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## JEWISH LEADERS START THIRD DAY OF HUNGER STRIKE AGAINST RUMANIA

TEL AVIV, May 25. (JTA) -- The mass hunger strike of Rumanian Jewish leaders in Israel today entered its third day. The strikers seek to draw the attention of world public opinion to the trials and imprisonment of Zionist and Jewish communal leaders in Bucharest.

A group of women who formerly lived in Rumania today asked to join the mass hunger strike. However, physicians who are keeping the strikers under observation ruled this out. Dr. M. Abeles, one of the strikers and a physician, has organized a field clinic to care for the group.

Delegations from a number of organizations in Israel called on the strikers today to express solidarity in the cause for which they are maintaining their fast. Also, hundreds of cables of solidarity have arrived at the Great Synagogue here, where the strikers are maintaining their vigil, from all parts of the world.

Among the delegations which visited the strikers today were representatives of the Israel section of the World Jewish Congress, Labor Mizrachi organization, and labor groups, as well as a number of individuals prominent in Rumanian Jewish circles in this country.

(A survey of the general British press conducted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today revealed that none of the London newspapers has yet mentioned the mass hunger strike of leading Israelis in protest against the trial and imprisonment of Zionist and Jewish communal leaders in Rumania. In the United States the news of the hunger strike was carried by most of the leading newspapers.)

## Zionists in France Protest the Mass Arrests in Rumania

PARIS, May 25. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of France today adopted a resolution protesting the arrest, trial and imprisonment of Rumanian Zionist leaders.

The resolution also demanded the release of the imprisoned men and women and asked that they be allowed to proceed to Israel. It said that the only "crime" they had committed was membership in the Zionist movement and sympathy for Israel. Finally, it expressed "profound and fraternal sympathy" for the imprisoned leaders.

## FRENCH GENERAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL CONFER WITH CHIEF OF STAFF

TEL AVIV, May 25. (JTA) -- French General Paul de Brouchoux arrived here today on a ten-day visit. During his stay, the General will meet Israel Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Dayan, Defense Minister Pinchas Lavon and, possibly, Premier Moshe Sharett.

SHIP FROM HAIFA PASSES THROUGH SUEZ CANAL TO EILAT UNMOLESTED

TEL AVIV, May 25. (JTA) -- A vessel with a cargo of 300 tons of cement from Haifa has reached the Israeli port of Eilat, at the head of the Gulf of Akaba, via the Suez Canal.

After the cement is unloaded at Eilat, the vessel will take on a cargo of 300 tons of copper ores from Negev mines for shipment to Haifa.

TWO-YEAR PROJECT TO ENLARGE HAIFA PORT REACHES COMPLETION

HAIFA, May 24. (JTA) -- The two-year project to enlarge the Haifa port facilities will be completed within the next few days, it was stated today by officials involved in the project. The work was done by the Israel construction cooperative Solel Boneh, in collaboration with a Dutch firm of harbor engineers.

Two new docks have been constructed, each over 1,500 feet long, and each built of concrete. The harbor has been dredged alongside the piers to a depth of 37 feet, permitting the largest ocean liners to tie up alongside. One of the docks is for passenger vessels, the second for cargo ships.

In the dredging operation over 11 acres of marsh land was filled in and will be used for a new railroad terminal in the port area. A total of 120,000 man-days of labor has been put into the project, Solel Boneh officials estimate.

JORDAN REITERATES REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE PEACE TERMS WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Government, in a statement issued yesterday by the government press office, has reiterated its refusal to negotiate a peace settlement with Israel, the New York Times reported today from the Jordan-held Old City of Jerusalem. The report added that Jordan insists upon implementation of the United Nations decisions on boundaries in Palestine and on repatriation of Arab refugees.

The report said that the government statement sought to explain the attitude of Jordan's new Premier Tewfik Abdul Huda, who had been thought by some to favor--under pressure from Britain--a "softer" policy toward Israel.

It pointed out that "any suggestion that Jordan should engage in direct peace talks with Israel would be regarded as treasonous by most of the public, particularly the 500,000 Arab former residents of Palestine who have Jordanian citizenship."

YUGOSLAVIA DETERMINED ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, ENVOY SAYS

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- The new Yugoslav Minister to Israel, Yvan Vucmanovic, today presented his credentials to Israel President Itzhak Ben-Zvi. The Yugoslav envoy told the President that his government has a "sincere desire to continue the friendly relations between both countries which are rooted in recent history when both states fought against a common enemy in the second World War."

Replying, President Ben Zvi said: "The common fight against our enemy was rooted in the spiritual semblance of both nations and I hope the friendly relations between the two states continue to flourish."

DR. GOLDMANN ARRIVES IN GERMANY TO CONFER ON INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, May 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, arrived here today to confer with West German Minister for Economic Affairs Prof. Ludwig Erhard and Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer on problems connected with the reparations pact and the delay in implementing Bonn legislation for individual indemnification for victims for the Nazis.

86 PERCENT OF FOEHRENWALD DP'S WISH TO REMAIN IN GERMANY

MUNICH, May 25. (JTA) -- Some 86 percent of the 1,200 Jewish DP's at Foehrenwald, the last Jewish DP camp in Germany, have indicated a desire for permanent or temporary integration into the German economy, study of the results of a questionnaire recently sent to the DP's by the Bavarian Government revealed today.

In preparation for the scheduled closing of the camp early next year, the Bavarian authorities asked the DP's how many expect to be able to leave Germany by that time. Only 8.5 percent answered affirmatively, although both the Joint Distribution Committee and the German Government have agreed to give them transportation assistance and the JDC will give immigrants some aid in their new homes.

Thirty-one percent of the DP's indicated a desire to remain in Germany permanently. Fifty-five percent asked to remain temporarily in the hope that they would be able to leave later for countries of their choice--usually the United States and Canada. Two and one half percent are chronically ill people who will be sent to German health institutions. Most of the Jews who decided to remain chose either Munich or Frankfurt for the city in which they would like to settle.

J.D.C. TO HELP JEWS IN GERMANY BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT

FRANKFURT, May 25. (JTA) -- The establishment of a revolving loan fund to help Jews in Germany become self-sufficient artisans, professionals or businessmen, announced yesterday by the Joint Distribution Committee and the Central Welfare Agency of the Jews in Germany, was seen here today as another indication of the consolidation of a postwar Jewish community in Germany.

The two organizations have revealed that sums up to \$1,000 will be made available by the JDC and the welfare agency from monies turned over to them by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The German Jewish communities will also supply a portion of the capital of the loan funds. The funds will be set up locally in Frankfurt, Munich, Berlin and one city in the British zone.

Initiative for establishing the free loan funds came from the JDC which brought Noel Aronovici, its reconstruction expert, to Germany as a technical advisor on the project. The preliminary meeting was called jointly by James P. Rice, JDC director for Germany, and Dr. Berthold Simonsohn, head of the Central Welfare Agency. Also present at that session were 30 Jewish communal and business leaders including Hans Schueller, president of the Jewish Trade Association, and Dr. H. G. Van Dam, secretary general of the Council of Jews in Germany.

Moses W. Beckelman, JDC overseas operations chief, today announced that the JDC's main office in Germany will be moved from Munich to Frankfurt. The move will assure closer liaison between the rehabilitation agency and the Central Welfare Agency and the Jewish community groups.

OSE TO SEND MISSION TO INVESTIGATE TB CASES IN FOEHRENWALD

CAPETOWN, South Africa, May 25. (JTA) -- A special mission to investigate the TB cases among the Jewish displaced persons at Foehrenwald Camp, near Munich, will be sent by the World OSE Union, it was announced here today by Abel Shaban, chairman of the world executive of the organization.

Addressing a meeting here, Mr. Shaban said that the reason for sending the OSE mission to Germany is to establish what help can be given on the spot to the sick Jewish DP's and how many of them should be taken out from Germany to sanatoria in other countries. There are now about 400 TB cases among the Jews in Foehrenwald, Mr. Shaban stated.

ORIGINATOR OF "CHRISTIAN AMENDMENT" DOUBTS ITS WISDOM

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- Sen. Ralph E. Flanders, Vermont Republican, who introduced the so-called "Christian Amendment" to the Constitution on which public hearings were held last week, today expressed strong doubt as to the wisdom of adopting the amendment.

The amendment, which would grant Federal recognition to "the authority and law of Jesus Christ" drew opposition from Jewish and Protestant groups on the ground that it would violate the principle of separation of church and state.

The Senator said today that he introduced the resolution "by request." "I was dubious myself as to the desirability of such an amendment," he stated, "but I could see the viewpoint of those of my constituents who thought such a reference to the Deity should be made a part of our Constitution. It was my opinion that they were entitled to a hearing and that at the hearing the issues could be brought out."

After reading the transcript of testimony the Senator decided he was "still dubious." He said: "I think there is an essential conflict between this proposal and other sections of the Constitution guaranteeing complete freedom of religious belief and practice and that if adopted in its present form, it would cause a conflict between one part of the Constitution and another that would obviously be bad."

Sen. Flanders did not appear at the hearings personally nor did he send a statement in support of the resolution which he introduced.

ORGANIZED ANTI-SEMITISM STILL SEEN AS THREAT TO U.S. JEWRY

PITTSBURGH, May 25. (JTA) -- Organized anti-Semitism has changed its tactics but remains as great as ever, Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, declared here at a meeting in the Webster Hall Hotel.

"Today's anti-Semites are using more subtle approaches to public opinion by salting public discussion of national and international issues with hate propaganda and by exploiting justifiable public anxiety concerning the threat of Communism," Dr. Slawson said.

"The threat of bigotry polluting the American atmosphere can best be averted by an alert American public," Dr. Slawson stated. "Hate-mongers and their machinations must be exposed, as the American Jewish Committee has been doing for nearly a half century. It is the obligation of respectable leaders and supporters of various movements to dissociate themselves from groups which cannot dislodge the anti-Semites, and to persuade other men of good will to do likewise.

"There is much room in the market place of ideas for opposing viewpoints on a multitude of issues--national and international, political, social, and economic. That is the glory of American democracy. But the public must be shown how to recognize and reject the ideological counterfeiters who would pass on as legal tender their hollow coins of bigotry."

W.J.C. EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER JEWISH GIRL HELD IN CONVENT

LONDON, May 25. (JTA) -- A.L. Easterman, political director of the World Jewish Congress, has conferred with the Netherlands and Belgian legations here on the case of Anneke Beekman, Jewish child who was spirited out of Holland by her Catholic fostermother to a Belgian convent. The child was moved again later and her whereabouts are not now known to the Jewish community.

Mr. Easterman, who entered the discussions at the legations only after meeting with representatives of the Dutch Jewish community, informed the diplomats of the concern of world Jewish circles with the affair. He was assured at both legations that the views he presented would be made known to the respective governments.

ISRAELI POLICE RAID OFFICES OF WORLD MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- The Israeli police today entered the headquarters here of the world Mizrahi central committee and confiscated all documents and accounts pertaining to Shlomo Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare, who is a Mizrahi leader.

Earlier this week Yedioth Achronoth, an evening newspaper, reported that Attorney General Chaim Cohen was drafting an indictment allegedly charging Mr. Rosenberg with contravening the currency regulations.

In the Knesset yesterday, Mr. Rosenberg denied the charges published in the newspaper and demanded that either the Attorney General sue the newspaper or permit him to do so. He also offered to waive his personal immunity as a deputy in Parliament and stand trial on any charges the Attorney General may file. He later said that the charges were part of a political plot against him.

The Mizrahi central committee protested today's police action to Premier Moshe Sharett. "Our accounts are not closed to anybody," the protest said, "and if the police needed some documents connected with Mr. Rosenberg they could have obtained them by a written or oral approach. But the posting of guards and the confiscation of documents of our highest institutions and the moral offense of such an action is an unforgiveable matter."

ART AUCTION IN PARIS BRINGS 8,000,000 FRANCS FOR YOUTH ALIYAH

PARIS, May 25. (JTA) -- An auction sale of paintings, books, jewels and other art objects has brought the Youth Aliyah movement 8,000,000 francs (about \$23,000), it was announced here today.

The sale, held in the Charpentier Gallery, featured works donated by artists, dealers and private collectors. The highest price was 680,000 francs paid for a painting by Marc Chagall and the second highest was 230,000 francs for a Picasso drawing. Among the notables present at the auction was Israel Minister Yaacov Tsuri.

The Louvre this week opened to the public, for the first time, a portion of a collection of rare engravings left to the French national museum by Baron Edmund de Rothschild. The collection includes works of such masters as Rembrandt and Da Vinci.

W. Z. O. PUBLICATION ISSUES SPECIAL HAYIM GREENBERG MEMORIAL EDITION

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- A memorial to the late Dr. Hayim Greenberg, a leading philosopher of labor Zionism, member of the Jewish Agency executive and one of the outstanding intellectual figures of the contemporary Zionist movement, is contained in the current issue of "Megillat," a Hebrew language review of Jewish education and culture published by the Department for Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization in New York. Dr. Greenberg died here on March 14, 1953.

Contributors to the memorial issue include Zalman Shazar, J. A. Heschel, Professor Salo W. Baron, Professor S. H. Bergman, Professor H. Bavli, Professor Israel Efros, M. Hadas and Gabriel Preil. The issue also contains an essay by Dr. Greenberg, "The Golem Jew."

Three volumes of Dr. Greenberg's works in Yiddish are being published posthumously. They are "Jews and World," "Page from a Diary" and "World and Personalities." A collection of his essays in English was published this year under the title "The Inner Eye."