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RUMANIA FREES DR. HERZL'S NIECE; RELEASE OF MORE ZIONISTS EXPECTED

GENEVA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A niece of the late Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, has been released from a Rumanian prison where she has been incarcerated, and a number of other Rumanian Zionists are scheduled for early freedom from jail, according to press dispatches from Bucharest received here today.

Dr. Herzl's niece is Mrs. Butza Weiss. A Rumanian citizen, Mrs. Weiss was an employe of the Israel Legation in Bucharest when she was arrested about six months ago. Her husband, who had served a long prison sentence, was released about the time she was arrested, and has since left for Israel.

With the release of Mrs. Weiss, the Rumanians reportedly freed also another Zionist, said to have been a leader of the Zionist-Revisionist party. His name was not disclosed. Scheduled for early release from jail by August 23, which is Rumanian national independence day, are said to be the veteran Rumanian Zionist leader M. Cerdler, Miriam Zilberman, Israel Hart, Ianou Grinberg, Paul Blumenthal and Zoltan Wurzel.

STATE DEPARTMENT IS ASKED FOR ACTION ON ARAB BLACKMAIL OF U.S. FIRMS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, dissatisfied with the answers of the State Department regarding the new onslaught of Arab boycott blackmail against American firms doing business with Israel, today requested from Secretary of State Christian Herter clarification on the action taken by the U.S. Government in this connection.

An estimated 500 American business firms have in recent weeks received ultimatums from the Arab boycott office in Damascus or the superintendent of boycott affairs in Kuwait. The New York Senator protested to Department of State against these pressures, however the answer apparently did not satisfy him. He now submitted to Secretary Herter five specific questions on this subject, implying that he recommends action along the lines of those questions. He asked:

- 1) Whether the U.S. Government has protested to the Government of Kuwait;
- 2) Whether the U.S., in its protest, has informed Kuwait that the boycott pressures are regarded by Washington as an unfriendly and unwarranted interference in U.S. internal affairs;
- 3) Has the U.S. specifically requested Kuwait to cease and desist from the practice of threatening American business firms?
- 4) Has the Government specified, for its own consideration, the measures which could be taken to meet this kind of situation - specifically the use of the U.S. mail for propaganda and threats by a non-registered foreign agent?
- 5) Does the U.S. recognize existence of a state of war between Israel and the Arab states, as claimed by the Government of Kuwait in its boycott letter?

The Department of State has repeatedly declared that the U.S. does not condone the boycott but has often indicated that there was not much the Department could do about it. The New York Senator, in his questions, has now pointed out specific measures which, in his opinion, should be taken and might prove effective.

CYPRUS TO OPEN CONSULATE IN ISRAEL; RECEIVES INDEPENDENCE THIS MONTH

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Republic of Cyprus, which is slated to receive independence from British rule this month, is expected to open a consulate in Israel as well as in the Arab countries, it was learned here today. Israel has maintained a consulate in Nicosia for a number of years.

Cypriot sources stated that the new Government does not intend to discriminate in its relations with any Middle East country, in spite of the fact that various Arab capitals have been pressuring the Cypriot Government not to establish ties with Israel.

Cyprus is planning to open embassies in only four capitals -- Athens, Ankara, London and Washington. In other countries where Cyprus has interests, only consulates will be opened.

ARAB LEAGUE FAILS TO ACT ON PROPOSAL TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH IRAN

LONDON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Arab League Council, meeting on ambassadorial level in Cairo, adjourned its session last night without reaching any agreement on the proposal by the United Arab Republic that all Arab nations sever diplomatic relations with Iran in retaliation for the Shah's reiteration of his de facto recognition of Israel.

The entire issue was left open for decision by the Arab League Council meeting scheduled to take place in Beirut, Lebanon, August 22nd. Yesterday's session was limited to a strong anti-Iranian speech by the representative of the United Arab Republic and to mild speeches by representatives from other Arab countries who expressed hope that the Iranian Government may be persuaded to change its attitude toward Israel.

GHANA TO GET FIRST MILITARY MISSION FROM THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Arrangements are being made for a military mission to be sent by the United Arab Republic to Ghana "in the very near future," it was announced here today by the Ghana Mission to the United Nations.

The announcement followed an exchange of messages between Ghana President Kwame Nkrumah and U.A.R. President Gamal Abdel Nasser in which the possibility was discussed of a joint U.A.R. military force to be put at the disposal of Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba.

FIRST LOAN FROM WORLD BANK SPURS ISRAEL'S \$64, 050, 000 PLAN FOR PORTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, governor of the Bank of Israel, stated here today that Israel is now certain to receive the loan for \$27,500,000 from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development -- and with this certainty, a huge \$64,000,000 Israeli port development plan became a certainty.

The loan from the financial institution, which is a United Nations agency with headquarters in Washington, is the first for which Israel ever applied to this World Bank.

The \$64,000,000 port development will include the new port of Ashdod as well as the existing ports at Haifa and Eilat. Part of the vast development at Ashdod will include another great project, the creation of a city of 160,000 population, with road and rail connections to every section of Israel.

Ashdod, an ancient Philistine port, is 62 nautical miles from Haifa, and is located on the southern coast of Israel's Mediterranean shoreline. When all of this new port's facilities are completed, by 1965, it is expected to be the most modern port in the entire Middle East, capable of handling not only increased Israeli shipping but also shipments and trans-shipments for much of the Middle East region.

1,800 JEWISH YOUTHS FROM MANY LANDS ATTEND SUMMER COURSES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- More than 1,800 youths from various countries abroad are participating in summer camp seminars organized here by the Jewish Agency. Today, they attended a festive ceremony in Jerusalem honoring the memory of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist political movement. The youths were addressed at the ceremony by Israel President Izhak Ben-Zvi and by members of the Jewish Agency executive.

The Jewish Agency is now intensifying its educational activities in Jewish communities abroad, especially among the youth. A group of 66 Israeli teachers have been sent by the Agency to Jewish communities in European countries where there is an acute shortage of trained Jewish educators. In addition, the Agency is organizing local and regional teachers' seminars and courses in a number of countries. The Agency has arranged to bring over this year more than 100 teachers and youth leaders to Israel for a one-year study and 250 teachers and youth leaders for summer courses.

GROUP OF 730 FRENCH CATHOLIC YOUTHS COMES TO ISRAEL FOR VISIT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Seven hundred thirty members of "Cercle Richilieu," French Catholic youth organization, are due in Israel tomorrow for a six-day visit, tourist officials announced here today. The group, it was said, will be the largest single Christian group ever to visit Israel at one time. Members of the Catholic clergy in Israel have helped organize the tour by the French Catholic youth.

A 36 percent increase in tourism this year, as compared with 1959, was noted in figures issued here today by the Government's Central Bureau of Statistics. During the first seven months of this year, Israel was host to 72,000 tourists, as compared with 53,000 during the same period last year. An increase in tourism is also anticipated for the rest of the year, since despite the hot summer months the number of tourists is at present larger than during any previous summer season.

ROME PAPER SAYS LATE POPE PIUS XII FAILED TO SAVE JEWS FROM NAZIS

ROME, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A liberal newspaper here, Paese Sera, today criticized the late Pope Pius XII for failing to speak out against mass arrests and deportations to death camps of Jews in this city by the Nazis in 1943.

The newspaper reproduces archives from the files of the Center for Jewish Documentation, in Paris, citing the fact that the Germans were apprehensive lest the Pope denounce their mass arrests of Jews.

"The Germans" declares the newspaper, "were expecting an official reaction from the Holy See on the deportations of Roman Jews. This reaction did not take place. This facilitated the ferocious action of the Nazis."

The newspaper recalls that on one day, October 16, 1943, the Nazis in Rome arrested 2,000 Jews who were ultimately exterminated. Later, the newspaper concedes, "the doors of the convents were opened to give hospitality to the persecuted. However, this posthumous charity cannot grant forgiveness for an official attitude which practically resulted in the Vatican's sharing the responsibility of nazism."

AUSTRIAN NAZI ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH DIRECTING MASS-KILLING OF JEWS

VIENNA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Egon Scheinflug, former head of Austrian SS units who has been charged with complicity in the mass-killing of Jews in Eastern Europe during the Second World War, has been arrested, it was reported here today. Scheinflug was accused of participating in the killing of tens of thousands of Jews in Vitebsk, Zhitomir and other towns in the Ukraine and White Russia.

The Austrian Government passed a law this week, forbidding government officials to wear decorations won during the Nazi regime and during the fighting in the German army in World War II. The Austrian Ministries of Defense and Interior have ruled that no such decorations will be worn by any Austrian government official. However, other Austrian citizens will be able to continue to wear German decorations on the condition that the swastika does not appear on them.

SO. AFRICAN JEWS PROTEST AUSTRIAN DELAY OF REPARATIONS PAYMENTS

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The South African Board of Jewish Deputies, which is affiliated with the Committee for Jewish Claims Against Austria, protested to the Austrian Government today against that country's delay in paying reparations to victims of nazism.

In a note to the Austrian Government, the Jewish leaders endorsed the recent statement by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, criticizing Austria for failing to adhere to an agreement to enact compensation legislation by July of this year.

POLE GETS TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR DESECRATING JEWISH CEMETERY

LONDON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A 23-year-old Pole has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment by a court in Lublin, Poland, for desecrating a Jewish cemetery at a former concentration camp, according to a dispatch received here today from Warsaw.

The man, Zygmunt Bochinski, was convicted of digging up graves in the Sobibor concentration camp where thousands of Jews were slain during World War II. Bochinski and three companions were caught in the act of desecration, Polish police told the court. The men told police they were looking for gold and other valuables they believed hidden in the graves.

JEWS IN ITALY INDIGNANT OVER GRANTING GOLD MEDAL TO ANTI-SEMITES

ROME, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Jewish communal leaders here expressed surprise and indignation today over the awarding by Rome's Mayor Urbano Ciocchetti of a gold medal for professional merit to Dr. Sabato Visco. Dr. Visco is one of the five university professors who, in 1939, signed the notorious "Manifesto of the Race," the document which paved the way for Italian racial laws and anti-Semitic activities.

Criticism was also leveled at the Confederation of Artists and Professionals for recommending Dr. Visco's name for the award, and to the other recipients of the medal for their failure to object to the award to the Fascist.

SINGAPORE MEDICAL SCHOOL ASKS ISRAEL FOR 80 LECTURERS ON MEDICINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Professor Moshe Rachmilewitz, dean of the Medical Faculty of the Hebrew University and Professor M. Prives, left today for Singapore in connection with a request by the Singapore Medical School for 80 Israeli lecturers. Before his departure, Prof. Prives said that if conditions were found satisfactory, Israel might be able to send 20 of the needed lecturers.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY BODY CONSIDERS JEWISH PROPOSALS ON RIGHTS

OTTAWA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A proposal by the Canadian Jewish Congress aimed at strengthening legislation on civil rights and against discrimination is now being considered by a special committee of the Canadian House of Commons dealing with a proposed Bill of Rights.

A delegation of the Canadian Jewish Congress, which appeared before the special parliamentary committee, urged that clauses be inserted in all relevant federal enactments asserting specifically the principle of non-discrimination as guaranteed by the Canadian Bill of Rights. In a written submission, the delegation emphasized that the Canadian Jewish Congress "has worked for and has regarded the rights of Jews as being simply one manifestation of the rights for all."

Among the concrete suggestions advanced by the Canadian Jewish Congress were recommendations for the establishment of a Human Rights Section within the Department of Justice; an approach to the Supreme Court of Canada for a clarification of certain sections of the Property and Civil Rights Act in order to obtain a "more inclusive Bill of Rights;" and a clearer definition of the proposition of the Department of Justice in the 'Bill of Rights' presently proposed.

LOS ANGELES JEWS TO BUILD \$250,000 PLASTIC SURGERY CLINIC IN ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A 60-bed plastic surgery clinic will be built in Israel for Kupat Holim, the Histadrut health organization, with the help of financial support of prominent members of the Los Angeles Jewish community, it was announced here today by Stanley Slotkin, local industrialist, who initiated the project.

Construction of the \$250,000 clinic, to be located at Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikva, is expected to get underway later this year. Mr. Slotkin, who returned recently from a trip to Israel, said that plastic surgeons from the Medical School of the University of California at Los Angeles, will go to Israel immediately after construction is completed to both perform surgery and train Israeli surgeons in the techniques.

A group of Israeli doctors will also be brought to Los Angeles for instruction in plastic surgery at UCLA and will then serve as a cadre for the training of other surgeons in Israel, Mr. Slotkin declared.

U.S. DENTISTS BUILD DENTAL BUILDING IN JERUSALEM; CORNERSTONE LAID

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Ceremonies attendant upon the cornerstone laying for a new \$1,250,000 dental building at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine were held here today. Eighty-seven members of Alpha Omega, fraternity of Jewish dentists in the United States and Canada, attended the ceremonies, led by the organization's president, Dr. Michael Frost.

The dental building, named after Maurice Levine, of New York, is expected to be completed in two years. The funds were contributed by the fraternity and the Kaplan Foundation of New York.

GOLDA MEIR AWARDED HONORARY CITIZENSHIP OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir was awarded today the honorary citizenship of the State of Maryland by Governor J. Millard Tawes, who is currently visiting Israel.

In a citation signed by Governor Tawes, Mrs. Meir was honored "in grateful recognition of the international fame she achieved as a diplomat, as a leader of her people, as a crusader for peace and freedom and as one of Israel's most eloquent and forceful spokesmen."

JUDGE JACOB J. KAPLAN, PROMINENT JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN BOSTON; WAS 71

BOSTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Judge Jacob J. Kaplan, an active civic leader here and a prominent member of the Boston Jewish community, died here yesterday at the age of 71. Judge Kaplan was a founder of the Combined Jewish Appeal and was president of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies from 1943 to 1947.

Born in New York, Judge Kaplan was an honor graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He was the first Jew to become president of the Boston Bar Association. He was a trustee of Wellesley College and the Hebrew Teachers College in Boston. He also had served as president of the Bureau of Jewish Education here and chairman of the Board of Managers of Trustee Properties of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies.

Judge Kaplan was a special justice of the Dorchester Municipal Court from 1928 to 1936. Besides his affiliation with the Boston Bar Association, he also was a member of the American and Massachusetts Bar Associations and the Bar Association of the City of New York.