MOROCCAN JEWISH LEADERS LEAVE FOR THE AIX-LES-BAINS PEACE TALKS

CASABLANCA, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Jacques Dahan, secretary general of the Board of Moroccan Jewish Deputies, accompanied by Dr. Leon Ben Zaquen, left today for Aix-les-Bains, where the French Premier is negotiating with Moroccan leaders on restoring peace and order in Morocco.

At the same time M. Toledano, secretary general of the Moroccan Central Committee of the World Jewish Congress, left Casablanca today for a meeting with leaders of the WJC executive. Prior to his departure, Mr. Toledano indicated that his views on the Moroccan Jewish situation differ from the views held by Mr. Dahan.

Jewish refugees in Mazagan who had fled from the Jewish section of the city when Moslem mobs started to burn Jewish houses on Sunday, are now slowly beginning to return to their homes. However, about 500 of them will not be able to return because their homes have been burned to the very ground. Altogether 1,700 Jews fled from the Jewish quarter of Mazagan. Of them, 1,500 have found shelter in a sport club in the European section of the town, and about 200 have been given shelter by relatives.

It is now established that 26 Jewish houses have been plundered and set afire in the Mellah, the Jewish quarter, of Mazagan. A school maintained by the Alliance Israélite there was also attacked. The Joint Distribution Committee has provided food and blankets for the Jewish refugees, who are also being helped by the OSE and other Jewish organizations.

SPEEDY RESCUE OF NO. AFRICAN JEWS DEMANDED AT ACTIONS COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Discussion of the pressing problem of the immigration of North African Jews to Israel continued to occupy the attention of the Zionist Actions Committee session here, as various North African leaders themselves began presenting the case for immediate full-scale transport of Jews from those riot-ridden areas.

André Blumé, president of the French Zionist Federation, pointed out that while the numerous declarations by the French Government that Moroccan Jews would be protected, will be honored, the situation remained perilous, and Israel must do her best to facilitate immigration from North Africa. Moroccan and Tunisian Jews, he said, were threatened economically. He also pointed out that since the Jews side with the French, their security cannot be effectively guaranteed.

M. Blumé appealed to the Actions Committee to remove all stumbling blocks in the way of large-scale immigration. "When the new Tunisian Government is formed in a few weeks," the French leader declared, "it is possible that certain technical difficulties in the way of emigration may be eliminated. But let us act today, for tomorrow may be too late."

Delegates from Morocco, Tunis and Algeria Stress Urgency

A. Sabah, vice chairman of the Zionist Federation of Morocco, told the Committee that the Moroccans have been struggling for 15 years for their national independence, but that the Jews of Morocco had taken no part in that struggle. Some Moroccan leaders, he reported, have said that Jews would retain their liberties in a future Moroccan state, and others had said they would be permitted to emigrate freely—but without being allowed to take their property.

In any event, he continued, many Jews had already been deprived of their livelihood, having been replaced by Arab tradesmen. The Jews of Morocco, said M. Sabah, are living in a state of unrest because the antagonisms which had been smoldering for years had now broken out in full force. He concluded with an appeal for saving the lives of 100,000 Jews in Morocco who are willing to come to Israel.

The head of the Zionist Federation of Algeria, S. Narboni, warned the Actions Committee that greater efforts must be made to ensure the emigration of Algerian Jews before danger strikes. He was followed by M. Bilti, chairman of the Tunisian Zionist Federation, who described the situation in Tunis as one of chaos and disorder, in which...
the Jews are the first victims. He stressed that economic suffering had already been visited on them and that Jewish youth was being barred from leading a productive life in many economic areas.

The situation, M. Blitti continued, appeared to be hopeless, as fanatacism and totalitarianism were on the march in the Arab countries. The situation was particularly tragic, he continued, for the Jewish middle class in those countries. "Everything possible must be done to evacuate Jews from those areas, even if logic appears to be against such an operation," he said. He concluded by asking for the establishment of a special North African office within the Jewish Agency and for the relaxation of medical standards in order that greater numbers might be rescued immediately.

Other speakers, including Itzhak Tabenkin, Mapam leader and a member of the executive committee of the Histadrut, made an impassioned plea to the Actions Committee for unlimited funds for the rescue of North African Jewry. Abraham Harzfeld, a member of the Actions Committee, voiced an appeal to Jews all over the world, and especially in Israel, to lend a hand in increasing immigration of North African Jews to Israel and not to retreat from the economic hardships such an influx might bring.

SHARETT SEES AMERICAN AND BRITISH ENVOYS; DISCUSSES EGYPT'S MOVE


The truce chief today visited the Israel Foreign Ministry to discuss the impasse in the talks with Joseph Tekoah, who has headed the Israeli team in the current negotiations. At the same time it was disclosed that Prime Minister Moshe Sharett had discussed the same subject with the Ambassadors of both the United States and the United Kingdom.

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL OPTIMISTIC ON GAZA PACIFICATION EFFORTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Despite the fact that Egypt has walked out on the Gaza talks undertaken by the United Nations in an effort to ease tensions between Israel and Egypt, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold declared at a press conference today that he sees "no reason" why he should "abandon hope that our effort to find a solution to the problems with which the talks are concerned will finally prove successful."

Mr. Hammarskjold declared, "I remain personally in touch with developments in this matter." He said he is continuing to have "close contact" in regard to the Gaza pacification efforts with Israel, with Egypt and with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine. Explaining his optimism, Mr. Hammarskjold said: "I am not talking in a void. I have a sound basis for my refusal to abandon hope that the talks will finally prove successful. To every extent possible, we shall assist toward bringing these talks back to the rails. Our first and foremost duty is to be helpful to both sides."

The Secretary General asserted that by "successful" outcome of the Gaza talks he means "success as achieved by results in the field, and not in documents."

EISENHOWER REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today sent to Congress a report on the mutual security program which emphasized the turn of Israel toward industry and reported "marked progress" in Israel's management of its economic problems.

The report said: "A good measure of economic stability has replaced the rampant inflation of earlier years, and the short-term external debt has been satisfactorily re-funded. Greater attention is now being paid to programs for orderly economic development, especially in the industrial sector."

United States assistance to Israel, the report said, is placing "greater emphasis on industrial development projects designed to make maximum use of local raw materials." It was noted that agricultural production, an important feature of Israel's development program, must continue to expand.

THIRD ISRAELI VESSEL COMPLETED IN GERMANY UNDER REPARATIONS PACT

LUEBECK, Germany, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A modern 3,128-ton freighter with a speed capability of better than 14 knots slid down the ways at the Orenstein and Koppel shipyards here today. After she received the name, "Kedmah, " from Dr. Gertrud Luckner, a German Catholic woman who is one of Germany's most valiant fighters for Jewish rights.

A sister ship of the recently constructed "Galilah," the "Kedmah," is 325 feet long, 47 feet wide, and is powered by two 1,470 horsepower engines. Ordered by Zim-Shoham lines, she is the third and last vessel to be built under terms of the German-Israeli reparations agreement at this shipyard, which was originally founded in pre-Nazi days by two Jews, who gave the yard its name. They were forced to sell out under the Hitler regime and are no longer connected with the firm.
RAVI FRIEDMAN ASKS FOR TOP PRIORITY FOR U.J.A. IN FUND-RAISING IN U.S.

JERUSALEM. Aug. 25. (JTA) -- An appeal for top priority for the United Jewish Appeal in the over-all fund-raising effort for Israel in the United States was voiced here today by Rabbi Herbert Friedman, executive vice president of the UJA at the session of the Zionist Actions Committee.

Recalling that Dr. Ciora Josephatul, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, had told an earlier meeting of the Actions Committee that one-third more funds would have to be raised in order to cope with problems of immigration, the UJA leader warned that this could not be done "if business goes on as usual in the fund-raising world"--a reference to the fact that the United Jewish Appeal does not have a clear priority over other fund-raising activities in the United States.

Rabbi Friedman reported that the UJA had raised far more this year than in the previous year. He also compared UJA receipts for 1954 with those of 1948 when Jewish fund-raising in the U.S. reached its highest peak. Despite the drastic drop that contrast showed, he said that American Jewry is as interested in Israel now as it was in 1948, and attributed the decline in funds raised to the fact that the American Jewish community had lost the sense of priority of the United Jewish Appeal drive.

The UJA executive head went on to say that the Zionist world was not as active in fund-raising as it should be. He also stressed his absolute confidence in full cooperation between the UJA and the Israel Bond campaign, pointing out that he always mentioned bonds in his addresses for UJA and that Dr. Joseph Schwartz, who heads the bond campaign, performed the same service for UJA in his addresses on behalf of the bond drive. Rabbi Friedman said that fears expressed that bonds would be turned over in fulfillment of UJA pledges were now baseless.

Stressing the need for the development of a new generation of leaders of American Jewry, the UJA executive said that it must be brought home to the Jews of the United States that their responsibility does not end until new immigrants to Israel have been converted from "consumers to producers."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL BONDS TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A three-day National Mobilization Conference for Israel bonds, formally inaugurating the Fall, and most intensive, phase of the Israel bond campaign in this country, will open in Washington on September 9, with Levi Eshkol, Israel's Minister of Finance, as one of the principal speakers, it was announced today by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization.

Mr. Feinberg pointed out that the National Conference will be the first meeting of its kind to be held under the new administration which assumed responsibility three months ago for the sale of Israel bonds in the United States, Canada, Latin American countries and Western Europe. "The National Mobilization Conference will be devoted to a detailed study of Israel's economic progress and her plans for development, as well as the role of American Jewish communities in providing capital for that development through State of Israel bonds," he said.

"Israel's foremost problem today is economic development," Mr. Feinberg pointed out. "American Jewry's major responsibility to Israel during the coming months must be the provision of the Israel bond dollars necessary to make that economic development possible. Since the inception of the Israel bond drive, approximately $200,000,000 has been raised for Israel's program of economic growth. That total must be substantially increased by the end of the year.

"During the Fall of this year, Israel bonds will be the primary effort by the American Jewish community in behalf of Israel. The major objective of this Conference will be the mobilization of maximum community resources for Israel bond campaigns between now and the end of the year. Israel's present economic program calls for the achievement of a high degree of economic self-sufficiency by 1960. There can be no interruption in the flow of the dollars which Israel requires for the attainment of this objective," Mr. Feinberg declared.

Rabbis Endorse Sale of Israel Bonds on High Holy Days

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Board of Rabbis of Southern California adopted a resolution "enthusiastically endorsing the sale of the bonds of the Israel Government by our congregations during the High Holy Day season of the Hebrew Year 5716."

The resolution emphasized that "the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, representing the religious leadership of a great and growing center of Jewish life, regards with deepest sympathy the determined struggle of the State of Israel to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency."

ISRAEL AND CANADA SIGN RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT ABOLISHING VISA FEES

MONTREAL, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Holders of Canadian passports travelling to Israel will no longer have to pay visa fees, it was announced here today by the Israeli Consulate. This arrangement will come into force on Sept. 1 under a new reciprocal agreement signed between Israel and Canada. The visas will be granted free of charge upon application to the Consulate General of Israel in Montreal.
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE CHARGES TRAVEL AGENCY WITH DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- The first complaint against a travel agency specializing in organized European package tours since passage of the New York State Anti-Discrimination Law in 1945, was made today by the American Jewish Committee.

Filed with the State Commission Against Discrimination, the AJC complaint charges Marsh Tours of New York with insisting on disclosure of a tour applicant's "race, creed, color, national origin, place of birth and parents' names" as a condition of the applicant's qualification for tour membership.

The Marsh Tours literature publicly advertises these conditions, the AJC complaint asserts, to make it clear that "the import, intent and meaning of said communication, notice or advertisement is that persons of a particular race, creed, color or national origin are unwelcome, objectionable or not acceptable, desired or solicited."

The complaint says that the New York state law violation is based on the use by the Marsh Tours of places of public accommodation, which includes steamships, airplanes, hotels and resorts, for their package tours. The AJC asked the State Commission for an order requiring Marsh Tours to "cease and desist from the unlawful discriminating practices set forth in the complaint."

TWENTY-ONE NEW JERSEY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CHARGED WITH BIAS

NEWARK, N.J., Aug. 25. (JTA)-- An analysis of application forms now in use by 21 public and private church-affiliated colleges and universities in New Jersey made by chapters of the New Jersey Region of the American Jewish Congress revealed that although public colleges and universities in this State do not require the applicant to supply information concerning racial, religious or ethnic backgrounds, private church-affiliated schools require the applicant to state his religious affiliation and some also ask the applicant to state his "race" and "nationality" or that of his parents.

The data collected has been referred to Dr. John Milligan, Director of the Division Against Discrimination of the New Jersey Department of Education. Adrian M. Unger, chairman of the New Jersey Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, under whose jurisdiction the survey was made, stated, "application forms of the private church-affiliated schools are more varied and inconsistent than those of the public institutions. For example, the survey revealed that none of the public colleges in New Jersey requires a photograph of the applicant, while many private schools impose such a requirement and request religious or nationality information."

HOUSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER TO REMAIN CLOSED ON SABBATH

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 25. (JTA)-- A proposal that the Houston Jewish Community Center be opened on Saturday afternoons has failed to secure a two-thirds majority of the members of the Center and the institution, consequently, will remain closed on the Sabbath.

The Center's board had originally voted to open the institution on Saturday afternoons for a youth program. When strong protests were made on the grounds that this would violate the Sabbath, the board left the final decision to a referendum of members of the center with the proviso that a two-thirds majority of those voting would have to declare themselves in favor of the Saturday programs.

A total of 1,113 members, more than 50 percent of those eligible to vote, participated in the referendum. The vote in favor of opening the center was 56.2 percent. As this was short of the required two-thirds majority, the Center is to remain closed on the Sabbath.

ABSENTEE VOTING ARRANGED FOR JEWS IN ELECTIONS DUE ON ROSH HASHONAH

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 25. (JTA)-- Intervention by the Houston Jewish Community Council with the county authorities here resulted in immediate action to provide for absentee voting during a two-week period prior to the County election, the date of which was fixed for Sept. 17, a Saturday, and the first day of Rosh Hashonah.

County Judge Bob Casey took action immediately to provide voting facilities for members of the Jewish community. In a letter to the Council he expressed regret that the election day "falls on your religious holiday." He expressed the hope that the new arrangements would give the Jews of the county ample opportunity to vote and concluded his letter with the greeting, L'Shannah Tovah.

CALIFORNIA METHODIST CHURCH MADE AVAILABLE FOR ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

LONG BEACH, Calif., Aug. 25. (JTA)-- The California Heights Methodist Church has made its Fellowship Hall available to the congregation of Temple Beth Sholem for High Holiday services, it was announced today.

Rabbi Maurice Schwartz pointed out the church is extending the facilities even though Rosh Hashonah falls on a Sunday this year and the Yom Kippur services will be on Sunday evening - times when the church needs the facilities for its own functions. Special young people's services will also be held on each morning of the holidays.