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BURMESE PREMIER ARRIVES IN ISRAEL FOR VISIT; ACCLAIMED BY ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Prime Minister U Nu of Burma arrived in Israel yesterday for a one-week visit, which rapidly took on the character of a national holiday. The Burmese Premier, who was accompanied by his wife, is the most popular Asian leader here because of his efforts to have Israel invited to the Bandung conference and his attempts to soften the anti-Israel resolution adopted at that conference. Reports here that his proposed visit to Cairo had been cancelled because he refused to bow to Egyptian pressure against his visit to Israel gave a heightened sense of immediacy to his long-time role as Israel's best friend in Asia.

Premier Nu, in a statement at the Lydda airport upon his arrival, expressed his thanks for the technical assistance and Israel know-how given his country. "I have been looking forward for some time to a visit to your beautiful country," he said. "I am very glad to be among you today. I bring you the best wishes of the people of Burma. We sincerely appreciate that the Israel Government has granted us its aid whenever we requested it. I appreciate very much the great work done by Israel Minister David Hacohen in cementing the bonds of friendship between Burma and Israel."

The airport ceremonies included greetings from Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, and the attendance of Cabinet members, the Speaker of the Knesset, members of the diplomatic corps and high Army officers. The Burmese leader was also greeted by Burmese officers now in training in Israel, and was accorded full military honors.

The two Prime Ministers and their wives then travelled to this city together, where the Burmese party was installed at the King David Hotel. Premier Sharett and his Burmese guest dined quietly there in Prime Minister U Nu's suite. The Asian leader made an official visit to Mr. Sharett's office, and to the office of President Itzhak Ben Zvi, and placed a wreath at Herzl's Tomb today.

ISRAEL ENVOYS TO WESTERN POWERS END CONSULTATIONS; RETURN TO POSTS

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Ambassadors Abba S. Eban, Eliahu Elath and Yaacov Tsur, envoys of Israel to the United States, Great Britain and France, respectively, reported to the Israel Cabinet yesterday on the situation in the countries to which they are accredited.

Prime Minister Moshe Sharett then summed up for the Cabinet the results of the consultations with the envoys, which ended Saturday night. Messrs. Eban and Elath are expected to leave for their posts today.

TWO ISRAELIS KILLED IN NEW OUTBREAK ALONG GAZA STRIP BORDER

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- Two Israel soldiers were killed in a new outbreak of automatic and mortar fire along the Gaza strip border, a military spokesman revealed here today. At the time of the announcement here late this afternoon, Egyptian fire was still preventing evacuation of six others who were wounded.

The incident occurred just before noon today when the Egyptians opened up on the Israel settlement of Ein Hashlosa, opposite the border. Later, the firing spread to the Nirim area, south of Ein Hashlosa, and Israel artillery went into action, the military spokesman said.

The Gaza border was the scene of an exchange of artillery fire Saturday, which was set off by Egyptian firing upon an Israel patrol. Also, during the week-end, an Israel soldier was wounded when the vehicle in which he was patrolling the border hit a landmine.

At Mevoot Beitar, in the Jerusalem Corridor, a Jewish watchman was wounded today by a gang of infiltrators from Jordan.

MYSTERIOUS BLAST ROCKS JERUSALEM; FOUR HURT; POLICE INVESTIGATE

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Israel police were investigating today a mysterious explosion in one of the sidestreets of downtown Jerusalem last midnight. Four persons were injured, two seriously, by the blast. Thus far the police have been unable to offer any explanation for the planting of the bomb.

SENATE COMMITTEE URGES RESETTLEMENT AS "ONLY" ARAB REFUGEE SOLUTION

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- A permanent solution of the Palestine Arab refugee problem "can only be found through rehabilitation and resettlement," a report of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to the Senate declared this week-end. The Senate committee's report underscored "the committee has repeatedly expressed its deep concern over the lack of progress in this direction."

The document declared that "the committee was therefore encouraged to learn that final negotiations are nearing completion for two large-scale resettlement projects. One of them will provide for 60,000 to 70,000 refugees in Sinai, at an estimated cost of \$50,000,000. The other is the Jordan River Valley development project, which will benefit about 150,000 at an estimated cost of \$90,000,000." The Committee said the Administration was hopeful that a start could be made on these projects in the fiscal year of 1956 and it added its belief that if they could be brought to fruition they would be a great contribution to lessening tension in the area.

Referring to development assistance for Israel, the committee said "although Israel has made significant economic progress and American assistance has been reduced, it is not yet feasible to terminate that assistance." The report also said that one of the principal United States objectives is the development of projects which would result in the strengthening of the economy of the area as a whole and added that "should opportunities present themselves, funds authorized by the bill could be used for such projects on a regional basis."

U.S. - Israel Sign Agreement for Six New Projects

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- An agreement for six new projects has been signed here by Dr. Lincoln Hale, chief of the United States technical aid mission, and Theodore Kollek, director of the Prime Minister's office. The six projects are a tourism survey, research into cheaper and better housing, a study of the feasibility of new mineral production from the Dead Sea, development of a metallurgical laboratory at the Technion, expansion of the government's statistical services and establishment by ORT of vocational training centers for immigrant children.

Announcement of the signing of the agreements was made by United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson in an address to the Acre Rotary Club on tourism and international understanding. The United States Mission and Israel counterpart accounts will finance all six projects, according to the Ambassador's announcement.

Plea for U.S. - Israel Security Pact Voiced at JNF Celebration

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress and honorary president of the Jewish National Fund of America, called upon the American Government last night to conclude a mutual security pact with Israel "as the best guarantee of peace and prosperity in the Middle East." He spoke at a Bikkurim celebration of the Jewish National Fund at the Commodore Hotel before an overflow audience of 2,000 persons.

"American policy in the Middle East in seeking to protect the security of the region as a whole must ensure the security of every component unit in that area," Dr. Goldstein insisted. "Israel is one of the important component units in the Middle East. Yet it was not included in any of the existing or proposed security pacts. Jordan's security is guaranteed by England. Iraq has a security pact with Turkey, which is backed by the other Arab states in the area. Israel alone is left to fend for itself. Is it any wonder that Israel is apprehensive? It is high time that our Government gave an undertaking to guarantee Israel's security against aggression by its neighbors."

Louis Segal, secretary general of Farband-Labor Zionist Fraternal Order and member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, pointed to the agrarian policy of the State of Israel, as exemplified by the JNF, as "the key to the peaceful development of the whole of the Middle Eastern area and the best way of bolstering the region against totalitarian aggression."

TECHNION CITY TO HAVE BUILDINGS NAMED AFTER AMERICAN DONORS

HAIFA, May 30. (JTA) -- A decision to proceed at once with the construction of five more buildings on the site of Technion City, the new campus of the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa, was taken at a meeting here this week-end of the Technion's board of governors.

The structures include the central auditorium, which will be named for Sir Winston Churchill, a technical high school named for Alexander Konoff of the United States, an agricultural building named for Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, American soil conservationist who is currently teaching at the Technion, and a dining room and soil mechanics laboratory.

At the same time the board adopted an administrative budget of 2,913,000 pounds for the coming year and elected a number of new members to the board from U.S., Britain, Canada and South Africa. Later, the board members participated in a ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone of the new electrical engineering building named for Harry Fishbach of New York. Members of the Fishbach family were present.

TUNISIAN MOSLEMS ATTACK JEWISH-OWNED CAFES; JEWISH MERCHANT INJURED

TUNIS, May 30. (JTA) -- A group of young Tunisians attacked several cafes owned by Jews here this week-end on the pretext that Moslems were consuming liquor on the premises, contrary to Moslem religious law. There were no casualties in the raids.

Moise Haddad, a Jewish trader in the bazaar here, was attacked by a band of Moslem Tunisians this week-end. He was injured when clubbed with a revolver.

IRAN MINISTER REAFFIRMS PLEDGE OF FREEDOM TO 75,000 PERSIAN JEWS

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- Iran's Minister of the Interior has reaffirmed a guarantee of freedom to Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians, according to a Teheran radio report monitored here this week-end. In a statement to the Iranian Parliament, the Minister of the Interior was reported to have said that "in accordance with the Constitution and the country's laws, minorities which practice Zoroastrianism, Judaism and Christianity will enjoy complete freedom and respect, within the framework of the law."

The statement, the report added, was part of the Parliamentary proceedings relating to the outlawing of the Bahai sect in Iran, which the Iranian Government describes as composed of "seditious elements and illegal groups." According to the latest available figures here, the Jewish population of Iran numbers 75,000, of whom more than half live in the capital city of Teheran.

NUMBER OF JEWS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN BRITISH ELECTIONS

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- Barnett Janner, honorary president of the Zionist Federation here, was re-elected as a Labor Member of Parliament for Leicester Northwest in Britain's parliamentary elections last week, one of a number of Jews who were returned on both Labor and Conservative tickets. His son, Grenville, who was contesting his first election on behalf of the Labor Party, was defeated.

Another Jewish communal leader who was returned by his constituents was Sir Henry D'Avigdor Goldsmid, who won the newly-created electoral division of Walsall West for the Conservatives. Sir Henry is president of the Jewish Colonization Association.

Among Jewish M.P.'s reelected, all of them Laborites, were Emanuel Shinwell, David Weitzman, Sidney Silverman, Julius Silverman, Maurice Edelman, Maurice Orbach, who is general secretary of the Trades Advisory Council which deals with discrimination in employment and business, and Poale Zion leader Ian Mikardo, who is one of Aneurin Bevan's closest aides.

SUPPLIER OF CYANIDE USED IN KILLING JEWS AT AUSCHWITZ ACQUITTED

FRANKFURT, May 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Gerhard Peters, whom a local court had found to be an impotent Nazi who supplied at least 5,000 pounds of a special brand of potassium in the full knowledge that it was to be used to asphyxiate human beings, walked out of a court here a free man this week-end. He was charged with collaboration in the murder of at least 300,000 people, most of them Jews, at the Auschwitz death camp.

Peters will return to his post as a management executive in a chemical plant near Cologne. His trial here resulted in acquittal and the reversal of six previous guilty verdicts.

Judge Werner Hummerich, in his summation, said that it was impossible to believe that the defendant really thought the mass concentration camp executions were legal. But, the Judge contended, no "conclusive proof" existed that the Zyklon B poison gas crystals furnished to the Auschwitz camp by Peters' "German Society for Vermin Extermination" were actually put to use in the gas chambers there. Possibly the crystals were used in some innocuous fashion by the S.S. officer in charge of potassium cyanide procurement, Lt. Col. Gerstein, the summation went on, despite the fact that the moving confession made by Gerstein in 1945 before he committed suicide did not even claim that he had ever sidetracked any of the regular shipments from Peters' plant.

Yet if that were the case, the Judge went on, was Peters still not guilty even of being an accessory to attempted murder? The Judge answered his own question with a "no," and went on to say that conviction on that ground would, indeed, have been possible at the time of the crime or even during Peters' six earlier trials. But the German penal code had been changed in 1953. Judge Hummerich pointed out, and since that time "participation in attempted, but unsuccessful killings" is no longer punishable.

Peters himself, in a final statement, said that his intention had only been "to make possible a more humane method of killing" and that he was "upset" at the "abuses" to which his Zyklon B had been subjected. A last surprise witness, Dr. Otto Wolken, who came from Vienna at his own expense, was heard just before the Peters declaration was made.

Still trembling at the pictures conjured up by his own testimony, Dr. Wolken, a former camp inmate, testified under oath that DEGESCH Zyklon B cans were stored in a special basement. As soon as new transports of Jewish prisoners arrived, he continued, the cans were taken to the gas chambers in ambulances bearing Red Cross insignia.

EISENHOWER ASKS 10-POINT REVISION OF REFUGEE RELIEF ACT OF 1953

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- With a plea to the Congress that it reaffirm the "great tradition of sanctuary" in America, President Eisenhower this week-end urged that it adopt ten specific amendments to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. He asked that action be taken during the present Congressional session.

By enacting the changes he recommended, the President said, Congress "would permit effective administration of the Act by the executive branch of the Government and greatly aid the success of the program." The President's message reported that "during the last year and a half, substantial progress has been made in setting up the complex organization required to administer the technical requirements of the Act." But he went on to add that experience has demonstrated that administrative improvements are not enough. A number of the provisions of the Act, he asserted, require amendment if the Act's objectives are to be fully achieved.

The suggested amendments include a proposal that unused quota numbers in various categories be made use of, possibly for orphans, on a world-wide basis; that definitions of the terms "refugee," "resettlement," "escapee" and "expellee" be liberalized; that requirement of a passport be waived where it is deemed feasible; and that organizational sponsorship be accepted as sufficient.

Reaction to the President's proposal was swift. Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee commended the recommendations, but criticized the President for failing to remove Scott McLeod as administrator of the program. McLeod, he said, "had neither the mental equipment nor the human sympathy" to entitle him to the wide discretionary powers in the administration of the program. Senator Herbert H. Lehman said "the President has responded to the public demand that the shame of the Refugee Relief Act be remedied."

Senator Arthur V. Watkins of Utah predicted that the proposals would be adopted and expressed confidence that if they were, the full number of refugees would be admitted before the expiration date. But Representative Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, co-author of the McCarran-Walter Act, opposed the President's move and freely predicted its defeat.

The American Jewish Committee, in a statement issued by its president, Irving M. Engel, applauded the Administration move, and said that it should be viewed as a "prelude toward the overhaul of our basic immigration policy as expressed in the McCarran-Walter Act."

COURT ORDERS STATE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE EINSTEIN EXECUTOR PASSPORT

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- A Federal Court order was issued this week-end directing the State Department to issue a passport to Dr. Otto Nathan, executor of the estate of the late Dr. Albert Einstein. The government may appeal the decision.

The State Department has refused to specify what the charges against Dr. Nathan are, or to allow him to confront his accusers. Dr. Nathan, who has been trying to get a passport for the last two and a half years, said he wanted to go abroad to seek co-operation in making available an unpublished Einstein manuscript.

RABINOWITZ CHAIR OF SEMITIC LANGUAGES, LITERATURE ESTABLISHED AT YALE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 30. (JTA) -- A new chair in Semitic languages and literature has been established at Yale University by Louis M. Rabinowitz, prominent philanthropist of New York City, it was announced this week-end by Edgar S. Furniss, Provost of Yale University. An appointment to the new professorship will be made in the near future, according to Mr. Furniss. Mr. Rabinowitz in 1952 was a recipient of a Yale Medal.

Through the Foundation bearing his name, Mr. Rabinowitz 10 years ago established a unit in Judaica Research at Yale. This institute of historical and philological studies has supervised publication by the Yale University Press of the Judaica Series, which are translations into English of ancient and medieval Jewish classics. The 10th volume of the Yale Judaica Series will be published this month.

MORRIS BERINSTEIN NAMED NATIONAL CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN OF ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Morris W. Berinstein of Syracuse, N. Y., who has been in the forefront of national leadership in fund-raising for Israel during the past decade, has been elected national campaign chairman for Israel bonds, it was announced today by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Development Corporation for Israel, which recently assumed responsibility for the sale of Israel Development Bonds in the U.S.

Mr. Feinberg also announced the election of Joseph Shulman of Paterson, N. J., as chairman of the executive committee of the bond organization; Mrs. Michael A. Stavitsky of East Orange, N. J., as chairman of the national women's division, and Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia as chairman of "Guardians of Israel."