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## MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS IN MOSCOW REPORTED; JEWISH HOMES RAIDED

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The attack on Jewish culture in the Soviet Union and mass arrests of Jews for possessing Jewish books have not ceased despite the "Geneva spirit" shown by leaders of the Soviet Government in other respects, it was reported in the Manchester Guardian by a visitor who just returned from Moscow.

The visitor reveals that hundreds of Jewish homes in Moscow were raided last month by police units who searched the bookshelves for signs of Jewish publications. A number of Jews and their families were arrested after the searches, and no word has been received from them since.

Considerable anxiety exists among Jews in Moscow as a result of these arrests, the Manchester Guardian says. The paper stresses the fact that these are the first Jewish mass arrests since the "Doctors' Plot" in 1953 when the anti-Jewish campaign in the Soviet Union reached its peak. "And this occurs at a time when hopes were high that with the new policy of the Soviet Government Jews too would be permitted freedom to live a full Jewish life," the Manchester Guardian comments.

## U. N. ASSEMBLY OPENS TODAY; ISRAEL-ARAB RELATIONS TO BE AIRE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Israel and Israel-Arab relations will figure sizably, at times vitriolically, during the tenth session of the United Nations General Assembly which opens here tomorrow.

It is fully expected that to compensate for their position of isolation in a world whose leadership is talking of peace and negotiation, the Arab delegations here will probably attack Israel bitterly all along the line. It is felt certain that from the very opening of the general debate, during which delegation chairmen customarily speak about the general policies of their governments, through detailed debates in every one of the General Assembly committees the Arabs will voice opposition to Israel.

Aside from an item on the agenda which Israel has itself introduced, dealing with protection of civilian aircraft inadvertently crossing international frontiers, one of the major agenda items affecting Israel--and opening possibilities for the Arabs to attack it--will be the report of the UN Relief and Works Agency for the Arab refugees from Palestine, and the separate report of UNRWA's Advisory Committee. The Arab bloc here is expected to ask increased UNRWA funds for the refugee relief. UNRWA's first budget, several years ago, was \$18,000,000; the fund rose to \$25,700,000 last year; and the Arab states will probably ask for an increase to \$35,000,000 this year.

### Dulles' Proposal for International Loan to Israel May Be Discussed

In connection with UNRWA discussions, there is the likelihood that the plan proposed recently by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, for a large international loan to Israel with which the Jewish State could compensate the Arab refugees, may come up here. Israel has already accepted the plan "in principle." However, no detailed blueprint for operation of the plan has as yet been made public by Mr. Dulles.

The Arab states may bring up two new points affecting Israel. One may be a suggestion that the United Nations form a new inquiry commission, comprised of all former presidents of the General Assembly, to probe into the entire Israel-Arab situation. The other would be a proposal that membership of the Palestine Conciliation Commission be increased with more pro-Arab representatives, and that the PCC be ordered to really get to work.

### Security Council Reports to Assembly on Arab-Israel Issues

In connection with tomorrow's opening of the Assembly's session, the Security Council today made public its report to the Assembly which shows that the "Palestine Question" dominated the Council's activities for the entire year. The report shows that in the last year the Security Council met 22 times, devoting most of its substantive sessions, a total of 14, to "The Palestine Question."

The two issues that took up most of the Council's time on the Israel-Arab front during the period concerned Egypt's seizure of the Israel freighter "Bat Galim" on Sept. 28, 1954, and Israel's attack on Gaza on Feb. 28, 1955. It was following that attack that the Council, after censuring Israel, called on Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns to try to get Egypt and Israel together for pacification of the Gaza strip frontier.

## PROMINENT JEWISH LEADER NAMED MEMBER OF CABINET IN TUNISIA

TUNIS. Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Albert Bessis, Jewish attorney and prominent leader of Tunisian Jewry, was appointed a member of the first all-Tunisian Cabinet formed here this week-end. This is the first all-Tunisian government in 64 years. It was formed following the ratification by France of a bill giving home rule to Tunisia, which is a French protectorate.

Mr. Bessis, who is president of the Keren Hayesod and of the Aliyah Commission, will hold the post of Minister for Reconstruction and Housing in the Cabinet, the majority of whose members are leaders of the Neo-Destour (nationalist) Party. Along with other members of the government he paid an official visit to the Bey of Tunis, at the Carthage Palace, where the composition of the Cabinet was approved by the Bey.

Just before receiving the Premier's appointees, the Bey conveyed to the Chief Rabbi of Tunis, through the director of protocol, his personal Rosh Hashanah greetings to the entire Jewish community.

## FRANCE DENIES EXISTENCE OF SECRET FRENCH-ISRAEL ARMS AGREEMENT

PARIS, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The French Government denied today the existence of a secret French-Israel agreement covering the supply of arms by France, declaring that an Egyptian press report of the existence of such a pact was "pure fantasy."

In a statement by the Foreign Ministry, the French Government denied that important arms shipments had been dispatched to the Jewish State. The only deliveries made to Israel recently, it said, came from contracts made more than a year ago.

"These deliveries cannot be considered as more important than deliveries by other powers to Israel," the statement said, "nor of a nature that could alter the balance between Israel and the Arab countries who recently benefitted from substantial contracts with France." No other arms supply to Israel is contemplated in the near future, the Foreign Office stated.

Turning to press reports that France has cancelled contracts to deliver weapons to Egypt, the Foreign Ministry statement said that it was true that the French Government had decided to suspend an Egyptian arms contract "following anti-French broadcasts from Cairo at the end of August during the tragic Moroccan incidents." This does not mean, the statement continued, that there has been any cancellation on deliveries which have already begun nor does it mean that arms deliveries could not begin again.

## U. N. TRUCE CHIEF DISCUSSES GAZA BORDER SECURITY WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief in Palestine, conferred today with Joseph Tekoa, Israel's representative to the Israel-Egyptian talks on pacification of the Gaza border.

The two men discussed the erection of a barbed wire barrier along the frontier and the establishment of a no-man's land zone on both sides of the frontier, both suggestions originally put forward by Gen. Burns and endorsed by the Security Council.

Gen. Burns is scheduled to proceed to Cairo Wednesday to continue this discussion with the Nasser regime. Last week, Gen. Burns opened this discussion with Mr. Tekoa and then went to Cairo to talk of the matter with the Egyptians who disrupted the first set of Gaza talks last month.

The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, meanwhile, condemned Egypt today for an incident on August 26 when a band of six to eight "well trained" infiltrators crossed the Gaza border into Israel near the settlement of Erez. The band attacked a jeep with hand grenades and automatic weapons and killed an Israel civilian. Later it laid nine landmines which were subsequently uncovered. The MAC decision today noted that the raid violated the armistice agreement and charged that it was planned by Egyptian Army authorities. The MAC demanded that Egypt put an end to such incidents.

## LEBANON PLEDGES SHE WILL NOT PERMIT ANTI-ISRAEL SABOTAGE ACTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Lebanese Government promises that it will not permit further acts of sabotage to be planned or launched by infiltrators from Lebanese territory. The Lebanese delegation to the Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission informed the commission today.

The Arab delegation further accepted full responsibility for the Government of Lebanon for the attack last week on the settlement of Alma, in Upper Galilee, where two homes and a barn were blasted by infiltrators. The Lebanese also informed the MAC of steps taken to apprehend and punish those who committed the outrage.

## WELL KNOWN JEWISH BUSINESSMAN ASSASSINATED IN CASABLANCA

CASABLANCA, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Levy Perez, well known Jewish businessman, was assassinated here yesterday. Recently, he reported to police that he had received death threats because of his alleged continued dealings with boycotted French firms.

## 2,000 JEWS ATTEND ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES IN MOSCOW; 100 IN WARSAW

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A report from Moscow today said that more than 2,000 Jews attended the Rosh Hashanah services in the Great Synagogue there. Jewish community leaders in Moscow estimated that there are today in the Soviet capital about 300,000 Jews of whom 12,000 are religious, the report stated.

In Warsaw, where more than 300,000 Jews lived before the Nazi annihilation of Polish Jewry, less than 100 persons attended the Rosh Hashanah services in the only synagogue functioning there now. It is estimated that there are about 10,000 Jews now living in Warsaw, but most of them are not religious.

The Agudas Israel world executive in London reported that Jewish communities behind the Iron Curtain--in Budapest, Prague and Bratislava--have been sent prayer shawls, prayer books, and "luvolim" and "ethrogim" for their Succoth celebrations. The shipments were made with the cooperation of Keren Hatorah of Switzerland, the announcement stated.

## SYNAGOGUES IN CAIRO GUARDED BY POLICE DURING ROSH HASHANAH

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Some 15,000 to 20,000 Jews celebrated the Rosh Hashanah holidays in 23 synagogues in Cairo, the New York Times reported from the Egyptian capital. The Times reported that apprehension was in the air, caused by the Egyptian-Israel situation, but that Chief Rabbi Haim Nahum had stated on the eve of the holiday that the Jews of Egypt looked to the new year "with optimism."

A government representative attended services in the Great Synagogue here, as a mark of the government's respect for the Jewish community. Jewish community leaders are also invited to official functions, the Times said. It reported that police guarded all synagogues and a government decree ordered commercial establishments to grant religious holidays to their Jewish employees.

The feeling of apprehension is due to such developments as the calling up of Jewish youths to the Egyptian Army and then telling them that they will not be asked to serve now, although they remain liable for military duty. Such developments mean that the government questions the political reliability of the Jewish community, a responsible member of the community told the Times correspondent. If a full-scale war were to break out between Israel and Egypt the Egyptian Government might change its attitude toward the Jewish community, the Jews fear.

## SEVERAL THOUSAND TOURISTS CELEBRATE ROSH HASHANAH IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- All members of the diplomatic corps in Israel called on President Itzhak Ben Zvi on the occasion of the Rosh Hashanah holiday to extend New Year greetings. In an address, the dean of the corps, American Ambassador Edward B. Lawson expressed his wishes for peace, good progress for Israel and health for its President.

Thousands of tourists crammed into Israel by plane and sea to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. It is estimated that during the last two days before the New Year, some 1,500 tourists have arrived by sea and additional hundreds by plane. Most hotels have been fully reserved for the holidays for the past few months.

The food situation in Israel was today described as "the best since the state was established" in 1948. However, food prices rose this past week, despite efforts by the authorities to keep them down. Special arrangements have been made in all military establishments, even at border posts, for soldiers to attend services.

## U. J. A. SENDS STUDY MISSION TO N. AFRICA; WILL BE HEADED BY ROSENWALD

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Stirred by Jewish casualties in riot-ridden Morocco and the rising clamor of North African Jewry for emigration to Israel, the United Jewish Appeal announced today that it is forming an extraordinary overseas study mission of the nation's most prominent Jewish leaders who will leave this country for a three-week on-the-spot investigation, with the aim of reporting its findings soon after its return.

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who will head the mission, announced that it will be made up of between 40 and 50 leaders whose studies and investigations will focus with sharp intensity on the Jewish plight in North Africa and with equal force on Israel's requirements in the face of mounting immigration from Morocco and Tunisia. In addition to Mr. Rosenwald, the mission will include Edward M. W. Warburg, president of the UJA, and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, the UJA's executive vice-president.

The group will go directly to Paris to attend a three-day conference of the Joint Distribution Committee, whose country directors in Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria will be on hand with up-to-the-minute reports. At the conclusion of these sessions the mission will move on to Israel for conferences with leaders of both the Government and the Jewish Agency. It is expected that a mission sub-committee will go into North Africa following the close of the Israel phase of its investigations.

# BRAZILIAN CARDINAL ASSURES JEWS HE IS NOT ANTI-JEWISH; ALLAYS FEAR

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Carlos Carmelo Cardinal Vasconcelos Motta, of Sao Paulo Brazil, has issued a statement assuring Brazilian Jewry that he feels "no animosity towards the Jews" and that "the divergencies in our doctrines are no obstacle to the communion of interests we have in other sectors."

The leader of the Catholic Church made this statement in an interview with Aron Neumann, editor and publisher of Aonde Vamos, a Portuguese-language Jewish weekly publication, in a move to allay fears provoked among the Brazilian Jews by one of his pastoral letters, in which he stated that the number of Jews in Brazil "is constantly increasing" and that "they insinuate themselves in all universities as teachers and students." The pastoral letter, published in the Brazilian press also contained other remarks about Jews which were considered anti-Jewish.

In his authorized statement to Sr. Neumann, the Cardinal said: "If I nourished prejudices or dislikes toward Jews, I would merely be acting against myself, against the doctrine of the Church and against the greatest personalities of Christianity, who were Jews." He added that he had visited Israel and liked "the progress and diligence" there. "I was favorably impressed by the fact that the Catholic religion, as well as other religions, in addition to the Jewish religion, enjoys complete religious freedom."

# PERON RECEIVES JEWISH LEADERS; EXTENDS GREETING FOR NEW YEAR

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- In spite of his preoccupation with the revolt against his regime, President Juan Peron took time out to receive Rabbi Amram Blum, head of the Buenos Aires Rabbinical Tribunal, and deliver to him in person the Presidential greetings to the Jewish community on the occasion of the Jewish New Year.

President Peron also received, as part of his New Year tribute to the Jewish community, the Israel Minister here and Dr. Pablo Manguel, a member of Parliament who is also president of the Jewish pro-Peronist organization.

# URUGUAY NAMES MINISTER TO ISRAEL; FIRST SINCE ISRAEL ESTABLISHED

MONTEVIDEO, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Government of Uruguay today named Dr. Pedro Maria di Lorenzo as its first Minister to Israel. Although diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1948, Uruguay has been represented only by a Charge d'Affaires in Israel.

Dr. di Lorenzo was formerly second ranking member of the Uruguayan Embassy in Rome. His appointment came several months after Israel named Matatiah Hines its Minister to Montevideo. The naming of Dr. di Lorenzo was seen here as a sign of the development of closer relations between the two states.

# STRASBOURG UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES CHAIR FOR HEBREW CIVILIZATION

PARIS, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A chair for the study of modern and ancient Hebrew civilization has been established at the University of Strasbourg, it was announced here today. The action by the Ministry for National Education came after several months of discussion between officials of the Israel Embassy here and French authorities.

The establishment of the chair will aid the development of a corps of professors of modern Hebrew in this country and the establishment of regular Hebrew courses in the high schools. There is a possibility that the Israel Government will send a number of lecturers to France to assist in setting up the new department at the University of Strasbourg. The new chair will be occupied by Prof. Andre Neher who already conducts a Hebrew course at the university.

# RAANAN SILVER NAMED ISRAEL CONSUL IN LOS ANGELES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Raanan Silver, director of the Office of the President of Israel, has been named Israel's new consul in Los Angeles, it was announced here today. The announcement also revealed that Shmuel Ben Zur, chief of the East European desk of the Foreign Ministry, has been named Israel Consul General in Vienna.

# HABONIM YOUTHS LEAVE U.S. TO WORK AND STUDY FOR A YEAR IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A group of 41 young people sailed for Israel for a year of work and study under the auspices of the Habonim Youth Workshops. This is the fifth year of operation of the Workshop program.

The young people, from all over the United States, will spend most of the year working and studying in a kibbutz. They will make extensive trips throughout the country on conducted tours and in small hiking groups. They will also be prepared for youth leadership work on their return at the end of the year.