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RUMANIA ARRESTS ALL RUMANIAN JEWS EMPLOYED BY ISRAEL LEGATION

PARIS, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Rumanian authorities have in recent months arrested all Rumanian Jews who have ever worked for the Israel Legation in Bucharest, trustworthy sources reported here today.

The arrests began last April. The last arrest took place this month. All of the victims had occupied routine clerical jobs and had been employed with the consent of the Rumanian authorities. No reasons have been given for the arrests, according to the report.

Among those seized was a woman secretary who had lived with her mother for some time in Israel and who had been assured repeatedly by the police that she would be allowed to leave Rumania.

JORDAN ADDRESSES U.N. ASSEMBLY ON ARAB REFUGEES; BACKS SUEZ BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Arab opposition to acceptance of the Hammarskjold Plan for economic rehabilitation of the Arab refugees was apparently pre-saged here today when Abdul Monem Rifai, of Jordan, addressed the General Assembly this afternoon.

Mr. Rifai, the first of the Arab delegation leaders thus far to speak before the General Assembly, enunciated what he called his country's "basic principles" regarding the refugee problem. Stating that Jordan will file a fully documented review of the Hammarskjold plan, Mr. Rifai said that meanwhile, he wanted to make these points clear:

1. The Arab refugee problem cannot be isolated from the overall Palestine question.
2. The problem is political and not economic.
3. The rights of the Arabs to return to Israel cannot be challenged.
4. Relief for the refugees must continue to be the responsibility of the United Nations.

In regard to freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal, Mr. Rifai said: "Jordan on this issue stands side by side with the United Arab Republic."

The Jordanian delegate told the Assembly that his government "does not recognize any Israel rights." He said the Suez Canal is in Arab soil, under the jurisdiction of an Arab state, "and Israel is not entitled to any rights because she violates all rights."

Mr. Rifai denounced the influx of immigrants into Israel, alleging that "Jewish immigration into Israel blocks the doors to the refugees while at the same time Israel plans further territorial expansion." To eliminate the "threat" to the Arab states, Mr. Rifai said Jordan "requests all peace-loving nations not to permit Jewish immigration to Israel."

Italy Backs Israel on Freedom of Navigation Through Suez

Earlier, the Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Pella, addressing the General Assembly, said that "Italy is always faithful to the principles of freedom of navigation and is particularly interested in the application of these principles to the Mediterranean area."

The delegates representing Uruguay and Guatemala, in their addresses before the Assembly, similarly opposed the Suez blockade and emphasized the importance of upholding the freedom of the seas and of international waterways "as the expression of a principle which may benefit or affect all mankind."

U. N. TRUCE CHIEF CONFERS WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS ON JORDAN DEMANDS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Major Gen. Carl C. Von Horn, Chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, conferred today with officials of Israel's Foreign Ministry on Jordan's demand for around-the-clock access to a road to old Jerusalem controlled by Israel.

The road, which leads from an Arab village to Jordan-held old Jerusalem, passes through Israel's Mt. Scopus enclave. Israel has regularly closed the road at night for security reasons. Israel insists that opening of the road should be considered as part of the entire question of unimpeded access by Israel to Mt. Scopus as provided by the Israel-Jordan armistice. Jordan has repeatedly refused to discuss this phase of the armistice agreement.

EGYPT IRKED BY STAND OF U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE ON SUEZ BLOCKADE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Egyptian press and radio have launched a violent attack on Secretary of State Christian A. Herter because of the Secretary's appeal at the United Nations for freedom of transit in the Suez Canal.

The important newspaper Al Ahram of Cairo declared that "Israel will never pass through the canal." It said: "The ban is not connected with freedom of navigation through the canal, but with the Palestine issue. Egypt banned Israeli navigation even when British occupation forces were camping on the canal's banks. Egypt also exercised this right even when the old Suez Canal company was responsible for navigation through the canal."

A radio broadcast from Cairo challenged "Herter, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, and all Zionist agents" to prove that the United Arab Republic restricted navigation to any nation other than Israel. The newspaper Ash Shab said:

"To allow Israel to pass through the canal would amount to a recognition of the so-called state of Israel. Once this is accomplished the entire question of usurped Palestine will no longer exist, and the issue will become only one of refugees -- a thing longed for by Zionism, imperialism, and the Arabs' enemies." The broadcast said Secretary Herter "exposed" his true aims before the General Assembly.

The newspaper Al-Akhbar, of Cairo, called Mr. Herter "unjust" and said what he sought for Israel was not "a right of navigation but a right of aggression." Mr. Herter was charged by the paper with portraying Israel "as a poor and gentle lamb deprived of the right of passage."

SOVIET SCIENTIST ANTICIPATES EXCHANGE OF CULTURAL MISSIONS WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Prof. Vasili Blagovitschensky of the Moscow Medical Science Academy predicted today that a relaxation in world tensions would bring closer cultural and personal relations between Israel and Russia.

Speaking at a special reception at the Russian Embassy for Soviet delegates to the International Biological Conference, held here, Prof. Blagovitschensky said that he expected soon an exchange of cultural missions between the Soviet Union and Israel.

Another Soviet delegate, Dr. Natalia Ktonko, said she felt completely at ease during her stay in Israel and had gained much from her studies of every-day life in Israel.

EISENHOWER PRESENTED WITH B'NAI B'RITH MEDAL; RECEIVES LABEL KATZ

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today received at the White House Label A. Katz, national president of B'nai B'rith, who presented to Mr. Eisenhower the B'nai B'rith president's medal, its highest award for his "positive efforts" to preserve world peace.

Mr. Katz was accompanied by Maurice Bisgyer, B'nai B'rith executive vice president, and Mrs. Charles D. Solovitch of Detroit, president of B'nai B'rith.

During the presentation, Mr. Katz told the President: "This award was voted you by B'nai B'rith before announcement of the visit of Premier Khrushchev to our country. We are therefore particularly pleased to have the opportunity at this time to advise you that B'nai B'rith endorses your action of inviting Premier Khrushchev here, and accepting a reciprocal invitation to visit the Soviet Union.

"These are acts of calculated risk," Mr. Katz continued, "which demonstrate the bold judgment and creative leadership that the search for enduring peace requires. We are confident that your actions and motives in the exchange of visits are further confirmation of your continued efforts for world peace."

The award cited Mr. Eisenhower for his "positive efforts for world peace on freedom's terms--peace with justice and dignity." Mr. Katz told the President that the medal, inscribed "for peace and humanity" was awarded in recognition of "consistent and determined deeds to advance the peace of the world while preserving the dignity and strength of our nation and its leadership of the free world."

Mr. Katz said, after the ceremony, that the President had thanked B'nai B'rith for its support of the exchange of visits. He made it known to the White House press corps, that he would like for Mr. Eisenhower to raise the question of Soviet Jewish status with Premier Khrushchev.

The B'nai B'rith award has been presented previously to former President Harry S. Truman, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel and elder statesman Bernard Baruch.

GERMAN TELEVISION NETWORK SHOWS PROGRAM ON NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS

HAMBURG, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A television program presenting film documentaries showing persecutions of Jews under the Nazi regime was shown tonight over the Hamburg Television Network. Following the presentation of the films, leaders of several Jewish communities in West Germany were interviewed on the program about the dangers of the revival of anti-Semitism in Germany.

JOINT PLAN FOR ACTION ON JEWISH PROBLEMS IN U. S. ANNOUNCED BY N. C. R. A. C.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA)—A joint plan for coordinated action on Jewish community relations problems, adopted by six major Jewish organizations and 48 local Jewish councils, were announced here today by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the coordinating body of the 54 Jewish groups.

The plan sets forth coordinated programs designed to protect religious freedom; foster good interreligious relationships; counter Arab propaganda; promote public understanding of America's stake in preserving peace with justice and stability in the Middle East; protect the rights of American citizens against discriminations imposed by Arab states; advance equal rights and equal opportunities for all without regard to religion, race, color or national origin; liberalize U.S. immigration policies and provide more effective refugee aid; defend the Supreme Court against efforts to discredit it, and increase the effectiveness of Jewish community relations work generally.

The six national organizations affiliated with the NCRAC are the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Union of America Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, and United Synagogue of America.

Overt Anti-Semitism Found at Ebb; Controversial Issues Listed

While noting an increase in anti-Semitic agitation and distribution of hate literature, "especially in some parts of the South as bigots sought to exploit tensions over the desegregation controversy," the plan concludes that the appeals were almost universally disregarded and rejected and that overt anti-Semitism continued at a low ebb.

The plan establishes that there is an abatement of rancor in public debate of issues on which various religious groups are disagreed, and calls for enlarged open discussion of such issues. Prominent among such issues, the plan observes, are questions of relationships between church and state.

"Intrusions of religion upon the public schools" were major causes of interreligious conflict, the plan asserts. "Such issues as religious symbols in public school classrooms, Bible-reading, prayer recitation and baccalaureate services vied with holiday observances as bases for controversy over religion in the schools."

Sunday closing laws are cited as another source of conflict among religious groups during the past year. The plan calls for "increased efforts for exemption of Sabbath observers from application" of such laws, which it labels "intrusions by the state on religious freedom."

Noting that a 1958 federal "humane slaughtering" law explicitly defined the Jewish religious method of slaughter as humane, the plan calls for intensification of public educational activities to spread knowledge of the humaneness of the Jewish religious method of slaughter.

Arab Boycott of Israel and U. S. Jewish Citizens Analyzed

Reviewing developments in the Middle East that are of concern to the American Jewish community, the plan comments with gratification on the growth of friendly relations between the United States and Israel, and the extension of Israel's diplomatic, commercial and cultural relations with new Asian and African states.

Citing conflict and disunity among Arab states, arising out of opposition to Nasser's imperialistic machinations, "it says that this "helped to expose the hollowness of the Arab propaganda seeking to depict Israel as the root of all the trouble in the region." The plan calls Egypt's interference with Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal an attempt by Nasser to recoup the prestige he has lost since the Sinai campaign when his armies suffered a severe defeat at the hands of Israel.

The plan calls for continuing efforts to foster public understanding in the United States of this nation's stake in the establishment of a just and stable peace in the Middle East, and for effective counteraction of false Arab propaganda here.

Declaring that the Executive Branch of the U. S. Government "continues to acquiesce" in the imposition by Arab governments of discriminations against United States citizens because they are Jews, the plan calls for "continuing remonstrances." It cites evidence of anti-Jewish discrimination by public employment agencies in referring applicants to the Arabian-American Oil Co. for work not only in Arabia; but in the U. S., and Aramco's boycotting of American firms owned by Jews.

The plan of the Jewish organizations urges "sustained demands upon the President's Committee on Government Contracts, the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy, and state and municipal fair employment practices commissions to assure that recruitment of personnel for employment in foreign nations conforms to federal, state and local laws and regulations."

The plan takes note of movement in Congress toward modification of the national origins quota system for making immigration visas available and toward the inclusion of provisions for refugee relief within the permanent immigration code. It pledges

educational efforts by Jewish organizations to increase public understanding of the need for such revisions in U.S. immigration policies, especially replacement of the national origins quota system.

Commenting favorably on the observance of World Refugee Year, as proclaimed by the United Nations, the plan commits the Jewish organizations to cooperation with the United States Committee for Refugees in seeking effective solutions to the world-wide refugee problem.

It also expressed support of the proposal advanced by U.S. representatives that the program for direct relief to the Arab refugees of the Arab-Israel war be replaced by a program of help to the refugees in becoming self-sufficient in the countries where they now are.

"American Jewish organizations long have contended," the plan observes, "that a decade of experience has demonstrated the inadequacy of direct relief as a solution to the Arab refugee problem. This view has come to be generally shared by objective students, though it continues to be rejected for political reasons by the Arab states."

SENATE STUDY FINDS ORT WORK IN VARIOUS LANDS "A WORTHY EXAMPLE"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, chairman of the Senate International Study Subcommittee, today told the national convention of Women's American ORT, that his subcommittee will soon make public a study in which the ORT will be "cited with admiration" for its activities in various countries.

Sen. Humphrey said the Senate study of rehabilitation of the disabled in 37 nations found ORT's work so significant that its "far-flung activities in many nations are mentioned in numerous instances" in the Senate report. ORT's work in Israel is described by the Senate as "a worthy example for other nations," Sen. Humphrey stated.

Speaking as chairman of the Senate subcommittee, he credited ORT with operating "the greatest vocational training organization in the world." He said "ORT demonstrates that every human being has something to contribute to this world, whether he or she be refugee or in any other circumstance." Individuals aided by the organization became "assets to society, assets to themselves, to their loved ones," he stressed.

French Ambassador Herve Alphand, addressed ORT on behalf of the diplomatic representatives of all nations where the organization operates. He lauded the organization, praising especially its work in France and Algeria.

ISRAELI EXPERT TO ADVISE PUERTO RICO ON DEVELOPMENT OF CITRUS CULTURE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- An Israeli expert will advise Puerto Rico on the development of its citrus culture, Roberto Ramos, an official of Puerto Rico's Ministry of Agriculture, disclosed here today.

Mr. Ramos just concluded a month-long visit here at the head of an eight-member Puerto Rican agricultural mission which studied the possibilities of applying Israel agricultural methods to the development of the island. He said that the type of smallholders cooperative settlement would best suit Puerto Rican conditions.

DR. ROSENBERG LEAVES MIAMI POST; TO DIRECT BOSTON JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES

MIAMI, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg, for the past six years executive director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, has resigned to become executive director of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. He will take up his new duties, including direction of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston, on November 15.

Substantial gains in the facilities provided by the Federation for Miami Jewry were recorded during Dr. Rosenberg's service. Prior to his coming to Miami, he had been director of field service for the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL SIGN EXTRADITION TREATY; PACT IS RETROACTIVE

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- An extradition treaty between Israel and South Africa was signed in Pretoria today by Premier H. F. Verwoerd and Israel's Minister Itzhak Bavid.

The treaty is retroactive and will facilitate the extradition of certain persons wanted by the South African police and who had fled to Israel. The signing of the treaty was Mr. Bavid's last official act before returning to Israel later this month after four years as Israel's Minister here.

ISRAEL PAINTER RECEIVES PRIZE AT MODERN ART EXHIBIT IN BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Moshe Castel, one of Israel's leading painters, whose works are on view at the fifth Sao Paulo Bienal of Modern Art, today received the Banco do Estado de Sao Paulo Acquisition prize of 100,000 cruzeiros (600).