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SYRIAN EMBASSY IN U.S. DISSEMINATES NOTORIOUS ANTI-JEWISH "PROTOCOLS"

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- Tourists visiting the Syrian Embassy and consulates for travel literature today reported receiving copies of the anti-Jewish forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

The pamphlets are printed in French from plates believed to originate in Nazi Germany. They are given out along with maps and customary travel folders to Americans who inquire about visiting Syria. The "Protocols" allege to be a blueprint of a Jewish plot for world domination. The forgery originated in Czarist Russia in 1905. It was revived in the 1930's by the Nazis.

ISRAEL TO FLOAT 50,000,000-POUND LOAN FOR HOUSING IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- A bill enabling the Israel Government to float a 50,000,000-pound loan to finance immigrant housing was presented to Parliament today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol.

A unique feature of the bill is the choice of interest rates it gives purchasers. He may choose to receive six percent interest on which he pays an income tax; four and one-half percent which is tax-free, and no interest, but a chance in a national lottery.

At the same time the Israel Treasury today increased the exchange rate for Deutschmarks which Israeli residents receive from German restitution programs. The new rate is equivalent to 2.16 pounds to the dollar, as compared to the old rate of 1.8. However, the 20 percent premium will not be paid in cash but in negotiable government bonds pegged to the dollar. Last week, the Treasury announced premiums for industrial exporters which would bring the basic rate of exchange for most exporters to 2.65 pounds to the dollar.

\$100,000,000 Needed for Construction of Houses for Newcomers

TEL AVIV, June 11. (JTA) -- A new, combined Israel Government-Jewish Agency effort to obtain loans and investments totalling some \$100,000,000 for the construction of 29,000 housing units for new immigrants was announced here at a press conference by Dr. Dov Joseph, Agency treasurer and head of its absorption department. He made his announcement in connection with the opening this week of Brodetsky House, a hostel for professionals honoring the late Dr. Selig Brodetsky, former president of the Hebrew University.

Dr. Joseph revealed that 60,000 immigrants had come to Israel since last October and that 40,000 more were expected before next October. The hardest immigrants to attract, he said, were professionals because housing facilities for their standard of living were not available. Among the professionals who came in the last eight months, he revealed, were 457 physicians and nurses, 360 engineers and technicians, 148 writers and doctors and 236 teachers and professors.

The hostel contains 72 rooms for the temporary use of single people, couples and even families of professional people who work in the Tel Aviv area. The tenants will move as soon as permanent quarters are available. The rooms have the most modern facilities.

A \$1,000,000 mortgage bank which will extend loans for housing in Israel has been founded in South America by some 100 Jewish financiers and businessmen, L. Dultzin, head of the Jewish Agency's economic department, informed the Agency executive today. On his recent trip through Latin America, Mr. Dultzin reported, he inaugurated a South American economic council to foster investments in Israel.

MOSCOW INTENSIFIES ANTI-ISRAEL PROPAGANDA IN BROADCASTS TO ARAB LANDS

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- The Moscow Radio increased today its anti-Israel attacks in Arab-language broadcasts, telling its Arab listeners that "the ruling quarters in Tel Aviv are proving, by accepting the Eisenhower Doctrine, that their endeavor is to disturb the atmosphere in the Near and Middle East."

An analysis of Soviet moods with regard to Israel, completed by Israel students of Soviet affairs, reaches a strongly pessimistic conclusion about the possibility of Moscow improving relations with Israel. Israeli experts also feel that even the resumption of Soviet oil sales to Israel is unlikely.

BEN GURION INTERVENES TO SETTLE MONTH-OLD STRIKE OF TEXTILE WORKERS

TEL AVIV, June 11. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion intervened today in an attempt to settle a month-old strike against the Ata textile manufacturing company in Haifa. In the midst of a heated meeting of the Mapai central committee over the strike, Mr. Ben Gurion urged party unity on the issue and the avoidance of friction.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a special committee consisting of Histadrut officials and several Ministers and ex-Ministers was appointed to draft a party policy toward the strike. Most members of the central committee expressed opposition to continuation of the walkout, but the secretary of the Haifa Labor Council, Yossef Almogi, who previously was responsible for the conduct of the action, insisted that improvement of working conditions at the plant was imperative.

BEIGIN DEMANDS AN ISRAEL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY "JABOTINSKY'S PUPILS"

TEL AVIV, June 11. (JTA) -- Menahem Beigin, leader of the Israel Herut Party, reiterated today his demand for absorption of Jordan territory into a "whole Israel," arguing that in such a state prosperity, freedom and security would be the lot of the Moslems, Christians and Hebrews.

Mr. Beigin, who spoke to the world convention of Betar, the Revisionist youth movement, also demanded an Israel Government "headed by Jabotinsky's pupils." The Herut leader hailed Betar members who settled in Israel development regions and new settlements and urged all Jewish youth to learn Hebrew as the first step toward their national redemption in Israel.

ISRAEL AND RUMANIA OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON RE-UNITING SEPARATED FAMILIES

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Hope was felt here for the possibility of a renewal of Jewish immigration from Rumania, in the wake of reports today that Israel and Rumanian government representatives had re-opened discussions on the possibility of re-uniting separated families, with a more liberal interpretation of family relationships.

The Israeli press reported a somewhat friendlier attitude in Bucharest. However, while non-Jewish leaders are pictured as more understanding of the problem of separated families, Jews among the Rumanian Communist Party leadership were said to have intensified their campaign against liberalizing emigration policy. It is believed here that some time must pass before practical results of the friendlier attitude in Bucharest become visible.

ISRAEL STUDENTS UNION BALKS AT SENDING DELEGATION TO MOSCOW FESTIVAL

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Students Union decided today not to send a delegation to the forthcoming international youth festival in Moscow this summer unless it is permitted to make its arrangements independent of any other group.

The non-Communist group was prepared to send a delegation of 80 young men and women to Moscow, but was told to make its arrangements jointly with the Israel Festival Committee. "We see the Festival Committee as part of the Communist Party and we are not willing to discuss with them our delegation," the Israel Students Union declared. It is awaiting a reply from Moscow on whether an independent delegation will be accepted.

ISRAEL SENDS NEW MINISTER TO PRAGUE; RAFAEL NAMED MINISTER TO BELGIUM

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- The appointment of Gideon Rafael as Minister to Belgium and Luxemburg was announced by the Foreign Ministry today. The 44-year-old diplomat joined the foreign service in 1948, has served with the United Nations delegation and several divisions of the Foreign Ministry.

Shmuel Bendor has been named Israel Minister to Prague, the Foreign Ministry announced. The 47-year-old Irish-born diplomat has been serving as counsellor of the Embassy in Paris and before that was head of the Foreign Ministry's United States Division.

GERMANY INVITES ISRAEL TO PARTICIPATE IN GERMAN TRADE FAIRS

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Israel has been invited to participate in German trade fairs, Minister of Commerce Pinchas Saphir informed Parliament today. He revealed, however, that the Israel Government has not yet reached a decision on the invitation.

From Bonn it was reported today that the Arab states, in the person of Dr. Raif Bellama, Lebanese deputy secretary general of the Arab League, again threatened the West German Government with recognition of East Germany if Bonn establishes diplomatic relations with Israel. Dr. Bellama said any such move by Bonn would be "an unfriendly act" toward the Arab states.

Israel will for the first time be represented at this year's Frankfurt Book Fair, the annual meeting place in October of German publishers, bookdealers and book lovers.

GERMANY PASSES RESTITUTION LAW FOR CONFISCATED JEWISH PROPERTY

BERLIN, June 11. (JTA) -- The Federal Council, West Germany's upper house, in a session held here to mark this city's role as the "legitimate" German capital, has completed parliamentary approval of the modified \$357, 000, 000 Restitution Law dealing with compensation for identifiable Jewish property confiscated by the former German Reich.

The measure came before the Federal Council for final approval in April, but was referred to a conference committee of both houses because a majority of the members took exception to certain provisions of the bill. Now that a number of minor amendments have been incorporated, the bill was passed by majority vote. The Federal Restitution Law will enter into force, once it has been signed by President Theodor Heuss and published in the Federal Gazette, probably next month.

After almost eight years of delay, the West German Federal Republic will now pay compensation for Jewish property "Aryanized" by the German state during the Nazi era, provided the property was located in West Germany or in either sector of Berlin. Also included under the terms of the law are "Aryanization" action by the German state railways, the state postal system and by the former Prussian state, but not "Aryanization" by other German states, municipalities, corporations or individuals.

Excluded from the scope of the law are Jewish belongings seized in East Germany, the Saar, areas now under Polish or Soviet administration and in the countries overrun by Nazi Germany. "Aryanization" transactions whose beneficiary was not the German state remain unaffected by the new law, because they are covered by restitution legislation which the Western Allies imposed many years ago and which compels the return of formerly Jewish-owned real estate, businesses, furniture, stocks and bonds, art objects, etc. That program is nearly completed.

The German Federal Republic, on the other hand, has hitherto failed to restitute the Jewish possessions expropriated by its predecessor, the German Reich, and has paid no compensation therefor, although it assumed title to all assets of the former Reich. Until today the thousands of Jews who obtained court judgments "against the German Reich" have in effect been unable to collect.

All Payments to be Completed Before 1963; Some Due in 1959

The new Restitution Law also applies to furniture or luggage shipped abroad by emigrants from Germany and, due to the German invasion of neighboring countries, later intercepted en route. Machinery, works of art seized in non-German countries by organs of the German state fall under the law if it can be shown that the looted objects were brought to Germany itself. A significant portion of the claims will deal with securities confiscated during the war, or else "sold" by the Jews of Germany and Austria to pay the billion-mark "fine" exacted the Hitler Government in November 1938, after the Paris assassination of German Embassy attache vom Rath. The jewelry, silver and gold that had to be delivered up for almost nothing at the same time is, as a rule, within the scope of the new law.

The law stipulates that all payments shall be completed before 1963. Amounts up to \$4, 750 are due by the spring of 1959. On claims running into higher figures, half the sum is payable before 1961. The second half of these larger claims will be scaled down proportionately in such a way that the total expenditure for the West German treasury does not exceed \$357, 000, 000, the level to which the Federal Republic has limited its overall liability. Within the scope of this commitment, the Jewish successor organizations are entitled to submit claims based on the confiscation of property for which no owners or heirs have survived.

If a claimant is ineligible under the provisions of the new law because of technical reasons, and if his property was located in West Germany or West Berlin, he may address himself to a "Hardship Fund." To provide the requisite minimum means for its work, the Bundestag Indemnification Committee has written into the law a clause adding a few million dollars to the obligations which the Federal Republic was willing to assume.

CHIEF OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP SENTENCED; KILLED 25, 000 JEWS

BONN, June 11. (JTA) -- A West German court at Bochum sentenced Paul Werner Hoppe, a former Nazi camp commander, to nine years' hard labor. He was convicted of having aided in the murder of thousands of inmates, many of them Jews, at the Stutthof camp, near Danzing.

Sixty witnesses testified in the course of the five-week trial that 25, 000 Jews were killed by gassing and lethal injections, by shooting and hanging in the Stutthof camp. A number of former inmates told how Hoppe had administered brutal beatings, how he supervised a variety of sadistic practices and trained bulldogs to tear prisoners apart. A girl medical student gave evidence under oath that Hoppe had intervened to speed the gassing of pregnant Jewish women.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION STARTS DISCUSSION OF DISCRIMINATION

GENEVA, June 11. (JTA) -- The International Labor Organization began today a discussion on the problems of discrimination in employment and in occupation based specifically on two reports describing the different types of discrimination and national and international actions and programs aimed at preventing discriminatory practices. A final decision will not be reached at this year's conference, but will be held over for another debate next year.

A. Becker, Histadrut official and Israeli delegate to the ILO parley, reviewed Israeli progress in providing employment opportunities to the tens of thousands of immigrants currently entering the Jewish State. Mr. Becker noted that Israel was still depending a large portion of its resources to "meet external security needs" although the resources would be of greater benefit to the workers of Israel and the surrounding countries if it were used in peaceful cooperation in the struggle against poverty and ignorance.

CINCINNATI SHIFTS ELECTIONS REGISTRATION SCHEDULES FOR ROSH HASHANAH

CINCINNATI, June 11. (JTA) -- The Board of Elections here today shifted the date of citywide registration originally scheduled for Rosh Hashanah eve. The action followed a protest to the Board submitted by the local Jewish Community Relations Committee.

Polls are normally open on the final day of registration which this year occurs on September 25. In deference to the holiday, the polls will be open on September 19, a week before the registration deadline but voters may continue to register the following week at the office of the Board of Elections.

UNITY IN AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT URGED AT BNAI ZION CONVENTION

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 11. (JTA) -- A call for "unity in the American Zionist movement as an aid to strengthening ideological concepts of Zionism," was voiced here last night at the concluding session of the 48th annual convention of Bnai Zion, the Zionist fraternal group.

The delegates voted that the Bnai Zion should apply directly for membership in the American Zionist Council. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, was hailed for his "inspired leadership" of the Zionist movement and for infusing it with new strength. It also extended greetings to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF "HADOAR," ONLY HEBREW WEEKLY IN U.S., CELEBRATED

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- The 35th anniversary of "Hadoar," the only Hebrew language weekly in the United States, was celebrated here tonight at a dinner at the Hotel New Yorker. The dinner also marked the publication of the 35th Hadoar, the special anniversary issue, a 306-page volume made up of contributions by 60 American Hebrew writers, all residents of this country, 15 of whom were born and educated in the U. S.

Principal speakers at the dinner were Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith and Moshe Feinstein, president of the Hebrew P. E. N. Club of America. Dr. Moshe Davis, Provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and chairman of the Hadoar executive committee, presided. Dr. Simon Federbush opened the function.

NEW JEWISH FAMILY BIBLE PUBLISHED IN U.S.; CARRIES ART AND MAPS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- A new Jewish Family Bible, the most complete edition of the Scriptures ever assembled, containing 188 full-color reproductions of the original art painted by Jacob Barosin, was introduced to the press here today. The edition represents a four-year project. An introduction was written by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

The Jewish Family Bible, luxuriously published, was prepared for every Jewish home--Orthodox, Reform or Conservative. It is featured by scholarly work by some of the most distinguished men in the American rabbinate. It has a very important encyclopedic section giving data on every person and place mentioned in the Bible. It also has numerous maps of areas mentioned in the Bible.

DAUGHTER OF SULTAN OF MOROCCO ACCEPTS HONORARY PRESIDENCY OF ORT

GENEVA, June 11. (JTA) -- Princess Aicha, elder daughter of the Sultan of Morocco, has accepted the honorary presidency of the Women's Committee of ORT in Morocco, World ORT Union headquarters announced here today.

Princess Aicha, who has shown great interest in ORT's vocational training program, recently visited the ORT school in Casablanca and delivered a message from her father praising ORT activities and warning against attempts to divide Moslem and Jew.

JEWISH YOUTHS FROM U.S. COMPLETE RELIGIOUS STUDIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- A group of young men from the United States completed their religious studies here today. The course was given by the religious education department of the Jewish Agency. The graduates were approved as religious educators by the Israel Chief Rabbinate.