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BEN-GURION ARRIVES IN U.S.; WILL MEET WITH EISENHOWER TOMORROW

BOSTON, March 8. (JTA) -- Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion arrived here today and was met at the Logan International Airport by top state and city officials, Israeli diplomatic representatives in this country and leaders of the Boston Jewish community. He will be the recipient tomorrow of an honorary degree at Brandeis University.

(In Washington, White House press secretary James C. Hagerty announced today officially that President Eisenhower will meet with Prime Minister Ben Gurion at the White House on Thursday at 11 A. M. Mr. Hagerty described the forthcoming meeting as an "informal talk.")

The 71-year-old Israeli statesman debarked from the plane in good spirits and evidently not tired by the long flight from Israel. Strict security was imposed in connection with his visit here, the Prime Minister being guarded by both United States and Israeli secret service agents.

"It is nine years since I was in the United States," Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "and I am happy that I was able to take advantage of the opportunity to re-visit this country and renew my contacts with old friends. The warm friendship which I met all over America on my last visit in 1951 is still fresh in my memory. We in Israel deeply reciprocate the friendship to us by the great American Republic. We fully appreciate what the United States is doing to preserve peace, buttress liberty and assist other countries in their development."

Declaring that during the nine years since he was here last, the population of Israel has doubled in size, her agriculture and industry have greatly expanded, and her research and scientific institutions have made significant progress, the Prime Minister continued: "Our democratic system of Government has been consolidated. We have won new friends in many parts of the world and have made some contributions to assisting the development of other countries of several continents. We look to the future with confidence, though not without concern, being fully conscious of the difficulties that face us.

"I am certain we shall overcome these difficulties, as we have done in the past, and I believe that the progress we have made in the sphere of economic and social reconstruction, of scientific research, and of democratic government will be of benefit, not only to ourselves but to the whole region in which we live in the Middle East."

"The entire people of Israel sends through me its heartfelt greetings to the people of the United States and wishes it success in fulfilling the great international mission which history has assigned to it to fortify peace, establish the rule of justice between nations, and maintain the dignity of men," the Prime Minister concluded.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was asked whether, in his opinion, the United Nations efforts to resolve Israel's grievance about the United Arab Republic blockade of the Suez Canal was a failure. He said he would have no comment on this point until he has met with United Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. The Prime Minister was scheduled to rest for the remainder of today.

Egyptian Embassy in Washington Assails Ben-Gurion

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- The Embassy of the United Arab Republic today issued a statement declaring that the reception in Washington of Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion would create an impression among Arabs that the United States did not oppose Israel's recent "attacks" on the Syrian border.

The statement said that the visit to Washington by Mr. Ben-Gurion is part of an alleged "world Zionist" scheme "to effect a deterioration in the relations between the Arab people and the American people." It asserted that the Ben-Gurion visit was intended to prepare the West for further "expansion by Israel" and "to inspire fanaticism in the American Jewish minority in order to mobilize their resources to working against the Arabs."

BEN-GURION TO CONFER WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HERTER TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will visit the State Department on Thursday afternoon where he will hold informal talks first with Secretary of State Christian Herter and later with Under Secretary Douglas Dillon, the State Department announced today. Mr. Dillon handles economic affairs.

In making this announcement, State Department spokesman Francis Tully emphasized that the Israel Prime Minister is coming to Washington in an "unofficial capacity" and that his visit to the State Department would be "unofficial and informal." No agenda has been prepared by the State Department for the "informal talks" which will be held, Mr. Tully said.

SOVIET REPORTED SEEKING INFORMATION ON BEN-GURION'S VISIT TO U. S.

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Michael Bodrov today called on Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir at his own initiative. Foreign Ministry sources said the meeting dealt with routine matters but it was believed that the Soviet envoy used the occasion to seek information about Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's trip to the United States and Britain.

The evening press claimed that the Soviet Ambassador conferred on the implications of Mr. Ben-Gurion's visits to Washington and London. Authoritative Israeli sources declared that the purpose of today's meeting was to ask the Israel Government to support a proposal that the next world exposition--to take place after the forthcoming world exposition in the United States--should be arranged in Moscow.

AGADIR REFUGEES TO BE MOVED TO NEW JEWISH CENTER IN CASABLANCA

PARIS, March 8. (JTA) -- Some 450 Jewish refugees from the disaster which overwhelmed the Moroccan coastal town of Agadir last week, who are now in a temporary refugee center in Casablanca, will be moved soon to a better-equipped center in Casablanca, it was reported here today.

A special committee was established under the sponsorship of the Centre Aide Nationale to help the refugees, whose present home is the temporary center in the Talmud Torah of Casablanca. They are now being visited by friends. The decision to transfer them followed a visit to the temporary center by Princess Lalla Aisha, president of the Centre Aide Nationale.

Mayer Obadia, president of the Casablanca Jewish Community, is president of the special committee which will be in charge of the new center.

(In Jerusalem, the Jewish Agency put on display today the first list of known survivors, an incomplete one, and large crowds of immigrants from Morocco--many of whom had close relatives in Agadir--anxiously scanned the list. Among those on the list were Josef Hem, head of the Agadir Jewish community and Rabbi Jehuda Chetrit.)

ISRAEL TO ASSEMBLE 5,000 STUDEBAKER CARS A YEAR; SOME FOR EXPORT

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- The agreement between the Studebaker-Packard Corporation and the Kaiser-Frazer plant in Haifa, which was signed yesterday, provides that the Haifa plant will start output of Studebaker cars with parts received from the American firm, it was disclosed today.

Under terms of the agreement for the assembly of Larks and Hawks at Haifa, the Kaiser-Frazer plant will gradually start production later from an increasing number of parts produced in Israel. (From South Bend, R. A. Hutchinson, vice-president in charge of Studebaker-Packard overseas operations, reported today that 3,000 to 5,000 cars a year will be built at the Haifa plant.)

The Israel firm received also the right to export Larks and Hawks to agreed-upon countries. When and if Israel manages to produce body shells for the two types of cars, it will be allowed to export those cars under its own name to all countries. A special Governmental committee is now investigating the possibilities of Israel to manufacture a plastic car body.

BEN ZVI URGES TO MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN GERMANS AND NAZIS

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- A request that the words "German murderers" in the proposed new standard prayers for the dead, on behalf of the victims of the Nazi holocaust, be replaced with the words "Nazi murderers" was made today by Israel President Yitzhak Ben Zvi.

In a letter to Rabbi Jacob Toledano, Minister of Religious Affairs, the President said that the text as proposed would denounce the Germans as a people despite the fact that there had been anti-Nazis among the Germans. He said replacing the word "German" by the word "Nazi" would extend the prayer to include the Nazis of other countries who were involved in killing Jews. He mentioned the Ukrainians as an example.

JEWS IN ITALY URGE GOVERNMENT TO ACT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

ROME, March 8. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has urged the Government of Italy to strengthen legal sanctions and establish a substantial program of public education on the dangers of racism to avert a repetition of the January spate of anti-Semitic incidents in Italy, it was disclosed today.

Dr. Sergio Piperno, president of the Union, conferred on the problem with Luigi Rosso, Deputy Chief of the Italian Premier's office, and Luigi Medici, Italian Minister of Education. Both officials assured Dr. Piperno of the interest and concern of the Government.

Dr. Piperno's visits followed an extraordinary meeting convened by the Union and attended by the Rabbinical Council of Italy and the presidents and Chief Rabbis of all Italian Jewish communities. Delegates to the conference stressed the gratitude of Italian Jewry to Italian civil authorities, associations, political parties, newspapers and private citizens who expressed their solidarity with Italian Jewry during the incidents.

The conference also lauded the prompt measures taken by authorities to protect Jewish persons and property from criminal acts and to locate and prosecute the anti-Semitic vandals and hooligans. The conference added, however, that an "immediate and explicit condemnation" by the Government would have probably served as "more effective warning" to the vandals.

Ask to Consider Anti-Jewish Incitement A Criminal Offense

Stressing the urgent necessity for long-range programs, the conference urged that Italian authorities act to include in the new Italian penal code, scheduled for early approval by the Italian Parliament, clauses to define as crimes actions committed in violation of the principle of racial and religious equality for all citizens, and action or propaganda aimed at provoking hatred and violence against individuals or groups because of their ethnic, religious or racial status.

The conference also urged that the curricula of Italian public schools be expanded to assure that Italy's children and youth be fully informed of the events of the Nazi era and of the consequences of fascist and Nazi movements. Another proposal urged by the conference was a widespread program of information on radio, television, lectures, debates and documentary exhibitions about the Nazi period, particularly the Nazi concentration camps, so that the Italian public would be fully informed of the horrors of that period.

In his talk with Signor Russo, Dr. Piperno also urged that all public documents, registrations and civil administration files should be examined to delete all references to "of Jewish race," which had been established by the 1938 fascist racial laws. The Italian official assured Dr. Piperno that the requests would receive serious consideration by Italian authorities. He expressed the hope and intention to see to it that the Government acted promptly on the suggestions to assure complete protection of Italian racial and religious minorities, particularly the Jewish communities.

Signor Medici assured the Jewish leader that new textbooks in preparation would cover the history of Italy during the Fascist period and World War II. Present texts stop at World War I.

GERMAN OFFICIAL SAYS JEWS OPPOSE LEGISLATION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

BONN, March 8. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Cabinet said today that Cabinet efforts to introduce legislation considered needed as a result of the recent outburst of anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany were hampered by the belief of the Jewish community in West Germany and of some members of the Bundestag that such legislation would not be helpful at this time.

Felix von Eckhardt, Secretary of State for Information, pointed out that the Cabinet had agreed some time ago to propose legislation which he said was "certainly needed" to tighten West German laws against racial and religious discrimination.

He said the basic problem was that while ample legislation existed to punish defacements of synagogues, there was no legislation which would enable a judge to pass out more severe sentences against persons who deface private homes with such hate emblems as the swastika. In most cases, he said, judges usually sentence such daubers to maximum terms but those terms relate to acts of vandalism as such and not to the acts as aimed against a minority such as the Jewish community.

AUSTRIAN PRINTER SENTENCED TO FOUR WEEKS FOR NAZI ACTIVITIES

VIENNA, March 8. (JTA) -- Helmut Riedel, an Austrian printer who was charged with Nazi propaganda activities, was sentenced to four weeks in prison by a court in Graz, it was reported today. During the court session, Riedel declared that he still seeks to work for the revival of the Nazi party.

SPEAKERS IN CANADIAN SENATE LAUD JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANADA

OTTAWA, March 8. (JTA) -- Ten members of the Dominion's Senate here took the floor in the Canadian Legislature's Upper House to comment formally on the contributions to this country by the Jewish Community, which is currently celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in Canada.

At the same time, in Toronto, Canadian Jewry was praised highly by Canada's Governor General, Maj. Gen. George P. Vanier, as well as by the Premier of Ontario, L. M. Frost, and the leader of the Opposition in Ontario's provincial government, J. J. Wintermeyer.

The history of the Jewish community was reviewed in the Senate by Senator David A. Croll, a Jew, who declared that the Jews in the Dominion have found "fulfillment of all their hopes and aspirations" of freedom, equality and human dignity. Others in the Senate who spoke on the same theme, and welcomed the contributions made to Canada by its Jewish population, were Senators W. M. Aseltine, W. Ross Macdonald, George S. White, F. W. Gershaw, Donald Cameron, Muriel McQ. Ferguson, Arthur F. W. Gershaw, Jean-Francois Pouliot, and Wishart McL. Robertson.

U.S. PROFESSOR WARNS AGAINST STAGING 'PASSION PLAY' IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- The famous Oberammergau Passion Play, which has been staged periodically in Germany since 1660, is anti-Semitic, tainted with Nazism and "an offense against both history and religion," it is charged by Robert Gorham Davis, Columbia University professor and noted literary critic.

The 325-year-old drama, which portrays the last days of Jesus on earth, has been staged for years in the Bavarian Alps. It is scheduled for presentation this summer in Oberammergau in West Germany for an expected audience of 400,000. Dr. Davis, a Protestant, made his charges in the March issue of Commentary, the monthly magazine published by the American Jewish Committee. He said the Passion Play pictured its "villains" as "anti-Christian Jews."

"In a period of reviving anti-Semitism, brought finally to public attention by the defacing of the synagogues, the visitors to Oberammergau will see, under highly emotional circumstances, a play in which the synagogue is a rallying point for evil and in which Jewish people accept gleefully for themselves and their children blood-guilt for the murder of the Christian savior," Dr. Davis pointed out. He added that "the picture which the play draws of the Jews--usurious, bloodthirsty, possessed by the fury of a blinded nation's rage!--combines some of the worst of medieval and modern prejudices."

George Lang, director of the Passion Play since 1922, was one of the first persons in Oberammergau to become a Nazi, Dr. Davis reported. He added that Lang was arrested in 1946 by occupation authorities because of his work for Goebbel's propaganda ministry.

CONSUL GENERAL PRATT HONORED AT FAREWELL DINNER; RETURNS TO JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Israel Consul General Simcha Pratt was honored at a farewell dinner at the Hotel Commodore here in tribute to his outstanding diplomatic achievements in behalf of Israel and in recognition of the close personal ties that he established with the American Jewish Community. Mr. Pratt is returning to Jerusalem where he will occupy an important post in Israel's Foreign Ministry.

The dinner was arranged by the Farband division of the Jewish National Fund, which presented Mr. Pratt with a certificate for 1,000 trees that will be planted by the Farband in his name in Israel. In accepting the certificate, Mr. Pratt pointed out the important accomplishments of the Farband in behalf of Israel in general and the Jewish National Fund in particular. He also emphasized the broad acceptance that Israel has received by the American public and the constantly growing awareness on the part of Americans in all walks of life of Israel's great economic and social achievements and her sincere desire to live in peace with her Arab neighbors.

Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband and member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, announced that in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Farband, which will be celebrated in 1963, the organization will establish a settlement in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

H. U. C. AWARDS DEGREES TO DR. ALVIN JOHNSON, EPHRAIM LISITZKY

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- An educator, a poet and three rabbis received honorary degrees tonight at a Founders Day ceremony of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The event was held in the New York school of the seminary for Reform rabbis.

Dr. Alvin S. Johnson, president emeritus of the New School for Social Research, received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Ephraim E. Lisitzky, Hebrew poet, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters, Rabbi Julius Gutmann of Troy, Rabbi Jerome R. Malino of Danbury, Conn., and Rabbi Theodore S. Ross, of Queens, received honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees.