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FOUR ISRAEL MINISTERS TO HELP U. J. A. RAISE FUNDS FOR IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Development Minister Mordecai Bentov and Minister of Communications Moshe Carmel are expected to join Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who is already in the United States, in touring American cities in behalf of the special United Jewish Appeal fund to finance the transportation and reception of 100,000 immigrants from Eastern Europe, mostly from Rumania, it was learned here today.

In addition, the UJA has asked the representatives of parties in and outside the government to choose outstanding members of Parliament to join the speaking tours. The possibility exists that one or more ranking military men will also tour the U.S. on this mission, and the name of former Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Dayan has been mentioned.

The doubling of immigration estimates for 1959 makes mandatory a doubling in the allocation for new housing in the new Israel budget, Mordecai Namir, Minister of Labor, said today in requesting that the allocation be boosted from 100,000,000 pounds to 220,000,000. He noted that the original allocation had been based on a projection of 40,000 immigrants this year and that such estimates now anticipated the arrival of 100,000 persons. The possibility was noted that even this larger figure may be exceeded.

It was also announced that the 20,000,000-pound immigration loan proclaimed December 8 had reached a total of 8,000,000 pounds in subscriptions. The campaign may reach its objective by the end of February, officials said.

LIBYA DISSOLVES JEWISH COMMUNITY; DELEGATION SEEKS U.S. INTERVENTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A delegation from the World Jewish Congress called today at the State Department to draw its attention to a decree of the Libyan Government dissolving the Jewish Community Council of Tripolitania, a Libyan province, and placing a government-appointed Commissioner in its place.

The decree, Number 27, passed on December 31, 1958, gave the Commissioner, Sayed Amar Sasi Atyia, the same powers that the deposed administrative council had exercised. The president of the deposed council was ordered to assist the Commissioner in taking over.

The decree empowered the Commissioner to: "Take over all operations of the Jewish community and all its monies, properties, deeds, papers, books, correspondence files and other things concerned with its (the community's) affairs."

The WJC delegation that called at the State Department consisted of Dr. Maurice L. Ferlzwieg of New York and A. L. Easterman of London. The World Jewish Congress estimates that there are some 4,300 Jews in Libya, the majority of them in Tripolitania. Most of the Jews live in Tripoli, with a smaller community in Benghazi.

SENATE GETS BILL AIMED AT CHECKING "HATE BOMBINGS" OF SYNAGOGUES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson, Texas, today introduced a surprise new civil rights bill which included a provision outlawing interstate shipment of explosives. This provision was aimed at "hate bombings" of synagogues, churches, and schools.

The proposed legislation would make the interstate transportation of explosives a Federal offense in cases where such explosives are intended for use against religious and public institutions. The bill would also create a community relations service to mediate civil rights disputes and extend the life of the Civil Rights Commission to Jan. 31, 1961.

Sen. Johnson stated that his proposal on bombings was similar to one suggested by Democratic Senators Sam. J. Ervin, North Carolina, and John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts, to curb bombings. He said his bill would make a Federal offense of interstate transportation of explosives for bombing and interstate conspiracies to intimidate people with bombs.

HEAVY DOWNPOUR BRINGS RELIEF TO ISRAEL FROM WORST DROUGHT IN DECADES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A heavy downpour, mingled with hail, brought continued relief today from the worst drought to hit Israel in decades.

Though the rains will not save a good portion of the crop acreage, it will--if it continues--remove the threat of a water famine and possible rationing of water. North of Beersheba, the new rains brought hope of saving some crops, while in Galilee the rains have assured the crop. Damage to citrus groves from the hail was minimal.

It was reported here today that Israel provided full information to the Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome, a United Nations body, on the locust threat to Arab countries but received no parallel information from the Arab countries. The locusts destroyed part of the Israel crop in the Negev.

While Arab countries continue to refuse any cooperation with Israel in fighting the locust invasions, Arab farmers in areas near Israel's borders have privately expressed their thanks to Israel. Insecticides sprayed by Israel planes were often carried by winds across the borders to destroy locusts in adjacent Arab fields.

ISRAEL TRADE MINISTER BACKS AMERICAN FIRM AGAINST CITRUS GROWERS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Minister of Trade and Industry Pinchas Sapir threatened last night to withdraw the government representation on the Israel Citrus Marketing Board and end the government's cooperation with the board unless the latter reconsidered its latest refusal to use boxes manufactured in Israel by an American concern for the shipment of ten percent of its fruit.

This is the latest in a series of developments which dates back many years. The boxes are manufactured by Cargal, a plant owned by Sam Dubiner, an American. The citrus board, which has a long record of feuding with Cargal, asserts that its cartons and boxes are not strong enough to protect exported citrus fruit. However, over the years, Cargal has exported millions of crates to Spain, Italy, Portugal and Africa for citrus growers.

Recently, after lengthy negotiations, the Israeli growers board agreed to use Cargal boxes for 10 percent of their total export crop. Last week, it reversed itself. Mr. Sapir denounced this action as "breach of contract and deception of the public," threatening to withdraw all government cooperation unless the 10 percent agreement was reinstated.

KNESSET GETS BILL TO ABOLISH ISRAEL'S SMALLEST COIN AS MONETARY UNIT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's mounting inflation has made the smallest unit of currency, the prutah, of so little use that a bill has been presented today to the Knesset to establish a new basic unit. The bill divides the Israel pound into 100 units, each of which will be called an "agorrah." The prutah represents one one-thousandth of an Israel pound.

The Israeli Treasury decided to abolish the prutah on recommendation of the State Bank that a coin representing the thousandth part of an Israeli pound no longer had any practical value and was not a negotiable currency.

The Israel pound was originally pegged to sterling and had a value of \$3.60 and the prutah was a useful coin. But with the Israeli pound at 60 cents, even a street beggar spurns the coin. The new coin, the "agorrah," will have a value of six-tenths of a cent. It is named after the earliest reported small coin in Jewish history. References to it are found in the First Book of Samuel.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL RETURNS FROM MOSCOW; AWAY TWO MONTHS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Mikhail Bodrov, Soviet Ambassador to Israel, returned here today after two months of home leave in the USSR. It was learned in Embassy circles that Mr. Bodrov will shortly confer with Foreign Minister Golda Meir and, possibly, with Premier David Ben Gurion. The Soviet diplomat has developed friendly contacts with the Premier.

Several days ago Israel lodged a strong protest against a "blood charge" of murder made in an official Russian journal, "International Life," which falsely blames Israeli authorities for inciting the murder, last November, of Mrs. Joyce Doran, wife of the British air attache here. Mrs. Doran was killed by Syrian infiltrators. Her body, with three Arab-marked bullets, was found 60 meters inside Israel's side of the Syrian frontier. The head of Israel's Foreign Ministry's East European division summoned the Soviet charge d'affaires and protested against the article.

"International Life" is sponsored by the Soviet Foreign Ministry. The article, which the Israel Foreign Ministry calls "unprecedented," makes allegations which "even the Arabs have not dared voice." The Foreign Ministry also pointed out to the Russian representative that the article fails to mention that a United Nations investigation had "clearly established" the fact that Syrian infiltrators had murdered Mrs. Doran.

U. N. BODY DISCUSSES RIGHT OF EMIGRATION; SOVIET OPPOSES PROPOSAL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Demands for measures that would, on the one hand, permit Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union and would, in another context, prohibit international dissemination of anti-Semitic and other hate-mongering materials were made here today at the meeting of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Judge Philip Halpern, American member of the subcommittee, continued today to press the group for adoption of a report which would give to all peoples "the right to leave any country." Judge Halpern, who has been advocating adoption of such a report for the past two years, was opposed by A. A. Fomin, Soviet representative on the unit. However, neither of the speakers mentioned the USSR specifically.

Dr. Gerhardt Jacoby, representative of the World Jewish Congress, asked the subcommittee this morning to help outlaw dissemination of material which advocate "national, racial or religious hostility" or constitute "incitement to hatred or violence."

"Pamphlets and other printed material," said Dr. Jacoby, "which incite racial hatred, have been distributed over the greater part of the world. These anti-Jewish products have been distributed in the United States, Canada, South America, most of the European countries, and have traveled as far as Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. They are emanating from a certain center, but those who finance and help distribute this kind of literature are unknown."

Dr. Jacoby told the subcommittee that although the WJC is not advocating limitation of the right to freedom of opinion and expression the anti-Semitic and hate-mongering material is "contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations."

GERMAN FEDERAL COURT TO ACT ON CASE OF HAMBURG ANTI-SEMITIC TRACT

KARLSRUHE, Germany, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court of West Germany will review a pamphlet written by Friedrich Nieland and published by Adolf Heimberg of Hamburg to determine whether it violates Federal law and shall be confiscated as anti-Semitic propaganda, it was announced here today by Dr. W. Guede, Federal Attorney General, after a conference with Hamburg authorities.

The refusal of the Hamburg Supreme Court to permit prosecution of the author and the printer on the grounds that the pamphlet did not violate Bonn legislation against dissemination of material inciting to race hatred, has aroused a storm of protest in Hamburg and throughout the rest of Germany. However, their acquittal in the Hamburg city court bars further prosecution for Nieland and Hamburg.

The main point to be presented to the Federal Supreme Court here will be the passage in the Nieland pamphlet stating: "No Jew must sit in any important position, be it in government, political party, banking or elsewhere." It will be asked to rule whether the passage constitutes a violation of the constitutional guarantee of equal rights for all.

(In Hamburg, the local Senate and the city's judicial administration is preparing to investigate the past of Enno Budde, chairman of the court which refused to permit the prosecution of the printer and the author of an anti-Semitic pamphlet. Charges raised in the Senate included the fact that in 1935 Budde wrote an anti-Semitic article calling for "cleansing the Aryan race." It is anticipated that Budde will be asked to resign from the bench.)

PROSECUTOR DEPICTS CRUELITIES USED BY NAZI GUARDS ON CAMP VICTIMS

BONN, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The crimes against humanity committed at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp by the Gestapo were so monstrous as to be beyond comprehension, the state's attorney declared today in his summation at the trial of former camp guards Wilhelm Schubert and Gustav Sorge.

The average span of life of a prisoner coming through the gates of the death center, the prosecution estimated, was but nine months--and every hour of it a living hell.

The prosecutor pointed out that by even the standards of the Gestapo the defendants, charged with the murder of 11,000 men, women and children--many of them Jews--were criminals. But, he pointed out, the German stature of limitations had intervened and they could not be prosecuted for any of their crimes except murder. At one point, the attorney attempted to excuse the German people as a whole in the matter of war crimes, asserting that what went on behind the concentration camp barbed wire was unknown to the people at large.

GERMAN MERCHANT PUT ON TRIAL FOR INCITING AGAINST JEWS IN RESTAURANT

HERFORD, Germany, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Carl Krumsieck, a local merchant, went on trial today on charges of having publicly made statements condoning Nazi atrocities and defaming the memory of the dead. Specifically, Krumsieck is charged with having said in a restaurant that the extermination of the Jews of Germany should be followed with the "shooting or poisoning" of all the Jews in Israel.

TRAINING COURSE FOR DIRECTORS OF JEWISH CENTERS OPENED IN PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- An 11-week training course for directors of Jewish community centers in Continental Europe opened here today under the sponsorship of the Joint Distribution Committee, Fonds Social Juive Unifie and the Paris Centre de Jeunes. Future center directors in France, Germany, Yugoslavia and Greece will do field work and take special courses at the Paris center, the largest of its kind in Europe.

A new service to help Jewish communities, particularly in rural and small town areas of Europe and North Africa, with cultural activities was initiated here today with the announcement that materials are available in the French language devoted to Jewish music, literature, poetry and drama.

The series, designed to appeal to Jewish young people and adults, was prepared by Community Service, an organization founded and supported by the Alliance Israelite Universelle, Anglo-Jewish Association and American Jewish Committee to promote cooperation among Jewish communities in religious, educational and cultural activities. An English-language series is already under preparation.

KLUTZNICK APPEALS FOR JEWISH EDUCATION; STRESSES CULTURAL NEEDS

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Jewish education--"the informal variety for adults as much as the classroom for children"--is a first priority for the cultural growth of American Jewry. B'nai B'rith president Philip M. Klutznick said last night.

"Failure to stress adult education ignores the fact that the power structure that guides the destiny of the Jewish community is composed of adults, not their children," he warned. Mr. Klutznick addressed a banquet audience of 500, one of the largest turnouts in the history of this city's Jewish community, marking the 80th anniversary of B'nai B'rith's Charlotte Lodge.

He dismissed as "astigmatic pessimism" any belief that the physical survival of Jewry is threatened by its emancipated status in the free world. "The Jewish community will persist," he said, "if only because of its unique habit of being nourished by its own problems. The really vital question is the character of its existence. A Jewry illiterate of its own Jewishness handicaps the community's creative efforts," Mr. Klutznick added.

OHIO JEWISH LEADERS HOLD TWO-DAY PARLEY ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Representatives of local community relations advisory councils throughout Ohio and state representatives of national organizations in the field of community relations and defense concluded a two-day meeting here last night under the sponsorship of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of Cincinnati.

Delegates discussed current Ohio church-state issues such as increased efforts to introduce sectarianism in the public schools, released time and Sunday closing laws. In addition, the delegates considered the civil liberties implications of film censorship and campaigns against obscene literature and reviewed prospects for the enactment of fair employment practices legislation.

In Columbus, yesterday, supporters of FEPC legislation held a rally to underline their support of outlawing of prejudice in employment.

MANY NON-JEWS BUY ISRAEL BONDS IN HOLLAND; \$2,500,000 SOLD IN 1958

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Israel bonds worth the equivalent of \$2,500,000 were sold in Holland last year, it was announced here today. At the same time, a new drive was launched to raise another 10 percent of the 1958 sales total.

Many non-Jews, including leading Catholic and Protestant personalities in the Netherlands, subscribed to the bond drive. More than \$280,000 was raised in this phase of the campaign.

MBOTIA READY TO SET UP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A delegation from Cambodia, completing a two-week tour of Israel today, informed the Israel Foreign Ministry of Cambodia's willingness to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. The Cambodians were primarily studying Israel's agricultural developments.

MEMORY OF JEWISH WAR HERO HONORED IN MOROCCO; HELPED BRITAIN, FRANCE

CASABLANCA, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The anniversary of the death of M. Guedj, a brilliant Jewish attorney who escaped from Morocco in 1940 to join the Free French forces in England, was marked here in a moving ceremony at the court house. The British and French consuls here attended the services.

M. Guedj, who was killed in a bombing mission with the Royal Air Force against German warships off the Norwegian coast, was known to the British wartime press as a mysterious Frenchman named "Maurice." During 127 missions before his death, M. Guedj earned a number of British and French medals and was an RAF Wing Commander at the time of his death.