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JEWISH STORES BURNED IN MOROCCAN TOWNS; MANY JEWS FEARED KILLED

CASABLANCA, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The fear that there may be a number of Jews among the non-Moslems killed and wounded yesterday in the bloody disturbances in the Moroccan towns of Oued Zem and Khenifra was expressed in Jewish circles here today. The exact situation cannot be established as yet, but it is known that a Jewish store in Khenifra was burned down to the ground by the Moslem nationalists during the riots which raged there. The Jewish population of Khenifra, a town in the Middle Atlas Mountains of Morocco, joined with the European inhabitants yesterday in seeking refuge in the suburbs.

In Oued Zem, which is situated 80 miles from Casablanca, many stores were set afire by Moroccan tribesmen who swarmed into town from the neighboring villages. The situation there was still considered critical today. It is assumed that among the shops burned down by the Arab rioters were many belonging to Jews, since some of the agitators against the French administration have been charging the Jews with siding with the French.

In Casablanca, a number of Arab leaders have called on the Jews of the Old Medina section of the city to join in the demonstrations they had scheduled in protest against the deposition of their old Sultan by the French authorities. The Arab leaders told the Jews that as Moroccan subjects equally with their Moslem brethren, it was their duty to join in the fight for the return of the deposed Sultan.

Meanwhile, it was reported that as far as could be ascertained, there had been no Jewish casualties during the Arab riots which began in Casablanca Thursday. Most Jews who had left their homes during the riots of July 17 to take refuge in the Talmud Torah have since returned to their homes. Others have taken up residence in the European quarter of the city. It is now held that the attacks on Jews which took place last month were in the nature of reprisals for the participation of some Jewish youths in attacks by Europeans on the Arab quarter. Casablanca's Jewish Community Council has since issued a statement that the Jewish community took no part whatever in the demonstrations against Moslems and condemned all acts of violence.

TUNIS CABINET TO INCLUDE TWO PROMINENT JEWS AS SECRETARIES OF STATE

TUNIS, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Two members of the Jewish community in Tunisia will be included in the Tunisian Cabinet as state secretaries when the Franco-Tunisia convention which provides for semi-autonomy for the Tunisians will go into effect next month, it was authoritatively reported here today. The two will be named when the present Cabinet, presided over by Tahar Ben Ammar, will undergo certain changes.

Most often mentioned as likely candidates for these two posts are Andre Barouch, industrialist and director of the newspaper, "Le Petit Matin," and Albert Bessis, an attorney, former president of the Tunisian Keren Kayemeth and a member of the Tunisian team which negotiated the new conventions with the French Government. The decision to name two Jews to posts in the new Tunisian Government has aroused hostility in Moslem religious circles which claim that such appointments would "violate the Islamic character of Tunisia."

Meanwhile, the local Aliyah Commission has decided to suspend further registration of candidates for emigration to Israel until Sept. 15, because of the large number of Tunisian Jews already registered. Departures for Israel will not, however, be interrupted and twice weekly many families, most of them large, will leave Tunis for Haifa, via Marseilles, as hitherto.

JEWISH AGENCY TO BRING 50,000 JEWS TO ISRAEL, MOSTLY FROM NO. AFRICA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The plenary session of the Jewish Agency today approved in principle a draft budget of 138,500,000 Israel pounds for the coming year to cover the requirements of the Agency in the fields of colonization, immigration, youth aliyah and other activities.

The session also elected a special commission to work out practical plans for bringing over 45,000 new immigrants, mainly from North Africa, and to plan for additional 5,000 immigrants. The newcomers will be transferred from their ships direct to settlements.

PUBLIC RECITATIONS IN YIDDISH RENEWED IN MOSCOW AFTER SEVEN YEARS

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A troupe of Jewish actors is now, for the first time in many years, giving public performances in Yiddish in theatres and public parks in Moscow, the Associated Press reports today from the Soviet capital. The report says that the performances are meeting with approval on the part of the public.

Another press report from Moscow says that for the first time in seven years a Yiddish concert was given this week in the Pushkin Theatre in Moscow by the Jewish singer and monologist Sidi Tal. She is the second Jewish actor permitted so far to give Yiddish performances. The first was Sol Lubimov who has given several Yiddish concerts since the beginning of this month.

The report emphasizes that there are no Yiddish theatres at present in Moscow and that only individual Jewish actors have been given the opportunity to appear with Yiddish programs before the public. The audience at Miss Tal's performance consisted mostly of middle-aged Jews, many of whom spoke among themselves in Russian, the report says. The chairman of the evening greeted the audience with the words "Sholem Aleichem" but delivered his speech in Russian. Most of the recitations by Miss Tal were from Sholem Aleichem's works.

Warsaw Radio Says Poland is Fighting Anti-Semitism; Permits Yiddish

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The attacks against anti-Semitism which appeared in the Soviet Communist Party organ "Party Life" this week have been closely followed by a Warsaw broadcast which quoted an official Polish spokesman as having told youth delegates from foreign countries that "Poland is fighting against anti-Semitism and manifestations of it are punishable," the World Jewish Congress reported today.

In answer to the question, "Does one come across anti-Semitic moods here in Poland?" the spokesman replied, "Yes, one does." He addressed about 700 Jewish youth delegates from all parts of the world who met with representatives of Jewish organizations in Warsaw after attending a youth festival in the Polish capital.

When the spokesman, Shimon Zakharias, was asked whether the Jews of Poland enjoyed equal rights, he replied that he need not even answer the question because the delegates could see for themselves that Jews enjoyed full rights. The best proof of that, he continued, was the existence of a Yiddish theatre, a Yiddish newspaper, Jewish organizations and the fact that the radio had daily Yiddish transmissions.

BULGARIA PROMISES TO PUNISH THE GUILTY IN DOWNING OF EL-AL PLANE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The State Department made public this week-end the text of a note received from Bulgaria on the shooting down of an Israel passenger plane on July 27, in which 58 people, including 12 Americans, perished. The Government makes it clear in her note that she will punish those guilty of causing the catastrophe, will assume responsibility for compensation due to the families of the perished passengers, and is willing to share in the compensation for the destroyed El-Al plane.

The note includes the findings of a special governmental commission responsible for investigating the crash and a summary which reads as follows:

"1. The aircraft departed from its route, violated the frontier of the Bulgarian state and without any warning penetrated deeply into the interior of the Bulgarian air space. Equipped with the most modern aerial navigating instruments, it could not have failed to be aware of the fact that it had violated Bulgarian air space. Even after having been warned, it did not obey but continued to fly towards the south in the direction of the Bulgarian-Greek frontier.

"2. The Bulgarian anti-aircraft defense units manifested a certain haste and did not take all the steps required to force the aircraft to obey and to land.

"3. The Bulgarian Government likewise considers it necessary to point out the fact that over a period of many years, not respecting the sovereignty of the Peoples' Republic of Bulgaria, certain elements have allowed themselves systematically to violate the Bulgarian frontier. During recent years numerous illegal flights over the Bulgarian frontier by aircraft of undetermined nationality have been noted in Bulgaria. During these illegal flights, diversionists have been parachuted into Bulgarian territory, equipped with arms, radios and other equipment."

The note then went on to say that the Bulgarian Government had addressed itself on a number of occasions to the Secretariat of the United Nations about this state of affairs. It pointed out that the "unfortunate accident to the Israeli plane became possible" because of the existing state of tension.

"The Bulgarian Government and people express once again their profound regret for this great disaster which has caused the death of completely innocent people," the note said. "The Bulgarian Government ardently desires that such incidents should never happen again. It will cause to be identified and punished those guilty of causing the catastrophe

to the Israeli plane and will take all the necessary steps to insure that such catastrophes are not repeated on Bulgarian territory.

"The Bulgarian Government sympathizes deeply with the relatives of the victims and is prepared to assume responsibility for compensation due to their families, as well as its share of compensation for material damage incurred," the note concluded.

BEN GURION STARTS SECOND ROUND OF TALKS ON FORMATION OF CABINET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Circles close to Prime Minister-designate David Ben Gurion indicated today that he may abandon the task of forming a coalition government for Israel if he does not succeed in getting a workable coalition Cabinet within the next week or two. In that event, it was stated, Moshe Sharett, who now heads the caretaker government, will be empowered by President Itzhak Ben Zvi to form a Cabinet.

Mr. Ben Gurion began today the second round of negotiations with the various parties on the subject of the coalition. This time the talks are not of an exploratory nature but are, rather, concerned with such practical matters as the number of Cabinet members each party would have and the distribution of portfolios among them. Achdut Avodah was the first party he saw today, followed by the General Zionist representatives. His schedule calls for consultations with the Progressives tonight, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi and Mapam tomorrow and Agudah-Poale Agudah, Tuesday. It is likely that Mr. Ben Gurion will report on the progress of his talks when he addresses the central committee of Mapai tomorrow night.

A General Zionist source revealed that its representatives would refuse to enter the Cabinet under "present conditions." The source did not specify what other conditions would make entrance into the Cabinet acceptable to the centrist group. It was also understood that the Poalei Mizrachi representatives were not anxious to have Mapam partners in any Cabinet they might join. On the other hand, it was reported that Achdut Avodah was prepared to enter the Cabinet, provided that it received the communications portfolio and the post of Vice-Minister of Defense. The latter post would be assigned by the party to Yigal Alon, party leader and one-time commander of Palmach.

HEAD OF ISRAEL DELEGATION SAYS GENEVA ATOM PARLEY WAS STIMULATING

GENEVA, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Walter Eytan, director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry and head of the Israel delegation to the atoms for peace conference here, said today that the conference which closed yesterday had given a "valuable stimulus to Israel's scientific workers, in common with their colleagues all over the world."

"Many countries have taken a friendly interest in Israel's progress and problems," he declared. "I hope that the contacts made at Geneva will prove valuable for future cooperation between Israel and other nations." Turning to aspects of the conference itself, he stated:

"It is increasingly clear that the extended use of atomic energy will raise problems of an entirely different nature--social, administrative, legal and economic--which the governments are only now giving serious thought. It is possible that at some time in the not too distant future a new conference will be called to discuss the non-scientific implications of atomic energy as it is used more widely for the generation of power in industry and agriculture." Israel, he added, had come to learn that "this purpose has, to a large extent, been accomplished."

ISRAEL'S ATTORNEY GENERAL LODGES APPEAL AGAINST KASTNER VERDICT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Israel's Attorney General, Haim Cohen, today lodged an appeal with the Supreme Court against the verdict of a Jerusalem District Court in the case of Dr. Israel Kastner. The "Kastner Case" has evoked a storm of bitterness on the Israeli scene and precipitated a Cabinet crisis shortly before the elections, when General Zionist members of the Cabinet abstained from a vote of confidence on the Government's handling of the case.

The case began with the circulation of public charges by Malikel Gruenwald that Dr. Kastner, now an Israel Government official, had collaborated with the Nazis in Hungary and was, therefore, guilty of complicity in the mass murder of Hungarian Jews. Specifically, Gruenwald charged that Kastner had "bought" the lives of a tiny "elite" of Hungarian Jews, including his own family, at the expense of lulling the mass of Hungary's Jews into a sense of false security.

In the trial which ensued, the presiding judge, Benjamin Halevi, found that Gruenwald's charges were, in the main, true. He fined Gruenwald only a token sum for failing to substantiate his charges on only one minor point. In today's appeal, the Attorney General told the high court that Judge Halevi had erred not only in his far-reaching conclusions, but also in what was termed an "erroneous scale of trust" in the evaluation of witnesses who appeared before the court. Mr. Cohen's appeal asked that the decision be reversed and that Gruenwald be punished for the circulation of false charges.

JEWISH PRESS, WRITERS PROTEST AGAINST NEW YORK POST METHODS

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Sharp protests were voiced by the Jewish daily newspapers here and by the organization of Jewish journalists against the New York Post for permitting its advertising department "to undermine the good name of the Yiddish press" in this country. The protests were directed primarily against a circular sent out by the Post's advertising department to prospective advertisers, seeking to gain advertising at the expense of the Jewish press.

The Jewish Writers Union, in its resolution of protest which was sent to Mrs. Dorothy Schiff, publisher of the New York Post, termed the circular as "unethical" and as a "misrepresentation." The resolution said that "the Post is hiding the truth" by failing to mention that only a certain percent of its circulation reaches Jewish readers, while the Jewish press is read entirely by Jews. A copy of the protest resolution was also sent by the Jewish Writers Union to all leading Jewish organizations, drawing their attention to the action of the Post.

Alexander Kahn, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, in a letter of protest to the administration of the New York Post, said that the Post circular was "misleading" and that the methods used by its advertising department were on "a much lower plane than the methods used in ordinary business practices." The Jewish Day-Morning Journal, in an editorial sharply attacking the methods of the Post, pointed out that the Yiddish press helps to build up Jewishness in this country, and claimed that the Post is undermining it.

B'NAI B'RITH GIRLS CONVENTION OPPOSES ORDAINING OF WOMEN AS RABBS

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Teen-age delegates to the 11th annual convention of B'nai B'rith Girls here have rejected, by a 2 to 1 margin, the idea of women serving as ordained rabbis. The tally was a result of an informal survey among some 160 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada, representing a cross-section of congregational affiliation.

The convention, in its annual discussion program, also took the position that the establishment of the State of Israel presented no problems of "dual loyalty" and that American Jews owed their political loyalty to the United States, but had cultural and spiritual ties with Israel.

The youth group adopted a \$2,000 fund-raising goal for next year on behalf of the B'nai B'rith Childrens Home in Israel. The Leo Levy Memorial Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., a B'nai B'rith institution for the treatment of arthritis and rheumatism, was also adopted as a major fund-raising project for 1956. Community service projects adopted for next year include the Israel bond campaign.

The closing session of the parley elected Sharon Blanck, 18-year-old college freshman from Vancouver, B. C., international president. She is the first Canadian ever to hold BBG's top post.

AFL-CIO DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; CELLER ARRIVES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A nine-man joint AFL-CIO delegation has arrived here for a ten-day visit as guests of the Histadrut. The group was accompanied by Gregory Bardacke of the Histadrut delegation to the United States. Members of the group are Anthony Ballerini, of San Francisco; Roy Brown, of Los Angeles; Jacob Clayman, of Columbus, Ohio; E. H. Williams, of New Orleans; George Cavdender and Joseph Appelbaum, of Denver; Frank Winn, of Detroit; Harold J. Gibbons, of St. Louis; and James Robb, of Indianapolis.

Rep. Emanuel Celler has arrived here as a guest of Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross. He is chairman of the board of the American group which supports the Israel Red Magen David. Among those who welcomed the Congressman on his arrival were United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson and representatives of the board of the Magen David Adom.

CULTURAL CENTER IN ISRAEL IS NAMED FOR U. S. JEWISH EDUCATOR

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the Pinhas Gingold Cultural Center was laid at Ranaana today in a simple ceremony witnessed by the widow and children of the late head of the Jewish Teachers Seminary in New York. Mr. Gingold was also a leader of the American Labor Zionist movement. Among the personalities at the ceremony were Louis Segal and Isaac Hamlin of the American Labor Zionist movement, who hailed the work of the late Hebrew and Yiddish educator.

CATHOLIC BEQUEATHS HIS INSURANCE TO PHILADELPHIA JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- John Felicity, born in France, of the Catholic religion, and for many years superintendent of the building which houses the Allied Jewish Appeal and Federation of Jewish Charities here, was revealed this week-end as a benefactor of the organizations which he had served. Mr. Felicity, who died at his desk August 3, made the Appeal and the Federation the beneficiaries of his insurance.