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JEWISH AGENCY ARRANGES FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR EGYPTIAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency has instructed all international airlines to transport to Israel, at the Agency's expense, any expelled Egyptian Jew who asks to go there, it was revealed here today at a meeting of the Agency executive.

Contacts have been established with various international organizations to cooperate in the transportation and absorption of the deported Jews, Zalman Shazar, acting chairman of the executive, told the meeting. Top priority will be given to the absorption of the expellees.

The permanent Agency-Israel Government immigration coordination committee will meet next Sunday to make plans for the reception of an anticipated large-scale immigration of Egyptian Jews.

(In Cairo, Egyptian Minister of Interior Lt. Col. Zakariah Mohyeddin, told the correspondent of the New York Times yesterday that "only 288 Jews" were being detained in Egypt "for security reasons," that they are being held in Jewish schoolhouses, and that their names had been given to the International Red Cross with a request that efforts be made to get them out of the country as quickly as possible. He admitted that Jewish assets have been sequestered.)

First Group of Expelled Egyptian Jews Arrive Penniless in Israel

HAIFA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The first group of expelled Egyptian Jews, 29 men, women and children, arrived aboard the S.S. Israel from Naples today. The expellees uniformly reported that Jews in Egypt were being subjected to "cruel and inhuman" treatment.

They said that hundreds of Jews were under house arrest and hundreds more had been rounded up and thrown into prison. All Jewish property has been confiscated, the expellees stated.

The group included Jews of Egyptian, British, Italian and other European nationality who had been given from one to four days' notice and then deported from the country with a maximum of 20 pounds in cash.

One Jew, of Italian nationality, reported that he had been in a small cell with 15 others until the Italian consulate intervened in his behalf. The prisoners were not allowed to open the tiny window in the fetid cell, he related, and their fare consisted of bread and beans.

Leon Coher, a former resident of Alexandria, said he was called to the local police station and given a choice between deportation and arrest. When he chose to leave Egypt, he was placed under house arrest until he departed.

Morris Baruch Marzuk reported that he was arrested in Cairo, thrown into the Cairo prison and stayed there without seeing his family until he was placed on a ship leaving Egypt. A woman spokesman for the deportees told reporters that all 29 were Egyptian born, that their parents had been born in Egypt and that the only crime which they had committed was that of being Jews.

S. Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency immigration department, who arrived in Israel with the immigrants, declared that 30,000 Egyptian Jews had been outlawed and had lost all protection of the law. Heads of businesses were forced to sign them over to the Egyptians and all assets were taken over by the Egyptian treasury. Some 1,200 Jews exiled from Egypt have already reached various European centers, Mr. Shragai disclosed.

Yehuda Braginsky, head of the Agency's absorption department, told newsmen that the expellees were all penniless and that Israel would have to expend great sums of money to resettle them. He praised American Jewry for proclaiming a special \$100,000,000 rescue fund drive beside the regular United Jewish Appeal goal.

Agudah Delegation Confers at State Dept. on Egyptian Jews

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A delegation of the American section of Agudath Israel World Organization called at the State Department today and requested the United States Government to help protect the Jews of Egypt and to admit Egyptian Jews to the U.S. on the same emergency basis as Hungarian refugees. The delegation, composed of Dr. Isaac Lewin and Michael Tress, conferred with Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree.

U. N. MILITARY UNITS TAKE OVER SINAI POSITIONS HELD BY ISRAELIS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A Yugoslav motorized contingent of the United Nations Emergency Force was moving today forward into positions in the Sinai Peninsula previously held by Israeli troops as the latter moved back to a point approximately 30 miles from their furthest penetration.

That was announced here in a report from the UNEF commander's headquarters in Cairo. The commander, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, stated that the Yugoslav column includes 20 armored cars as well as other light armaments.

Meanwhile, Israel has undertaken a three-way move to try to clarify the relationship between its promised withdrawals from Egyptian territory and UNEF. Here, Israel's deputy permanent chairman Mordecai Kidron is in contact with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld who is virtually, although not by title, commander-in-chief of UNEF.

In Washington Ambassador Abba Eban conferred with several high echelon members of the State Department on the same issue. Later this week there will be a conference, probably in Tel Aviv, between Gen. Burns and Gen. Moshe Dayan, chief of staff of the Israel Army.

Israeli circles here feel that both Washington and the UN secretariat have indulged in "calculated vagueness" regarding the relationship between Israel's promised withdrawal and the stationing of UNEF troops. Israel has not yet received assurances that Egypt will be forbidden to build up massive troop concentrations behind the UNEF lines.

SINAI DEVELOPMENTS FORCE ISRAEL TO CURTAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Political and military developments of the last few weeks have forced the curtailment of certain development projects as funds budgeted for them have been diverted to new programs. Although official figures have not been released yet, it is estimated that the cut in the development budget will amount to about seven percent.

It is expected that the 20,000,000 pounds thus saved from development projects will be added to the added budget to be submitted to Parliament next week. This budget is chiefly designed to cover security expenditures and to increase stockpiles of foodstuffs and raw materials and possible to pay in part for the oil pipeline from Elath.

Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister, will introduce in Parliament a special 75,000,000 pound deficit budget to cover further costs of the Israel operation in the Sinai, he revealed at a press conference here. The Finance Minister expressed doubt that the Jewish Agency could continue its single-handed financing of absorption of new immigrants in view of the new wave of refugees from Egypt. The government, he continued, will have to help meet the costs of absorption.

Mr. Eshkol disclosed that the budget for the next fiscal year, on which his office is already at work, will amount to about 900,000,000 pounds. The budget will be presented to the Knesset either late this month or early in January.

Isaac Bar Yehuda, Minister of the Interior, announced today that his Achdut Avoda Party would fight the new income-tax scheduled which will be proposed in Parliament. While the situation is far from a Cabinet crisis, Mr. Bar Yehuda bluntly warned that the Achdut Avoda, which is left of the Mapai and right of the Mapam, would fight the tax measure "both inside the coalition and in the Knesset." The party, which is challenging the second government's tax measure in recent weeks, wants higher rates for middle and high income taxpayers.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DODGES QUESTIONS IN COMMONS ON ARMING OF EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A British Government spokesman dodged questions in Commons today on the extent of British arming of Egypt and consequent increase of Middle East tension.

Under questioning by Laborites, A. R. W. Low, President of the Board of Trade, denied that Britain had increased tension by shipping arms to Nasser and promised to circulate figures supporting his contention. When he was asked how much equipment had been shipped to Egypt after the British Government had learned of the Czech-Egyptian arms pact, he replied "that's another question" and refused further comment.

WOUNDED EGYPTIAN WAR PRISONERS REPATRIATED FROM ISRAEL TO EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Twenty-six severely wounded Egyptian prisoners of war were repatriated today in two Italian aircraft. The prisoners said they had been well treated during their stay in Israeli hospitals.

The International Red Cross informed Israel today that the Egyptian authorities had given him the name of only one wounded Israeli whom they had captured. He is Johanan Etkes.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY LACKS SHELTER FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

VIENNA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Vienna Jewish Community was unable today to provide any further housing accommodations for Hungarian refugees, although 600 more registered with the community and were provided with financial and other assistance. There are now some 4,200 Hungarian Jewish refugees in this city alone and another 1,000 to 2,000 in the provinces.

The community informed the Austrian Government today that it had exhausted all available accommodations in hotel rooms, boarding houses and private homes and that from here on in the government must house Jewish refugees in camps. Wilhelm Krell, director of the community, announced today that he had received information which led him to believe that several thousand more Hungarian Jews would be knocking on the community's doors in a few days.

(Ninety-six Jewish refugees from Hungary landed in Israel today. Also on the ships were 25 Rumanian Jews, including seven Zionists who had been held in prison.)

American Jew Saves 60 Members of His Family from Hungary

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The "fantastic story" of how an American Jew organized the escape from Budapest of 60 of his relatives is related today in the Daily Herald.

The newspaper reports that Paul Fried, 41-year-old American businessman, went to Vienna this week to try to make contact with family members whom he last saw in 1937 when he left Hungary for the United States. He met his brother Bela, who had escaped, and the two men laid plans for the rescue of the entire family.

Bela recrossed the border into Hungary, made his way to Budapest where he rounded up the family and put them in a freight car moving toward the Austrian border. They passed 15 patrol checks by using forged documents. After the train stopped, a considerable distance from the frontier, they continued their trek on foot.

When they were only 200 yards from the border, Soviet machine gunners opened up on them. The Jews spread out in a thin line and, chanting the traditional prayer which Jews recite at moments of danger, "Hear Oh Israel..." they crossed the marshes into Austrian territory. There they were met by Fried, who had hired a bus for his private rescue mission, and driven to Vienna, the Daily Herald dispatch said.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ORGAN REPORTS ON ANNIHILATION OF JEWS IN MINSK

BONN, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- An extensive report on the extermination of Jews in Minsk, Byelorussia, during the Nazi occupation of the city, is published in "Das Parlament," official organ of the German Federal Government. Tens of thousands of Jews were killed by the Nazis in the little-known Minsk extermination camp. Only nine survived.

Author of the eye-witness account is Dr. Karl Loewenstein, now 69, the only inmate ever to have been "discharged" from Minsk. Being a half-Jewish Christian, a decorated naval officer of the First World War and a veteran of the nationalistic "Free Corps," he would not normally have been subject to deportation. The Gestapo, however, sent him to Minsk with a Jewish transport late in 1941 because it was irritated by the support he, a devout Lutheran, was giving to the cause of the anti-Nazi Confessional Church within his Berlin parish.

Dr. Loewenstein had been on friendly terms with the German Crown Prince, whose naval adjutant he was at one time. Because of this circumstance, some members of the German nobility intervened on his behalf after his disappearance from Berlin.

According to Dr. Loewenstein's account, about 7,300 Jews from the Rhineland, Hamburg, Berlin, Bremen, Vienna and Brno (Czechoslovakia) were killed at Minsk in 1942-43 as were a much larger number of Russian Jews. He describes in detail a particularly harrowing massacre on March 2, 1942.

"Das Parlament," which features Dr. Loewenstein's report under the title "In the camp of the German Jews at Minsk," is a periodical primarily designed to spread information on parliamentary debates and issues. Through its supplements, it has in the past made available valuable studies on Jewish topics connected with the Nazi era. It is published by a government agency concerned with propaganda for democratic institutions and ideas.

YUGOSLAVIA RECOVERS JEWISH ARCHIVES SEIZED BY NAZIS DURING WAR

BELGRADE, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The archives of a number of pre-war Yugoslavian Jewish organizations seized by the Nazis and later found by the Russians have been returned to the Yugoslav authorities, the Federation of Yugoslav Jewish Communities has learned.

The Federation has approached the Yugoslav Government with a request that documents important to the community be turned over to it, or that it be allowed to obtain copies of them.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM SEEKS "TRUE FACTS" ON EGYPT'S EXPULSION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism addressed today a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles asking the State Department to obtain and release for publication the "true facts" concerning the present situation of the Jews in Egypt.

In making this request, the Council for Judaism said that "recent history has been witness to an abuse of propaganda techniques employed when Arabs and Jews are involved." It repeated its usual anti-Zionist views and emphasized that "as Americans" the members of the Council do not wish to formulate their opinions upon the basis of information provided by other governments. It, therefore, asked the State Department to secure answers to the following questions:

"1. Whether any action of the Government of Egypt is directed against Egyptians on the basis of religious discrimination. 2. Whether Egypt's acts were related to widely published--but to us patently false--statements made in the Israeli Knesset by Prime Minister Ben Gurion on November 7 to the effect that all Jews support the Israeli military action in Egypt. 3. Whether any Egyptian action has been on the basis of individual or group affiliations where, considering the tensions of the area, evidence seemed to justify some Egyptian security action. 4. Whether, even if the present crisis situation seemed to warrant such security action, fair and open hearings will be accorded the individuals before any final disposition of their civil and property rights is determined."

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ASKED TO INTERVENE FOR JEWS IN EGYPT

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The DAIA, Argentine Jewry's central representative organization, called on the Argentine Government today to intervene with the United Nations to bring to an end Egyptian persecution of Jews.

The appeal charged that Nasser's regime in Egypt had reduced the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to "scraps of paper." It charged that Egyptian persecution parallels the "Hitler pattern."

Meanwhile, the DAIA expressed support of the Argentine Government's decision to accept 3,000 Hungarian refugees and orphans. It offered the experience of Jewish organizations which had been involved with immigration activities to any government program for the refugees.

U.S. POLITICAL PARTIES COMMENDED FOR BIGOTRY-FREE ELECTIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The presidents of the National Council of Churches of Christ of America and the Synagogue Council of America, joined with Protestants, Catholics and Jewish leaders today to commend the national chairmen of the Republican and Democratic parties for keeping the recent election campaigns "free from appeals to racial and religious prejudice."

The religious and lay leaders, who received assurances from the chairmen of both political parties last August that bigotry would be kept out of the election campaign, stressed that the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates of both parties in their utterances regarding racial and religious groups were "clearly true to American ideals."

RABBI SILVER HONORED IN CLEVELAND BY JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was the recipient here of the Charles Eisenman Award presented by the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation at its 53 annual dinner meeting. The presentation, made by Max Simon, Federation president, consisted of a framed citation lauding Dr. Silver's contributions to Jewish life and a check for \$500 which Dr. Silver said he would contribute to a local cultural cause.

In his reply, Dr. Silver said his life and work had been guided by two principles--the principle of Jewish unity, while recognizing the importance of differences, and the importance of convictions rather than opinions. Herbert R. Abeles, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, was the principal speaker at the function. Irving Kane was program chairman.

JEWISH CENTER OPENED IN FRANKFURT; PROF. BOEHM DONATES HIS AWARD

FRANKFURT, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A Jewish center with classrooms for religious instruction, meeting and play rooms for youth groups, an auditorium for lectures and social events was dedicated here in a new wing built next door to Frankfurt Jewish Community headquarters. Prof. Franz Boehm formally endowed one school room with the award money of the Stephen Wise \$1,000 prize received from the American Jewish Congress last spring.

In recognition of his gesture, Prof. Boehm's name is inscribed on a bronze plaque on the schoolroom wall. A German Protestant, Prof. Boehm is the former head of the German delegation at The Hague which reached the reparations agreement with Israel, and is an indefatigable champion of indemnification of Nazi victims.