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KATANGA REIMBURSES JEWS FOR LOOTED PROPERTY; HELPS RESUME BUSINESSES

BRUSSELS, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Authorities in Katanga, the secessionist Congolese province, have allocated reimbursement funds covering about half of the property of Jews plundered in the recent outbreaks against Europeans, Chief Rabbi Moshe Levy of Elizabethville reported here today.

Rabbi Levy, who is visiting Brussels for a few days before returning to the Congo, said he had intervened with Premier Moïse Tshombe of Katanga to obtain indemnity for whites whose property had been looted. The reimbursements are intended to enable the Katangese Jews to resume their businesses.

The rabbi said that a number of Jews have returned to the Congo, leaving their families abroad temporarily, in the hope of saving their property and of reestablishing themselves. However, a number of Congolese Jews have decided to settle in Israel, including the entire Jewish community of Jabotville and its Rabbi, Moshe Piha, he said. There are now about 100 Jews in Belgium who have been repatriated from the Congo.

ARGENTINE MINISTER DENOUNCES ANTI-SEMITIC STUDENTS; ORDERS PROBE

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Alfredo Vitolo, Argentine Interior Minister, denounced today the attack last week by a nationalist anti-Semitic student gang on a group of Jewish students at the Sarmiento National High School here in which one Jewish student was shot and seriously wounded.

"We will not tolerate the spectacle of religious and racial struggle," the Minister said. Doctors reported today the condition of the wounded student, Manuel Trilnik, to be improving. He was shot under the heart.

The Interior Minister said he had ordered an investigation of the attack, in which a number of students of the Buenos Aires Catholic University took part. He expressed the opinion that the Tacuara movement, to which the student assailants belong, was composed of former members of the Peronist movement and other nationalists.

Condemnation of the attack also was formally expressed by officials of Buenos Aires University. The Argentine Jewish representative organization DAIA had charged, following the attack last Thursday, that federal and local authorities had consistently ignored DAIA warnings about conditions in the school which culminated in the assault.

The assailants had shouted "Long Live Eichmann" as they waylaid the Jewish students in the street. The DAIA said it had notified Dr. Vitolo and police officials that the Jewish students had been threatened and asked the authorities to take preventive action, a proposal the DAIA said the officials had ignored.

BEN-GURION TELLS KNESSET OF RECENT ACQUISITION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion revealed today at a special session of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, that Israel had recently acquired, after "great efforts," certain types of military equipment, obtainable from only one country in the world, which was needed to counteract enemy preparations against Israel. He did not disclose the nature of the equipment or the country.

The Prime Minister made the disclosure when he announced he was assuming responsibility for the Government's presentation of a supplementary budget last winter while the Knesset was still debating the regular allocations for the current year. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol has been under sharp criticism for the request for the new levies.

Mr. Ben-Gurion took the floor in his capacity as Defense Minister to share new denunciations of the Finance Minister and said it was his moral duty to reveal that vital security needs were at stake when he demanded funds beyond the original budget estimates.

He told the Knesset that Israel then urgently needed to strengthen the equipment of two branches of Israel's defenses. He said he then summoned a special Cabinet meeting and, after asking the entire Government to assume responsibility for the situation, he received unanimous Cabinet support for his decision to seek supplementary funds.

The special Knesset session had been convened at the request of opposition parties to seek repeal of the new levies which were imposed by the Treasury one day after the Knesset was recessed. The Knesset voted to send the matter to a committee.

SCIENTISTS PARLEY HEARS REPORT ON DESALINATION WORK IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23, (JTA) -- A report on the experiments which are now being conducted in Israel for the desalination of salt water was presented at the international conference of scientists here today by Dr. Alexander Zarchin, Israeli scientist who has developed a process of desalination. Dr. Zarchin also discussed the possibilities of establishing desalination plants.

The delegates expressed considerable interest in the report by Dr. Zarchin, who is expected to leave soon for the United States in connection with his agreement with the Fairbanks Whitney Company of Chicago which has undertaken to develop an operational plant for use of his process.

Professor Walter K. Lowdermilk, American soil conservation expert, proposed to the conference an 11th commandment: "Thou shalt keep your land to work it and prevent its being swept away and it will yield blessed crops."

The addresses by Dr. Zarchin and Prof. Lowdermilk highlighted sessions today which centered on land reclamation, irrigation through various systems, including artificial rain and water desalination. Australian experts on methods of producing artificial rain reported that successful experiments had already been carried out in eastern Australia. They indicated the possibility of producing artificial rain in adequate quantities in the not too distant future.

JEWISH AGENCY CONSIDERS IMMIGRATION AND EDUCATION AS MAJOR TASKS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23, (JTA) -- Jewish education in communities outside of Israel and the promotion of immigration to Israel particularly from Western countries are the two items which members of the Jewish Agency executive consider of primary importance for consideration at the next World Zionist Congress, it was disclosed today.

The executive ended a series of meetings last night at which the agenda for the Zionist Congress was discussed. The summary speeches by members of the executive made it clear that the two topics were regarded as of most significance.

ISRAEL RABBINATE BODY CHARGED WITH FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23, (JTA) -- Gideon Hausner, Israel's Attorney General, charged today at a hearing before the Israel Supreme Court that official documents of the Chief Rabbinate Council submitted to him in the dispute over elections of new Chief Rabbis had been falsified. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim responded to the charge with a demand to the Attorney General for a retraction.

The Supreme Court interrupted its summer recess to hear two complaints against the validity of nominations for the board which is to elect new Ashkenazic and Sephardic Chief Rabbis. Rabbi Nissim is a candidate to succeed himself. The elections have been delayed for months due to conflict between the Chief Rabbinate Council and Rabbi Yaacov Toledano, Israel's Minister of Religious Affairs. The two cases were joined as one for the hearing because the arguments were identical.

The Attorney General appeared on behalf of the Ministry of Religious Affairs after the court had rejected a request from the Chief Rabbinate Council that Rabbi Toledano appear personally to answer the complaints of alleged irregularities in his efforts to constitute a nominations board.

After Hausner made the charge of falsification, Chief Justice Cohen interrupted to point out the "extreme gravity" of the accusation. The Attorney General replied that he had proof to back the charge. He cited what he termed evidence that an original handwritten protocol had noted that certain members of the Council had voted against revoking the accreditation of the Council's representative, Rabbi Amram Aburavia, but that in a typewritten copy submitted to him, changes allegedly had been made to record those members as abstaining.

He also cited the record on Rabbi Obadia Hadayah as being listed in the handwritten copy with a negative vote and in the typewritten version as having abstained. In his letter demanding a retraction, Rabbi Nissim wrote that several typewritten copies had been made of the protocol which was originally taken down in longhand and that one of the typewritten copies had been signed by Rabbi Hadayah.

The post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi has been vacant since the death last year of Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog.

ISRAEL POSTPONES DECISION ON ACCREDITATION OF BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23, (JTA) -- Israel's newly established Council for Higher Education today postponed a decision on whether or not to accredit Bar-Ilan University, the religious institution financed by American Orthodox Jews. Bar-Ilan had applied for accreditation as a fully recognized academic institution. The Council, meeting under the chairmanship of Minister of Education Abba Eban, is the sole Israeli authority for such accreditation.

GERMAN COURT ORDERS RETURN OF JEWISH PROPERTY BOUGHT UNDER NAZIS

BONN, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A test case which may, ultimately, involve about 350,000 Germans with claims totaling about 1,500,000,000 Deutschemarks (nearly \$400,000,000), was decided today against a claimant who sought government repayment for losses incurred because he bought a Jew's property "in good faith" during the Nazi regime.

The case, which will be appealed to Superior Court, was a test on behalf of a farmer at Frackenthal. In 1938, the farmer had bought the property of a Jewish neighbor. After the war, he was ordered to return to the original owner not only the property but an additional 25,500 Deutschemarks (about \$6,500).

The Union of Loyal Persons Lijured by Restitution, which is advancing the cause of "loyal purchasers," contends that Germans who bought Jewish property under the Nazi regime had actually "saved Jewish lives, freeing persons from concentration camps by enabling them to emigrate." Dr. A. Seger, president of the Union, says there are 350,000 "loyal purchasers" in the country, with claims totaling approximately a billion and a half Deutschemarks.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SAYS REFUGEE PROBLEM IS STILL ACUTE

LONDON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches issued a warning today that the refugee problems remains on a tragic and dangerous level despite World Refugee Year.

The department of inter-church aid of the Council reported to its session yesterday that "multitudes of refugees have not yet been helped and their plight is made worse because of disappointed expectations." The report warned it was imperative that all agencies of assistance, including the United Nations, should continue their efforts to aid them.

CONVENTION OF SOUTH AMERICAN ZIONISTS DISCUSSES MAJOR TASKS

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A two-day South American Zionist convention ended today with the adoption of resolutions promising an intense effort by all participants to assure the maximum success of the forthcoming 25th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. The 80 delegates, representing Zionist organizations in Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia and Chile, urged in one of the resolutions that the Zionist Congress find means of unifying the Jewish people around Israel.

The conference also asked for better coordination between the central Zionist bodies and the territorial organizations, particularly that the territorial organizations should be consulted in advance in the implementation of Zionist tasks. Such tasks, the delegates proposed, should be assigned exclusively through the representatives of Zionist organizations. Greater efforts were urged in another resolution for Jewish education, for wider knowledge of Hebrew and for Jewish youth.

Yaacov Tsur, former Israel Ambassador to France, told the conference that a "vague sympathy" and financial contributions by Jews to Israel was not enough and that a "profound" Jewish culture was needed as well as a strong Zionist movement. He asked for a revival of the Zionist "missionary spirit."

It was disclosed during the debate that the Chilean Jewish Representative Committee had associated itself with the World Zionist Organization. Isaac Goldmann, chairman of the Uruguayan Zionist Council, said that the Council had resolved unanimously to create a Uruguayan territorial Zionist federation which would open the doors for membership to any Uruguayan Jewish organization which accepted the Jerusalem program.

AMERICAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE STARTS BUILDING STUDENT CENTER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for an International Students Center, a project sponsored by the American Women's League for Israel, was laid yesterday at the Hebrew University.

The ceremony for the center, which will cost \$375,000, was attended by Mrs. Rachel Ben Zvi, wife of Israel's President, who recalled the early days of the League's activities in Israel and thanked Mrs. Harry Cahane, president of the League, for the organization's continued interest in Israel.

\$14,000 CONTRIBUTED BY B'NAI B'RITH BOYS TO PHILANTHROPIC FUND

STARLIGHT, Penna., Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Aleph Zadik Aleph, the teenage boys' division of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, contributed \$14,000 during the past 12 months to its service fund, delegates to the 37th annual convention of AZA were told here today.

The fund assists B'nai B'rith supported philanthropies and other community health and welfare agencies. The five-day convention will end tomorrow, when the annual convention of B'nai B'rith Girls will begin.

COURT TO ACT TODAY ON CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION'S BACKING OF ROCKWELL

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- New York City's Corporation Counsel was set today to oppose a Civil Liberties Union application coming before the State Supreme Court tomorrow to allow George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party to hold a public rally in this city on Labor Day. Another court, in Brooklyn, yesterday, extended a previously issued temporary injunction, forbidding Rockwell to go through with his planned Labor Day meeting.

Yesterday's injunction extension was issued in State Supreme Court in Brooklyn by Justice Louis L. Friedman. The jurist had handed down the original temporary injunction last June, forbidding a planned Nazi Party rally that was to have been held in Union Square on the Fourth of July.

The action before Justice Friedman was pressed by the Jewish War Veterans of New York State as well as by two Brooklyn political figures, State Senator Frank J. Pino and State Assemblyman Irwin Brownstein. Justice Friedman ordered the Nazi Party "to refrain from engaging in any subversive and Nazi Party political activity in the State of New York."

If Rockwell wants to avail himself of facilities of New York City or of any part of the state "for the purpose of making public utterances," stated Justice Friedman, "he ought to come into court and be heard." Rockwell, however, did not appear in court.

Tomorrow's action will come before Justice Henry Epstein, in Manhattan Supreme Court. The Civil Liberties Union, which announced that it opposes Rockwell's philosophy, has agreed to back him in his efforts to establish his right of free speech and expression. Assistant Corporation Counsel Saul Moskoff announced that he will appear before Justice Epstein to oppose the CLU petition.

Assemblyman Brownstein told the court yesterday that Rockwell, who lives in Arlington, Va., has not yet been served with the court's temporary injunction order. However, Mr. Brownstein said, Rockwell will be served with the injunction if he appears in court tomorrow in connection with the Civil Liberties Union petition.

PROF. HORKHEIMER NAMED CONSULTANT TO AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Professor Max Horkheimer, until recently Rector of the Goethe University in Frankfurt, has been appointed consultant to the American Jewish Committee, it was announced here today by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the organization.

Dr. Horkheimer, who is a ranking authority on Germany's social, economic and political affairs, is a member of a 12-man commission of scholars and educators established last week by the West German Government to advise the states in the Federal Republic about methods of education in the German schools with a view to give the pupils more knowledge about the anti-democratic and anti-Semitic practices of the Nazi regime.

Dr. Horkheimer left Germany in the early days of Hitler and migrated to Geneva. He came to the United States in the mid-'thirties and served as Director of the Institute of Social Research in New York City for more than ten years. He returned to Germany after the war and was appointed Rector of the University of Frankfurt in 1951. He has since been a foreign consultant to the United States Library of Congress. During his stay in this country, he served as research consultant to the American Jewish Committee and was editor of its five-volume series "Studies in Prejudice" widely acclaimed as a basic contribution to the social sciences.

DAVID B. STEINMAN, WORLD-FAMOUS BRIDGE BUILDER, DEAD; WAS 73

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. David B. Steinman, world-famous bridge designer and builder, who received his first inspiration toward his life work from the Brooklyn Bridge, in the shadows of which he grew up on the East Side as the son of a Jewish immigrant factory worker, died here Sunday aged 73.

It was in an East Side tenement where young David Steinman as a boy, decided on his career because of fascination with the Brooklyn Bridge which, later, he called "a truly miracle bridge." He graduated from the City College of New York, and later earned a doctorate in engineering from Columbia University. He designed and built more than 400 bridges in many parts of the world, and was the author of 16 technical books on bridge design and construction.

NATHAN B. LINDER, YIDDISH WRITER, DIES IN NEW YORK; WROTE NOVELS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Nathan B. Linder, Yiddish writer and member of the editorial staff of the Day-Jewish Journal, died here today at the age of 75. He was born in Berditchev, Ukraine, and came to this country in 1903. He is the author of a number of Yiddish novels.