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AUSTRIA DISCOURAGES JEWISH DEMAND FOR INCREASE IN RESTITUTION

VIENNA, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- A survey of opinions of members of the Austrian Government indicated today that there was little hope of any increase in restitution for victims of Nazi persecution during the German occupation of Austria. Such an increase is being demanded by Jewish leaders who find the Austrian restitution payments insufficient.

Dr. Bruno Pitterman, vice-chancellor, said that the Austrian federal budget for next year does not include any increase in payments already being made for each month's imprisonment in Nazi concentration camps. He said that while the Government agrees with some claims of the Jewish community, such as for payment of 6,000,000 schillings for wrecked synagogues, nothing had been done about this so far.

Dr. Pitterman added that the best way for better restitution payments would be through present laws because efforts to obtain legislation for larger payments would "stir" emotions among the Austrian people.

Anton Proksch, Minister of Social Welfare, said that rent payments for Nazi victims was the only possible means of increasing payments to persecutees, including the war-crippled ones.

A. Probst, general secretary of the Socialist party, revealed that a subcommittee of coalition parties set up to study restitution problems was practically dormant. However, Socialist members of the Government expressed hope that the problems would "soon be solved."

GOLDA MEIR MEETS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE; EXAMINE SUEZ BLOCKADE ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir today declined to elaborate on topics covered after a half-hour meeting with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter.

Mrs. Meir told newsmen only that "problems of mutual interest" were discussed. She did not deny, however, that the Suez Canal blockade issue was examined. Mrs. Meir was accompanied by Ambassador Avraham Harman and Minister Yaacov Herzog.

IRAQ BACKS SUEZ BLOCKADE; BURMA APPEALS FOR ARAB-ISRAEL UNDERSTANDING

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Another Arab state currently at odds on other major issues with Egypt's dictator Gamal Abdel Nasser, lined up firmly here today behind Nasser's anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal.

Hashim Jawad, Foreign Minister of Iraq, addressed the General Assembly this morning and declared on behalf of his country that "the inherent right of self-preservation and the recurrent acts of Israeli aggression of which the 1956 attack was the most flagrant example, fully justified the stand taken by the United Arab Republic in relation to the question of passage through the Suez Canal."

The Suez Canal question, said Mr. Jawad, "cannot be considered in isolation from the Palestine problem. Israel has been, and remains, the Trojan Horse of imperialism," he declared.

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry chief seemed somewhat more moderate in his anti-Israel attacks than the Jordanian and Saudi Arabian representatives who addressed the Assembly last week. However, he was just as insistent as were the other Arab spokesmen that Egypt had the "right" to bar Israeli shipping and goods from the Suez Canal.

U Chan Tun Ung, Burma's Minister of Foreign Affairs, appealed to the Arab states and Israel "to intensify their efforts to find ways and means to solve their differences." Addressing the General Assembly on foreign affairs, the Burmese statesman said:

"My delegation is happy to note that the explosive situation which existed in the Middle East during the last year did not result in any major eruption and that stability has been restored to the affected areas. We would once again appeal to both our Arab and Israeli friends to intensify their efforts to find ways and means to solve their differences."

ISRAELI ARAB GETS PRISON TERM FOR SUPPLYING INFORMATION TO JORDAN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- A Jaffa Arab was sentenced to two-and-a-half years' imprisonment by the District Court here today for passing information to Jordan.

The Arab, Mohammed Moughrabi, was convicted of crossing the border into Jordan and giving the Jordanians information which endangered the State. Moughrabi had confessed to the charges.

ISRAELI FIRM HANDLES \$30,000,000 CONSTRUCTION WORK ABROAD IN 9 MONTHS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Harbor and Contracting Company of Solei Boneh, the construction affiliate of the Histadrut, has handled during its nine months as an independent operation \$30,000,000 in construction work in foreign countries and 13,000,000 pounds in Israel, officials reported today.

Officials said that the company has become an important factor in the international construction market through its experience and several thousand skilled workers. Seventy-five foremen and technicians are supervising construction projects in seven countries, particularly in Turkey, Ghana and Nigeria.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT URGED TO DOUBLE ALLOCATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Complete reorganization of the Israel Government's Research Council, and doubling of the Council's budget from 5,000,000 Israeli pounds a year to 10,000,000 pounds (\$2,750,000 to \$5,500,000), was recommended here today in a survey on scientific research issued by the office of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

The survey was conducted at the request of Premier Ben Gurion by Col. Daniel Shimshoni, an American and former Israeli airforce officer, who now heads a firm of management consultants.

Col. Shimshoni severely criticized the work of the Research Council to date, as well as "the indifference to basic scientific research" shown by private industry in this country. The report also rapped secondary school education in Israel for allegedly "not preparing students for scientific careers."

POLISH SHIPS TO START REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN POLAND AND ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Polish Ocean Lines will start regular shipping service next month between Poland and Israel, it was reported here today. This will be the first regular shipping arrangement between Israel and any Communist bloc company.

The routes will connect Polish ports with ports in Israel, continuing to Bulgaria and Rumania. Several years ago Rumania had shipping arrangements with Israel but these were halted.

KHRUSHCHEV IS CRITICAL OF THOSE WHO 'HOLD REINS OF POWER' IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Radio Moscow is broadcasting Tass reports giving an official version of the reply of Soviet Premier Khrushchev to a question put to him in San Francisco about trade unionism in Israel.

Tass said that Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers, sought to inform Mr. Khrushchev that "the highest stage of socialism has been reached in Israel, where the trade unions allegedly own 60 percent of the industry." Mr. Khrushchev's reply, according to Tass, was to ask Mr. Reuther "who, after all, held the reins of power in Israel." Tass said "Mr. Reuther failed to give a comprehensive answer."

Tass said: "Mr. Khrushchev stated that the basic question in characterizing this or other social systems was the question of power--who possessed the power: the working class or the class of the exploiters. If the power belonged to the people, the means of production were socialist property, belonging to all the people. It is another matter when nationalization of the means of production is carried out with the capitalists in power."

AMBASSADOR ELATH GOES TO LENINGRAD TO MEET HIS 86-YEAR-OLD MOTHER

LONDON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to London, Eliahu Elath, who is leaving his post Wednesday, will return to Israel by way of Leningrad to meet his 86-year-old mother with whom he lost contact many years ago.

Complying with the Ambassador's request, the Soviet authorities traced the whereabouts of his mother and established that she was residing in Leningrad. After notifying Ambassador Elath, the Soviet authorities made arrangements for him to meet her in Leningrad. Mr. Elath was born in Russia and left the country after the Communist revolution.

SOVIET MINISTER SAYS YIDDISH SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE REOPENED IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- There will be no revival of Yiddish-language schools in the Soviet Union, Soviet Minister of Education V. P. Yelyutin told a New York Times correspondent prior to his departure with the Khrushchev party to Moscow. At the same time he denied that the Soviet Government discriminates against Jews in educational opportunity.

Mr. Yelyutin said Jews constitute 10 percent of the students in Soviet institutions of higher education although they are only two percent of the Soviet population. He claimed there are no quotas limiting the admission of Jews to any educational institutions. He said there is no point reviving Yiddish-language schools because Jews are widely dispersed among Russians, Ukrainian and other non-Jewish peoples. If Jews were to be taught in Yiddish, they would not be able to work effectively with their non-Jewish fellow-citizens.

The minister did not reply when asked why recent Soviet listings of scientists by ethnic groups had omitted Jews though a 1955 listing showed Jewish scientists to be about 10 percent of the total. A Soviet Embassy attache commented that omission of the Jews had been a "mistake," the Times reported.

The Premier's son, Sergei, denied reports that his wife Galina was Jewish. He said the Premier's past references to having half-Jewish grandchildren reflected the fact that his first son, Leonid, a fighter pilot who died during World War II, was married to a Jewish girl.

GERMAN PUBLISHER SENTENCED FOR SPREADING ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLET

HANOVER, Germany, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Arthur Goetze, the neo-Nazi publisher of a leaflet which asserted that "Zionists, Wall Street and the Kremlin rulers had conspired to exterminate the German race," was sentenced here to nine months' imprisonment. The court also ordered that he be forbidden to issue any publications for a period of five years.

Goetze, a follower of Mathilde Ludendorff, widow of the late Gen. Ludendorff, who had supported Hitler's rise to power, was released by another court here last January, after his arrest, on the grounds that his leaflet had not been directed against the Jews as a people but only against "a small group belonging to the Jewish world-power clique."

He was rearrested on new complaints brought by Dr. Curt Radlauer, a Jew who formerly held a government position, and Dr. H. G. Van Dam, secretary-general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. The conviction and sentence followed today, in another district court.

COMMANDANT OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP RE-INDICTED IN GERMANY

OSNABRUECK, Germany, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The commandant of the Monowitz sector of the Auschwitz concentration camp under the Nazi regime, now serving a life sentence for murder, was re-indicted here today on an additional charge of killing 30 prisoners during World War II.

The man is Bernhard Rakers. He received the sentence of life imprisonment after a trial that ended in 1952. In the new indictment, he is accused of having murdered 30 more prisoners while they were being transported from Auschwitz to the Sachsenhausen camp in 1945.

CORNERSTONE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF 'RASHT' SYNAGOGUE LAID IN WORMS

WORMS, Germany, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- In the presence of Christian and Jewish clergymen, political leaders and representatives of several German Jewish communities, the cornerstone for the reconstruction of the famous, old "Rashi" Synagogue was laid here today with impressive ceremonies.

The original "Rashi" Synagogue, built early in the 12th Century, was believed to have been the oldest Jewish house of worship in Europe. It was named for Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac, known as "Rashi," famous Jewish expounder of the Bible and the Talmud, who studied here in his youth. The synagogue was destroyed by the Nazis during the infamous "Crystal Night" of 1938.

The synagogue will be rebuilt in the style of the original 12th Century structure which had been designed by the same architects who designed Worms Cathedral.

Among the speakers at the ceremonies today was Rev. Hermann Maas, noted German anti-Nazi and friend of the Jews, who was the first German invited officially to visit Israel after that State was established in 1948. He said that the newly-rebuilt "Rashi" Synagogue is being reconstructed at public expense as a symbol of German expiation of the "wrongs committed against the people of God." Worms, which had a pre-war Jewish population of 1,100, has only two Jewish families as permanent residents now.

NEW LEGISLATION ON IMMIGRATION ANALYZED BY UNITED HIAS DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- "While failing to enact legislation liberalizing the basic immigration laws of the United States, the last session of Congress passed a law increasing family reunion possibilities and other measures of positive value to prospective immigrants," James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias Service, reported today.

"With World Refugee Year under way, it was hoped that the United States would take the lead in behalf of the uprooted by adopting special measures for the admission of refugees or by revising our basic immigration laws along the lines of recent bi-partisan proposals," Mr. Rice said. "When Congress reconvenes in January, efforts must be made to remedy the situation," he added.

Pointing out the constructive features in the new legislation that did come through, Mr. Rice said that under the new family reunion law certain family separations which, in the case of Eastern European Jews have often run into the unforeseeable future, are eliminated. Preferences granted for the admission to the U. S. of brothers and sisters of citizens and the married sons and daughters of citizens are extended to the spouses and minor children of such persons, who may now accompany them. Under the prior law, if a brother of a U.S. citizen or the married child of a citizen wished to immigrate under the benefits of a preference, he had to leave his wife and minor child behind and apply for their admission following his arrival here.

The new law, Mr. Rice stressed, makes it possible for thousands of people to enter the country on a non-quota basis, so that many of those far down on quota lists may be moved ahead to a more favorable position. Some of the differences in rights between naturalized and native-born citizens are eliminated. A naturalized citizen who has had 15 years of residence in the U.S. subsequent to his naturalization may now reside abroad for any length of time in a country other than his former place of residence or birth. The same permission is granted to a naturalized citizen who prior to attaining the age of 21 had legal residence in the U.S. of not less than 15 years.

Provisions extending the right of certain persons with TB to join relatives in the U.S. are liberalized by the new law. United Hias Service estimates that 50 additional Jewish families will gain admission to the U.S. under this law. It expires on June 30, 1961, but it may be made permanent.

MAX BRESSLER, CHICAGO JEWISH LEADER, GETS UNITED HIAS ANNIVERSARY AWARD

CHICAGO, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Max Bressler, American Zionist leader, was presented last night with the 75th Anniversary Award of the International United Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society as "the immigrant who best symbolizes the opportunities the United States offers immigrants to become valuable citizens of this country." The presentation was made at a dinner here honoring Mr. Bressler.

Philip M. Klutznick, American Jewish leader, and Carlos I. Israels, international president of United HIAS, addressed the dinner which was attended by more than 1,200 persons. Representatives of organizations with which Mr. Bressler has been actively identified during his 38 years in this country, presented him with citations lauding his "outstanding service to the community." An earlier recipient of the HIAS award was David Sarnoff of the Radio Corporation of America.

ITALIAN MUSICIAN WINS FIRST PRIZE IN INTERNATIONAL HARP CONTEST IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- A \$4,000 newly-constructed harp, contributed by a Chicago musical instruments firm, was awarded today to Susana Mildonaina of Italy, as first prize in the international harp competition. Susan H. MacDonald, an American entrant, won second prize, and Edward Witsenburg of Holland won third prize.

M. REGALSKY, NOTED JEWISH EDITOR AND ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Marcos Regalsky, labor Zionist leader, who died here Sunday at the age of 74. Active in the Zionist movement here, Mr. Regalsky was a leading member of the editorial staff of the Jewish daily newspaper Di Yiddishe Zeitung for 30 years. He also edited the labor Zionist weekly, Neie Zeit.

Born in Moscow, Mr. Regalsky, who changed his name from Itzhak Berlin, participated in many Zionist congresses. He came to Buenos Aires in 1918 where he became active in local Jewish communal life to the development of which he greatly contributed.

DANIEL BRISKER, SON-IN-LAW OF SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS, DIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Daniel Brisker, who for many years was active with Zionist youth organizations in the United States, representing Israel institutions, died here today at the age of 37. He is survived by his wife Jean, a daughter of Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois.