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JEWS FROM MOROCCO REACH ISRAEL; TELL OF POGROM ATMOSPHERE

HAIFA, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The first group of 599 Moroccan Jews escaping from the pogrom atmosphere now prevailing in Morocco arrived here today. Most of the immigrants are young people and come from Marakesh, Fez, Rabat and Casablanca.

The immigrants are the first of a stream of 25,000 Moroccan Jews already registered for entry into Israel by the Jewish Agency. They left aboard the Israeli ship "S.S. Jerusalem" two days after the start of the anti-Jewish attacks, which resulted in at least seven Jewish dead and many injured at Petitjean and Fez.

Most Moroccan Jews, rich and poor alike, want to leave for Israel, and "the sooner they are transferred, the better," the refugees declared. They told how, when they were passing through the streets of Casablanca on their way to board their ship, Arabs shouted: "We'll start war against the Jews within a week."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WANTS TO SEND DELEGATION TO SOVIET RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress will approach the Soviet authorities for permission to send a delegation to the Soviet Union to study conditions of Jewish life there, it was revealed here today by Dr. A. Tartakower, chairman of the Israeli WJC executive.

Dr. Tartakower, who just returned from a meeting of the coordinating committee of the World Jewish Congress, which took place in Geneva under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, indicated that a decision to this effect was taken at the Geneva session.

He also reported that the WJC is preparing a petition, which would be signed by Jewish and non-Jewish scholars and sent to the Rumanian authorities, asking them to release Zionist and Jewish community leaders and writers who have been held under arrest there for many months.

EBAN ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO REPORT ON HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban arrived from the United States here today to report to the Cabinet on the latest sentiments in Washington with regard to the Arab-Israel problem. He will also report to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Israel Parliament.

In an interview, Mr. Eban said that his recent discussions with United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, prior to his departure from Washington, revolved primarily around the question of Israel's security in the light of the military arrangements now being made by the Western Powers with some of the Arab states neighboring Israel. He refused to disclose any details about his talks with Secretary Dulles.

SYRIANS INTERCEPT ISRAELI SHIP IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A Syrian naval vessel today intercepted and held up an Israeli fishing boat on the high seas outside Syrian territorial waters, while the fishing boat was on the way home from Turkey. Israel immediately protested "this act of piracy" to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, demanding that the boat and crew be returned at once.

According to the Israeli Army spokesman, the fishing boat "Nachman," belonging to the Nachshon Company, was stopped at sea by the Syrian naval vessel which forced the captain of the Israeli boat to board the Syrian ship. The crew of the "Nachman" was then ordered to follow the Syrian ship into the Syrian port of Lattaquia. The "Nachman" crew reported to Israel by radio when the "Nachman" was still seven miles outside Lattaquia. In addition to the captain, the crew of the "Nachman" consists of six men.

ANTI-ISRAEL INCIDENTS REPORTED FROM THREE ARAB BORDERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Three more anti-Israel attacks--along the borders of Egypt, Jordan and Syria--flared on the Israeli frontiers over the week-end, marking the resumption of Arab-made incidents which have broken a short period of relative quiet.

On the Jordanian border, southwest of Jerusalem, infiltrators fired on Jewish farmers while they were working in the fields. The Israelis returned the fire, a military spokesman here said. There were no casualties among the Israelis.

Syrians opened fire on the settlement of Shamir in the north. Here, the military spokesman declared, a number of buildings were hit but, again, there were no Israeli casualties.

The third incident occurred near the troublesome Gaza strip along the Egyptian border. In this latest flare-up, the military spokesman reported, an Israeli civilian jeep was the target of Egyptian automatic fire across the Egyptian lines near Tel Reim. The car was hit in four places, but none of the jeep's occupants was hurt.

Meanwhile, Israeli Army investigators probing last week's most serious Egyptian attack--the explosion of a main water pipeline in the Negev desert--reported that there was unmistakable proof that an Egyptian commando unit was responsible for that attack inside the Israeli lines.

According to the investigators, tracks of footgear worn by the infiltrators led back to the Egyptian lines near the spot where the Egyptians maintain a training post for Palestine Arabs being schooled in commando tactics. The selection of the spot for the explosion was carried out skillfully, the investigators said.

The commandos, obviously accompanied by regular Egyptian troops, came along a dry river bed that leads into Israel territory some 400 meters from the border. They chose a spot where there was a huge distributing tap for the main pipeline, dug a hole under the concrete housing of the tap, and employed a TNT explosive of about 50 kilograms. The explosion damaged pipelines carrying about 15,000 cubic meters of water which is fed into irrigation ditches in the area and used for watering livestock. The commandos then retreated into Egyptian territory back along the same dry river bed they had used for the raid entry.

Today, an auxiliary water pipeline is being used, while repairs are being made to the main tubing and the tap. Israeli authorities have reported this outrage, and the others, to the various United Nations mixed armistice commissions charged with enforcing the truce along the frontiers.

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO CANADA PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

OTTAWA, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Saul Michael Comay, Israeli Minister to Canada, presented his new credentials this week-end as Ambassador to the Dominion. Ottawa and Tel Aviv recently raised their respective ministries to the status of embassies.

ALLIED COUNCIL VEToes LAW TO RETURN PROPERTY TO AUSTRIAN NAZIS

VIENNA, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The Allied Control Council, composed of representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Russia, today rejected the law passed by the Austrian Parliament recently providing for the return of assets forfeited by former Nazis to the Austrian state under de-Nazification proceedings.

The law, now vetoed by the Allied Council, also provided for the restoration of pensions and other civil service benefits to former officials who were members of the Nazi party. Jewish leaders especially objected to the law because it involved the return of "Aryanized" Jewish property back to former Nazis.

(In Washington, the White House has announced officially that Austria's Chancellor Raab is expected for an official visit to this country on November 22.)

DISMISSAL OF RESTITUTION HEAD IN GERMANY REGRETted IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, who headed the delegation which negotiated indemnification and restitution problems on behalf of Jewish organizations with the German government at The Hague, expressed today his "deep regret" over the recent developments in Germany which led to the dismissal of Otto Kuester as head of the indemnification and restitution program in Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Mr. Kuester who, together with Prof. Franz Boehm represented the German government in the initial negotiations at The Hague, was "known for his determination to assure just compensation for the wrongs perpetrated by the Nazis," Mr. Leavitt said. "He has earned the gratitude of thousands of victims of Nazi persecution who were aided by his tireless efforts."

Mr. Leavitt expressed the hope that ways and means will be found to utilize "his great knowledge, experience and devotion of Mr. Kuester in the interest of those who suffered so grievously at Nazi hands."

GERMANY OUTLAWS GENOCIDE; DECREES LIFE IMPRISONMENT

BONN, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The United Nations Genocide Convention is now a law in this country - the land which originated the crime outlawed by the UN.

President Theodor Heuss today signed the bill passed by the West German Parliament incorporating into the penal code the provisions of the International Genocide Treaty already adopted by the United Nations. The Official Gazette immediately published the law, thereby completing its promulgation and formal enactment.

The measure interpolates into the penal code an article providing that life imprisonment--the highest physical penalty in the German penal code--may be imposed on any person guilty of genocide in this country in the future.

NEW FASCIST PARTY REPORTED IN ENGLAND; LEADER THREATENS JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A new fascist movement, threatening to "stamp out Jews, Communists and other enemies of the New State, and take active measures against the church and the trade union movement," was announced here today by Wolf J. Cleveland, who said he is secretary of the new movement.

In an interview with the Reynolds News, Cleveland said the leader of his new party, whose name will be revealed "when the time comes," is "a wonderful man, ruthless and unafraid." He said the group will unveil its full program when it has 5,000 members "in the not-too-far distant future."

AMERICAN JEWS ARE NOT DOOMED TO ASSIMILATE, PROF. BARON SAYS

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The prediction that the Jewish community in America will survive "even if it doesn't want to," because the Jewish people will never succumb to assimilation, was made here by Dr. Salo Baron, Jewish historian, addressing the fourth B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism.

Dr. Baron, professor of Jewish history at the University of Columbia, and author of "Social and Religious History of the Jews" and other works, presented his conclusions without qualification. "Even if the Jews did not really desire to survive, they would do so despite themselves," he stated flatly. He belittled any idea that American Jews were doomed to assimilate, pointing out that the present vibrant condition of Jewish life in America has completely disproved the gloomy prophecies of 10 years ago.

Conclusions drawn by some scholars and teachers, that earlier Jewish communities in various parts of the world perished because of ignorance and assimilation, are based on lack of knowledge or faulty interpretation of the facts, Dr. Baron said.

Dr. Robert Gordis, professor of Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, felt that the American Jewish community would increasingly assume a spiritual rather than a secular or community-service character. Its major identification would be with religion. Dr. Israel Chipkin, vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, differed. He thought that the distinguishing characteristic of the future Jewish community would be its concern with education.

TWENTY-VOLUME HISTORY OF JEWS TO BE PUBLISHED BY U.S. GROUP

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Two large projects for the writing and publication of Jewish historical works were announced here today. One will be a five-volume history of the Jews of Russia, edited by a committee of scholars headed by Ben Zion Dinur, Israeli Minister of Education. The other will be a twenty-volume history of the Jewish people from ancient times to the modern era, to be published simultaneously in the Hebrew and English languages.

The plans for the history of Russian Jewry were outlined by Mr. Dinur, who declared that important documents and historical evidence of that disappearing Jewish community have been concentrated for the purpose.

Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of Dropsie College in Philadelphia, announced the second project. He said the 20-volume work is being financed chiefly by Alexander Carevitch of Israel and Theodore Sondov, president of Jewish History Publications, a New York corporation. The history of world Jewry will be edited by two boards of scholars. One board here will be headed by Prof. Moshe Schwabe of the Hebrew University; the American board will include scholars from the University of Pennsylvania, Dropsie College, Harvard University and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion of Cincinnati.

U.S. WATCHES FILM LEGISLATION IN ISRAEL; PUBLISHES DETAILS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The United States Department of Commerce this week-end reported that legislation to encourage the native Israeli motion picture industry has been promulgated in Israel. It provides that every movie exhibitor in Israel must show at least four hours of domestic film product each week. Exhibitors are allowed to show foreign films; but for each 90 minutes of foreign film, the movie house must show at least nine minutes of Israeli newsreels, most of which must include "matter of Israel public interest."

Under the law, a film council is established by the Israeli Government, and this council may rule off the screens such films as do not have sufficient "artistic or technical merit." Furthermore, the law provides that at least 80 percent of the domestic non-newsreel film shown there must be photographed and processed in Israel.

GVERNOR OF MICHIGAN PROCLAIMS JEWISH TRICENTENARY MONTH

DETROIT, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Governor G. Mennen Williams has issued a proclamation here designating the month of September 20 to October 20 as American Jewish Tricentenary Month in Michigan. The proclamation calls upon all citizens "to join in marking this period with public ceremonies and in other appropriate ways to take part in the observance of this great anniversary." Mayor Albert C. Cobo of Detroit has similarly proclaimed the same period as a Jewish Tricentenary Month in Detroit.

The Governor's proclamation reviews the part played by American Jews in the upbuilding of this country and declares that "Michigan owes an incalculable debt to the Jews who have contributed substantially to the material, intellectual and spiritual progress of our state." Detroit's celebrations of the American Jewish Tricentenary will be highlighted by a dinner at the Hotel Statler October 17. Philip Slomovitz, chairman of the Detroit Committee of 300 of the American Jewish Tricentenary, has announced that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, will be the principal speaker at the dinner.

U.S. TRADE UNION LEADERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO STUDY LABOR

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Eight American labor leaders, representing large unions affiliated with the AFL and the CIO, left here for Israel today to study labor practices and labor-management relations in the Jewish State. They went under the auspices of the American Christian Palestine Committee and the National Committee for Labor Israel.

In Israel, the labor leaders will be the guests of Histadrut, the General Federation of Jewish Labor, with which 85 percent of the country's wage-earners are affiliated.

U.S. FRATERNITY GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ISRAEL STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation has granted scholarships to a number of Israel postgraduate students for advanced study in the United States, it was announced here today by Sidney Picker, chairman of the Foundation's Israel Scholarship Committee.

The program has been arranged in cooperation with leading American universities and the Israeli Ministry of Education, and provides for exchange scholarships being granted to American students in the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute and Technion.

The plan envisages Israel students being domiciled at the fraternity's undergraduate chapter houses in this country, and calls for the Israel students to assist in the economic development of Israel after completion of graduate study here.

TAFT FELLOWSHIP ESTABLISHED AT WEIZMANN INSTITUTE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute today announced that Brig. Gen. Julius Klein of Chicago has established a Robert A. Taft Memorial Fellowship at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovoth, Israel.

In making the grant to Abraham Reinberg, president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, Gen. Klein stated: "No one in America has fought harder for humanity and for the rights of individuals than my beloved leader and friend, the late Senator Taft, and no one has done more for Israel than the United States and Senator Taft."

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