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U.S. INVITES ISRAEL SCIENTISTS TO "ATOMS-FOR-PEACE" TRAINING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Israel scientists may be among those from many nations to participate in the first of several projects advancing President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" plan. United States authorities have communicated with Israel about a special four-week course in radioisotope techniques, to begin next May at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

At Oak Ridge, scientists will have the opportunity to learn new techniques and to interchange knowledge already acquired through application and theory. Israeli scientists may make contributions, owing to their studies at the Department of Isotope Research in the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, and the application of research at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, where radioactive isotopes are used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, blood diseases, and thyroid conditions.

The Oak Ridge study group will precede an international scientific conference, proposed for the summer of 1955, to which Israel will be invited. (In Israel, the Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today heard a special report from a group of scientists about research work being done there in atomic energy and in the field of heavy water. The scientists were from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Weizmann Institute at Rehovoth.)

EGYPTIAN COURT RELEASES "BAT GALIM"; STIPULATES CONDITION

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A decision to release the Israeli ship "Bat Galim" on condition that she would not pass through the Suez Canal was adopted last night by the Egyptian court in Alexandria at which hearings were held for some time since the seizure of the vessel in September, it was reported here today from Cairo.

The report said that the ship is expected to sail with its 10-man crew today or tomorrow, if the condition is accepted by the Israel Government. The ship, which was acquired by Israel in Ethiopia, was detained by Egypt when she reached the Suez Canal on her way to Haifa.

The assertion that Egypt would refuse to conclude peace with Israel even if the Jewish State agreed to carry out certain United Nations resolutions on partition of Palestine and re-admission of Arab refugees into Israel-held territory was made today by Egypt's Minister of National Guidance, Salah Salem, according to a dispatch received here from Cairo.

Discussing Middle East affairs with a group of Syrian journalists, Salem said, according to the Cairo report, that "Israel is a danger not only to Egypt but also to the rest of the Arab world." Egypt's defense policy, as defined by Salem, requires the conversion of the Arab League security pact, primarily directed against Israel, into an exclusive instrument for defense of Egypt and the Arab world against aggression from outside the Middle East.

HEAVY RAINS HIT ISRAEL; DISRUPT TRANSPORTATION; TWO DROWNED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Heavy rains accompanied by a cold wave hit Israel, causing the loss of at least two lives, disrupting transportation over many roads as well as in urban centers, endangering the lives of 30 children in a day nursery, and sending ships to shelter in the protected harbor of Haifa.

The storms - worst of the season - brought a record 19-inch rainfall which was highly welcomed by farmers who said the waters would aid their winter crops. However, in the Sharon Valley, a mother and her infant child lost their lives when floodwaters washed them out of a jeep.

In Tel Aviv, firemen had to form a human chain to rescue 30 children trapped in a day nursery. Four ships left Tel Aviv to take shelter in Haifa. This city and Metullah yesterday had their coldest day this season. Metullah had an unaccustomed snowfall. From the Negev it was reported that flash floods raced down the mountain-sides, making road travel dangerous.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION REJECTS SYRIAN COMPLAINT AGAINST ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission today rejected a Syrian request for censure of Israel in connection with the seizure of a Syrian commercial passenger plane which Israeli army fighters forced down at Lydda Airport.

The seizure was made December 12 when, according to the Israelis, the Syrian plane entered a prohibited air lane. Israel released the passengers and crew, keeping the plane immobilized two days before letting it go. At the MAC hearing today, Syria asked that Israel be censured and ordered to pay compensation. The Syrian motion fell through when the commission chairman, Lieut. Col. G. Castonguay, abstained from voting on the grounds that he doubted that the case fell into the Commission's competence as an armistice violation.

Israel had also filed a complaint against Syria for violating its air lanes, but withdrew the grievance when the Syrian resolution failed.

ADOPTION OF ISRAELI CHILD BY JOSEPHINE BAKER REJECTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Cabaret entertainer Josephine Baker today was refused permission here to adopt an Israeli child. Miss Baker, who had asked for such permission "in order to educate the child in the spirit of peace and brotherhood between peoples," was denied the request by Moshe Shapira, Minister of Religious and Social Welfare. In her application, she said she had already adopted five children of various nationalities and religions.

On behalf of Mr. Shapira, a Ministry spokesman declared that, while Miss Baker's humanitarian impulse is appreciated, the Ministry could not permit a Jewish child to be taken away from Israel at a time when every effort is being made to bring Jewish children into the country.

RABBI BERNSTEIN NAMED HEAD OF ZIONIST COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, of Rochester, N. Y., former president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, was today elected chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs. He succeeds Louis Lipsky, veteran leader of the American Zionist movement.

The American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs was established early this year by all the American Zionist organizations to "conduct and direct public action, on behalf of the American Zionist movement, bearing upon relations with governmental authorities, with a view to maintaining and improving friendship and good will between the United States and Israel."

FOUR NAZIS SENTENCED IN GERMANY FOR ATTACKING JEWS IN 1938

FRANKFURT, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Prison sentences ranging from one to two years were pronounced by a German court in Kassel against four SS hooligans from Kirchhain, near Marburg, who organized and spearheaded the November, 1938 pogrom on Jews in their small North Hesse town.

Walter Biedermann, a 50-year-old clerk who was the local SS indoctrination chief, received the two-year term for "aggravated breach of the peace" and "incitement to assault." Together with the other defendants, veteran Nazis all, he had led a beating-and-looting spree through Jewish apartments and stores.

GERMANY ISSUES POSTAGE STAMP HONORING JEWISH SOCIAL WORKER

FRANKFURT, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The West German postal system today issued a special postage stamp with the picture of Bertha Pappenheim, the Jewish social worker who just fifty years ago founded the Jewish Women's League of Germany.

The blue stamp is of the 40-Pfennig denomination, the one needed for letters to other countries. It will be sold for face value plus a surcharge of 10 Pfennig as one of a series of welfare stamps, with the amount realized from the surcharges being turned over to charitable organizations. Among these is the Central Welfare Agency of Jews in Germany, whose share will run to one percent of the proceeds.

Bertha Pappenheim, whose profile as a young woman appears on the stamp, was born in Vienna almost a century ago and died in 1936 at Neu-Isenburg, near Frankfurt, where she had created a renowned home for Jewish girls. In the sphere of general social work, she took a leading part in the rehabilitation of delinquent girls and in combating the white-slave trade. Her main interest, however, was Jewish social and educational endeavor.

Soon after coming to Frankfurt in 1881, she founded the "Jewish Society for the Welfare of Women and Girls." For a dozen years, she headed the Frankfurt Jewish girls' orphanage and one of the first Jewish kindergartens. It was she who, in the summer of 1904, set up the German-wide "Jewish Women's League," and guided its destinies for a score of years. This is believed to be the first time a German stamp portrays someone whose principal claim to fame rests upon work for the Jewish community in a specifically Jewish context.

JEWS IN ITALY HOLD TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Three hundred delegates, representing every Jewish community and most Jewish organizations in Italy, today concluded a two-day conference here devoted to plans for re-awakening the spiritual forces of Italian Jewry.

Speakers at the conference discussed the various social, educational, religious and political problems facing Jewish communities in this country. Judaism was declared by nearly all delegates here to be a natural bulwark against religious intolerance, militarism and totalitarianism.

MANUSCRIPTS OF DR. HERZL DISCOVERED IN SAFE OF A LONDON BANK

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Leaders of various Zionist groups last night honored Dr. Alex Bein, biographer of Dr. Theodor Herzl and assistant director of the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem, at a reception tendered to him by the Jewish Agency here.

Dr. Bein, who is now visiting the United States in the interest of the Zionist Archives, told the audience of new manuscripts by Dr. Herzl which he discovered in London while on his way to this country. The manuscripts, and other documents pertaining to the activities of Dr. Herzl, were held for many years in the safe of a London bank. Their existence was suspected, but they were not discovered until Dr. Bein's recent visit to England.

SECRETARY OF LABOR SAYS U.S. WILL COMBAT BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The United States "cannot afford prejudice" and is determined on a policy of seeking the elimination of racial and religious bias in employment, Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell declared last night, addressing a student fraternity at Howard University.

America's manpower must be developed and conserved, he said, and this of necessity rules out any sort of discrimination. "Discrimination in our society has caused more waste of able and willing manpower than any other factor," Mr. Mitchell asserted. "It has condemned many men and women to lives of ignoble poverty, and in some cases, economic uselessness."

EDITOR OF "COMMON SENSE" ATTACKS THE TALMUD; ASSAILS JUDAISM

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Conde McGinley, editor and publisher of "Common Sense," a publication which the House Committee on Un-American Activities called a "clearing house for hate propaganda," told the Jewish News of Newark that the paper was "not opposed to anybody because of their race or creed."

He declared, however, that Judaism is not a religion but a "cult based on hatred of Christianity" and asserted that Jesus and the early Christians "were not Jews any more than they were Chinamen. You people were all Pharisees."

McGinley told the Jewish News that his activities were motivated by the opinion that the "Talmud is the most vile paper printed" and that "Communism and all the other revolutionary movements spring from the Talmud."

McGinley, whose paper described the Arabs as "victims of Zionism" and "world Jewry," denied in the interview that he received money from Arab League sources. He praised Benjamin L. Freedman, a financial supporter of anti-Israel propaganda as "one of the greatest Americans who ever drew breath."

Although Freedman testified in 1950 before the Senate Armed Services Committee that he had spent nearly \$20,000 up to that time to support McGinley, the Jewish News reported, McGinley told the paper that Freedman's contributions, as he recalled them, were about \$100 or \$150.

The paper quoted McGinley as saying that his entire dispute with the Jews and Judaism "could be settled and our paper closed up and I could go back to making a living if you people would just sit down and show us we're wrong. We'll be happy to sit down with your leaders."

The House Committee's report described "Common Sense" as "almost exclusively a vehicle for the exploitation of ignorance, prejudice and fear." It recommended further investigation with a view to prosecution.

CAMPAIGN FOR U. J. A. STARTED AMONG JEWS IN ARMED SERVICES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A unified and simultaneous campaign to raise funds from among Jewish military personnel in all branches of the United States Armed Forces on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal was initiated for the first time today under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board. The campaign will run till Purim.

The campaign will be conducted by 97 full-time and 244 part-time Jewish chaplains on duty with the U.S. Armed Forces in the United States and 49 other countries. JWB is the government-authorized agency for serving the religious, morale and welfare needs of Jews in the Armed Forces and of Jewish veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals.

Each Jewish chaplain will initiate and conduct the campaign in accordance with his local situation after full clearance with the appropriate military authorities. All funds raised will be forwarded to JWB headquarters in New York for transmittal to the United Jewish Appeal.

CONFERENCE OF RABBINICAL ALLIANCE ASSAILS CONSERVATIVE RABBIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Conservative rabbis were strongly criticized today at a conference of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, an Orthodox group, for their "continuous misrepresentations of the Jewish jurisprudence and their ever-growing efforts to undermine the significance of Jewish tradition."

The 300 rabbis who attended the conference were urged by Rabbi Harry J. Kaufman, chairman of the Alliance, "to put an end to the policy of appeasement and reconciliation towards the Conservative movement which has hitherto been prevalent in Orthodox circles."

Rabbi Kaufman deplored the Conservative rabbis who "despite their ostentatious efforts to cloud their true intentions with the language of traditional Judaism, fail to practice the fundamental principles of Orthodox Judaism, publicly violate the Law of the Sabbath, Dietary Laws and the Sanctify of the Family."

Rabbi Samuel A. Turk, chairman of the executive board of the Alliance, emphasized "the urgency for a concerted and united effort of all Orthodox rabbinic and lay groups to guard against any encroachment upon the traditional synagogue and community by these non-conforming rabbis who purport to represent the traditional viewpoint of Judaism."

ABSENCE OF JEWISH CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL ON HOLIDAYS ANALYZED

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A unique conference of school officials of Cheltenham township and leaders of the Jewish community of the area was hailed here as resulting in increased awareness and understanding of mutual problems.

Among the problems discussed was that of absence of Jewish children from school on Jewish holidays. It was pointed out that there were excused absences, and excuses signed by parents did not have to state that the child attended religious services. It was agreed that attendance at services was the responsibility of the synagogues which also had the responsibility of discouraging Jewish children from congregating near schools on holidays after religious services.

The two groups also agreed that schools and teachers could explain the nature of Jewish holidays on which Jewish pupils were absent without involving any violation of the separation of church and state. Jewish calendars and other information were offered to the schools if desired. The Jewish representatives stressed, however, that they had no desire to act as censors of school schedules, plans or programs.

Want School Events Not to Conflict with Religious Services

The school leaders were asked to give consideration to the scheduling of major night school events on nights not conflicting with religious services. A distinction was made between major events which are school-sponsored and school-promoted and comparatively incidental activities on Friday nights which involve minimal problems for the Jewish community. Sports and similar activities on Saturday afternoons were not regarded as posing problems for the Jewish community.

The Jewish leaders recommended that no changes be made by schools unless Christian and Jewish parents and teachers agreed that, to the extent it was possible to do so, school events should not be held at times that posed problems for religiously concerned Christians or Jews. It was admitted that it would take several years for such understanding and agreement to be reached and that immediate steps would be unwise and premature.