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ISRAEL DIPLOMAT ORDERED DEPORTED FROM RUMANIA; ISRAEL TO PROTEST

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Amon Keren, secretary of the Israel Legation in Bucharest, was today declared by the Rumanian Government as persona non-grata, and ordered to leave Rumania, it was learned here this afternoon. It is understood that the Israel Foreign Ministry will summon the Rumanian Minister in Israel tomorrow to present Israel's protest and refute the charges levelled against Mr. Keren.

The Israel Cabinet today devoted its entire session to problems concerning the absorption of immigrants from Rumania and other East European countries. Different members of the Cabinet reported on the problems faced in their respective fields, and the progress being made to cope with these problems.

Labor Minister Mordecai Namir reported on the employment situation and the housing of the immigrants. Minister of Agriculture Kadish Luz reported on the possibilities of settling the newcomers in farm occupations. Minister of Education Zalman Arrane reported on the need of additional classrooms, and on the swift pace with which the children of the Rumanian immigrants adapt themselves to the schools in Israel.

Bucharest Radio Broadcasts Statement in Yiddish to Western Europe

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- Radio monitors have reported broadcasts beamed to Western Europe in the Yiddish language from Communist Rumania this week-end claiming that Yiddish culture and the Yiddish language are flourishing in Rumania. The broadcast quoted Moses Goldman, whom it designated as chairman of the Jewish community of Buenos Aires, as stating during his alleged recent visit to Bucharest:

"It gives special pleasure to every Jew, every progressive Jew, and especially to those who fight against fascism and anti-Semitism, those who fight in the so-called free world, to establish that a country where anti-Semitism reigned supreme is now a free Socialist republic which (supports) the Jewish tradition, Jewish cultural life, Jewish literature, language and teaching, and the Jewish faith.

"The two Jewish state theaters, the theater studio, the two publishing houses, the teaching of the Yiddish language in other schools, the Federation of Jewish Communities - all these institutions, which enjoy the wide support of the people's regime, show that cultures which have the right to exist can live and flourish only in a people's regime. To compare what life used to be here once upon a time and what it is now is like comparing fire and water."

Bucharest Radio also reported in a newscast that Rumania is officially honoring the centenary of the birth of Yiddish author Sholem Aleichem by festivities and performances of the Bucharest Jewish State Theater. This was cited as "further proof of the free development of the cultural minorities in Rumania."

Jewish Leader Says He Never Visited Rumania; Made No Statement

BUENOS AIRES, March 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Goldman, prominent Argentine Jewish leader, denied today that he has visited Rumania or has issued any statement about Jewish life there. In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, Dr. Goldman declared:

"I have never been in Rumania. I never made any statement of any kind on Jewish life in Rumania. If I had an occasion to be in Rumania, I certainly would have had no difficulty in relating objectively what I could have seen or established."

Dr. Goldman is a past president of the Jewish Community of this city as well as a past president of DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

U. N. AND ISRAELI OBSERVERS START INVESTIGATION OF BORDER INCIDENTS

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Mixed investigation groups of Israeli and United Nations truce observers started probes today into two border incidents that occurred on the Jordanian and Egyptian frontiers yesterday, costing the life of one Egyptian infiltrator and causing the wounding of an Israeli.

\$19,558,250 IN ISRAEL BONDS BOUGHT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MIAMI

MIAMI BEACH, March 8. (JTA) -- The four-day National Inaugural Conference for Israel Bonds, at which the new \$300,000,000 Israel bond issue was officially floated, concluded here today following a record sale last night of \$19,558,250 in the new bonds. More than 1,600 delegates from the United States and Canada attended the parley.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who was honored at the conference on the occasion of her completion of 30 years of leadership, told the gathering that "the record response to the new Israel bond issue is to me a most moving expression of your feelings for me and for the people of Israel."

"In this hour when we must gather our strength to meet new and great wave of immigration, this time from isolated regions of Eastern Europe, the Israel bond drive represents the most vital single channel of economic aid to help us turn crisis into a historic opportunity for greater progress," she added.

Mrs. Meir emphasized that Israel will not tolerate any interference in the determination to welcome tens of thousands of Jews from behind the Iron Curtain. "The foundation of the State of Israel is its sovereign right to determine its own immigration laws," she said. "We will not be deterred by any outside force from carrying out our solemn duty to receive Jews who are now coming to Israel." She was presented with a leather-bound volume containing tributes from more than 100 leaders in American civic, cultural and communal life.

Lawrence G. Laskey, chairman of the Israel Bond executive committee, told the delegates that the present mass exodus of Jews from Eastern Europe is a "miracle of Jewish survival. Can we fail to provide resources to give these tens of thousands of immigrants new life?" Mr. Laskey asked. "This new wave of immigration may rock the State of Israel to its foundation, unless we recognize the need for vision, and the need for Israel bond dollars to back up our good wishes and our love for Israel."

Philip M. Klutznick, B'nai B'rith president, declared that Israel's security today "is tied up more with her internal economic posture than with external military threats. Economic burdens of unrestricted immigration, made critical this year by the prospect of heavy influx from Eastern Europe, allow Israel no breathing spell in squaring away her economy," he warned. Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, Illinois national chairman for trustees of the Israel Bond Organization, declared that the new Israel bond issue "will hasten the day when Israel will achieve complete economic independence."

Senator Wayne Morse described Israel's willingness to negotiate her differences with her Arab neighbors as a "notable example to the Great Powers, in the crisis over Berlin, and one that I hope will be followed by them." He expressed the hope that "the day is not too far distant when the nations of the world will take the next great step, and submit their differences to judicial processes, wherever an issue lends itself to that process." He drew particular attention to Israel's policy of the open door in immigration. "It is an accomplished fact," he said, "that, by that immigration policy, Israel has taught a moral lesson to the free world in the practice of the ideal of humanity to our fellow man."

Cables were received at the conference from Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, who stressed Israel's "open door" policy for the reception of Jewish immigrants, and from Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who informed the American Jewish leaders that Israel now expects "a torrent of newcomers."

Mr. Ben Gurion told the conference that there is a "joint responsibility" between Israeli and American Jews in meeting "the challenge of absorbing and integrating the large numbers of our brethren who are now coming from Eastern Europe, and implementing the long-range program of economic development necessary to receive hundreds of thousands who are yet to come in."

Mr. Eshkol stressed that hundreds of millions of Israel bond dollars invested in productive development during the past eight and a half years have placed Israel "in a better position to withstand the severe strains on the economy caused by the current mass influx of immigrants from Eastern Europe." He said that "with your help, through Israel bonds, we shall not fail in our historic responsibility to the Jewish people and its destiny."

U. J. A. AND NEW HAVEN JEWISH WELFARE FUND TO CONDUCT UNIFIED DRIVE

NEW HAVEN, March 8. (JTA) -- The New Haven Jewish Welfare Fund and the United Jewish Appeal agreed this week-end on a unified campaign in New Haven in 1959; it was announced here today. A joint statement issued by the heads of both organizations, reads:

"The New Haven Jewish Welfare Fund and the United Jewish Appeal have reached full agreement to conduct a joint campaign. Recognizing the urgency of all of the needs to be met by the 1959 campaign--local, national and overseas--the New Haven Jewish Welfare Fund and the UJA will cooperate in this mutual effort. The Jewish Community of Greater New Haven is called upon for maximum response as contributors and as solicitors to furnish the largest possible sum in this year of grave responsibility and historical opportunity."

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds assisted in reaching the agreement. Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will address a mass rally here marking a high point in the unified campaign.

ECONOMIC SITUATION OF JEWS IN TUNISIA REPORTED WORSENING DAILY

PARIS, March 8. (JTA) -- The French evacuation of their base at Gabes, in southern Tunisia, has had a definitely adverse effect on the economic situation of the Tunisian Jews, it was reported here today. The report said that most Jews have lost their sources of livelihood, and many of them have since left Tunisia for Israel. "The taking out of all personal belongings without previous authority from the Treasury has been forbidden," the report stated. "Difficulties in the issuance of passports are also being made."

"The economic situation of most Jews in Tunisia is worsening from day to day," the report continued, "due to the general decline in the economic situation. The Government makes things even more difficult by withholding permits, dismissing officials, and compelling Jewish employers to engage a majority of Moslem workers."

"Any cultural activities outside the community are forbidden. As part of the policy of Tunisification and Arabization of the curricula, the headmasters of Jewish schools have been ordered to include as much as 15 hours a week of Arabic studies. Thus the few hours of Hebrew studies, which are formally allowed, have now in fact been pushed out of the syllabus. A decree was issued two months ago forbidding private lessons without previous authorization."

"The number of cases in which Jewish employes in local and foreign companies have been discharged and Arabs taken on in their place has recently increased. Though Arab officials and workers are not up to Jewish standard, this process is gaining momentum. As a result, a reduction of Jewish earnings is felt," the report stated.

ADENAUER SAYS ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY INSPIRED BY COMMUNIST AGENTS

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, in a letter answering a statement by the American Jewish Committee that anti-Semitism is on the rise in Germany, said that this development was regrettable but does not "represent the attitude of the German people as a whole." The letter, made public today, reads:

"The anti-Semitic acts which have so regrettably taken place in Germany in the course of the last weeks, in no wise represent the attitude of the German people as a whole--as is sometimes implied by newspapers abroad. As has been made evident again and again, these single occurrences are always rejected and condemned by the overwhelming majority of the German people."

"Recently, the Federal Government succeeded in establishing the fact that anti-Semitic acts are inspired also by Communist agents. It is suspected that a deliberate campaign from the Communist side is involved in the situation, the purpose of which is to discredit the Federal Republic abroad." The West German Chancellor assured the American Jewish Committee that the Federal Government will proceed with all severity and every "means at its disposal against anti-Semitic occurrences in the Federal Republic."

EX-NAZI OFFICIAL SENTENCED IN GREECE; DEPORTED 55,000 GREEK JEWS

ATHENS, March 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Maximilian Merten, adviser to the German military commandant at Salonika during World War II, is under a 25-year prison sentence today after conviction here during the week-end by a Greek military court which found him guilty of 13 war crimes. Among the crimes was the ruthless deportation of 55,000 Jews who were sent from Salonika to Poland, where they were exterminated in Nazi concentration camps.

Merten was found not guilty of other charges, including one accusing him of murdering 46,000 Jews killed in Nazi camps outside Greece. He had pleaded not guilty to all the charges. In addition to sentencing him to 25 years' imprisonment, the court also ordered confiscation of his property. Merten's defense counsel announced that he will appeal the conviction to King Paul, who could either pardon the man or reduce the sentence.

GERMAN PHYSICIAN ARRESTED; TORTURED JEWS IN NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP

MAINZ, Germany, March 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Schmitz, a physician who worked at his profession in the infamous Sachsenhausen concentration camp during World War II, was imprisoned here today on charges of murder.

The physician, who has not been practicing of late, was arrested at his home in Ingelheim. His role in the murder of Sachsenhausen victims, Jews and non-Jews, was revealed recently during the trials of Wilhelm Schubert and Gustave Soerge, SS guards at the camp, who were convicted of many murders and sentenced to life imprisonment.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP BREAKS UP MUNICIPAL ELECTION MEETING IN PARIS

PARIS, March 8. (JTA) -- Members of the neo-fascist, anti-Semitic movement, Jeune Nation, last night broke up a campaign meeting organized by backers of George Gall, a Jew who is running for election to the Paris Municipal Council on the Radical ticket. The Jeune Nation gang started a fight in the hall, attacking some of M. Gall's supporters on the platform. One Radical candidate of the pro-Gall group was injured.

NATIONAL TESTIMONIAL BODY FOR AMBASSADOR EBAN FORMED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- A national testimonial committee to pay tribute to Israel Ambassador Abba Eban has been established in Washington, with Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Chief Justice Earl Warren, ex-Presidents Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman, and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn among the 200 prominent Americans who have joined the group.

Formation of the national committee was announced here by former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, honorary chairman, and Sen. Jacob K. Javits, chairman of the group. The testimonial committee has been organized as a farewell tribute to Mr. Eban. He is leaving his ambassadorial post in this country and returning to Israel at the end of May to take part in Israeli politics.

The committee is organizing two major farewell dinners, one to be held in Washington, and the other at the United Nations in New York. Mr. Eban has left Washington on a farewell tour that will take him to 15 major U. S. cities. He is scheduled to address the State Legislatures of Massachusetts and Colorado, and a number of university groups.

In announcing the formation of the committee, Senators Lehman and Javits said, in a joint statement, that they had taken the initiative in setting up the national committee "because of the impact that Ambassador Eban has had upon American understanding of Israel, the Middle East and world events generally, and because of our own deep respect and affection for him, now shared by so many Americans."

"During his tenure of eight years as Ambassador of Israel in Washington and more than ten years as its permanent representative to the United Nations," the statement declared, "Ambassador Eban's contribution to American-Israel relations and to international comity and diplomacy in the United Nations has been of historic proportions. By his brilliant articulation of the tradition of his people, Ambassador Eban has become a truly memorable figure in hundreds of American communities, as well as in the diplomatic world and in the council of nations."

Commenting on the formation of the committee formed to honor him, Mr. Eban said "The committee contains a rare aggregation of eminent Americans whose friendship I have enjoyed and cherished during my mission here. Apart from the personal satisfaction which I feel toward the gesture, I regard this primarily as an impressive tribute to the people of Israel. It is a striking manifestation of friendship at all levels of communion and contact between our two peoples."

CONSUL GENERAL PRATT STRESSES ISRAEL'S NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Israel's need for technical assistance is greatest in the fields of food processing, machine tool production and mining, Simcha Pratt, Israel's consul-general in New York, declared this week-end.

Mr. Pratt made that statement at a meeting in the offices of the American Technion Society here, where he discussed his country's industrial needs with a group of American industrialists who will go to Israel in the next few weeks to explore the possibilities of establishing plants there. The industrialists are being assisted in planning the trip by the Technion Society.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT LEADS FUNERAL OF BERL CORALNIK; BEN GURION REPRESENTED

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi, every member of the Jewish Agency executive here, members of Parliament and the Acting Mayor of Jerusalem attended the funeral service Friday for Berl Coralnik, for a quarter of a century chief correspondent in this country for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion sent a special representative to represent his office at the services.

Mr. Coralnik's remains lay in state outside the headquarters of the Press Club here, many hundreds of leading Israelis filing by to pay their last respects. In a eulogy by Zalman Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, Mr. Coralnik was lauded for "his responsible and objective journalism, as doyen of the foreign press corps and representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency." Another eulogy was delivered by Benn Feller, a member of the JTA staff here.

Hundreds of messages of condolence have been received by the Coralnik family from members of Israel's Cabinet, senior officials of the Government, and other leading Israeli and non-Israeli personalities here and abroad.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY GETS \$50,000 FROM U. S. FOR ITS SCIENCE LABORATORIES

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University has received a \$50,000 matching grant from the United States Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the expansion of science research laboratories at its Main Center, it was announced here today.