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SCENES MARK ARRIVAL OF AIR CRASH VICTIMS' REMAINS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Heartbreaking scenes took place at the Israel Air Force airfield near here today as relatives of the 58 victims of the El Al air crash in Bulgaria came here to view the first 15 coffins to arrive from Sofia via Istanbul. More coffins are expected late today and the funeral is expected to be held under military auspices tomorrow.

The coffins came to Istanbul by rail from Sofia where religious services were held in the Great Synagogue of the Bulgarian capital. Thousands of Jews and non-Jews flocked into the Sofia synagogue for the services. Present in the temple were a British diplomat and a Swiss diplomat, the latter representing the United States which has no diplomatic relations with Bulgaria.

The military authorities have taken over the funeral arrangements, as well as flying the remains here. Transportation from Istanbul was provided by two military planes and one commercial transport. After the coffins were unloaded from the planes, they were placed in a huge hangar under a special honor guard of police.

The Chief Chaplain of the Army delivered a eulogy over the coffins and the Army's senior cantor recited portions of the Psalms. Diplomats and top Army and police officers were seen wiping their eyes during the religious services. Present beside relatives and officials were the American consul, British air attache, French Charge d'Affaires, French military attache, a representative of the Soviet Embassy, the Turkish military attache, a representative of the Austrian consulate and an official of the Canadian Embassy.

Funeral Expected Today; Protestant Clergyman to Participate

After the arrival of the last coffins, probably late tonight, it will be decided when the remains will be buried in Tel Aviv's cemetery--probably tomorrow. There were five non-Jews among the victims, none Catholics. A Protestant clergyman will participate in the funeral services as well as rabbis. Final attempts to identify the various victims will be made tonight by the Army's chief pathologist and representatives of the Chief Rabbinate. A search of the luggage is expected to provide many clues to identification.

Men and women broke down and cried unashamedly as they looked at the coffins. A number of relatives fainted as four small coffins were taken out of one of the transports, reminding the viewers that among the 58 who were killed when Bulgarian fighter planes downed the Israel Constellation were four children.

Among the women who fainted was one whose elderly parents died amid the flaming wreckage; she had not seen them for 15 years and they were coming from the USSR to be reunited with her. One of the mourners was Max Sacks, an American industrialist, who lost his wife and two teenage daughters in one blow.

BULGARIA ADMITS FIGHTER PLANES SHOT DOWN ISRAEL AIRLINER

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Government admitted today that two of its fighter planes, not anti-aircraft gunners as previously contended, had downed the El Al Constellation with 58 persons aboard last Wednesday. The announcement, broadcast by Sofia radio, was picked up here.

The Bulgarians further admitted that the fighter pilots had been "too hasty" and had not taken all the necessary measures to force the Constellation to land before shooting it down. Also, they promised to search out and punish those responsible and to take precautions to prevent any other such disasters. Finally, the broadcast contended that Bulgaria had informed Israel of its willingness to pay compensation to the families of the victims as well as for the destruction of the plane.

Explaining the "hastiness" of its defense forces, the Bulgarian Government noted the current international tension and asserted that there had been previous violations of Bulgarian air space for the purpose of making illegal "drops" inside the country. In this tense atmosphere, it added, the government had to take measures to protect the

country's security. In its latest account of the incident, the Bulgarian Government said that the El Al plane had flown over Bulgarian territory for a distance of 125 miles and was some 80 miles off course. The air defenses were alerted to its presence and two fighters were sent to investigate. They warned the plane to land and when, according to the Bulgarian version, the pilot failed to land, the planes opened fire.

"The organs of the anti-aircraft defense were too hasty," the statement said. "They did not take all necessary measures to force the plane to land." It concluded with an expression of regret at the "death of innocent people."

FINAL RESULTS OF ISRAEL ELECTIONS; KNESSET SEATS ALLOCATED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Allocation of the 120 seats in the new Israel Parliament elected on July 26, was officially announced today. The Mapai (Labor) Party, which ran first in the elections, received 40 seats under the proportional representation system. The rightwing Herut Party, which ran second in the popular balloting, received 15 seats. The General Zionist Party won 13 seats.

The National Religious Front, composed of the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi parties, will have 11 seats in the new Knesset. The Achdut Avodah Party will have ten seats; the Mapam Party, nine; Agudah, six; Communists, six; Progressives, five, and the three Arab slates, together, five seats.

A total vote of 876,085 was cast in the countrywide elections. Of these, 22,866 ballots were invalidated. Six groups which offered slates in the election failed to receive one percent of the valid vote and consequently, under the proportional representation system, received no representation in the Knesset. The election coefficient was 6,930 votes to one Knesset seat.

ISRAEL ISSUES NEW CURRENCY; OLD BANKNOTES REMAIN IN CIRCULATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The State Bank of Israel issued a new series of banknotes today in half-pound, pound, five-pound, ten-pound and fifty-pound denominations. David Horowitz, president of the bank, in announcing the new issue, made it clear that "there is no fiscal or financial or monetary change in the introduction of the new banknotes and we are not withdrawing or annulling the old banknotes, nor are we increasing the volume of currency in circulation."

The new banknotes, he explained, will be put into circulation gradually replacing old, outworn and soiled notes which will be retired from circulation. The new currency was printed by the famous London firm of Thomas de Larue. A different Israel scene appears on each denomination of the new issue.

FRANCE DENIES INTENTION TO SELL JET PLANES TO ISRAEL

PARIS, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The French Government has denied reports from London that it has agreed to sell Israel a group of Mystere IV jet fighter planes. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defense said last night that "no contract has been signed and none is projected."

A similar denial has been made by the Israel Embassy here. Nonetheless, informed sources say that Israel-French talks have been held on the sale of military planes to Israel, probably the Mystere IV's, which are very fast and deadly. The French Foreign Ministry insists that France has and will observe the spirit and the letter of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950.

MOSCOW CHIEF RABBI REGRETS INABILITY TO ATTEND JERUSALEM PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- A joint world conference, of the Mizrahi and Hapoel Mizrahi organizations in session here, was informed today that Rabbi S. M. Schleifer, Chief Rabbi of Moscow, had cabled a response to an invitation to attend the conference in Israel's capital.

The assemblage stood while the Moscow rabbi's message was read. It stated: "Your cable reached me but I regret I am unable to participate in this holy conference. My health does not permit me to take a long trip during the summer. My religious greetings to those who study the Torah and adhere to its tenets." Among those present who heard the message read was Rabbi Reines, 90-year-old father-in-law of Rabbi Schleifer.

ISRAEL OFFICIAL BECOMES RABBI OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN GERMANY

MUNICH, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Rabbi Adoniyahu Kraus, an official of the Ministry for Religion in Jerusalem, has been named rabbi of the Jewish community of Regensburg and several nearby communities.

GERMANY TO PAY FULL INDEMNIFICATION TO INDIVIDUAL NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The indemnification claims of individual Nazi victims can now be paid in full if they are based on imprisonment in jails or concentration camps, on injury to health suffered in consequence of Nazi persecution or on the death of the family breadwinner in the case of widows and orphans.

Full settlement of such claims was heretofore dependent upon proof that the Nazi victim was sick, needy or elderly. This proof is still required in other types of compensation claims, mainly those dealing with property losses, impairment of professional careers, and related categories.

SHANGHAI GHETTO INMATES ELIGIBLE FOR INDEMNIFICATION IN HESSE

FRANKFURT, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Jews in or from the State of Hesse, who were herded into the Shanghai ghetto by the Japanese in 1944-45, are definitely entitled to compensation on the grounds of illegal custody, provided they are otherwise eligible under German indemnification legislation.

This was learned here today when it became known that the period has expired during which the State of Hesse could have appealed against a verdict of the local Superior Court in the Shanghai ghetto test case filed by Frankfurt resident Else Sommer.

Jews in or from Hesse can collect a little more than one dollar a day for the 27 months they spent in the Shanghai ghetto, where 20,000 German and Austrian Jews were herded together in the Hongkew slums by Japanese military authorities acting on German instigation.

There is no assurance, however, that German states other than Hesse and Berlin will respect the ruling of the Frankfurt Superior Court, arrived at after extended cross-examination of top Nazi diplomats stationed in the Far East during the war. Bavaria, in particular, is likely to delay until a case has reached the Supreme Court in Karlsruhe.

ANTI-SEMITES NOT PERMITTED TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL PARLEY IN HESSE

BONN, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Social Democratic Government of Hesse has refused to grant permission for a meeting that had been scheduled in this city from August 13 to 16 by one of the most active branches of the organized international fascist movement, the violently anti-Semitic "European Social Movement." It is understood that one of the principal leaders of the movement, Sweden's Dr. Per Engdahl, personally called at the Hesse State Chancery, but without success.

At the same time, Prof. Theodor Heuss, the West German President, has awarded the Federal Cross of Merit to Erna Soelzer, a 63-year-old German maid-housekeeper for helping her blind Jewish employer in the Nazi era. Even when the Nazis threatened her 15 years ago and forced her to seek other employment, she refused to forsake the Jewish Samulon family, for whom she had worked 31 years. Without regard for the yellow "Jewish star" on blind Mrs. Samulon's outer clothing, she took the old lady for walks, sneaked in at night to help with the housework and shared her own meager food rations.

For subjecting a Jewish resident to a stream of vile anti-Semitic abuse, a Munich woman, Anna Lederer, was given a \$35 fine by the local appeals court, it was reported today.

TOUSTER CONFERS IN LONDON ON ADMISSION OF "HARD CORE" REFUGEES

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The suggestion that the United States open its doors to Jewish tuberculars or other chronically ill refugees and stateless persons as a contribution to the solution of the refugee problem, was made here today by Ben Touster, president of the United HIAS Service, at a press conference.

Mr. Touster said the U.S. should follow the example of the governments of Western European countries which have accepted a number of these "hard core" cases. He noted that with the acceptance of tubercular Jewish DP's in the U.S. would open the way for several thousand healthy members of their families who cannot now enter the U.S. except by leaving their sick family members behind.

Mr. Touster met today with leaders of the Central British Fund for Jewish Rehabilitation to discuss a plan for the admission to Britain of a share of the European Jewish refugees in need of physical and economic rehabilitation.

JEWISH POPULATION IN BURMA REDUCED; MANY WERE INTERNED BY JAPAN

GENEVA, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Burma, which stood at 2,000 before World War II broke out, now consists of 150 persons, it was reported here today. Most of the Jews of Burma were interned by the Japanese during the war, and the remainder fled. Only 400 returned at the end of the war, and 250 of these left subsequently.

B'NAI B'RITH TO START STUDIES ON JEWISH STUDENTS IN U.S. COLLEGES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith headquarters announced here today that it plans to undertake a study to determine the trend of Jewish college enrollment. The study will reveal the total enrollment and the number of Jewish students at 1,600 institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada, broken down by major professional fields and sex.

The organization will also undertake a national sampling survey of boys and girls who were graduated from high school three years ago to determine what vocational and educational progress they have made toward reaching their goals. It will involve sending questionnaires to 500 Jewish and 500 non-Jewish graduates in a selected group of cities to discover their present socio-economic status. Both college and non-college youth will be questioned. A major purpose of this project is to enable vocational guidance experts to help youth with their vocational planning.

A third project will be experimental and non-statistical in nature. It will be conducted in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League and will seek to determine by means of interviews with Jewish employers and Jewish employees in three selected fields what restrictions exist in regard to employment and advancement. The fields to be studied are college teaching, air transport, and insurance.

HOUSTON JEWISH CENTER TO POLL MEMBERSHIP ON SABBATH ISSUE

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Sharp protests against a decision of the board of directors of the Jewish Community Center of Houston to open the center on Saturday afternoons for a limited program of youth activities have resulted in suspension of the plan pending the polling of the adult membership of the center.

The board had voted to open the building at 2 PM on Saturday instead of 6 PM, but opposition to this was so strongly expressed at a special board meeting following the announcement that the board agreed to submit the plan to a vote of the membership. If two-thirds of the adult members concur, the center will be open on Saturday afternoons.

Critics of the plan charged that opening of the center on the Sabbath would be "another let-down in Jewish tradition." Speakers warned that the action would create a serious rift in the community. Ballots will be sent to all eligible members of the center, to be returned by Aug. 10.

REFORM TEMPLE ENGAGES WOMAN AS CANTOR; FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD SUCH POST

OCEANSIDE, N. Y., Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Mrs. Betty Robbins, 31, has been named cantor of Temple Avodah, a Reform synagogue in this Long Island suburban community. The vote of the trustees of the congregation, which serves 200 families, was unanimous, it was announced last night.

Mrs. Robbins, believed to be the first woman ever named a cantor, has sung in synagogue choirs since her youth when she sang in a German Jewish synagogue in Danzig. Later, with her family, she fled to Australia where, during World War II, she met and married Sheldon Robbins, then an American serviceman. She has been singing the soprano role with the Temple Avodah choir since it was organized three years ago. She will commence her duties as cantor with the Rosh Hashanah services in September.

EDUCATORS OF JEWISH REFORM MOVEMENT ESTABLISH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Formation of a new organization designed to coordinate the work and thinking of supervisors of Reform Jewish religious schools was announced today by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Named the National Association of Temple Educators, the new group will function under the auspices of the Union's Commission on Jewish Education, of which Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, of Pittsburgh, is chairman and Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, director. The Commission is jointly administered by the temple union and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

EX-EDITOR OF "DEARBORN INDEPENDENT" DEAD; REGRETTED HIS ANTI-SEMITISM

OAKLAND, Calif. Aug. 3. (JTA) -- William J. Cameron, onetime associate of Henry Ford and editor of the Dearborn Independent, a newspaper which published many anti-Semitic articles several decades ago, died here yesterday at the age of 76.

Mr. Cameron, who became editor of the Dearborn Independent shortly after World War I, published among other anti-Semitic material "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," the notorious forgery. He ran it in his newspaper and later published it as a booklet. Before his retirement, Mr. Cameron reversed his stand and made several speeches attacking persons who advocated religious or racial discrimination.