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MODERATE EARTHQUAKE SHAKES ISRAEL; LIGHT DAMAGE REPORTED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A small earthquake struck Israel today, registering light to moderate strength in this city. Tel Aviv and throughout Galilee. The 30-second tremor apparently centered in the Safad area.

In Galilee, the area closest to the shock, doors were knocked out of kilter, windows were smashed and lamps knocked over. In this city, where the Hebrew University's seismographs picked up readings of the quake, only windows were broken in various sections of the city.

DOUEK RULED SANE, FIT TO STAND TRIAL FOR KNESSET BOMBING

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Moshe Douek, the young Israeli who threw a hand grenade at the Cabinet bench in Israel's Parliament last week, is legally sane and can stand trial for attempted murder, a report of two psychiatrists declared today.

Today's report contradicts a decision a year ago by a commission of psychiatrists which ruled that Douek was not fit to face trial for an attempt to set fire to Beilinson Hospital in Tel Aviv. Douek was under observation since last Wednesday.

The Cabinet named a Ministerial committee today to plan security arrangements to prevent further attacks on the Knesset such as last week's grenade bombing by Douek. Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak has named a Parliamentary commission of inquiry, headed by Israel Bar Yehuda, Minister for Interior, and including representatives of various parties to investigate the bombing.

Meanwhile, a bulletin from Hadassah Hospital where three of Douek's victims remain, said that Moshe Shapira, Minister of Health and most seriously hurt of five Ministers wounded by the exploding projectile, continued to show improvement. Premier David Ben Gurion, from whose leg a steel grenade splinter was removed earlier this week-end, and Minister of Transport Moshe Carmel, whose arm was shattered by the blast, are both improving.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAIM WEIZMANN'S DEATH MARKED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Cabinet members, diplomatic envoys from foreign missions and a large number of distinguished Israelis and non-Israelis attended tonight a memorial for Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President who died five years ago.

Chairman of the function at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth was Eliahu Elath, Israel Ambassador to Britain, who spoke of the late world Zionist leader as having achieved a unique place in Jewish history as the "Prince of exile" and first President of the reborn State of Israel. He characterized the late Dr. Weizmann as a statesman, realist, man of science and, above all, one who believed in the moral forces at the foundation of every great human act.

Ambassador Elath described Dr. Weizmann's activities in World War I days which resulted in the publication of the Balfour Declaration (whose 40th anniversary was marked yesterday.) The Israel diplomat, a veteran of years of service in Britain, asserted that despite differences between the Israel and British Government's on various occasions, relations between the two states "repose on the friendly British public attitude toward Israel."

The impact of Dr. Weizmann's personality and aspirations on the younger generation of Israelis who had no personal contact with the late President during his years of fighting for a Jewish State was underlined in an address by Moshe Shamir, a leading figure among the young Israel writers. Mr. Shamir called Dr. Weizmann's meeting with the Emir Feisal immediately after World War I "one of the most decisive and boldest acts on the part of any Jewish leader to achieve Jewish-Arab understanding."

Sephardic Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim, who was invited to participate in the memorial, refused on the grounds that it had not been arranged in a Jewish tradition and expressed the hope that future memorials for Dr. Weizmann would be planned in a more Jewish spirit.

ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET OF \$40,000,000

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, received the Cabinet's approval today for a supplemental allocation of 40 million pounds for the fiscal year 1957-58.

Meanwhile, United States Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson is slated to arrive here tomorrow to discuss with top Israeli government figures Israel's application to the U.S. for \$25 million in surplus foodstuffs. It is not yet known whether Secretary Benson will confer, as scheduled, with Premier David Ben Gurion who is still in a hospital recovering from injuries suffered in last week's grenade attack in Parliament.

Israel's exports during the past ten months rose 50 million pounds over the same period of 1956, official statistics revealed here today. Exports from January through October climbed to 208,300,000 pounds as compared to 159,700,000 during the first ten months of last year.

ISRAEL OPENS FIRST SECTION OF NEGEV RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT BEERSHEBA

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The first completed section of the Negev Research Institute at Beersheba was officially opened this week-end. Among those present were representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which has incorporated the institute in its worldwide network of research in the arid zone.

The completed section includes several administrative and service buildings and one laboratory building housing the institute's meteorological unit, an experimental plant to harness solar energy for the de-salting of brackish ground waters. Construction is to begin soon on a second laboratory building for research with minerals found in Israel and their industrial exploitation.

The Beersheba institute is to become the country's center for arid zone research which has been carried out hitherto at the Hebrew University and the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa. It will make a study of environmental physiology and the adjustment of man and beast to the arid conditions prevailing in the Negev. The institute will also house the Dead Sea works laboratories.

Prior to the opening ceremonies, the assembled scientists held a conference at the Hias House in Beersheba and discussed the vegetation and water supply of the Negev, the problem of living conditions in the desert, the use of solar energy for industry in the Negev and desalination of water by electrodialysis. The lectures were given by staff members of the Hebrew University and Technion.

DISPUTE REPORTED ANGLO-U.S. PLAN TO PRESS ISRAEL ON REFUGEES, TERRITORY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Israeli sources here today disputed a report that the United States and Britain contemplate bringing pressures against Israel for "territorial adjustment" and acceptance of 100,000 Arab refugees. The report had described the alleged Anglo-American plan as an aftermath of the talks held in Washington between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

What Israel has been told by those who participated in the Anglo-American conference "conflicted directly" with the Arab repatriation and "territorial adjustment" report, an Israeli source said.

According to the source, Israel has received no proposals on either subject, and its attitude on those subjects is known. The source declared that Israel's "attitude to an agency report on Mr. Macmillan's alleged 'proposals' is skeptical, especially as such proposals would lead nowhere if they were made, and it is doubtful if they were ever made."

FAMILIES RECEIVE FIRST MAIL FROM FISHERMEN SEIZED BY EGYPTIANS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- For the first time since the detention September 25 of six crewmen aboard the Israeli fishing trawler Doron, letters from the men have been received by their relatives. The letters say only that the men are well.

The Egyptian authorities continue to resist all representations by the International Red Cross Committee to permit one of its delegates to visit the men.

COURT REVERSES DISCHARGE OF ISRAELI TEACHER WHO BECAME CHRISTIAN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A Haifa court ruled this week-end that the Israeli Ministry for Education may not dismiss a Jewish teacher because she accepted conversion to Christianity. The court ordered payment of full compensation and severance benefits due her.

The plaintiff Yohevet Wolnowitz-Mattar, a teacher in a religious kindergarten in Haifa, married a Christian Arab two years ago. When she informed the authorities of her changed marital status, she was dismissed. The court ruled that like any other woman, she had the right to marry the man of her choice, irrespective of religion or nationality. The court agreed that she was no longer qualified to teach in a religious kindergarten, but asserted that she should have been transferred to another kindergarten.

ISRAEL NEGOTIATES TRADE PACTS WITH RUMANIA, BULGARIA, ICELAND

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Extension of a trade agreement with Rumania, and the negotiation of trade pacts with Bulgaria and Iceland, were announced here today by the Foreign Ministry.

The pacts were negotiated by Israeli delegates at last week's annual meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, in Geneva. The Rumanian agreement, renewed for a year, provides for an equal exchange of \$1,500,000 worth of goods between the two countries. Bulgaria and Israel, under the new pact, will exchange \$500,000 worth of goods. Iceland will export to Israel fish, fish oil and fish meal, receiving in return textiles and other light-industry products.

Israel Sues U.S.S.R. for Breach of Oil Contract; Seeks \$2,396,000

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- An Israeli oil importing company has filed a claim against the Soviet Government, seeking \$2,396,440 for violation of an oil export contract, according to a Moscow report published today by the New York Times.

The claim is the first of several expected to be filed by Israel, seeking damages for Russian cancellation of oil contracts following the Sinai action a year ago. According to the Times, other suits will be filed by Israel in Moscow if the first claim is granted.

Under the Soviet-Israel contract, the suit in Moscow will be heard by a three-man foreign trade arbitration commission of the All-Union Chamber of Commerce. There is no appeal from the ruling of the commission. However, the Times points out, "the history of the commission indicates that it has sought to achieve a good reputation in international business and law circles, and that it has at times been more liberal to capitalist claimants than arbitrators elsewhere."

JOINT ISRAEL-GHANA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ESTABLISHED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The Government of Ghana and Solel Boneh, major Israeli construction enterprise, have initiated an agreement for establishment of a joint Ghana-Israel development company, it was learned today.

The company will be set up with capital of 500,000 pounds sterling (\$1,400,000) to engage in building housing projects, highway, port developments and other projects. Additional funds for major projects will be provided in the form of government and bank loans from Israel and from Ghana. Solel Boneh will provide most of the heavy equipment, technicians and experts.

Israel to Grant Scholarships to Africans

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Israel will grant a number of scholarships in its institutions of higher learning to non-self-governing territories in Africa to help the territories train professional personnel needed for ultimate independence.

The announcement was made this week-end by Aryeh Eilan, Israel's delegate in the General Assembly's trusteeship committee. Telling the committee that "the Government of Israel is in complete sympathy with the aspirations of the various African peoples toward self-government and eventual independence," the Israel delegate said his government would help these aims by joining other countries that have been granting scholarships.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT ASKS ORT TO AID EDUCATION OF FALASHA JEWS

GENEVA, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The World ORT Union has received a letter from Israel President Ben Zvi urging it to direct its energies toward assisting the Jewish Agency in bringing education to the youth of Ethiopia's Falasha Jews.

The Ethiopian Jews, whose conversion to Judaism is sometimes traced back to the visit of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon, number between 30,000 and 60,000. Until now, Emperor Haile Selassie has refused to allow them to emigrate, but recently authorized the Jewish Agency to open an elementary school for Falasha boys in Asmara and to send a group of them to Israel for a year's study.

VICTIMS OF NAZISM TO GET PRIORITY IN BONN CONTRACT AWARDS

BONN, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Certain former victims of Nazi persecution will receive priority when they bid for the sale of merchandise or services to government agencies, according to a directive just issued by the West German Federal Government here. The preferential treatment will be granted to those persecutees, mostly Jews, who had suffered "injury in professional and economic advancement," the directive stated.

AGUDATH ISRAEL PROTESTS U.N. -SPONSORED PARLEYS ON SABBATH

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A complaint against the holding of meetings under United Nations auspices on the Sabbath or on Jewish festival days was filed today with the United Nations Conference on Non-Governmental Organization at Geneva. The grievance was filed by the executive committee of Agudath Israel here.

SEE GREATER U. S. AID NEEDED TO HELP ISRAEL ACCEPT IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- An on-the-spot survey reveals desperate need for "greater effort" by American Jewry, if Israel is to be able to absorb an increasing influx of homeless refugees, and if new opportunities for overseas relief in Eastern Europe and other areas are to be met, according to the 100-man United Jewish Appeal survey group which returned here this week-end after a three-week study mission in Europe and Israel.

Morris W. Berinstein, UJA president, reported that the American Jewish communal leaders saw "evidences of tremendous progress, and also tremendous need. Shortages of funds could seriously hamper absorption of immigrants in the State of Israel, and recently organized aid operations in Poland for Jews repatriated from Russia," he said.

Members of the study mission will relate their findings to their home communities scattered across the United States, and submit an extensive report at the 1958 goal-setting national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, December 14 and 15 in New York.

This 1958 drive will mark the 20th consecutive campaign year of the UJA, and coincides with the celebration of Israel's 10th anniversary. In two decades of rescue work the UJA has given aid to 2,600,000 persons, bringing 1,300,000 refugees to free lands, including one million to the land of Israel.

THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS TO PUSH ISRAEL BOND SALES ON 'BIG DAY'

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A one-day nationwide effort to climax the 1957 drive to sell \$75,000,000 worth of Israel bonds has been set for December 8, it was announced here today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization. The effort, called BIG Day (Bonds for Israel Government Day), will be featured by the work of thousands of volunteers in Jewish communities throughout the country. In some cities, BIG Day will serve also as a high point in local preparations for Israel Bond Chanukah festivals.

New York's two Chanukah festivals, to be held at Madison Square Garden on December 16 and 23, will have Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as honorary chairman, according to an announcement to day by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of this city's Chanukah festival committee. Attending the festivals in this city will be Rabbi Solomon Goren, chief chaplain of the Israel Army, who arrived here this week-end for a speaking tour on behalf of the sale of Israel bonds.

A. D. L. TO HONOR CHRISTIANS WHO RESCUED JEWS FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Five European ambassadors will join with other top diplomats, city officials and American church and civic leaders in special ceremonies here Wednesday to pay tribute to Christian heroes who risked their lives during the Nazi occupation to rescue Jews from extermination.

A reception by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will be held to dedicate a plaque memorializing the deeds of these heroic Christians. Both heroes and survivors of the Nazi occupation will attend. Among the resistance fighters will be Jean Poncelet of Belgium, Major Jean Hesse, Major George Ittel, and Michel de Camaret of France.

Other principal guests of honor will include: Ambassadors Henrik Kauffmann of Denmark, Erik Boheman of Sweden, John A. Nykopp of Finland, Baron Silvercrucys of Belgium, J. H. van Roijen of the Netherlands, and Consul General and Minister Plenipotentiary Jacques Baeyens of France, Consul General Carlo de Ferrariis Salzano of Italy and Consul Arthur Mørch Hansson of Norway.

NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL AT DENVER OPENS REHABILITATION CENTER

DENVER, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Prominent medical authorities from all over the country participated in colorful ceremonies this week-end, dedicating the new \$850,000 National Rehabilitation Center at the National Jewish Hospital here.

A message from President Eisenhower, praising the hospital's "splendid work of restoring the sick to a productive, useful life," was read during the ceremonies. The principal speaker was Dr. Howard A. Rusk, director of the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of New York University-Bellevue Medical Center. The new Center is a non-sectarian institution.

TRYGVE LIE TO ADDRESS Z. O. A. MEETING MARKING ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Trygve Lie, former Secretary General of the United Nations, will be the principal guest of honor at a celebration to be held here November 25, marking the tenth anniversary of passage by the UN of a resolution sanctioning the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. Mr. Lie will come to New York from Norway especially for this celebration, sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America. Other famous United Nations personalities who participated in the historic action in 1947 will also be present.