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NAZIS DIRECT JEWISH PERSECUTIONS IN EGYPT; 300 JEWS ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Persecution of the Jews in Egypt is being directed by Nazi war criminals who have found shelter in that country and who were asked by the Egyptian Government to establish a special "Jewish Department" along Nazi lines, the newspaper Davar reported here today on the basis of information it received from a foreign diplomat who came here from Egypt after the current trial of 13 Egyptian Jews on charges of espionage began before a Cairo military court.

The same diplomat stated that some 300 Egyptian Jews have already been arrested by the German heads of the Jewish Department. He warned that the situation will worsen unless some action is taken to provide safety for Egyptian Jews.

The anti-Jewish campaign is proceeding in distinct phases, the Davar informant stated. The first was the removal of all Jews from key posts. This has been accomplished and no Jew is now employed in the government, in banks, schools or important business concerns. Even Jewish physicians employed in Jewish hospitals have been ousted on the charge that they are not Egyptian citizens. The Jews are actually living off each other.

The second step was a propaganda campaign aimed at the Jews as "the destroyers of the country's economy" and the "Jews are our dogs." The results of this campaign are such that Jews are afraid to stay in areas which are basically non-Jewish and are even afraid to attend the cinema. Bar Mitzvahs, weddings and birth parties are labelled "unlawful gatherings" and are raided by agents of the Nazi-type Jewish Department.

The diplomat reported that such raids on Jewish ceremonies have caused a great panic in the Jewish community and have resulted in many Jews being jailed on charges of illegal assembly. Some of these Jews have been sentenced and others are awaiting trial. News reels showing Egyptian guards beating Jewish prisoners on forced labor projects have been wildly applauded, the diplomat said.

Italy Asked to Intervene for Jews on Trial in Egypt

ROME, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities appealed today to Italian Premier Mario Scelba to intervene with Egypt in behalf of the 13 Egyptian Jews being tried on charges of espionage in behalf of Israel.

In a memorandum to the Premier, the Union said such action on his part would stress Italy's role in promoting peace and justice in the Mediterranean area. It denounced the Egyptian trial and the tortures used to force confessions from the defendants and also quoted Israel Premier Moshe Sharett's recent warning that the imposition of death sentences on the 13 might provoke a great reaction in Israel.

LATIN AMERICAN BLOC AT U. N. PLEADS FOR JEWS ON TRIAL IN EGYPT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Jose Vicente Trujillo, chairman of the Ecuador delegation here, is meeting with the Egyptian delegation tomorrow in an effort to get a commitment that Egypt will not let politics enter into the cases of 13 Israelis on trial in Egypt now on charges of being Jewish "spies."

Dr. Trujillo's representations to the Egyptian delegation will be on behalf of the entire Latin American bloc here as a result of an extraordinary move by Dr. Moshe Tov, a member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations.

BRITAIN TO PROD AUSTRIA ON SETTLING JEWISH RESTITUTION CLAIMS

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The British Government will continue to use its influence with the Austrian Government in behalf of a satisfactory settlement of the restitution claims of the Jewish victims of Nazi persecution in Austria, the Board of Deputies has been informed by the Foreign Office. This was made known by the Board at its meeting here today. The Board had made representations to the Foreign Office asking its assistance in the Austrian claims negotiations.

It was also announced today that the Board will send a deputation to the Foreign Office to express its disquiet over the signs of a revival of anti-Semitic feeling and propaganda in West Germany. In addition, the Board reported that restitution and compensation to individual victims of Nazism in West Germany is progressing at too slow a pace, although the reparations transfers to Israel and the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany are "satisfactory."

On the anti-Semitic front in Britain, a report delivered at the meeting today said that the Union Movement of Oswald Mosley is fairly quiet, except that it is running two candidates for election to the London County Council. It is significant, the report added, that "anti-Semitism does not at present make any large appearance in their speeches." The Mosleyite periodical "East London Blackshirt" has reappeared, it was noted in the report, and is giving prominence to court cases where Jews or Jewish firms appear in an unfavorable light.

The Board approved a grant of 250 pounds for the work of the Council of Christians and Jews after a laudatory statement about its work was made by a member of the executive. Last week, the Catholic hierarchy in Britain instructed Catholics not to participate in the work of the Council.

British Jews Castigate Austria for Stalling Tactics

Meanwhile, a statement castigating the Austrian Government for its stalling tactics on Jewish demands for restitution and an heirless Jewish property settlement from Austria has been circulated by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The statement notes that the British Government has expressed sympathy for the claims of the victims of Nazism and adds that it is "desirable" that the British Government's efforts in behalf of the Jews should be supported by the full weight of British public opinion.

The Board's statement pointed out that large sections of the Austrian people participated in the excesses committed against the Austrian Jews during the Nazi regime and that many Austrians benefitted by the Nazi measures against the Jews. The statement sweeps aside Austrian pleas of inability to meet the Jewish demands, stressing that Austria has been building steadily since the war's end and noting that in every other instance, except this, Austria has been boastful of its economic progress.

The Board declared that Austria has been seeking assistance in ending the occupation by the Four Powers--which the Board said was a highly justified goal--in the name of justice. However, it underlined, Austria is unwilling to offer justice by providing some measure of compensation to the victims of Nazism.

CONGRESSIONAL BODY SEEKS PROSECUTION OF ANTI-SEMITIC ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Justice Department today indicated that it is giving serious attention to a report issued this week-end by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in which prosecution was requested of the New York anti-Semitic organization National Renaissance Party because it engages in anti-Jewish and pro-Nazi activities which are "clearly subversive and un-American."

The report of the Congressional committee sharply condemned "neo-Fascist and hate-groups" and emphasized the danger of anti-Semitic and neo-Fascist groups operating under the guise of combatting Communism. "Subversion cannot be combatted by subversion," the committee stressed. "Those who support the extreme right today do as great a violence to our national institutions as do those on the extreme left."

The Congressional committee also attacked the anti-Semitic semi-monthly, Common Sense, published in Union, N. J. It described this paper as "a clearing house for hate propagandists throughout the country" and as "a vehicle for the exploitation of ignorance, prejudice and fear." It said that "Common Sense" engages in activities just as subversive and just as un-American as Communism.

Conde McGinley, editor of "Common Sense," was especially taken to task by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report. "It is regrettable," the report said, "that any American may have contributed to the perpetuation of a hate factory such as that operated by the McGinleys. If loyal Americans seek to play an active part in protecting their country from subversion, they would do well to lend their support to legitimate patriotic organizations rather than to those whose real objective is another form of subversion."

House Committee Establishes Patterns of Organized Anti-Semitism

Committee investigations disclosed that organized anti-Semitism in the United States falls into two patterns: "the neo-Fascist organization which openly espouses a Fascist regime for the United States, and the organized hate group, which masquerades as a defender of our republican form of government yet conducts hate campaigns against racial and religious minorities in the infamous tradition of the Fascist dictatorships."

The report mentioned some of the most extreme of the anti-Semitic groups and individual agitators in the country but failed to mention such organizations as those operated by Gerald L. K. Smith, Merwin K. Hart, and Joseph P. Kamp. Apparently the intent was not to present a comprehensive survey of all such groups but to single out a few, like the "National Renaissance Party," for detailed study.

The report accused the N. R. P., a party of between 200 and 700 members, of following "the Hitler line" and said "Common Sense" is devoted mainly to attacks on Jews and Negroes. Resurgent Fascist and hate groups in this country, the committee reported, "employ the Hitlerian technique of the big lie" and appeal to "the unwary by cynical use of concepts having a deep emotional appeal to the majority of decent citizens." It said their objective is to "propagate hoaxes and smears aimed at setting creed against creed and race against race."

The N. R. P., the committee said, was organized in January, 1949, and is headed by a "young fanatic, James H. Madole, of Beacon, N. Y." The report said its headquarters are at 203 E. 86th Street, New York, from where it issues a monthly bulletin. The committee reported that Madole preaches his creed at street-corner meetings in the Yorkville section of Manhattan, frequently accompanied by "a handful of young fanatics wearing dark caps and trousers and brassards on which a lightning bolt replaces the swastika."

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR RESUMES SECURITY TALKS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban this week-end resumed high level conversations at the State Department in connection with general security problems in the Near East, it was learned here today.

Mr. Eban met with Herbert Hoover, Jr., Under Secretary of State, Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary, and John D. Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a full review of problems of mutual interest to the United States and Israel, Mr. Eban said. He added that the general review was in direct continuation of past conversations and a phase in the resumption of further talks with the Department.

JEWISH PROPERTY SOLD IN IRAQ BY GOVERNMENT, BAGDAD RADIO REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Iraq Government this month sold "sundry articles" confiscated from Iraqi Jews divested of their Iraqi nationality for not returning to the country from abroad, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

The WJC said that a broadcast from Bagdad had stated that the "Secretariat for the Control and Administration of Property of Jews Divested of Iraqi Nationality" had held a sale of such goods between December 4 and 8.

U. N. EXPERTS JUSTIFY ISRAEL'S DETENTION OF SYRIAN AIRPLANE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Syrian passenger plane forced to land in Israel last week by Israel fighter planes committed a technical error when it failed to identify itself while passing an Israel control zone, United Nations experts said here today in comment on the incident.

Several Israel newspapers have criticized the government for releasing the Syrian plane before the Syrians returned five Israel soldiers kidnapped near the Israel-Syrian border. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce supervisor, has gone to Damascus to discuss the release of the Israel soldiers.

ZIONIST MOVEMENT RESUMED IN WEST GERMANY; LOCAL CHAPTERS OPENED

FRANKFURT, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The first local chapter of the Zionist Organization of Germany to be set up in West Germany proper was established here today at a meeting called by the Jewish Agency.

All Zionist activities were brought to an end in Germany four years ago by the World Zionist headquarters. However, last Summer, in recognition of the new situation of the Jewish communities of Germany, it was decided to re-activate a central German Zionist Organization.

One local chapter has already been organized in Berlin. An attempt to create a chapter in Munich fell through at the last minute when the would-be founders of the group decided that they might not be given full equality with Zionist groups outside Germany. Next week, a chapter will be established in Cologne.

CHANUKAH STARTS IN ISRAEL WITH LIGHTING OF GIANT MENORAH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The observance of Chanukah was begun in Israel today with the lighting of a torch at Modin, birthplace of the Maccabees, where the revolt against the Graeco-Syrians began some 2,100 years ago. The torch was carried to Jerusalem by a relay of runners, the last of whom handed the torch to President Itzhak Ben Zvi at his residence here.

Later, at a ceremony on Mt. Zion, the torch was used to light the first Chanukah candle on a public menorah and to light the candles on a giant menorah in memory of the various Jewish communities wiped out by the Nazis. The memorial menorah was mounted on a vehicle and was taken on a tour of the settlements in Israel.

UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL PROVIDED \$145, 614, 000 FOR ISRAEL IN FOUR YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Rudolf G. Sonneborn, who is completing this year four years as chairman of the United Israel Appeal, reported last night that UIA agencies spent a total of \$254, 563, 000 for their program of relief, rehabilitation and resettlement since the time he took office in January, 1951.

In submitting a report to the board of directors, Mr. Sonneborn announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election at the annual meeting on January 23rd in New York. The report described the progress that Israel has made since 1951 as "strongly comparable" to the advances made in the United States between the depression years of 1932 and the recovery of 1937-38.

Of the total spent in Israel by UIA agencies since 1951, the UIA in this country provided \$145, 614, 000. The outgoing UIA chairman said that the difference between the money spent and the funds provided from this country was made up by loans, campaigns in other countries, and German reparations payments in the form of goods and equipment.

"During the course of the last few years," Mr. Sonneborn declared, "Israel has advanced from a state of profound economic dislocation and imbalance to the point today when she is making important stride towards self-sufficiency and increased productivity." He stressed that despite these tremendous gains Israel still required large-scale assistance to cope with the imminent mass influx from North Africa and to complete its development program.

The UIA chairman pointed out that although he was stepping out of office, he would continue to give his time and efforts in the United Jewish Appeal campaign of which the UIA is the major beneficiary. "The American-Jewish community has accomplished no small feat in rescuing, rehabilitating and starting a people on the difficult path toward resettlement," Mr. Sonneborn said.

ISRAEL SEEKS ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY WITHIN 10 YEARS, ESHKOL SAYS

BOSTON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The State of Israel has set itself a goal of economic self-sufficiency within the next ten years, Levi Eshkol, Israel's Minister of Finance, told the audience at a Chanukah Festival held at the Boston Garden today. More than \$1, 000, 000 in Israel Development Bonds was bought by Bostonians in order to attend the festival, admission to which was by purchase of Israel Bonds.

One of the important keys to Israel's planning for the next ten years, Mr. Eshkol pointed out, is the work of its "impressive roster of scientists." These men and women, he said, have shown their ability to make significant contributions in many fields, including atomic research.

Their major concentration, he indicated, lies in those areas of research which bear a direct relationship to the economic development of Israel. "We are depending on our scientists," he stressed, "in our effort to assess and develop the mineral wealth of our country, our potash, bromine, magnesium, phosphate, copper and other minerals."

Mr. Eshkol reported that the State of Israel has already overcome its most serious shortages with the aid of Israel Bond capital, and that agricultural production has more than doubled in six years of statehood. "We are growing all the vegetables, all the fruit, and all the dairy and poultry products which we need. The stores are full of Israel produce. Our farmers are not only supplying more of the needs of our consumers; they are also contributing to exports," he said.

BERL LOCKER, JEWISH AGENCY CHAIRMAN IN ISRAEL, ARRIVES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, who has spent the past two months in a special tour for the Israel Bond drive in a number of Latin American countries, arrived in New York today from Mexico City. He will return to his home in Israel in the near future.

During his visit to Central and South America, Mr. Locker conferred with leaders of Israel Bond campaigns, and was instrumental in furthering their efforts to raise investment dollars for the economic development of Israel.

ITALIAN SOCIETY SETS UP PRIZES IN MEMORY OF JEWISH AUTHORESS

ROME, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Leonardo da Vinci Literary Society of Florence has set up prizes for prose and poetry in memory of Laura Orvieto, a Jewish authoress of that city, who died recently.

A writer of stories for young people, Mrs. Orvieto was well known to the past few generations of Italian youth. Writers and members of Italy's Parliament are included on the jury which will present the Laura Orvieto Prizes.

AARON COPLAND, NOTED JEWISH COMPOSER, ELECTED TO ARTS ACADEMY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Aaron Copland, noted American Jewish composer, was one of four new members elected this week by the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Membership, which is for life, is restricted to 50.

Mr. Copland was born in Brooklyn in 1900. He organized and presented the Copland-Sessions concerts with Roger Sessions between 1928 and 1931. In 1932 he founded the American Music Festivals at Yaddo. For several years he has been assistant director of the Berkshire Music Festival at Tanglewood. He was Charles Eliot Norton, professor of music at Harvard University in 1951 and 1952.

JONAH WISE HONORED; COMPLETES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AS RABBI

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Jonah B. Wise, spiritual leader of the Central Synagogue here, was honored this week-end upon his completion of 50 years of service as a rabbi. The 73-year-old rabbi, son of Isaac M. Wise, founder of Reform Judaism in this country, indicated in a sermon to the congregation that he has no intention of retiring at this time.

During the ceremony honoring him, he was presented with a special citation by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, which was founded by his father, and where he himself was ordained in 1904. Besides holding rabbinical posts in Chattanooga, Tenn., Portland, Oregon, and here, Dr. Wise was active in helping save a remnant of German Jewry and in organizing and leading the United Jewish Appeal.

ONLY 97 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ENTERED CANADA DURING OCTOBER

OTTAWA, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Only 97 Jewish immigrants arrived in Canada in October, 1954, as compared with 352 who came in October, 1953, it was revealed in a set of immigration figures released by the Immigration Department here. Arrivals of all immigrants dropped from over 18,000 in October, 1953, to over 11,000 this past October.