



Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16. N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Reproduction only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXVI No. 226 - 41st year Tuesday, November 24, 1959

MORE JEWS ARRESTED IN LEBANON; WAVE OF ANTI-JEWISH PERSECUTIONS FEARED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Newspapers here expressed fear tonight that a new wave of persecutions was being launched against the Jews in the Lebanon following publication of reports in the Beirut newspaper, Al Khayat, this morning that seven Jews had been arrested in Beirut yesterday on charges of illegal contact with Israel.

According to the Beirut newspaper, a Jewish cotton merchant, Felix Bali, was detained after letters from Israel were found in his possession. He confessed, the paper said, to have been in contact with six other Beirut Jews. The contact was maintained through European countries, according to the charges.

While the correspondence found dealt only with general matters, the paper said, Lebanese security officers were trying to discover their "true meaning." It said further arrests were expected. Discovery of an alleged pro-Israel espionage ring in the Lebanon was headlined by the press there only a week ago.

ONE JEW KILLED, TWO SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY ALGERIAN TERRORISTS

ALGIERS, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Gilbert Djan, a Jewish medical assistant, was murdered by Algerian terrorists last Sunday, it was reported here today. He was shot and killed as he was leaving the home of a Moslem woman in Blida to whose assistance he had gone.

Two other Jews have been seriously injured in the course of attacks by Algerian terrorists during the last few days. Paul Pinsit, 37, was wounded by shrapnel Friday afternoon during a terrorist attack in the center of Algiers. Maurice Louchi was injured when FLN terrorists threw a grenade into a Jewish cafe in the village of La Fontaine, near Paret in southwestern Algeria.

Problems of the Algerian Jewish community were discussed today at a special meeting of the Jewish leaders here. Special attention was paid at the meeting to the lack of religious facilities in outlying districts of Algeria, where a large number of Jews are unable to attend religious services even during the High Holy Days.

It was reported at the meeting that there were no synagogues in such areas as Kouba, Maison-Carre, El Biar and Hydia. In other parts of the country, the synagogues are all concentrated in a small number of villages, which are either too far away for the needs of the Jews in the surrounding communities or members were obliged to cross trouble spots in order to reach the houses of worship.

Another problem discussed was that of missionary activity among the elderly Jews of the community. It was reported that about 150 elderly Jews have secretly converted themselves to Christianity in order to receive subsidies from the Jewish Evangelization Movement, which has recently stepped up its missionary activities especially among the poorer sections of the community. Special measures are to be taken against those of the converts who still appear on the payroll of the Jewish community.

A. Narboni, president of the Algerian Zionist Federation, expressed the hope today that Israel will know how to solve the problem of integration of various communities. He spoke at a meeting of the Federation, describing the problems of North African settlers in Israel and urging a speedy solution of their integration difficulties.

BEN-GURION DISCUSSES ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM WITH AMERICAN SENATORS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today received two members of the United States Senate who are on a fact-finding mission in the Middle East and outlined to them a constructive program for a solution of the Arab refugee problem.

The two senators, Albert Gore of Tennessee and Gale W. McGee of Wyoming, were told by the Israel Prime Minister that the solution to this problem must be based mainly on resettlement of the refugees, while Israel might agree to accept some of them under a token repatriation scheme. The conversation with the senators was termed later by Mr. Ben-Gurion as "very satisfactory."

The senators, both of them Democrats, arrived here from Jordan where they studied the Arab refugee problem on the spot. They told Mr. Ben-Gurion that they found that 150,000

United Nations ration cards are being misused in Jordan and that many thousands of cards are being issued to non-existent refugees.

(Both senators were reported from Washington as having sent this week-end a protest to President Eisenhower, Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and the United Nations urging that the Palestine refugee aid program should not be extended unless the rationing system is overhauled first. They said the rationing program is "immoral, dishonest and unfair" and laid most of the blame at the feet of the Jordanian government).

BRITAIN RAPS ARAB GOVERNMENTS AT U.N. FOR FRAUDS IN AID TO REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Britain today attacked the Arab governments for their failure to cooperate with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and for the fact that at least 150,000 "dead or otherwise ineligible" persons are receiving UNRWA aid.

The attack was levelled here against the Arab "host" governments--the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Lebanon--by Harold Beeley, British delegate in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee which today entered its third week of debate on the Arab refugee problem. It was the first time in the arduous debate of this issue this year that a neutral source has thus indicted the Arab "host" governments in whose territories the refugees are maintained.

Prior to Mr. Beeley's address, Omar Abdel Hameed Adeel of Sudan, took the floor, reciting the same anti-Israel charges that have been declaimed by at least one Arab speaker every day for the last two weeks.

Mr. Beeley called for continuing the work of UNRWA. He mentioned the Hammarskjold plan only in relation to continuance of UNRWA's functions and by endorsing the Secretary General's proposal that efforts toward rehabilitation of the refugees be stepped up.

AMBASSADOR HARMAN CONFERS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ON U.S. AID

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman is believed to have discussed the Suez Canal stalemate when he met with Secretary of State Christian Herter this week-end for a review of issues of mutual concern.

It is also thought that the subject of American economic assistance to Israel was explored among other topics. The meeting was described as a general review.

VISIT OF WORLD BANK MISSION TO ISRAEL POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The visit of a World Bank mission, expected here this month, has been postponed indefinitely, it was learned here today. The postponement also sets back the visit of Eugene Black, president of the World Bank, who was to follow the mission. The reason for the postponement is understood to be technical and not political.

Israeli authorities, it was understood, have not yet completed their detailed investment proposals for the mission's consideration. The proposals are to include extension of the country's electrical network, construction of the Ashdot port and a water development project.

JORDAN BARS ENTRANCE OF JEWISH MEMBER OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A member of the Canadian House of Commons was denied permission yesterday by the Jordanian authorities to enter the Jordan-held Old City of Jerusalem to inspect the Holy Places because he was a Jew.

Leon D. Crestohl, of Montreal, who is a member of the nine-man Canadian parliamentary delegation currently visiting Israel, was barred by the Jordanians when he sought to accompany the delegation on a tour of the Holy Places. Mr. Crestohl urged his fellow delegation members to make the tour without him.

"I am delighted that my colleagues have enjoyed a pilgrimage to the Holy Places," he said later, "but I am disappointed that I was denied the same privilege to visit the Jewish Holy Places to which all faiths enjoy a recognized form of access according to the armistice agreements."

AUSTRALIA BARS RETROACTIVE TAX EXEMPTION ON COMPENSATION PAYMENTS

CANBERRA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Australian Government has refused to grant retroactive tax exemption on compensation payments received by victims of Nazism from the West German Government, it was reported here today.

Harold Holt, Australian federal treasurer, said "it was not the general practice" to give retroactive effect to changes in taxation laws. Legislation exempting from income tax compensation payments to Nazi victims in Australia became operative July 1. The exemption covers both capital sums and pensions and their regular payments.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM CHARGED WITH 'RIGGING' NEWS REPORT

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, addressing the dinner of the Zionist Organization of America at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel tonight, charged that the American Council for Judaism several days ago "rigged" its news report of a reply it received from Parker T. Hart of the State Department, to a communication from the president of the American Council for Judaism, Clarence L. Coleman, Jr. Rabbi Miller said that "the report was rigged in a manner best calculated to serve that organization's nefarious purposes."

Objecting to repeated references in recent UN debates to the Jewish people and to their ancient homeland, Mr. Coleman asked the State Department to reaffirm our government's opposition to the "involuntary association" of American citizens with Israel. In his reply, Mr. Hart wrote: "It is my considered belief that other governments are fully aware that the United States Government does not condone the involuntary identification of its citizens with a foreign state."

However, Mr. Hart further declared: "I believe there is also a common awareness inside and outside our country of the undivided loyalty which American citizens, regardless of their race, color or creed, possess for their country and their flag."

Rabbi Miller said that by deleting this sentence from its press release, the American Council for Judaism "distorted the intent of the State Department letter." This, he stressed, "is another example of its fear psychosis which leads the American Council for Judaism to attack the loyalty of American Jews to their country."

Z. O. A. HOLDS HERZL CENTENNIAL ASSEMBLY; HERZL AWARD GOES TO BALFOUR

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Earl of Balfour, nephew and heir of Arthur James Balfour, author of the Balfour Declaration, wherein the British Government first pledged to facilitate the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine, received in behalf of his late uncle the posthumous second Herzl Gold Medallion of the Zionist Organization of America at the Herzl Centennial Dinner held tonight at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

The presentation of the Herzl Medallion was made by Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the ZOA, in the presence of over 1,000 persons, prominent in all walks of Jewish life, in recognition of the distinguished services to Zionism in the spirit of Theodor Herzl, rendered by the late Arthur James Balfour. The first Herzl Award was presented last May to President Izhak Ben-Zvi of Israel in the President's residence in Jerusalem.

Zionist leaders including Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive; and Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, led in tribute to the memory of the late author of the Balfour Declaration. The speakers took occasion to emphasize the uncompleted tasks devolving upon the Zionist movement and joined in a call for the strengthening of the relationship between Israel and Jews in the diaspora. The Earl of Balfour, who, together with Countess Balfour, were the guests of honor, also cited the history and achievements of Zionism and the abiding interest of the Balfour family in the Zionist ideal.

Dr. Goldmann Stresses the Unimplemented Aspects of Zionism

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in his address, voiced the view that "what is still unimplemented in Zionism is its specific Jewish aspect, to make Israel the specific realization of the leading ideas of Jewish history, make it a fully Jewish State, not primarily because the large majority of its citizens are Jews, but because it will be the embodiment of the great central and specific ideas which represent the *raison d'être* of the unique, both tragic and historic epic of the history of the Jewish people. It will still take a long time to implement this aspect of Zionism," he declared.

Mr. Redelheim, in his address, pointed to the fact that the Basle Program (the program adopted at the first Zionist Congress held in Basle, Switzerland in 1897) laid down by Theodor Herzl, called for a Jewish State plus "the strengthening of Jewish sentiment and national consciousness all over the world." He said that while the "Ingathering of the Exiles to Zion is in the process of accomplishment, the other part of the road remains to be traversed."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann urged, as one of the major Zionist tasks, "to proceed to lay the foundations for an enduring relationship between the Jewish community in Israel and the Jews in the diaspora." He emphasized that "if Israel is to fulfill its destiny as a Jewish and Zionist state, it must become the hub and center of the Jewish world, the spiritual focus of Jewish life."

The Earl of Balfour, in accepting the posthumous Herzl Award for his late uncle, declared that two great Jews deserve the paramount credit for bringing about a change in the thinking of the non-Jewish world toward the Zionist ideal and for enlisting the world support for the idea of a Jewish national home in Palestine. "First, Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, whose centenary is being honored tonight, and secondly, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who was later to become the first President of the new state of Israel." The speaker lauded Israel's achievements in spite of her heavy defense burdens.

FIFTEEN PERSONS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING SUNDAY LAW IN NEW JERSEY

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Fifteen persons were arrested yesterday in Bergen County for violating New Jersey's Sunday closing law which was given public endorsement earlier this month in a referendum. They were released in \$25 bail each on charges of being disorderly, for keeping their businesses open on Sunday.

The arrests took place despite a Superior Court injunction last week granting a stay of enforcement pending a decision of the law's constitutionality. One of the firms affected by the arrests announced that it would start a contempt action against the County Prosecutor, Guy Calissi, for not complying with the court's restraint order.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR HIGHER JEWISH STUDIES ESTABLISHED IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A national center for higher Jewish studies was established here today by members of the faculty of the universities of Brussels, Ghent, Liege, the Higher Institute for Commerce in Mons and the Agricultural Institute of Gembloux.

The administrative committee, to be headed by Dr. Max Gottschalk, will prepare a program and the scientific direction of the center will be under the supervision of a special council which will be composed of both Jewish and non-Jewish scientific and educational personalities.

NEW ENGLAND J.N.F. PARLEY PLEDGES TO PLANT 100,000 TREES IN ISRAEL

BOSTON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A Freedom Forest in Israel to pay tribute and perpetuate the name of the New England states was launched at the annual conference of the New England Jewish National Fund yesterday with a goal pledged to plant 100,000 trees. New England governors have accepted sponsorship of this Freedom Forest and will serve on a National Committee of Governors.

Fred Monosson, of Boston, was reelected New England JNF president for this coming year. Guest speakers included former Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland; Mendel N. Fisher of New York, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America; Label A. Katz of New Orleans, president of B'nai B'rith; and Harry Levine, noted industrialist, just returned from Israel.

JAMES N. ROSENBERG, AMERICAN JEWISH LEADER, HAILED ON 85TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- James N. Rosenberg, prominent Jewish personality and one of the honorary leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee, was the recipient here of congratulations from many quarters on his 85th birthday which he celebrated during the week-end quietly with his family.

Mr. Rosenberg is one of the founders of the Palestine Economic Corporation. He was chairman of the Agrojoint which settled more than 200,000 declassified Jews on land in the Crimea. He is also co-chairman of the U.S. Commission for a United Nations Genocide Convention, and heads the commission on human rights of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. A prominent lawyer, he is also a well-known painter whose works of art can be found in more than 20 leading museums in the United States.

ISRAELI SCULPTOR WINS AWARD OF PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Nathan Rappoport, noted Israeli sculptor whose work immortalizing the heroism of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto has been erected as a monument in Warsaw, was the winner here today of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts award for his "The Earth Is Given to Man" exhibited at the 155th annual exhibition of the Academy. The award carries a \$500 prize.

Mr. Rappoport, who is now visiting the United States, held a successful exhibition of his works at the Jewish Museum in New York, and is now engaged in making busts of a number of prominent American personalities. The Organization of Polish Jews in the United States will commission him to make a bust of Vice President Richard Nixon as an expression of thanks for the interest which Mr. Nixon took in visiting the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial during his brief stay in Warsaw.

QUEEN JULIANA HONORS DUTCH JEWISH WELFARE WORKER

THE HAGUE, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Queen Juliana conferred today the Knighthood of the Order of Orange-Nassau upon Mrs. E. Cohen-Hartog of Rotterdam, well-known Dutch-Jewish social worker and honorary secretary of the Jewish Board of Guardians.

GEDALIAH ZAKIFF, GENERAL SECRETARY OF JEWISH AGENCY IN ISRAEL, DIES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Gedaliah Zakiff, 54, general secretary of the Jewish Agency for Israel, died here this morning after a brief illness.

Prior to his appointment as general secretary, Mr. Zakiff had been the Jewish Agency's representative in Canada and in Latin America. A native of Russia, Mr. Zakiff was brought here in early childhood. He took a degree in law in Paris.