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AUSTRIA BLAMES OFFICIALS FOR MINIMIZING SENTIMENTS OF U. S. JEWS

VIENNA, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Austrian diplomatic officials in the United States and in Israel are blamed in official circles here for the "antagonistic" attitude which American Jewry has taken toward Chancellor Julius Raab of Austria during his current visit to Washington and New York.

It was indicated in official circles here today that the Austrian Government was not aware of the extent to which the effect of Chancellor Raab's visit to the United States might be marred by Jewish dissatisfaction with the stand which the Austrian Cabinet has taken toward meeting Jewish claims for restitution and heirless property. This, it was said here, was due to the fact that Austrian diplomatic officials in Washington and Tel Aviv had sent reports to Vienna to the effect that the Jewish organizations would take no effective action to support their claims against Austria.

Particular blame is laid on the Austrian diplomatic representatives in Israel. They, more than the representatives in the United States, are charged with inadequately warning the government of the difficulties that might be expected from world Jewish organizations seeking compensation for Jewish victims of the Nazi regime in Austria. Their optimistic report were taken seriously by the government here, because Israel is regarded in Austria as reflecting Jewish sentiment all over the world.

BRITAIN DISSATISFIED WITH GERMANY'S INDEMNIFICATION SYSTEM

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The British Government is not satisfied with the way the German compensation law is working out and has raised this question with the Bonn Government through the Allied High Commission ers, G. H. Turton, government spokesman, declared today in Commons. He said that the Allies will discuss the matter with Bonn representatives at official talks next week.

The question of the recent anti-Semitic incidents at the German Party rally in Berlin and the increase in anti-Semitic propaganda in West Germany was raised by Barnett Janner, Labor, who demanded to know what action the Allied Powers and the Bonn Government would take against such developments. He was joined by Laborite Emrys Hughes, who insisted that it was time the government informed Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that "we regret this anti-Jewish propaganda."

Mr. Turton, who said that on Monday he had dealt with the same matter and had expressed the view that it was primarily the concern of the German authorities, also noted that under German law such propaganda was illegal. Asked whether the British Government would ask Chancellor Adenauer to take some action to reassure public opinion in Britain, Mr. Turton said that he thought the recent Berlin election results--the German Party lost considerable strength--had demonstrated that only a very small percentage of the Germans "believe in such methods."

ISRAEL BANKS TO KEEP 20 PERCENT OF THEIR ASSETS IN STATE BANK

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet approved last night a recommendation from its committee of economic ministers to the effect that all banks in the country shall keep 20 percent of their liquid assets on deposits in the new State Bank of Israel.

ISRAEL REACHES AGREEMENT ON 1955 OIL SUPPLIES WITH BRITISH FIRMS

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- An agreement covering the supply of oil to Israel in 1955 by British oil companies has been reached following negotiations between a delegation representing the Israel Government and Shell Oil Company of Palestine and Consolidated Refineries, Ltd., the Israel Embassy stated today.

Both the Embassy and the oil companies are reticent about the pact, but it is understood that Israel considers the outcome of negotiations satisfactory and the price reasonable. Although the question of refining oil supplies at the Haifa refineries was touched upon during the talks, it is understood that this was never a major point of discussion.

SIX AGED SOVIET JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Six aged Soviet Jews arrived here today via Vienna. All of them have sons and daughters in Israel and were granted permission to leave the Soviet Union six months ago.

The six are: Wolf Rabinowitz, 63; Rive Rabinowitz, 57; Leib Reinish, 73; Mrs. M. Farnis, 58; and Mrs. F. Makarowskaya, 53, all of Czernowitz, and Annetta Nawetsky, 62, of Miranopol.

ISRAEL URGED TO GIVE SCIENTISTS TOP GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A proposal that scientists be given positions of responsibility within the government in Israel was voiced here last night at the opening of an exhibit of Israel scientific documents at the Israel Embassy by Sir Francis Simon, who opened the showing.

Sir Francis insisted that if Israel is to build up its scientific potential it must attract topflight scientists from abroad. He hailed Israel's method of producing heavy water as a first class development in a "fruitful field."

Sir Robert Robinson, Nobel prize winner, who also spoke at the opening of the exhibit, declared that it was a great tribute to Israel that in the short time which had elapsed since the state was established it was possible to arrange such an exhibit of progress in so many fields.

Sir Ben Lockspeiser, secretary of the Privy Council Committee for Scientific and Industrial Research, compared Britain and Israel as two countries poor in raw materials who could live only by "working up" their raw materials into manufactured products for sale abroad. He expressed confidence that Israel's scientists would live up to the demands made on them by the country.

"NETUREI KARTA" POSTERS APPEAR IN LONDON; ATTACK ISRAEL AUTHORITIES

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A rash of posters signed by the "Committee for the Defense of Orthodox Jews" and the "Neturei Karta" have appeared in London streets during the past few days. The placards call for the assistance of the Jews of the world against the Israel authorities who, the Neturei Karta posters say, are blocking the campaign of Orthodox elements in Israel to prevent "desecration of the Sabbath."

Many of the posters have been placed in neighborhoods where few Jews live, and their violent attacks on the Israel authorities have caused concern in Jewish circles here. The placards also urge Jews to withhold funds from Zionist causes.

GERMANY STARTS MOVING JEWISH DP'S FROM FOEHRENWALD TO NEW HOMES

MUNICH, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- After years of talking and planning, housing in German cities is now beginning to be provided for former displaced persons from the last Jewish camp in Germany, Foehrenwald, who will not or cannot emigrate.

Of the 1,200 "legal residents" of Foehrenwald, several hundred "hard-core cases" are resigned to staying in Germany for good, or at least until they become eligible for American visas. Because that chance is remote under present U.S. immigration legislation, they have been waiting, year after year, in the camp. Deadlines for closing it have come and gone, but in 1955 a more energetic effort toward that end is to be undertaken by the German authorities, who have the support of the Jewish organizations.

The first four apartments outside the camp have just been made available. Located on the outskirts of Munich in a new development adequate by German public-housing standards, they consist of three rooms, without central heating but with coal stoves. Normal rentals are charged. Regulations prescribe that four adults, or three adults and two children, must be in occupancy. If smaller family units are assigned, and they are the rule rather than the exception in Foehrenwald, they are required to take in boarders, who in turn must be from Foehrenwald.

Another 26 apartments should be completed in Munich by March. Altogether, 200 are scheduled to be built in various cities of Germany for "legal residents" of Foehrenwald, out of funds made available largely by the Federal Government and to a small extent by Bavaria and the other governmental subdivisions concerned. The purchase of furniture and other household utensils will be financed by the Joint Distribution Committee.

TURKEY ORDERS SYNAGOGUE ELECTIONS; INFORMS GRAND RABBINATE

ISTANBUL, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Grand Rabbinate of Turkey was informed today that new government regulations provide that each synagogue in the country shall be governed by an elected council.

In some cases at present, one community council may have jurisdiction over several synagogues. For such synagogues the government has ordered elections in January so that each may have its own responsible governing body.

Meanwhile, the Grand Rabbinate has decided to build a new home for the aged in this city at an estimated cost of \$250,000 to replace the present tiny institution which is now located in the slum and houses only needy aged Jews. The new structure, whose construction will be delayed until funds can be raised, will house aged Jews of all income levels.

FRENCH MINISTRY PERMITS ERECTION OF MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH MARTYRS

PARIS, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The French Ministry of Interior today made public a decree permitting the erection of the projected Memorial for the Unknown Jewish Martyrs, commemorating the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis.

A statement issued here by I. Schneersohn, president of the executive committee of the world organization sponsoring the project, said that work on the building will be started within the next few days. The cornerstone will be laid in a simple ceremony in the presence of the Chief Rabbi of France and other Jewish notables.

J.D.C. OBSERVES FORTY YEARS OF EXISTENCE; SPENT \$525,000,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee, which is now observing its 40th anniversary, has spent more than \$525,000,000 in 70 countries of the world during the 40 years of its existence, it was reported today by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman. During the current year JDC help went to more than 150,000 needy Jews in 22 countries, he stated.

Mr. Leavitt prepared his report for the 40th annual meeting which is taking place tomorrow at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Pointing out that 1954 was a year in which there were great political upheavals throughout the Moslem world, Mr. Leavitt said: "Though in most cases these did not directly evoke anti-Jewish violence, a growing uneasiness pervaded the lives of the nearly 700,000 Jews living in the vast expanse between Morocco and Iran. It was a year in which the JDC enabled more and more of those whom it was aiding in Europe, in Moslem lands and in Israel to re-establish themselves--through emigration, through reconstruction loans, through vocational training and medical rehabilitation."

But the numbers requiring aid did not fall, and the emerging picture indicated that many would continue to need assistance for long periods to come, Mr. Leavitt emphasized. "Of all aspects of the JDC's operations during 1954 perhaps the most remarkable was that despite the millions who had been aided, and despite the expenditure of such vast sums in their behalf, there should still remain more than 150,000 in vital need of aid, including many for whom this assistance was literally the only hope of survival," he declared.

\$20,000,000 Appropriated During 10 Months of 1954

Reporting that during the first ten months of this year the JDC appropriated more than \$20,000,000 for all kinds of aid as compared with \$18,271,000 for the same period last year, Mr. Leavitt especially stressed that during 1954 the JDC continued to attack the problem of the so-called "hard-core" through a variety of emigration schemes, hoping to achieve a final solution to the tragic circumstances in which so many still found themselves in Central and Western Europe. From January to August more than 2,000 persons were aided to emigrate.

"The continued importance of the JDC's medical welfare program for aged, sick and handicapped newcomers to the Jewish State, known as Malben, is indicated by the fact that nearly 52 percent of the JDC's total appropriations for the first ten months of the year - \$10,720,985 - was spent in Israel," Mr. Leavitt stated. "In its network of more than 100 old-age homes, custodial care centers, hospitals, sanitariums, clinics, sheltered workshops and other installations throughout Israel, through its out-patient clinics and the provision of prostheses, through rehabilitation loans and other forms of reconstruction assistance, Malben aided 26,000 men, women and children during the year."

Other parts of Mr. Leavitt's report are devoted to the aid given by the JDC to Jews in Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Iran, and various countries of Europe. More than 68 percent of the \$25,610,000 which the JDC appropriated for its 1954 operations came from the United Jewish Appeal. The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany provided \$6,724,000, or about 26 percent of the JDC's total budget. The remainder came from Jewish communities in Canada, Latin America and other countries outside the United States.

The most significant of the JDC's achievements during the year, Mr. Leavitt reported, was the continued expansion of its program of care for the aged. An agreement was reached between the JDC and the Jewish Agency, under which Malben took under its care the more than 2,000 aged and invalids in the reception center at Pardess Hanna. As a result of this agreement and because others were still waiting for JDC care, Malben is now engaged in a building program which will raise the total of beds for the aged to 2,660, in eight localities, during the next two years.

EISENHOWER URGES AMERICANS TO OBSERVE U. N. HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens of the United States "to join with peoples throughout the world" in observing December 10 as United Nations Human Rights Day.

The proclamation also urged the American people to observe on December 15 the 163rd anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights and to give "profound thanks" throughout the year for the rights the people of the United States have so long enjoyed - freedom of speech and of the press; freedom to worship in accord with the dictates of conscience; fair trial and freedom from arbitrary arrest; the right to own property and to profit by the fruits of our labors.

"For these rights and freedoms men and women in many countries have striven and died, as our forefathers strove and died, and as today still others strive and die in defense of human dignity against the claims of totalitarian governments. Let us as free men stand firm in our faith in liberty for all nations and all peoples. Let us by example and cooperation strengthen the world-wide recognition of human rights as the basis for a lasting and prosperous peace," the President's proclamation stated.

BLAUSTEIN ADVOCATES PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN ISRAEL; HONORED BY P. E. C.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Government was urged last night that "for its own economic future, it should afford in Israel a genuinely healthy climate for private enterprise."

Addressing a testimonial dinner given in his honor by the Palestine Economic Corporation at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, said that "it is essential to Israel that private enterprise be actively promoted." More than 400 business and Jewish communal leaders heard the former president of the American Jewish Committee assert that "if Israel could stand on her own feet, economically strong and self-dependent, then the grave political problems that confront her would be much closer to solution."

Mr. Blaustein added that an "Israel which has achieved self-dependent economic stability" would be in a "better position to cope with the enmity of the Arab world. As our own Government has said," he continued, "Israel is here to stay and no amount of Arab hostility can undermine its basic strength."

Other speakers at the dinner included Edward R. Murrow, the distinguished news analyst; Abraham Harman, Israel's Consul-General in New York; Robert Szold, chairman of the board of the P. E. C.; Ernest Nathan, executive vice-president of the P. E. C.; Dewey D. Stone and Alan M. Stroock, P. E. C. directors.

The Palestine Economic Corporation, established 29 years ago, is the largest American development company operating in Israel. The Corporation maintains a network of industrial, commercial, real estate and banking enterprises throughout Israel.

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER ARRIVES IN U. S. TO AID U. J. A. BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, arrived here today. During his stay in the United States, Mr. Eshkol will address the annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, which opens here Friday. He will also tour various American cities in behalf of the Israel bond drive, including Chanukah festivals in New York, Boston and Montreal.

N. C. R. A. C. OPENS THREE-DAY PARLEY ON COMBATTING ANTI-SEMITISM

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A three-day conference to study uses of law and legislation in the work of combatting anti-Semitism opens here tomorrow under the auspices of the National Community Relations Advisory Council. More than 75 social scientists, scholars, lawyers, Jewish community relations professionals and Jewish community leaders are attending the parley.

The conference is the third in a series that is being held under NCRAC auspices in a continuing re-examination of the needs, programs and methods of Jewish community relations work. The purpose of the conference is to develop recommendations that will stand as guides to the national and local Jewish community relations agencies and to the committees of the NCRAC that continuously plan joint programs and coordinate the work of the agencies.

The NCRAC is the joint planning and coordinating body for the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., Union of American Hebrew Congregations of America, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the United Synagogue of America; and for local, state and regional Jewish community relations agencies.

JEWISH GROUP SEEKS ENACTMENT OF ANTI-BIAS LAW IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Vancouver City Council has received a petition for enactment of anti-discrimination ordinances submitted by the local section of the National Council of Jewish Women, assisted by the Vancouver Labor Committee.

The Council received the petition, endorsed its principles and filed it. The Council further declared that this type of legislation should be enacted on a province-wide basis rather than on the municipal level.

LEGAL OFFENDERS NOT REQUIRED TO STATE RELIGION IN N. Y. STATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- New York State law enforcement authorities have been told that they may not question legal offenders regarding their religious affiliation, it was revealed today in an exchange of correspondence between Governor Dewey's office and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The action followed representations made by the ADL in connection with several incidents upstate where traffic violators were asked if they were "Protestant, Catholic or Jewish?"

In a letter to the ADL, George M. Shapiro, counsel to the Governor, said that some local law enforcement officials apparently were following obsolete procedures in interrogating law violators. He added that local enforcement authorities have now been advised that "inquiries regarding religious affiliation are not required or authorized for any purposes by the criminal statistical reporting provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

ISRAEL'S CHIEF RABBI ARRIVES IN CANADA; WELCOMED BY LEADERS

MONTREAL, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Israel Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog arrived here today by plane from Britain. He was welcomed by a reception committee representing the leading national Jewish organizations in Canada and the Montreal Board of Ministers.

Tomorrow evening, Rabbi Herzog will be a guest at a special dinner in his honor in the Young Israel Auditorium here. Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, heads the reception committee.