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TEN JEWS KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE IN ALGERIA; SYNAGOGUE UNDAMAGED

ALGIERS, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Ten Jews were killed by the earthquake in Orleansville, where 700 Jews reside, the Jewish Agency representative in this city reported today. Disaster teams were still digging in the ruins of Orleansville today, with more than 1,000 bodies already recovered.

The only synagogue in Orleansville came through the major 12-second shock and some 70 other minor tremors virtually unscathed, the Agency representative said. The building suffered several cracks, but these are easily reparable, he noted.

JORDAN TROOPS FIRE INTO JERUSALEM; EGYPT CONDEMNED BY U. N. BODY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Jordan troops stationed on the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem in the Mt. Zion sector fired into Jewish Jerusalem today. The shooting began early in the morning and continued intermittently until noon.

Despite provocation, the Israeli troops on guard in the area held their fire. United Nations truce observers were alerted to the situation early.

In Tel Aviv, an Israel military spokesman reported that the Jordan shots had caused no casualties among the Israelis. He noted that tension had been mounting in the area as a result of a series of stone-throwing incidents involving Arab Legionnaires who have apparently been attempting to provoke the Israeli troops.

The Egyptian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned Egypt for the blasting of a main water line serving Israel's Negev settlements in the Gaza area on the night of September 7, and for an attack by Arab infiltrees from the Gaza strip on September 5 in which an Israel tractor operator was murdered.

The Egyptian-Israel MAC expressed its concern with the fact that despite the obligation imposed on Egypt by MAC decisions and the armistice agreement to prevent such incursions, they continued. The MAC noted further "with extremely grave concern the serious situation prevailing along the demarcation line resulting from these acts."

The Israel-Jordan MAC, meeting without Israel participation, condemned Israel today for allegedly wounding two Arabs near Hebron. The Jordanians had charged that Israelis had fired several shots at youths swimming in a village reservoir. The MAC also declared that the refusal of Israel authorities to permit UN observers to carry out investigations ordered by the MAC in Israel was consistent with the terms of the armistice agreement.

Infiltrees from Egyptian territory attacked an Israel Bedouin encampment near Birmaiga last night, it was announced today. The attackers wounded two Bedouin and kidnapped three others before withdrawing.

ISRAEL CELEBRATES JEWISH TRICENTENARY; EISENHOWER SENDS MESSAGE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower called on the people of Israel to join the American people in defending the freedoms and values held jointly by both peoples against all forces which contemplate the destruction of these values.

The call was contained in a message from the President to a celebration at ZOA House here last night marking the opening of the American Jewish Tercentenary. The message, read by Francis Russell, American Charge d'Affaires, declared:

"My confident hope is that the celebration, stressing as it does the theme of man's opportunities and responsibilities under freedom, will re-emphasize those historic values to which both our countries are dedicated; Our responsibility as members of the community of free nations, to defend these values against all who would destroy them, our opportunity in this turbulent world to build upon them anew as a foundation for peace throughout the world."

The several thousand persons gathered at the celebration in ZOA House also heard a message from President Ben Zvi of Israel declare that American Jewry can be proud of its "great past and brilliant achievements." Noting that Israel still faces difficulties, the President said that American Jewry's assistance in the absorption of new immigrants in Israel is the "greatest historic task remaining for American Jewry." He underlined Israel's dependence on the support of the American Jewish community.

Israel President Traces History of American Jewry

Earlier in the evening, on a nationwide radio hook-up, Mr. Ben Zvi traced the history of American Jewry from the handful of fugitives from the Inquisition, who reached New Amsterdam on the shores of a new world on which they laid the foundations of what is "today the greatest Jewish community in the world, and first among the communities of the Diaspora."

Listing the "proud achievements" of the American Jewish community--the network of synagogues, schools, welfare and other organizations spread throughout the country--President Ben Zvi stressed that "the Jews of the United States have not only done much for themselves and for the great and fortunate state in which they live and fulfil their civic duties, but they have played a part in striving to save the Jews of Europe at a time of persecution and destruction.

"They have made a contribution to the establishment and consolidation of the State of Israel and the in-gathering of our scattered people within it, which will be eternally recorded in our history as the supreme expression of their love of Israel and the unity of our people," Mr. Ben Zvi added. He said that while American Jews were "proud citizens of their own land and devoted to its welfare, they continue at the same time to be mindful and deeply concerned with the future of the State of Israel, the strengthening of the state and the in-gathering of the exiles."

This duty, unlike any borne by any previous generation, has been "imposed by a Divine Providence" on this "great Jewish community of American Jewry," he continued. He also expressed the hope that the younger generation of American Jews would follow in the footsteps of the present generation. In conclusion, he noted that the series of events planned in Israel in the coming months to mark the American Jewish Tercentenary would be an "expression of brotherhood" between Israel and American Jews.

Herut Asks U.S. Jews to Act Against State Dept. Arms Policy

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The nationalist Herut Party in Israel appealed to American Jews today to circulate a petition in the United States aimed at getting millions of signatures protesting the State Department policy of arming the Arab states. The call was voiced in a resolution adopted at a national convention of the party here.

SHARETT STRESSES INCONSISTENCY IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Israel Prime Minister Moshe Sharett said in an exclusive interview published here today that Israel is "at a loss to understand how the U. S. can reconcile" her policy of arming the Arab states "with her declared policy and concern to see Israel prosperous and secure."

Mr. Sharett's views were published in the U. S. News and World Report. The Prime Minister said that Israel watched "with profound dismay and mounting anxiety the policy of the American Government to arm the Arab states." He foresaw "a state of very grave peril for our security if this goes on." The arms, he said, enhance the Arabs' "capacity for mischief." He stressed "this is certainly not a step in the direction of peace. It is a step away from peace."

He warned that the danger to Israel and Middle Eastern peace would become even greater if the Suez agreement is followed by an American policy of supplying arms to Egypt. Asked if the danger to Israel could be offset by a corollary program of arms aid for Israel, Mr. Sharett replied that "the question is whether it would be corollary."

When the Prime Minister described the anti-Communist attitude prevalent in Israel, he was asked why there wasn't "more active collaboration between Israel and the United States on the problems of security." He answered that this question "should be put to the United States."

One question put to Mr. Sharett pertained to demands heard in Israel "for stronger action to force an immediate showdown with the Arabs--a military showdown." He answered: "Naturally, people get impatient, but it is not the policy of Israel, certainly not of its government, to force the issue in the military sense. Of course we stand ready to react to any provocation, but we are not bent upon war, nor upon any expansion. Our desire is for stability and development. We hear all sorts of fantastic rumors about preparations on our part to launch a major attack. Dates are mentioned and deadlines fixed. These evil and foolish forecasts never materialize, yet they recur from time to time. They are the results of malice or sheer ignorance, or a product of morbid imagination."

Mr. Sharett expressed the view that the United Nations truce supervision machinery "has proved inadequate." He said the purpose of retaliatory attacks by Israelis was "a natural reaction to aggressive violence of people brutally attacked so that the other side should realize that Israel is not sitting with its arms folded to be assaulted by anyone with impunity."

EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES RECEIVES \$2,500,000 LOAN IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Negotiations for a loan of \$2,500,000 were concluded successfully with the Chase National Bank of New York, it was announced by El Al Israel Airlines today. The loan will be utilized to finance the recent purchase of a fourth Constellation aircraft and to consolidate the company's dollar position, according to D. Galezer, El Al manager of finance and administration for the Americas.

El Al, said Mr. Galezer, was now considering the latest models of aircraft announced by various manufacturers in recent months, and was making a thorough study of those types of aircraft most suitable for the company's present requirements and future expansion plans. A decision on the choice of new equipment is expected to be announced at the company's head office in Tel Aviv in the near future.

KING SAUD RECEIVES LEADER OF AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported from Beirut, Lebanon, today that the first American Jew since 1946 visited Saudi Arabia on Sunday and was received for 45 minutes by King Saud at Riyadh Palace. The visitor was Alfred M. Lilienthal, of the American Council for Judaism, and anti-Zionist author of the book "What Price Israel?" Mr. Lilienthal is now touring the Arab League states.

RUMANIA ARRESTS TENTH JEW EMPLOYED BY ISRAEL LEGATION

LONDON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Iancu Aron Grinberg, whom the Rumanian authorities have arrested on charges of attempting to flee the country illegally, is the tenth Rumanian Jew working for the Israel legation in Bucharest to be arrested by the Rumanian authorities, it was learned here today. The Rumanian Government has demanded the recall of Daniel Laor, First Secretary of the Israel legation, on charges that he helped Grinberg by supplying him with a forged passport.

Grinberg, 27, was head of the Zionist youth organization Gordonia until it was liquidated by the Communist regime. He has been under the surveillance of the secret police for a long time and was arrested once previously, in 1949. His entire family has migrated to Israel, but the authorities had refused him permission to leave.

NEO-NAZI PARTIES WIN MORE VOTES IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

HAMBURG, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Two neo-Nazi parties in Schleswig-Holstein received a total of 15.5 percent of the total vote cast in yesterday's provincial legislative elections, a detailed count revealed today.

The openly neo-Nazi German Reich Party received 1.5 percent and the BHE Refugee Party, whose leadership is largely recruited from the ranks of former active and prominent Nazis, received 14 percent of the votes.

The total for these two groups showed an increase since the national elections of last year when they polled nine-tenths of one percent and 11.6 percent, respectively. It is far less than the 26.2 percent the two parties chalked up in the last provincial legislative elections in 1950.

CONFERENCE ON STATUS OF STATELESS PERSONS OPENS AT U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A conference attended by diplomatic representatives from 26 countries, including Israel, opened here today for the purpose of preparing an international instrument granting certain basic rights--economic, social and legal--to persons who are stateless.

The conference, formally called the UN Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Status of Stateless Persons, was opened by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold. Its immediate task is to draft a protocol relating to the status of stateless persons to the United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

In welcoming the delegates, Mr. Hammarskjold declared that in adopting such a protocol and opening it for signature "this conference will have completed a chapter, begun several years ago, of United Nations efforts to protect refugees and stateless persons." He recalled that the Commission on Human Rights, the Economic and Social Council and the International Law Commission had long been concerned with the fate of persons who have no nationality.

The present conference, said the Secretary General, should decide to what extent the rights set forth in the 1951 refugee convention could and should be applied to stateless persons, regardless of whether the latter were refugees or not.

U. N. Director for Palestine Refugees Leaves on European Trip

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Henry R. Labouisse, left Beirut today for Paris on a short official trip. He will discuss with the director general of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Luther Evans, a number of subjects concerning UNRWA's continuously expanding educational program for Palestine refugees in the Middle East being carried out in cooperation with UNESCO.

YOUNG ISRAEL VOICES CHARGES AGAINST CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Charging that "the Conservative movement has recently embarked upon new violations in the ritual and upon various abrogations of sacred observances," the National Council of Young Israel, representing 20,000 members, today issued a statement strongly criticizing the Conservative movement as doing "irreparable harm to the preparation of Jewish law."

The statement specifically condemns "the abrogation of the Sabbath Laws perpetrated by Conservative leaders issuing permission to travel by car or other conveyances to the synagogue on the Sabbath or other Jewish holy days, and the changes recently introduced by the leaders of Conservative Judaism in the sacred rites and laws governing marriage and divorce."

Declaring that "the spiritual leaders of the Conservative movement cannot be recognized by any Orthodox Jew as Rabbis," the statement called upon Orthodox Jews not to attend Conservative synagogues for worship or religious ceremonies.

The National Council of Young Israel also called upon all Yeshivoth and other religious institutions "to desist from inviting the spiritual leaders of the Conservative movement as guest speakers of their functions because such invitations tend to make them appear before the eyes of the Jewish public as the spokesman of Torah which they are not."

ROOSEVELT LAUDS U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO ISRAEL'S DEVELOPMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The American people, of all faiths, can be proud of American contributions to Israel's political and economic security, Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., told delegates to the annual convention of the Manhattan Region of the Zionist Organization of America last night.

Rep. Roosevelt said that the achievements of the United States for Israel proved "that we look upon Israel not as just a homeland for persecuted Jews" but as evidence of "what free men can do for themselves."

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, who was re-elected president of the Manhattan Region for a second term, sharply assailed Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for what he termed a reversal of American traditional policy in relation to Israel. The convention sessions were also addressed by Leo Auerbach, Jacques Torczyner; Moses Torczyner; Abraham Krumbein; Judge Hyman J. Reit and Leonard Lifton, regional executive director.

Arthur Liveron, member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, asserted that "Israel is a cardinal factor in any workable system of peace and security in the Middle East just as the Middle East itself is a vital factor in any global arrangement for similar purposes." The Israeli leader warned that "to ignore Israel for the sake of winning the eternal goodwill of her Arab neighbors is not only a naive enterprise but a dangerous one."

CANADA CRITICIZED FOR IMMIGRATION POLICY; PROBE SUGGESTED

OTTAWA, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The treatment received by many Europeans seeking permission to emigrate to Canada is "utterly inhuman," was the charge made by George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, at a press conference following his return here from a two-month European trip. Mr. Drew called for a Royal Commission investigation of the Immigration Department.

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS COMMISSION ADOPTS \$1, 300, 000 BUDGET FOR 1955

STARLIGHT, Pa., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The National Commission of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations today concluded its two-day session here with the adoption of a 1955 budget of \$1, 300, 000 for the educational activities conducted by Hillel among more than 150, 000 Jewish students in the major campuses in the United States and Canada. The budget represents an increase of \$70, 000 over the current year.

The Commission heard a report from Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, national director of Hillel Foundations, emphasizing the impressive advances made during the past year in providing religious and educational counselling services to Jewish students in more than 200 universities and colleges. The Commission, which is composed of leading educators and rabbis, expressed gratification with the report that the B'nai B'rith in Britain is planning an official dedication of the Hillel House for Jewish Students in London on October 31st.

Dr. Phil Lown, of Boston, reporting on the activities of the National Friends of the Hillel Foundations, cited increased membership and extension of support by the National Friends to the Hillel program through the establishment of four chairs for Judaic studies at American and Canadian universities. Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University, was re-elected chairman of the National Commission of the Hillel Foundations. Dr. William Haber was re-elected vice-chairman, and Maurice Bisgyer, secretary. Joseph Paradise was again chosen national treasurer and Rabbi Lelyveld was renamed national director.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN AWARDS TEN SCHOLARSHIPS IN SOCIAL WORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Ten scholarships totalling over \$6, 000 have been awarded to outstanding graduate students in fields of social work by the National Council of Jewish Women, it was announced today by the organization. The awards are made annually from the Hannah G. Solomon scholarship fund, which was established in 1929 in honor of the founder of the Council.

Tamar Baranovsky, 26, of Haifa, a native-born Israeli, arrived here for a year's advanced study in social service and educational techniques. She is the hundredth Israeli student brought to this country under the scholarship program of the National Council of Jewish Women which, thus far, has spent \$400, 000 on this program.

STREET IN ARGENTINE CITY NAMED FOR THEODOR HERZL

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders from all parts of Argentina, and thousands of Jewish residents of the city of Eva Peron, capital of Buenos Aires province, participated in a ceremony renaming a street in the city for Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist Movement. Also present at the ceremony were Maj. Carlos Aloe, Governor of the province, and Dr. Arie Kubovi, Israel Ambassador to Argentina.

In an address at the ceremony, Governor Aloe said that the renaming of the street for Dr. Herzl was meant not only as a tribute to a founder of a new state but also because of the Argentine people's respect for the contributions of the Jewish community to Argentina.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE JOINS N. C. R. A. C. AS 33RD MEMBER

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Bernard H. Trager, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, announced today that the Jewish Federation of Delaware had been admitted to membership in the NCRAC. The number of communities affiliated with the NCRAC thereby was increased to 33. The Jewish Federation of Delaware is the central Jewish agency for the state of Delaware.