforts in behalf of the establishment of an Argentine chair at the Hebrew University. He is the legal adviser of various Jewish institutions in Argentina and of the Yiddische Zeitung, largest Jewish daily newspaper in Latin America.