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KNESSET HEARS REPORT ON MOSCOW'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT JEWISH EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Regret that the Soviet Government had ignored requests for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union was expressed today in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, by Foreign Minister Golda Meir. Mrs. Meir disclosed that 9,236 requests have been submitted by Israelis for relatives in the Soviet Union to emigrate to Israel but that only a few had succeeded in obtaining the necessary permission.

Mrs. Meir said that the International Red Cross was asked to intervene on behalf of the applicants. However, the reply was received that the Soviet authorities did not see sufficient reason to grant the requests, in spite of the fact that many applications were "compassionate cases" involving the reuniting of husbands and wives and parents and children.

The Israel Foreign Minister reported on the migration requests for Soviet Jews in reply to a question in the House concerning a remark by Premier Khrushchev at a press conference July 9 in which the Soviet Premier had stated that there were no applications from Soviet Jews or others seeking to migrate to Israel.

BEN-GURION OPPOSES PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY ON LOSS OF 'OLD CITY' TO ARABS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben-Gurion will ask the Knesset next Wednesday to reject a Herut Party motion for appointment of a parliamentary committee to investigate the circumstances of the Arab capture of the Old City of Jerusalem during the liberation war of 1948.

The Herut introduced the resolution last week after publication of a book of memoirs by Dov Joseph, military governor of Jerusalem in 1948, charging the loss of the Old City had been the result of errors by Brig. David Shaltiel, commander of the Israel forces in the Jerusalem area, and other prominent persons in the provisional government. One of Dr. Joseph's charges had been that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett had been overly compliant with United Nations instructions at a time when the Arabs were flouting them.

The Herut move was discussed at the Cabinet meeting here yesterday. The Cabinet attitude, as Mr. Ben-Gurion is expected to express it in the debate on the motion Wednesday, was that such a probe would entail extensive historical research which was not a task for a body composed of representatives of political parties. Mr. Ben-Gurion is also expected to note that the subject had been dealt with by persons who had not had all the facts at their disposal.

ARAB LEAGUE SPLIT ON RETALIATION AGAINST IRAN FOR RECOGNIZING ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Arab League found itself today split on how far to go in retaliating against Iran for the Shah's reiteration of his de facto recognition of Israel.

The League met today in Cairo at ambassadorial level to map measures against Iran. The meeting was called by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, but Tunisia did not send her representative. Tunisia has been boycotting the Arab League because of her rift with the Cairo regime.

Members attending today's meeting were reported to "condemn" Iran for recognizing Israel. Nasser, who has severed diplomatic relations with Iran, wants the League to take far-reaching decisions. Iraq, on the other hand, has called for sanity in appraising the situation and has caused an uproar in the government-controlled Egyptian press.

Press in India Sides with Iran's Stand on Israel; Lauds Shah

NEW DELHI, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The attitude of the Shah of Iran in reiterating his de facto recognition of Israel is lauded in the press here as an indication that Iran does not permit its foreign policy to be dominated by religious considerations.

Some of the newspapers here emphasize that in terms of quality, Israelis are more than a match for the combined strength of all Arab countries. "It is impossible to

believe that even with their idealism which has become fanaticism, the Arab states could jointly or severally destroy Israel militarily or economically, "the influential Indian weekly "Thought" stressed.

The Pakistan daily, Dawn, reported today, that the Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce sent a note to all Arab countries urging strong commercial relations with the soon-to-be-independent country of Cyprus. The note pointed out that Israel is trying to capture the Cypriot market and that Cyprus is the only neighboring country which does not impose any blockade against Israel.

The note indicated that last year Israel exported to Cyprus one million pounds sterling (\$2,800,000) worth of goods and 2,820 Israelis visited the island. The note said that Israel was also attempting to open a Cypriot-Israeli Chamber of Commerce. It urged the various Arab states to frustrate these attempts by showing an interest in an exchange of diplomatic representatives with Cyprus.

KNESSET FAVORS PERMITTING NON-ISRAELI LAWYER TO DEFEND EICHMANN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The kneset, Israel's Parliament, passed today the first of three readings on a Government bill to amend the Advocates Ordinance which would permit a non-Israeli lawyer to defend Adolf Eichmann, the notorious Nazi who directed the mass-killing of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe.

The bill, which does not mention the Nazi war criminal, was passed without discussion except for remarks by a Communist Deputy who scathingly attacked the proposal. The other parties, including the opposition, had agreed to refrain from debate.

Eichmann, who will go on trial here next spring, has chosen Cologne attorney Robert Servatius to defend him. The Israel Government announced yesterday that Dr. Servatius would be acceptable as defense counsel in view of the fact that an investigation of his wartime record had established that he never was a member of the Nazi party.

STATE DEPT. WELCOMES RESUMPTION OF ARGENTINE-ISRAELI FRIENDSHIP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The United States "enthusiastically welcomes" the resumption of the traditionally friendly relations between Argentina and Israel which were marred by the capture of Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, State Department officials commented today in connection with the joint Argentine-Israeli statement issued last week declaring the incident closed.

The American officials seemed particularly please by the fact that a section of the U. N. Security Council resolution referred to in the statement was introduced as an amendment to the draft resolution by the U. S. representative Henry Cabot Lodge.

Both countries have very friendly relations with the U. S. and the settling of the rift between them was therefore a very welcome development to Washington, a State Department spokesman said. The U. S. had hoped, the official added, that the Eichmann affair would be closed - as far as Israeli-Argentine relations were concerned - with the conclusion of the Security Council debate. Consequently, there were misgivings in Washington when this proved not to be the case.

"It is now understood that ambassadors will be exchanged in the near future and the rift will be healed completely. This is a very satisfactory solution to all friends of both countries," the State Department spokesman declared.

JEWISH AGENCY HEARS REPORT ON SITUATION OF THE JEWS IN KATANGA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive, at a meeting today, heard a report on the situation of the Jews in Katanga and other parts of Congo. The report was presented by Rabbi Moshe Levi of Elisabethville who arrived here from Katanga several days ago to discuss aid for Jewish refugees. Rabbi Levi also reported at the meeting on the prospects of emigration of Katanga Jews to Israel.

Aryeh Levavi, the Israeli Ambassador who was ordered to leave Argentina, following the capture in Buenos Aires of the Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann, reported to the Jewish Agency executive on the situation of the Jews in Argentina and on the recent developments there in connection with the Eichmann affair.

KENNEDY TO ADDRESS OPENING SESSION OF Z. O. A. CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Senator John F. Kennedy will address the opening session of the annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America on August 25, at the Hotel Statler-Hilton, it was announced today by the national headquarters of the ZOA.

The Democratic Presidential candidate is expected to deal in his address with American policy towards the Middle East with special emphasis on the current developments affecting Israel. More than 1200 delegates representing 600 ZOA regions and districts from all parts of the country are expected to attend the four-day sessions of the convention, the announcement said.

JEWS IN MOROCCO HELD FOR MONTH UNDER ARREST AS SUSPECTED EMIGRANTS

PARIS, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A group of Jews has been arrested near Tetuan by the Moroccan authorities on suspicion of wanting to emigrate to Israel, it was reported here today by the usually well-informed French daily, Le Monde. They were freed from detention several days ago without having been presented before any court.

The paper said that the group, which included two foreigners whose nationality was not disclosed, was arrested in July and detained for one month during which they were severely beaten during questioning.

GERMAN COURT RULES COMPENSATION FOR POLISH JEWS HELD IN SHANGHAI

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A West German court has issued an important ruling upholding the right of a young woman of Polish citizenship, now living in Israel, to compensation by the Bonn Government for confinement in a Shanghai ghetto under Japanese occupation during the Second World War, the Finance Ministry announced here today. The ruling is significant because, in the past, West Germany has recognized the claims of only German citizens for confinement in ghettos under Japanese rule.

The West German court has now accepted as proven, the fact that German diplomatic and consular officials in Japan and territories occupied by Japan, were instrumental in initiating anti-Jewish measures. About 1,000 non-German Jews have submitted claims to the Bonn Government for imprisonment in the Shanghai ghetto.

It was indicated here today, meanwhile, that most West German states will fail to complete consideration of all general restitution claims by the 1962 deadline if the processing continues at the present rate of speed. In a report on general restitution claims by the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and the Israel Ministry of Finance, it was disclosed that the West German authorities have so far settled only about 40 percent of all outstanding claims.

The Bonn Government has paid out, according to the report, 7,000,000,000 deutschmarks (\$1,750,000,000) out of an estimated total of 17,000,000,000 deutschmarks in claims. A total of 2,700,000 claims have been submitted by victims of the Nazis. Israeli citizens have received about 1,000,000,000 deutschmarks (\$250,000,000) of the 7,000,000,000 marks paid out.

(The East German Government has refused to recognize any obligation to compensate Jewish victims of Nazism and has paid no reparations or restitution.)

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGISTS TO MEET IN BONN TODAY ON RACIAL PREJUDICE

FRANKFURT, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A group of American and European psychologists will start a two-day meeting in Bonn tomorrow to discuss recent psychological studies on racial and religious prejudice and to map plans for future research to avoid duplication in this field.

Among the participants in the conference will be Oscar Cohen of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Professor Alexander Mitcherlich, director of the Psychoanalytic Institute in Frankfurt.

GERMANY ARRANGES EXHIBITION TO SHOW ROLE OF JEWS IN WORLD CULTURE

BONN, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The role of Jews in world culture will be depicted in West Germany at an exhibition entitled "Synagoga" which is now in preparation, it was announced here by the Information Office of the federal government. The exhibition will take place in the city of Recklinghausen, in the Ruhr. It will show examples of Jewish contribution to the culture of all nations. The exhibition will open on November 3 this year and run till January 15, 1961.

From most of the world's major museums and collections characteristic paintings and sculptures as well as specimens of the goldsmith's and printer's art have been promised for the exhibition. The investigation of possible sources of material brought to light, for instance, a genuine Tabernacle, which was in use during the 18th century at Horb, Wurttemberg. It is in the possession of the Municipal Museum at Bamberg.

A special section of the exhibition will be devoted to religious themes. There will be a collection of one hundred masterpieces from many eras of history, with particularly good representation of Rembrandt and Chagall. Loans of such works will be made by museums in Amsterdam, Paris, Vienna, Lille, Soissons, and Saarbrücken, as well as twelve other cities in the German Federal Republic. Negotiations with museums in yet other cities are in progress.

A large number of exhibition pieces will come from the world-renowned Strauss-Rothschild collection (Collection Cluny, Paris). Assistance in setting up the exhibition has been promised by Mr. Kahane, director of antiquities at the Jerusalem Museum, and by Mr. Yaari, head of the cultural division of the Israeli Foreign Office.

SKVIRER HASSIDIM ESTABLISH VILLAGE IN N.Y. STATE; WILL ELECT MAYOR

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Followers of Rabbi J.J. Twersky, the Skvirer Rebbe, voted today to incorporate their community near Spring Valley, N.Y. as a village, to be known as New Square, the Americanized form of Skvir, the town in Russia which was the birthplace of the leader of the Hassidic sect. The village became the 12th in Rockland County, N.Y. and the first to be incorporated since 1929. The residents voted unanimously in favor of incorporation.

The first family from among the followers of Rabbi Twersky moved into the new community in 1957 after the site for the entire village was purchased from a dairy farmer. Sixty-nine houses have since been built, and are occupied today by 79 families numbering 539 persons.

The synagogue is not yet completed and daily and Sabbath services are being held in the roofed-over basement structure which village residents hope to complete in the near future. Two of the 69 Cape Cod houses serve as school facilities for the village's 350 children.

Residents of New Square are expected to hold elections later this month when a mayor and four trustees will be named. Louis Mermelstein, who managed the community unofficially since its inception three years ago, is expected to be elected mayor of the village. The role of Rabbi Twersky following election of officers probably will continue to be one of advisor, in spiritual and other matters.

While nearly all residents of the community are hassidim of Rabbi Twersky, leaders of the group have emphasized that all persons will be welcome to live in the village. Although looking forward to the expansion of the village with a post office, shopping center and other facilities to make life pleasanter, community residents are hoping that no changes will be introduced which will alter their religious way of life.

CUBAN JEWISH YOUTH IS CASTRO'S DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE IN CANADA

WINNIPEG, Canada, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A Jewish youth, Manuel Stolik Novygrad, 22, veteran of the Cuban revolution, is Premier Fidel Castro's diplomatic representative in Canada, according to a report in the Western Jewish News published here.

Novygrad claims pride in his Jewish origin and deems himself loyal to the Jewish faith despite his marriage to an observant Catholic girl. The Cuban official asserts that because of his preoccupation with the revolution he had to forego his Jewish education. He emphasizes, however, that an older brother "was truly Yiddish and that a younger brother is being sent to heder in Havana."

He says that he is "inspired and proud of the Jewish state of Israel," and stated that Cuba's 15,000 Jews have a beautiful synagogue, two Yiddish newspapers as well as publications in Spanish.

SIERRA LEONE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL DISCUSS COOPERATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A delegation from Sierra Leone headed by Minister for Construction Rogers Wright arrived in Israel today. The delegation will stay ten days to study development and economic problems and will discuss the possibilities of economic and technical cooperation between Sierra Leone and Israel.

During their visit an agreement is expected to be signed whereby Solel Boneh and a Sierra Leone company will jointly build the new African nation's parliament building.

A second delegation from Sierra Leone consisting of agricultural students also arrived today. The group of 22 honor students will take a year's course at the Weizmann Institute and will later receive practical training at various Kibbutzim.

20,000 JEWS MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO SITE OF ELIJAH'S GRAVE ON MT. CARMEL

HAIFA, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- More than 20,000 Jews, mostly Sephardim, made the pilgrimage yesterday to the reputed site of Elijah's cave on Mount Carmel in the traditional search for consolation for the destruction of the Temple. The Fast of the Ninth of Ab, anniversary of the Temple's destruction, was observed last week.

Rabbis and cantors conducted prayers at the mouth of the cave which the huge assemblage followed over loudspeakers. Towards dusk, the aged Rabbi Yaakov Moshe Toledano, the Minister of Religion, preached to the crowd of pilgrims and abjured them to shun falsehood and slander. Earlier in the day, Torahs were ceremonially presented to representatives of newly established synagogues in Israel's new settlements.

YOUTHS FROM VARIOUS LANDS COMPLETE JEWISH AGENCY LEADERSHIP COURSE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A group of 107 Jewish youth leaders from abroad, mostly from South American countries, were graduated today from the 25th leadership class of the Jewish Agency. The largest contingent, numbering 34 youths, came from Argentina. Also participating were students from South Africa, Brazil, Uruguay, Cuba, Australia, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia, Italy and New Zealand.