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DIPLOMATIC CORPS VISITS PRESIDENT BEN ZVI TO MARK NEW YEAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Heads of the foreign diplomatic missions here, led by United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, visited President Itzhak Ben Zvi today to felicitate the Government officially on the occasion of the Jewish New Year. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, and other senior officials of the Foreign Ministry were present.

Speaking on behalf of the entire diplomatic corps, as its acting dean, Mr. Lawson extended to President Ben Zvi and, through him to the Israeli people, sincerest wishes for the New Year. Mr. Lawson expressed the hope of the diplomatic corps that Israel would progress further in its peaceful relations "with the family of nations."

EGYPTIAN ARMS DELIVERIES EXCEED \$250 MILLION, LONDON REPORTS

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- British newspapers reported from Washington today that Egyptian purchases of heavy arms from the Communist countries already exceed \$250,000,000 and may reach \$300,000,000 under the impulsion of Egyptian President Nasser's desire for faster deliveries.

The Washington correspondent of The Times remarked that months ago Secretary of State Dulles was speaking of "second-hand arms" and of time needed to determine their potential effectiveness. He remarked that that assessment "has never emerged, though present reports talk of aircraft, tanks and artillery being among the deliveries unloaded at Egyptian ports by at least one Communist vessel weekly."

Reports from Cairo today quoted Maj. Ibrahim Tahawy, secretary-general of the "Liberation Rally" organization, as telling Liberation Army recruits that "the struggle between us and imperialism will not be over until we wipe out Israel from the face of the earth and establish an Arab State in its place."

ISRAEL'S GOAL IN SUEZ CRISIS FREE NAVIGATION FOR ALL, EBAN SAYS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel's one interest in the Suez Canal situation is to see international law reestablished, guaranteeing freedom of passage for the ships of all nations, including Israel, Ambassador Abba S. Eban told a national audience last night.

Replying to a barrage of questions on the CBS "Capital Cloakroom" program, the Israel envoy repeatedly stressed this position and declared that the maritime powers must get it into their heads that no nation has any more right than Israel to free navigation. He said there must be "no distinction between the rights of Israel and ships of any other country." He emphasized that so long as the maritime powers permit Egypt to continue to violate international law by denying Israel freedom of navigation, they could have no guarantee of free passage. Egypt, he warned, does not recognize the absolute and unchallenged right to free passage provided by the Constantinople Convention and international law.

Pressed whether Israel would not take advantage of Egypt's difficulties, Mr. Eban affirmed that Israel hopes for a solution of the Suez and all other Middle East problems in accordance with international law. He said that Israel saw nothing in Egypt's present situation which permitted any relaxation of vigilance.

He refused to speculate on Israel's course in the event of a breakdown of the Cairo talks on Suez.

The Israel Ambassador said Israel needed more arms to offset Egypt's "massive rearmament" and to secure these defensive weapons, he said, Israel has "assailed the world's conscience." He stressed that there was no substitute for defensive strength and said Israel's primary and paramount interest was to restore the balance of power upset by the "lack of equilibrium" in the policy of many nations and the massive shipments from Russia to Egypt.

He said Israel has "not completely solved" the arms problem "nor have we failed in all our substantive efforts."

BLAMES ARAB STATES' HOSTILITY FOR ISRAEL RESTRICTIONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Refusal of the Arab states to reach peace with Israel is responsible for such restrictions as are still imposed by Israel against Arab citizens in this country, Fares Hamdan, one of the seven Arab members of Parliament, declared today.

Mr. Hamdan made his statement in greeting President Itzhak Ben Zvi who paid a formal visit to a number of Arab villages in the Nazareth area. Mr. Ben Zvi inspected the cultural, health and educational institutions in the villages and expressed the hope that peace would be achieved between Israel and its neighbors.

"If we still suffer a little from military rule," Mr. Hamdan said, "it must be said that this situation has resulted from the stubborn attitude of the Arab states which refuse to sign a peace treaty with Israel."

ISRAEL CABINET VOTES TO LIMIT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Henceforth, only the Premier and the Foreign Minister will be permitted to issue statements to the press, it was decided at a cabinet meeting here this weekend.

This action was taken, it was announced, following an interview given to an American reporter by Mordecai Bentov, Minister of Development in the coalition cabinet. Mr. Bentov's interview had been severely criticized on the grounds that it did not represent the government's opinion and could be misinterpreted as being official.

KEREN KAYEMETH ADOPTS \$12 MILLION BUDGET FOR COMING YEAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A budget of 21,500,000 Israeli pounds (\$12,000,000) for the Jewish year 5717 was adopted here today at a meeting of Keren Kayemeth, the Jewish National Fund.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in his capacity as president of the World Zionist Organization, attended his first meeting of the Board as one of its Governors.

The meeting also elected Dr. Abraham Granott, world chairman of the board of Keren Kayemeth, and Joseph Weitz, head of the organization's afforestation department, to represent the board on a new seven-member group which will be in charge of new developments to be undertaken jointly by Keren Kayemeth and the Israel government.

AGUDATH ISRAEL PROTESTS POLICE 'BRUTALITY' IN JERUSALEM RIOT

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Strong protests against the "brutal" nature of police action in Jerusalem last Saturday against religious demonstrators insisting on Sabbath observance were voiced here today by the World Executive of Agudath Israel and the British section of Agudah.

In letters to Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath, both groups condemned the police action. The World Executive demanded that the Jerusalem chief of police, Levy Abrahami, be removed from office, declaring that his "anti-religious tendencies have been frequently manifested in the past."

The World Executive letter also accused the Mafai Party of having "in some cases" officially organized Sabbath desecrations "in the Orthodox section of Jerusalem." Both letters insisted that the religious groups had staged peaceful demonstrations which had been dispersed by the police in "brutal" fashion.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE LABORATORY PRODUCING HEAVY OXYGEN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- An installation for the production of heavy oxygen is now in operation at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot. The installation, which will produce three kilograms of heavy oxygen water a year, was set up by Dr. Israel Dostrovsky, of the Institute staff, with the aid of Dr. Joseph Gillis, a mathematician of the Institute staff.

The production of this rare substance in such quantities has been greeted with interest in scientific circles. The Institute's work has been widely noted not only for its importance in medical, biological and chemical research, but also as an indication of the high quality of the work being carried out by the Institute. In this connection, it was noted that a representative of the French Atomic Energy Commission had spent a year at the Institute studying the processes of the heavy oxygen installation.

In addition, it was also pointed out that an agreement had been concluded between the Weizmann Institute and both the British and French Atomic Energy Commissions for the supply of the heavy oxygen and for the mutual interchange of information in this field.

Another by-product of the process now in operation is the light it throws on the problems of water distillation. It is thought that valuable information will be obtained on the problem of de-salting water. Any new source of fresh water would be of importance in coping with Israel's shortage of water supply.

ILYTCHEV ASSAILS WARSAW PAPER FOR BARING STALIN ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Warsaw newspaper Volkstimme, Yiddish-language Communist organ in Poland, has been accused by Leonid Ilytchev, chief press officer of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, of having printed "slanderous, anti-Soviet" material when it revealed that Jewish writers and cultural leaders in the USSR had suffered from anti-Semitic persecutions during the Stalin regime. The disclosures appeared in Volkstimme last April.

Ilytchev's "bitter, personal" condemnation of the Volkstimme was voiced in an interview in Moscow with Tabitha Petran, correspondent of the National Guardian here.

Jewish cultural leaders and writers did suffer persecutions, Ilytchev admitted to Miss Petran, but the motive was "not anti-Semitic." The Jewish persecutees suffered merely as part of an overall drive against Soviet intellectuals of many national origins, he maintained. "We have corrected our mistakes against Jews as against other peoples," he told the correspondent.

The press chief told Miss Petran that the Soviet government would not make public any details about past persecutions, but would follow its aim of rehabilitating those who had suffered unjustly. He also insisted that other reports of discriminations against Jews were "incorrect," and he denied that there were quotas for the employment of Jews in government work. He declared however that Jews, like members of other nationalities in the USSR, must indicate their nationality when applying for work, but insisted that implied no "discrimination."

The Freiheit, New York Yiddish Communist newspaper, in an editorial yesterday, expressed dissatisfaction with Ilytchev's explanations and called upon the Soviet Government openly to declare itself against anti-Semitism and racial hatred "as in the days of Lenin."

Communist Paper Reports Revival of Moscow Yiddish Publishing House

PARIS, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The defunct Soviet Yiddish language publishing house, Emeth, is being reconstituted in Moscow, and a Congress of Yiddish Writers has been scheduled to be held in the USSR next January, according to a Moscow report here today in the Jewish Communist newspaper Naie Presse.

Emeth will publish Jewish works under the direction of a committee of Yiddish writers, and "a flow of Yiddish books is expected" to be published in 1957, Naie Presse reports. A Yiddish almanac, entitled Heimland, will be published in Moscow in October, while another is in preparation in Kiev, and phonograph records of Yiddish songs are now available in Moscow shops, the paper reported.

(There are 80,000 Jews still living in Kharkov, but they have not a single synagogue in that city which used to have 40 Jewish houses of worship, it was reported today in Tel Aviv by Dr. Henry Shoshkes, journalist and social worker, who just returned from a visit to the Soviet Union.

(Kharkov's chief rabbi died in prison last spring, Dr. Shoshkes reported, and was "rehabilitated" by Soviet authorities a week after his death. Mixed marriages among the young Jews in Kharkov run to as high as 50 per cent, Dr. Shoshkes declared.)

ARREST THREE IN 1945 SLAYING OF FIVE RELEASED NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The arrest of three former village guards, charged with the murder of five freed concentration camp inmates in 1945, was disclosed today. The three guards were employed by the village of Gallneukirchen, in Upper Austria. According to the charge, they captured five men, who had been freed from the Mathausen camp, when they halted in the village on their trek homeward. The five were seized in a barn, where they were sleeping, marched to a nearby garden and shot to death.

DEDICATE SYNAGOGUE FOR EX-DP'S RESETTLED IN MUNICH

MUNICH, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A small Orthodox synagogue to serve the needs of about 30 Jewish families transferred from the old Foehrenwald displaced persons camp to a housing development here, was dedicated today in the suburb of Passig.

The families had refused to vacate the camp until they were promised an Orthodox house of worship and a ritual bath. The synagogue was built largely with German Government funds and a contribution from the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Today, an official of the Bavarian Ministry for Labor and Social Welfare handed over the keys to the synagogue to the members of the congregation. A dedicatory sermon was delivered by this city's new chief rabbi, Dr. Adoniyahu Kraus. There are still about 400 Jewish DP's left in Foehrenwald because the City of Frankfurt has not yet carried out its promise to absorb them.

STUTT GART FIRM TO PUBLISH TRANSLATION OF SHOLEM ASCH NOVEL

STUTT GART, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- "The Prophet" a novel by Sholem Asch on Isaiah and his Messianic message, will be issued here in German translation this fall by the "Diana Publishing House". The firm has brought out several of Asch's works since the war.

WARSAW YIDDISH THEATRE TO GIVE 13 PERFORMANCES IN PARIS

PARIS, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Warsaw Yiddish Theatre, under the direction of Ida Kaminska, will give 13 performances here during a run to open next week. The first play announced is to be "Meir Ezofovitch," described as a drama "depicting the struggle of a section of Jewry during the 19th Century against Chassidism." The play is based on a novel by Elisa Orzeszko, a 19th Century Polish non-Jewish author. The second play on the list will be "Goldfaden," a musical fantasy.

MAGAZINE CITES BARRIERS OF BIAS STILL AFFECTING CANADIAN JEWS

TORONTO, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Although the Jews of Canada won equal rights 124 years ago, "they are still finding that prejudice bars them from many jobs, schools, clubs and even some hospitals," according to an article in "Saturday Night," popular Canadian weekly. The article was published in connection with the anniversary of the grant of equal rights to the Jews here.

The article gives the Jewish population of Canada as 230,000. It notes that they live in every province and have made considerable contributions to the life of the country. "They have produced leading writers, actors and doctors," it commented. "Several are experts in law, economics and government. Many are tops in the field of entertainment."

MASSACHUSETTS SETS CIVIL SERVICE TESTS FOR SABBATH OBSERVERS

BOSTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Civil service examinations for positions in Massachusetts normally held on Saturdays, will be switched to another day for Sabbath observers. The Massachusetts Civil Service Commission announcement of the procedure said that competitive examinations would be set up on dates which do not conflict with the religious practices of Sabbath observers. The initiative petition for the change, which will also affect Seventh Day Adventists, was filed by the New England Region, American Jewish Congress.

The Commission's ruling, issued after a hearing on the subject, agreed that "arrangements be made to allow Seventh Day observers to participate in competitive examinations in a manner which will permit such applicants the widest latitude in meeting their religious convictions without impairing the competitive conditions required by law and in a manner within the constitutional, statutory and fiscal regulations of the Commonwealth."

ADL PROTESTS TO VIRGINIA GOVERNOR AGAINST BURNING OF CROSSES

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A protest against the burning of crosses--four such incidents having taken place in this state in the last month--has been filed with Gov. Thomas B. Stanley by the Virginia Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The correspondence with Gov. Stanley was made public here today by Sam E. Binswanger, chairman of the League's advisory board.

LAWRENCE MARX JR. TO HEAD NEW YORK FEDERATION'S CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Lawrence Marx, Jr., has been named campaign chairman for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York 1956-'57 appeal for funds to support 116 affiliated health and welfare agencies, it was announced today by Salim L. Lewis, Federation president.

Mr. Marx, who is 41, becomes one of the youngest campaign leaders in the history of Federation. His father, the late Lawrence Marx, served as campaign chairman in 1936 and as Federation president during 1937-'38.

Mr. Marx announced the appointment of eight associate campaign chairmen: Leo Hausman, Howard G. Janover, Martin Jarcho, Arthur D. Leidesdorf, Col. Barnett J. Nova, Gerard Oestreicher, Lawrence S. Phillips and Mrs. Irwin Rosenberg, who also is serving as chairman of the Women's Division Campaign.

COL. ARVEY, JUDGE BURMAN RECEIVED BY BEN GURION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Col. Jacob Arvey, Chicago political leader, and Judge Henry Burman of Chicago, were received by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion today and, later, feted at a luncheon tendered by Foreign Minister Golda Meir. Prominent national and city officials attended the luncheon.

Col. Arvey and his wife yesterday inspected Neoth Yaacov, a reclamation and afforestation project being developed on a two-thousand dunam tract by Keren Kayemeth, and named after Col. Arvey.