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JEWISH GROUPS WORRIED OVER FATE OF JEWS IN MOROCCO, TUNISIA

PARIS, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here are seriously worried over the continued outbreaks in French Morocco, in which Jews are being murdered and their property looted in the fight between Moslem nationalists, who insist on the return to Morocco of the former Sultan, Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, and the followers of the present French-appointed Sultan, Sidi Mohammed ben Moulay Araf.

Although the Jews are not involved in the political fight now raging in Morocco, they are in mortal fear, especially in the small towns where incited crowds are utilizing the tension to loot Jewish stores. Several Jews who made an effort to protect their property were killed by rioters last week. The situation is reported here to be especially precarious for Jews in Fez, where Jewish families prefer to be confined to their homes and not to appear in the street.

Jewish organizations here are also watching the developments in Tunisia, where a new all-Arab Cabinet was formed today with power to negotiate a self-government agreement with France. There are more than 250,000 Jews in Morocco. In Tunisia, there are about 100,000 Jews scattered in about 25 towns, with 60,000 of them in Tunis.

Jewish Committee Sends Envoy to Study Situation in Tunisia

Zachariah Schuster, European director for the AJC, flew from Paris to Tunis today to confer with leaders of the Jewish community there, and to meet with prominent French and Moslem personalities. The fundamental problem, Mr. Schuster said before departing, is assurance "that Jews, as individuals, will receive the same and equal rights granted all other Tunisians, with no discrimination because of religion."

Another concern, declared Mr. Schuster, is the status to be given under the new regime to the network of Jewish religious and communal institutions, which must be permitted to function freely if Tunisian Jews are to be able to have a meaningful life as Jews in this predominantly Moslem country.

"We must inquire," the AJC representative said, "about the new regime's recognition of Jewish marriage rites and Jewish inheritance customs which have been regulated by Rabbinical courts backed by enforcement regulations always provided by Tunisian authorities. The Tunisian Jews have also developed a Federation of Communities, now recognized by the government, which sponsor valuable social welfare and educational work. Several treaties between France and Tunisia, some going as far back as 1857, assert that there shall be no

discrimination as between Jews and Moslems in Tunisia. We want to make certain that these treaties are reaffirmed in the new conventions now being drawn for the governing of Tunisia. "

In addition to the 80,000 native Jews in Tunisia, there are also an estimated 20,000 French Jews living there. However, the French Jews will be protected by special conventions now being drawn with regard to all French citizens residing in the old protectorate.

TIME NOT YET RIPE FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE, SAYS HAMMARSKJOLD

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 8, (JTA) -- The opinion that the time is not yet ripe for peace between Israel and the Arab states was expressed here today by United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, in his annual report to the member states. Emphasizing that the United Nations "has a special responsibility in the Middle East," Mr. Hammarskjold said:

"During the past year, the situation in that area has deteriorated. Efforts to improve conditions have been made in the Security Council, but so far without result. As Secretary-General, I have also offered my services to the parties in order to facilitate negotiations aiming at the solution of certain practical problems of limited scope.

"I feel that it should be recognized that the time is not yet here for a peace settlement between the Arab States and Israel. But this should not render impossible the elimination of many points of friction which do not raise any questions of principle. In the meanwhile, it is the duty of the countries concerned to put an end to actions of reprisal which, in a sinister series of attacks and counter-attacks, have cost many innocent lives and have embittered the relations between the peoples of the region.

"The situation has been further complicated by steps which have reduced the opportunities for the United Nations organs in the field to render their impartial services to the parties concerned. The existing situation is a matter of deep concern. In the effort to build up the authority of the United Nations as an agent for peace and justice, the co-operation of the governments of the members in the area is essential. "

EBAN GETS "CLEAR PICTURE" ON U.S. STAND AFTER TALK WITH DULLES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban yesterday completed a series of top-level discussions at the State Department with an hour-long discussion with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, but declined to divulge details of the vital talks.

Mr. Eban, who leaves for Israel on Tuesday, stated he is now in a position to give his government "a clear picture of the secretary's thinking at this stage. " He said he would present "a complete account of these serious and important discussions. "

Mr. Eban said the sole subject pursued at yesterday's meeting was Israel's anxiety over repercussions on her security arising from recent developments in the Near East, especially with regard to the British withdrawal from the Suez zone. He added that he has now given the State Department a complete account of Israel's views.

Earlier, Mr. Eban conferred with David Wainhouse, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs. In this talk, it is believed, he discussed aspects pertaining to the United Nations of the British withdrawal from Suez, and the 1951 United Nations declaration demanding that Egypt open the Canal to shipping bound to and from Israel.

W. J. C. PARLEY DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH AFRICA, EUROPE

ZURICH, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Political questions resulting from most recent developments in North Africa, Eastern Europe and Germany were discussed at the meeting of the coordinating committee of the World Jewish Congress which concluded here last night.

Among subjects discussed were: a project for expansion of WJC cooperation with other Jewish organizations throughout the world, questions relating to the future of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, and participation of the World Jewish Congress in the work of the United Nations Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

A comprehensive report was given at the meeting on the agreement recently concluded between the Congress and the Jewish Agency for cooperation in stimulating cultural activities in Jewish communities--especially such communities as are far removed from large centers of Jewish life. Fifteen delegates representing Israel, Europe, and the Western Hemisphere attended the sessions, which were presided over by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the WJC. Participants of the meeting held a luncheon honoring Dr. Goldmann on his sixtieth birthday.

RED CROSS HOPEFUL ON RELIEF TO JEWS IN IRON CURTAIN LANDS

GENEVA, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The possibility of extending medical relief work to Jewish organizations in countries behind the Iron Curtain were discussed here this week-end between H. A. Goodman, European chairman of the Agudat Israel organization, and officials of the International Red Cross. The officials expressed hope that the type of relief work sought by the Agudah leader might be developed soon in Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria.

Red Cross officials also told the Agudah leader that they are "watching" reports of desecrations of ancient Jewish cemeteries in the Jordanian sector of Palestine. They also indicated that they had conveyed to the Jordanian government protests received from the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross, the Magen David Adom, against Jordanian firing upon Israeli ambulances during the "three-day war" which flared up recently in Jerusalem.

GERMAN AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE MEETING COMMEMORATING HITLER

MUNICH, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Augsburg District Attorney has opened an official investigation, three months after the event, against a group that arranged a commemorative meeting in honor of Adolf Hitler on the latter's birthday. Known originally as the "Nonpartisan Association," the group was prohibited by the Bavarian government, but has now reconstituted itself under the title of "Association for the Interests of Denazification Sufferers."

In Wiesbaden, the Hesse Minister of Education opened disciplinary proceedings, seven months after the event, against long-time Nazi Party county leader Otto Schnell, for glorifying the Nazi regime. In public meetings he had declared that "simply all decent people" had been arrested by the Western Allies after the war and thrown into internment or labor camps which, according to him, "were incomparably worse than Himmler's concentration camps." Schnell leads the "Nazi Mutual Aid Association of Former Internees."

ISRAEL PURCHASING MISSION IN GERMANY OPENS OFFICE IN BREMEN

BREMEN, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany has opened an office here to facilitate handling of reparations cargoes and ship-building contracts. Headquarters of the Mission are in Cologne, and its other offices in this country are in West Berlin and Hamburg.

U.S. SEEKS MORE GUARANTEES FOR JOBS FOR NON-QUOTA IMMIGRANTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The admission of 214,000 non-quota immigrants to the United States under President Eisenhower's Refugee Relief Act of 1953 will be achieved by the end of 1956, provided enough Americans assure jobs and homes to the immigrants, it was indicated here this week-end by a State Department spokesman.

The spokesman said that 869 officials from various government agencies are now dealing with a total of 31,295 visa applications from Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece, Holland and Japan, and that most of the applicants -- 23,316--are in Italy. He revealed that up to last week, more than 7,136 visas had been issued, mostly to relatives of persons having residence in the United States. These included 5,367 visas issued in Italy.

The State Department spokesman emphasized that Americans and American organizations have so far been very slow in signing guarantees for jobs and homes for the non-quota immigrants. Such guarantees are requested in order to make sure that the newcomers will not displace American workers. Thus far, such assurances have come from 11,896 Americans, the State Department revealed.

162,700 JEWS IN OVERSEAS LANDS RECEIVED J. D. C. AID IN 1953

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee provided assistance in 1953 to 162,700 needy Jews in Israel, Europe and the Moslem countries, it was reported today by the JDC headquarters here. The largest group aided -- 97,845 -- were Jews in seven Moslem countries of Asia and North Africa, where more than one of every six Jewish men, women and children received the agency's help.

The report indicates continued expansion in the assistance provided by Malben, JDC's welfare program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel. In contrast with some 19,000 who received Malben aid in 1952, the program aided 21,510 men, women and children during 1953 in a network of old-age homes, custodial care centers, hospitals, sanitarium, sheltered workshops and other institutions throughout the Jewish State. In 1954, JDC has allocated a major share of its \$26,186,000 budget -- \$11,750,000 -- for its Malben program alone.

Summarizing some of the organization's activities since the end of World War II, the report reveals that JDC aided 621,206 men, women and children to emigrate in the post-war period. During the same years, the overseas relief agency shipped 229,341,144 pounds of food, wearing apparel and other commodities, including medical supplies, from the United States - in addition to thousands of pounds of such items purchased overseas.

In a foreword to the report, Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, indicates that, by the end of 1954, the 40th year of JDC activities, the agency will have spent approximately \$525,000,000. Countries in which needy Jews received JDC aid during 1953, in addition to Israel, include Austria, Germany, Italy, Belgium, France, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia in Europe; and Algeria, Iran, Libya, French and Spanish Morocco, Tangier, Tunisia and other areas in the Moslem world.

During 1953 JDC-financed credit institutions made 3,336 loans amounting to \$1,344,000, to aid needy and disabled men and women to reestablish themselves economically, Mr. Leavitt stated.

ISRAEL'S CHIEF OF STAFF LEAVES U.S.; VISITED MILITARY SITES

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- General Moshe Dayan, Israel Army Chief of Staff, emplaned for Paris last night, completing a successful tour of American military installations. He is scheduled to discuss "military affairs of mutual interest" with defense officials of the French government.

His last formal visit in Washington, upon returning from a trip that took him to the South and Middle West, was with Vice-Admiral A. C. Davis, director of foreign military affairs for the Department of Defense, with whom Gen. Dayan conferred Friday.

TEXAS WORKERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO BEGIN DRILLING FOR OIL

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Two Texas oil specialists left yesterday for Israel by plane from the Idlewild airport here to begin drilling for oil. Their oil rig left Houston for Israel aboard ship two weeks ago, after public ceremonies at which leaders of the Israel Bond drive in Texas bade "Godspeed" to the Israel-American Line's S.S. La Orilla, bearing the million-dollar rig shipped by Pontiac Petroleum, Ltd. of Calgary, Canada.

The rig will be set up in early September near the Mediterranean Sea, between Haifa and Tel Aviv, where it will drill to a depth of 9,000 feet in its probe for the Holy Land's first oil well. The equipment, shipped from Houston, includes more than twenty miles of drill pipe and tubing; 150,000 bags of chemically treated mud; a fleet of specialized automotive equipment including a 70 foot trailer-truck, and a 150-foot derrick that can drill to a depth of 10,000 feet.

U.S. ARCHEOLOGIST TRACES BIBLICAL INCIDENT TO NEGEV SOURCE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, of Cincinnati, and noted archeologist, has traced to its source in the Negev Desert the trail of destruction left by Chedorlaomer, a king who battled against the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah--as told in Genesis--until defeated by a force of 318 men led by Abraham, about 2,000 years before the Christian era.

Dr. Glueck has been continuing this summer his archeological studies in the Negev area, which he began several years ago. He has found ruined Bronze Age sites which he believes to have been destroyed during Chedorlaomer's expeditions to the area.

"The evidence I find in the Negev now," said Dr. Glueck, "is pretty good substantiation of the story told in Chapter XIV of Genesis. It proves the remarkable memory of the historians who passed on the biblical stories verbally for at least 1,000 years, until the written version of the Bible was set down."

SAMUEL SCHWISSBERG, CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Aug. 8. (JTA)-- Funeral services were held here today for Samuel E. Schwissberg, former co-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada and prominent leader in many other Jewish community affairs, who died here Friday at the age of 56 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Schwissberg graduated from McGill University law school here in 1926, and was named King's Counsel in 1944. He has been co-president of the United Zionist Council of Canada, past president of the Zionist Order Habonim, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, and chairman of the Montreal UPA campaign for five successive years. In addition, he was a member of the board of governors of the Jewish General Hospital here, active in the United Talmud Torahs, and vice-chairman of the National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation.