



Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

400 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 14, N.Y.

VOL. XXI No. 154 - 36th year

Friday, August 13, 1954

15,000 MOROCCAN JEWS SEEK EMIGRATION; MANY WARNED TO LEAVE COUNTRY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Twenty-five thousand Jews in Morocco have registered with the Jewish Agency for emigration to Israel, it was announced here today. In view of the tense situation in Morocco, the Agency started negotiations with an Israeli shipping company for their transportation. The first group of 600 will arrive tomorrow, followed by another group of 1,000 by the end of this month, and 2,000 more in September.

A number of well-to-do Jews in Morocco have received threatening letters from Arab terrorists, ordering these Jews to leave the country within three months, it was reported here today by David Rubino, a merchant, upon his arrival from Casablanca.

Mr. Rubino, in giving the first eye-witness report on the Moslem terror against Jews in Morocco, said that seven Jews lost their lives in the pogroms in Fes and Petitjean last week. Many other Jews, he reported, were injured, shops were looted, businesses and artisans' booths that had been maintained by Moroccan Jews for generations were smashed by the rioters.

"The terror is not aimed specifically against the Jews," he declared. "The terror has its own political motivation. But Jews are suffering, and losing their lives. Most Moroccan Jews want to leave the country, want to emigrate to Israel. This includes many who, up to very recently, had no particular desire to go to Israel. These have changed their minds overnight, because of the pogroms."

EGYPT CHARGED BY ISRAEL WITH NEW AGGRESSION; WATER LINE BLOWN UP

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Egypt was charged today by Israel with new "grave attacks" after a period of five weeks of comparative quiet on the Egyptian-Israeli border.

A military spokesman here said today that the main water pipeline near Niram was blown up last night by persons whose tracks led to Egyptian-held territory in the Gaza strip. A large quantity of explosives was used in the operation, the spokesman charged. United Nations observers today started an investigation on the spot.

The second aggressive incident, the spokesman said, took place when an Israel patrol was fired upon from across the Egyptian border near Rafah. The patrol returned fire. No casualties were reported.

NEW U.N. TRUCE CHIEF HOPES PALESTINE SITUATION WILL IMPROVE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, newly appointed chief of the United Nations truce supervisory organization in Palestine, today told a press conference here that he felt the Anglo-Egyptian agreement regarding the Suez Canal would bring about an improvement in the atmosphere of the Middle East and "one would hope that it would have an effect on the Palestine situation." He also expressed the hope that Israel would return to the Israel-Jordan Armistice Commission - which Israel has boycotted for several months.

Gen. Burns, who succeeds Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, said he would be leaving for the Middle East at the end of this week and expected to arrive in Jerusalem on August 19. He revealed that he would visit the capitals of the states involved in the Palestine armistice agreements with Gen. Bennike.

The new UN truce chief found the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission action in wiping the slate clean of charges and counter-charges "an encouraging development." "I hope to keep that slate clean," he stated. He has spent his time here, he said, in interviewing and seeing the Secretary-General and the delegates from Israel, Lebanon, Egypt, and Syria, as well as studying documents on the Israel-Arab situation provided him by the United Nations Secretariat.

HERBERT MORRISON AGREES TO HELP ISRAEL BOND DRIVE IN U.S.

LONDON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Herbert Morrison, who was British Foreign Minister during the Labor Party's government, will go to the United States in October to help campaign for the sale of Israel Bonds.

Announcement of Mr. Morrison's acceptance of the Israel Bond organization's invitation to help the sales drive was made here today by Henry Montor of New York, executive head of the Israel Bond organization. Mr. Morrison, who is now deputy leader of the Labor Party's opposition in Parliament, visited Israel recently and, according to Mr. Montor, "wants to give expression of his desire to help call attention to the achievements as well as the potentials of Israel's economic program."

Mr. Montor told the JTA here today that his talks with British officials, about launching an Israel Bond drive in this country, is proceeding smoothly. The conversations are continuing, he said, but he was not yet ready to state when the Bond arrangements here will be finalized.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER TO BE BUILT NEAR TIBERIAS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Atop one of the highest points overlooking the legend-rich Sea of Galilee--Mt. Poriya, near Tiberias--leaders in medicine, science and government gathered today to mark cornerstone-laying ceremonies for a "preventorium" to be known as the American-Israeli Medical Center.

Founded and financed by a group of American physicians and laymen, the new Center will be built as an ultra-modern resort, with a special section containing up-to-date diagnostic and therapeutic facilities for control and treatment of a variety of medical conditions, with particular attention to heart and blood vessel disease, high blood pressure and other circulatory disturbances.

The dedication address was delivered by Dr. Joseph B. Wolfe, prominent Philadelphia cardiologist and president of the American-Israeli Medical Center. Staffed by physicians and clinical investigators from Israel and other countries, the "preventorium" section of the new Center will be devoted to the control "and possible arrest of conditions such as arteriosclerosis and other so-called degenerative diseases associated with the aging process," Dr. Wolfe said.

GERMANS NAME JEWISH LEADER AS HEAD OF INDEMNIFICATION PROGRAM

STUTT GART, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The Baden-Wuerttemberg indemnification program, which was headed by Otto Kuester until his summary dismissal last week, has been put in temporary charge of Robert Perlen, 70-year-old former president of the Superior Court here.

A member of the board of the local Jewish Community, Perlen practiced as private attorney in this city until the war. He was appointed a judge after the collapse of the Nazi regime, but retired some years ago upon reaching the age limit.

In the State Parliament, the chairman of the four major political parties approved the abrupt dismissal of Kuester because he had "disparaged the Government and individual Ministers" in a private letter divulged through a crass breach of confidence by a correspondent of the newsmagazine "Der Spiegel." Former Minister of Justice Viktor Renner pointed out, however, that Kuester had not deliberately made the letter public and that the government previously wronged him on a number of occasions.

Analyzing the motives of the firing, Dr. Renner asserted that "quite obviously old prejudices came to the fore." He referred to letters in which the present Minister President, Dr. Gebhard Mueller, had stated that, on restitution questions, his views differed from those of Kuester "in almost every respect." Moreover, he recalled, Dr. Mueller had struck from the draft of his governmental statement of policy the sentence pledging that indemnification would be pursued with unwavering energy.

In his reply, the Minister President admitted that he had been and was still opposed to Kuester's advocacy of the Israel reparations pact, but insisted that he favored indemnification for individual claimants. The letter, which is given as the reason for the transformation of Kuester's six-month notice into summary dismissal, was addressed to Prof. Franz Boehm, former head of the German delegation to the reparations negotiations with Israel at The Hague, and now member of the Bundestag.

In an address over Radio Frankfurt, Professor Boehm strongly defended the right of Kuester to make the private statements he did, notably Kuester's allusion to the Nazi past of the Baden-Wuerttemberg Minister of Finance. Kuester, who was just about the last high-ranking German indemnification official willing to fight for an equitable indemnification program, is returning to the private practice of law.

LORD CHANCELLOR EXPLAINS OBJECTION TO BOOK ON NAZI ATROCITIES

LONDON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The anti-Nazi book by Lord Russell of Liverpool, British Army's top legal officer, who resigned rather than withdraw publication of the volume, was found objectionable by the Lord Chancellor "not because of the nature of the views" expressed in the book "but on the undesirability of a holder of judicial office expressing views which are intended to affect or may affect a matter of present public controversy."

A statement to this effect was made by the Lord Chancellor here today, explaining the Chancellor's view on the matter. Lord Russell's book, "The Scourge of the Swastika," scheduled for release August 19, exposes Nazi brutalities against the Jews, based in part on the author's experiences as British representative on the Allied War Crimes tribunals.

FRANKFURT COURT SENTENCES GERMAN FOR ANTI-JEWISH REMARK

FRANKFURT, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- A local court of appeal has confirmed a two-month jail sentence imposed by a lower court on Josef Haefner, who told a Jewish resident here: "What happened to you people isn't nearly enough. They ought to have hanged the lot of you."

20 MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS ISSUE JOINT CALL FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Jewish parents throughout the United States were urged to enroll their children for a Jewish education, and to participate actively in the educational programs of their own communities, in a "Call to Jewish Parents" issued today by the American Association for Jewish Education. The call was endorsed by the heads of more than 20 of the major national Jewish organizations.

The organizations which endorsed the call include the American Zionist Council, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Congress for Jewish Culture, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Mizrahi Organization of America, National Council for Jewish Education, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Welfare Board, and others.

"The beginning of the school year, this Fall, will coincide with the opening of an historic celebration--the observance of the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement on these shores," the appeal says. "During the Tercentenary, American Jews and their fellow-citizens of all faiths will commemorate the arrival of the first Jews as the beginning of three centuries of creative Jewish life in this country. During these years, Jews have contributed significantly and generously of their talents, their energies, and their labors toward the growth and development of this great land.

"This has been a saga of immense achievement, based partly on the inspiration they drew from Jewish tradition, but also on the opportunities which this nation provided in full measure to those who left less hospitable countries to make their homes in this bountiful land.

"The accomplishments of the Jews who settled here ennoble our lives, but they also charge us with responsibilities. In the first place, we have the obligation to see to it that the great spiritual, ethical and cultural traditions which they, among others, brought to this country, will be maintained and cherished. In the second place, we of this generation have the duty to lend meaning and dignity to our existence here by forging new weapons in behalf of American democracy, our own community and Jews in other lands, including the State of Israel.

"There is an indispensable method by which we can discharge these responsibilities, now and for the future. Through a program of effective Jewish education, we can forge the links with the generations that have passed and with the communities of Jews in all parts of the world.

"Jewish Education Month will be observed this year from September 12 to October 10. During this period we must create the conditions of community interest and participation--in the Fall enrollment--in a program of Jewish education for youth and adults, girls as well as boys, that will guarantee a future in keeping with our past, yet attuned to present-day conditions and challenges."

JEWISH EDUCATION FEUD SETTLED IN CHICAGO; UNITY ACHIEVED

CHICAGO, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Unity among the principal groups interested in the furtherance of Jewish education in the Chicago community has been achieved by adoption of a plan to strengthen the board of directors of the Board of Jewish Education, it was announced here today by Frank Marshall, BJE president.

The plan, which received the unanimous approval of the board of directors on July 23, was the result of a series of conferences convoked by Samuel A. Goldsmith, executive secretary of the Jewish Welfare Fund, at the invitation of the board of directors. The principal interested parties, which met with the representatives of the board of directors and drew up the plan, were the Chicago Council

of the United Synagogue, the Chicago Federation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Chicago Rabbinical Association.

The plan for strengthening the board of directors on the widest basis, and which, at the same time assures the largest measure of support for its work, calls for membership on the board of men and women to be drawn from panels of names to be offered by the Chicago Council of the United Synagogue, the Chicago Federation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and from groups representing the Orthodox and Yiddish schools. Two members of the Chicago Rabbinical Association will continue to sit on the board as previously. The board of directors itself will nominate a substantial number of members from the community at large.

JEWISH PLANNING COMMISSION SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- A National Planning Commission, consisting of outstanding representatives of American and Canadian Jewish communities, and headed by top officials of the State of Israel Bond Organization, is scheduled to leave from New York via El Al Israel Airlines on August 22 for a two-week study of economic developments in Israel, it was announced today by the Israel Bond Organization. Chairman of the commission is Philip Zinman of Camden, Israel Bond chairman for New Jersey.

The members of the Commission will inspect the country's major industrial plants, agricultural settlements and other projects, in order to gauge the rate of expansion and construction in these fields as a result of the infusion of Israel Bond capital. They will also seek to determine the scope of Israel Bond investments required for the fuller realization of the country's economic potential, with special emphasis on the tapping of natural resources and acceleration of production for export.

J.D.C. NAMES DIRECTOR FOR BRAZIL; WILL HELP NEW IMMIGRANTS

FRANKFURT Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Akiba Kohane, deputy director for Germany of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, has been appointed JDC director for Brazil. He will make his headquarters in Sao Paulo under the general supervision of Dr. Julius Lomnitz, JDC representative for South America.

Dr. Kohane will organize and administer in Brazil an immigration and integration program for newly-arrived immigrants, whose absorption into that country's life and economy has been beset with difficulties. He was secretary-general of the Zionist Organization of Poland before the war, and later settled in Palestine. In 1944, he joined the staff of the JDC, served the organization in Iran and in Poland, and, in 1947, was transferred to his JDC post in Germany.

1,000 YOUTHS FROM 16 COUNTRIES COMPLETE SEMINARS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- One thousand youths from 16 countries completed a series of seminars today conducted for them at special student camps in this country by the Jewish Agency. Most of the youths left for their homes today.

The future relations between Israel and Jewry abroad lies in their hands, the students were told in a closing address by Minister of Labor Golda Myerson. Other commencement speakers, who asked the students to make use of their understanding of the achievements recorded here by the people of Israel, were Minister of Health Joseph Burg, and Minister of Commerce Dov Joseph.

PRESIDENT OF DORTMUND JEWISH COMMUNITY DIES; WAS IN NAZI CAMP

DORTMUND, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Siegbert Vollman, head of the Jewish community, died here today. He had headed the local Jewish community since his liberation in 1945 from a concentration camp where he had spent the war years.