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ISRAEL PROTESTS EXPULSION OF DIPLOMAT BY RUMANIA; CONDEMNS SIEGE

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- Israel today lodged a formal and vigorous protest against Rumania's expulsion of a member of the Israel Legation in Bucharest. It also protested against the Rumanian Government's quarantine of Israel's Legation headquarters in Bucharest.

The Rumanian Government had declared a member of Israel's Bucharest mission, Amon Keren, as persona non-grata, and has ordered him to leave Rumania. He has been accused of "espionage," of "spreading Zionist propaganda," and of alleged dealing in foreign currency and "smuggling of valuables from Rumania."

This morning, Walter Eytan, director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, summoned the Rumanian Minister here, A. Petremanu, and voiced the twin protests. In regard to Mr. Keren, Israel completely rejected the charges as unfounded, and protested sharply against the expulsion order aimed at a member of its legation.

At the same time, Mr. Eytan took the occasion to express his Government's "astonishment and protest" against the blockade imposed in Bucharest on Israel's Legation. He called the blockade a "siege by numerous plainclothes and uniformed policemen, in order to interfere with the contact between members of the Legation and the public." The interference, said Mr. Eytan, extends to "candidates for immigration and to people seeking consular services."

Mr. Eytan told the Rumanian Minister that the "siege" against the Bucharest offices is "contrary to normal diplomatic relations."

RUMANIA, POLAND WARNED BY ARAB LEAGUE ON PERMITTING JEWISH EMIGRATION

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- In a resolution adopted at its meeting in Cairo last night, the Arab League Council has warned the governments of Rumania and Poland that their relations with Arab countries will be "harmed" unless they halt "renewed Jewish emigration to Israel."

Cairo dispatches received here today further report that the Council, which was summoned a week ago by League Secretary General Abdel Khalek Hassouna, told the three Communist governments in Eastern Europe that the new wave of Jewish immigration into Israel "threatens the peace and security of the Middle East."

Hassouna was instructed by the Council to arrange a "summit" meeting of all Arab governments to formulate new plans for a "unified Arab policy to return Israel to Arab control." Last week, when the Council convened, Hassouna complained bitterly because none of the Arab governments had sent to his "emergency Israeli immigration" session any of their Prime Ministers or even any of their Foreign Ministers as had been demanded.

SOVIET ORGANS CARRY INCITING ARTICLES AGAINST JEWISH CITIZENS

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- Israel has instructed its Embassy in Moscow to investigate reports that two Soviet journals--the important publication "Communist" and the "Krasnaya Zvezda"--recently published anti-Semitic articles reminiscent of Nazi publications.

According to a report received here, the two official organs carried articles charging Soviet Jews with subversion, espionage, and hatred for the Soviet regime. The articles, according to the report, urged Soviet citizens to differentiate between "normal Soviet citizens" and Jews. The report was carried in the Jewish Observer in London.

The Moscow radio, in broadcasts beamed to Middle Eastern countries and heard here, is continuing to incite the Arabs against Israel and to assert that "Zionism is the servant of imperialism." A broadcast today said that "imperialism and its servant, Zionism, have tried to destroy all the progress the Arab nations have achieved as a result of the strong friendship between them and the Soviet Union."

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ACTS TO CHECK THE RISE OF PRICES ON FOOD

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- The Government, alarmed by sudden price increases and fearing they would go still higher, today acted to trim some customs and excise tax increases, and to subsidize food costs in special cases.

The jumps in food prices had been expected after the higher taxes took effect simultaneously with abolition of subsidies on certain basic foods. But the increases were much higher than had been anticipated by Government economists.

Another factor in the price-tax slowdown was the sharp protests of leftist parties and labor leaders. They complained against the combination of higher prices and the compulsory immigration loan which, they said, put an undue burden on low and medium-range wage earners.

Under the new policy, some food prices will be lowered slightly. Certain types of social cases, such as those on relief, will receive special compensations for the higher food prices, and children under 15 will have their special lower-priced sugar rations reinstated. Treasury officials estimated the retrenchments would cut government income by 10 to 15 million pounds.

TEL AVIV CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY; STREETS ILLUMINATED

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- This largest all-Jewish city in the world, today started celebrating the 50th anniversary of its existence. All streets are illuminated with special electric light displays, all public institutions are decorated, and flags are flying from virtually every building in this city of 400,000.

Tonight, in the home of the late Mayor Meir Dizengoff, the city's top administrative official for many years, the Municipal Council will hold a meeting where the opening of the jubilee celebration will be formally launched. Among guests specially invited to this festive meeting will be 26 of the city's original settlers--three men with their wives, and 20 widows. All were among the group of Jews who came out to the sand-dune area beyond Jaffa, 50 years ago, to establish their own town in the wilderness.

Parades, carnivals, and other celebrations are scheduled during the coming weeks. Mayor Haim Levanon has issued a special proclamation inviting all residents of the city and many tourists and foreign guests to help celebrate the city's anniversary. One of the scheduled events that is expected to bring large numbers of visitors here this year, not only from Israel but also from abroad, will be the Levant Fair, which will open next August.

RIFT BETWEEN MINISTER OF RELIGION AND ISRAEL RABBINATE GROWS

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinical Council, in an unprecedented protest to the press, today accused Rabbi Jacob M. Toledano, Minister of Religions, of a "deliberate design" aimed at undermining the authority of the rabbinical body.

The Rabbinical Council said it was "rejecting" Rabbi Toledano's "encroachments" on its "prerogative" to appoint rabbis to urban and rural centers. Rabbi Toledano, whose appointment was fought by the Chief Rabbinate, had declared that such appointments were not a monopoly of the Chief Rabbinate. The Rabbinical Council charged that the alleged encroachment "sows confusion among the religious population."

Rabbi Toledano, meanwhile, pressed his effort for a change in election procedures in members of the Rabbinical Council, which includes the selection of Chief Rabbis. Contending that the election procedures were "unrepresentative and undemocratic," he said he was framing regulations to change the procedures.

ISRAELI OFFICERS TO TRAIN GHANIAN FLIERS; ESTABLISH FLYING SCHOOL

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- A group of air force officers are leaving soon for Ghana to establish a flying school for training Ghanians to handle both military and civilian aircraft, it was disclosed here today.

Brig. A. Limon, former Commander of the Israel Navy and now a top Defense Ministry official, has left for Ghana on a brief business visit, it was also announced.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET AT END OF MAY IN TEN-DAY SESSION

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- A decision to summon a full meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee here May 31, for ten days of sessions, was made here last night by the presidium of the Actions Committee. The latter is the supreme body of the World Zionist Organization, responsible for policy between world congresses.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER NAMES OGDEN REID U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today nominated Ogden Reid to be the new United States Ambassador to the State of Israel. The White House announced that Mr. Eisenhower today sent the Reid nomination to the Senate for final confirmation.

MOROCCAN JEWS SEEK TO ACQUIRE FRENCH CITIZENSHIP; ANXIOUS TO EMIGRATE

PARIS, March 10. (JTA) -- Moroccan Jews, anxious to leave Morocco because of the growing poverty among them, and the increased difficulties in securing employment, are now seeking means to acquire French nationality, it was reported here today. The report said that a great number of Jews in the town of Oujda, near the Algerian border, have applied for French citizenship.

Strict supervision is maintained over people who wish to leave Morocco, and the authorities there generally refuse to issue passports or any other official documents relevant to emigration. Many Jews are, therefore, taking the risk of leaving the country without any legal permission, even though this involves punishment when caught. Reports here relate of the arrest of a number of Jews on board a French ship, while trying to leave Morocco without proper documents.

PRESIDENT OF GERMANY EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

BONN, March 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Heuss, President of the West German Republic, today expressed concern over the spate of recent anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany. He said he would continue to fight neo-Fascism in the Federal Republic after the expiration of his term as President this year.

Dr. Heuss expressed these views in a one-hour audience he gave to Zachariah Shuster, European director of the American Jewish Committee. Dr. Heuss said he hoped for the development of a democratic and parliamentary spirit among Germany's youth. He promised he would exert his influence on the provincial ministries and on various associations for the creation of a program to acquaint German youth with the history of Nazism.

Mr. Shuster also met with Dr. Adolf Arndt, judicial expert of the opposition Social Democratic Party, who expressed the opinion that existing laws should suffice to combat anti-Semitic literature. Dr. Arndt disputed recent assertions that the anti-Semitic incidents were inspired by Soviet agents. He said this assertion did not explain the recent incidents.

JEWISH CONGRESS APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT AGAINST ARAMCO BIAS

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today took its complaint charging the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) with refusing to hire Jews to the State Supreme Court. The AJC filed an appeal seeking reversal of a ruling by the State Commission Against Discrimination that Aramco would continue to screen out Jews for employment at the demand of Saudi Arabia.

In dismissing the AJC complaint against Aramco, Elmer Carter of the State Commission Against Discrimination held that because Saudi Arabia does not admit Jews, Aramco is exempt under the "bona fide occupational qualification" of the New York anti-discrimination law. He also quoted a letter from Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree that a ruling against Aramco would "prejudice the company's operations" in Saudi Arabia and would "probably adversely affect other U.S. interests there as well." Mr. Carter is now chairman of the Commission. In its appeal today, the American Jewish Congress advanced three main arguments:

1. The "bona fide occupational exception" in the State law applies only in cases where the race or religion of the applicant affects his intrinsic ability to perform the job. An engineer or oil driller is no less competent because he is Jewish.
2. In previous cases, the State Commission Against Discrimination has consistently held that the prejudice of third parties cannot be the basis for the "bona fide" exception. Thus, a department store cannot refuse to hire Negro salesmen on the ground that some customers from the South might object. In the Aramco case, the fact that the third party is a foreign government--Saudi Arabia, which refuses to admit Jews--in no way justifies a change in Commission policy.
3. Commissioner Carter failed to give sufficient consideration to a 1956 U.S. Senate resolution that religious distinctions are "incompatible with the relations that should exist among friendly nations," and that this principle should be followed "in all negotiations between the United States and any foreign state." Moreover, a letter from a State Department official has neither the weight nor the force of a treaty, compact or executive agreement, and thus can in no way supersede State law or policy.

"The main point to consider is whether Aramco as a private and non-sovereign corporation doing business in New York State must comply with the law of the State," the American Jewish Congress argued. "Both the Federal and the State governments, we believe, have the obligation to see to it that the bigoted practices of other nations are not allowed to breed discrimination within our borders," the appeal said.

CONDEMNATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM MARKS "BROTHERHOOD WEEK" IN GERMANY

BONN, March 10. (JTA) -- "Brotherhood Week" is being observed currently throughout West Germany, including West Berlin, with special programs devoted to religious tolerance and amity.

A statement by Leopold Goldschmidt, general secretary of the Society for Christians and Jews, which sponsors "Brotherhood Week" in this country, declares that, despite a recent resurgence of anti-Semitic incidents, "there is more evidence than ever before, since 1945, that persons of good will want to overcome the Nazi past." In proof, Dr. Goldschmidt cited the reaction to the resurgent anti-Semitism on the part of leading personalities throughout the Federal Republic, as well as on the part of the German press, radio and television.

Strong measures for fighting against anti-Semitism were advocated today in an article by a well known German writer, Walter Dirks. Writing in the Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden, Mr. Dirks asserted: "Recent alarming incidents are due to the growing courage of old Nazis, who are leaving their hiding places." He declared that "they must be prevented from doing further harm."

CANADIAN JEWISH GROUPS ISSUE APPEAL TO AID EMIGRATION FROM RUMANIA

TORONTO, March 10. (JTA) -- Leaders of all major Canadian organizations appealed to Canadian Jews today to give greater financial support to the movement of Jews from Eastern Europe, particularly from Rumania to Israel. The appeal was made following a conference attended by 105 Jewish leaders at the Royal York Hotel. The conference was convoked by Samuel Bronfman and Lawrence Freiman, co-chairmen of the National Fund Raising Council for Israel and Overseas.

Leaders of the conference called upon members of the participating organizations to give "maximum support" to a special fund-raising campaign for \$1,600,000 as Canada's share in financing the transport and resettlement of the emigrants from Rumania this year. The emigration and its impact on Israel's people was described by Arthur Lourie, Israel Ambassador to Canada, as well as by Mr. Freiman and Mr. Bronfman.

Ambassador Lourie termed the sudden emigration from Rumania and Eastern Europe "one of the utmost urgency." He called attention to the determination of Israel to "do its share and more than its share," and added: "But without the unstinted participation of our fellow Jews in the free world, we shall not succeed."

Mr. Freiman said that the vast human need resulting from the pressure of immigration "was a matter of honor, a responsibility to be accepted by the Canadian Jewish community and Jews throughout the world, rather than shouldered by hard-pressed Israel."

Mr. Bronfman called attention to the multitude of problems created for Israel by the sudden influx of tens of thousands of immigrants, and asked the delegates to take back to the organizations and communities "a deep personal understanding of this massive emergency facing our people." He urged "top priority giving" to help meet the needs of the newcomers.

The conference adopted a resolution calling for the creation of additional goals in special campaigns to be held in the Jewish communities of the country.

Jews in Mexico Start Campaign to Help Rumanian Jewish Emigration

MEXICO CITY, March 10. (JTA) -- The United Israel Appeal was launched here today for Mexico with the declared aim of "furnishing the needed material means for the financing of the extraordinary immigration of Rumanian Jews into Israel."

The campaign is being conducted under the auspices of the Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the Zionist organization. Gregorio Shapiro, chairman of the Mexican Jewish Congress, and former president of the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico, was chosen chairman of this year's drive.

I.L.G.W.U. to Raise \$125,000 for Rumanian Jews; Presents \$25,000 Check

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, today presented a check for \$25,000 on behalf of the Union for aid to Rumanian Jews coming to Israel.

The check was presented to the Jewish Labor Committee for transmission to the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Dubinsky also announced that the ILGWU would collect \$100,000 among members in shops for the settlement of Rumanian Jewish immigrants.

TRIBUTE TO B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN PAID IN UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- Members of Congress today paid tribute to the B'nai B'rith Women's Organization, which is this week celebrating its 50th anniversary. Achievements of the group were lauded by House majority leader John W. McCormack, Massachusetts Democrat, and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat. Both made remarks on the floor of the Congress in praise of the B'nai B'rith women, and traced the group's history.