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MOROCCAN JEWISH LEADERS SEEK TO BRING THEIR PROBLEMS TO CROWNPRINCE

PARIS, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish communities in Morocco have asked the Crown Prince, who is also Deputy Prime Minister, for an audience to discuss with him a number of problems concerning the Jewish population, it was reported here today. A memorandum outlining these problems had been submitted several weeks ago to the Ministry of Interior.

One of the major problems is the elections to Jewish Community Councils. Under the Moroccan law, the Ministry of Interior must permit the holding of such elections. The last elections were held in 1953 and, since then, many of those elected have ceased to carry out their duties.

Another problem is the kidnapping of Jewish girls for marriage to Moslems. Many incidents have occurred of Jewish girls being kidnapped by young Moslems and forced to marry them. The Moroccan authorities are doing little to help the parents, and only in a few cases were the girls returned to their homes.

The Jewish leaders are also anxious to discuss the question of the budget of their community councils. The budget, which is met by the Ministries of Interior and Social Welfare, was fixed some years ago. Since then the amounts have not been increased, although they are not sufficient because of the rise in the cost of living.

Among the other problems for discussion is the nationalization of education. The Moroccan Government indicated that it intends to unify education in the country, and to take under its authority the Alliance Israelite schools. Leaders of the Jewish community fear that this intention, if carried out, may spell danger for Jewish education in Morocco.

The Moroccan Jewish leaders are also anxious to secure the elimination of the many difficulties which Jews encounter now in securing passports. They would also like to see the severance of postal connections with Israel re-examined, in view of the fact that many thousands of Moroccan Jews are unable to contact their relatives in Israel.

GOLDA MEIR DEMANDS MAPAM'S RESIGNATION FROM CABINET; VOICES CHARGES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir was reported here today as demanding the resignation of the left-wing Mapam Party from the coalition government. At a Cabinet meeting she charged the Mapam with violating the "collective responsibility" principle by maintaining contact with foreign embassies and advancing foreign policy ideas which are not in line with the government policy.

Mrs. Meir specifically objected to the fact that the Mapam's foreign language bulletins and other publications took an anti-government position, especially on the question of Arab-Israel relations within Israel as well as with regard to the Arab refugee issue. The "collective responsibility" principle adopted by the Cabinet imposes upon each party of the coalition government the duty of supporting government policies, unless the Cabinet specifically absolves the party from such responsibility. The Mapam holds two seats in the Cabinet.

The Mapam attitude was debated hotly at the Cabinet meeting last Sunday. It was further aggravated when Al Hamishmar, daily newspaper, published by Mapam, expressed public disagreement with the government's Arab policy. Mapam called upon the government to ease its policy regarding Arab refugees by an offer to accept the return to Israel of some of those refugees. According to the Mapam argument, this move would form one of the bases for an Arab-Israel peace settlement.

Mapam also criticizes Israel's treatment of the approximately 220,000 Arabs living in Israel. The party levels criticism against military rule in some of the Arab-inhabited areas in Israel, charging that such rule "gives the Arab states ammunition for agitation against Israel and the opportunity to misrepresent our desire for peace."

Mrs. Meir declared today that the Arab refugee problem "could have been solved long ago, had not the Arab leaders used that issue as a political weapon which, they hope, would end the story of Israel." Addressing a meeting here sponsored by the Mapai party, she stated that "Israel has repeatedly expressed its desire to sit around a table with its Arab neighbors and negotiate peace." She declared firmly that Israel is ready now to negotiate peace.

ISRAEL WILL NOT RECOGNIZE KATANGA; FAVORS OVERALL CONGO GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Israel will not recognize an independent Katanga, the Congolese province which opposes Premier Patrice Lumumba, Ehud Avriel, the Israel Ambassador to the strife-racked Congo, said in a public address here today. He said Israel would recognize only the legal government of the entire Congo Republic whoever its head turns out to be.

The Ambassador is in Israel for consultations with the Foreign Ministry on Israel-Congo relations and his own personal plans. He had accepted the Leopoldville post after his return from a strenuous tour of duty as Ambassador to Ghana and agreed to take the Congo assignment on a temporary basis. He indicated he would like to return to Israel but the Israel Government was understood to feel that the current Congo crisis made a change of ambassadors inadvisable.

EILAT RESIDENT ARRESTED UNDER SUSPICION OF SELLING SECRETS TO EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Yehuda Bachar, 33, a resident of Eilat, owner of a yacht which he used to anchor in the Gulf of Akaba, was arrested here by Israeli security officers on suspicion of having passed secret information to Egyptian agents in Ethiopia.

Bachar is owner of the yacht "Calypso" which he sailed a year ago from Eilat to Asmara, Eritrea. According to the security officers, he had to abandon his ship at Asmara when his Israeli crew abandoned ship, and port authorities confiscated the "Calypso" for nonpayment of port fees.

Early this year, it is charged, Bachar went to Asmara again, presumably in an effort to regain his yacht. He allegedly went on to Ethiopia, met an Egyptian military attache and sold "some information" to the Egyptian. Security authorities said today Bachar admitted selling material to the Egyptian, but claimed it was "false information."

The security officers say that Bachar was picked up last month when he returned to Eilat and bought gifts, "with money received from the Egyptian," for his wife and three children.

BEN-GURION ENCOURAGES 'YOUTH VS. VETERANS' DISPUTE IN MAPAI PARTY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Vacationing Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion moved into the "Youth Versus Veterans" ideological dispute in his Mapai party today with a statement that the Mapai party was a democratic one and therefore every debate should be welcomed.

He made his statement in a letter to the Mapai secretariat from his vacation spot, which was not disclosed. He said also in the letter that debates were particularly to be welcomed when they dealt with such vital issues. In effect, the Prime Minister gave his backing to the younger party element headed by Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan and Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, whose views are opposed by such leaders as Pinhas Lavon, former Histadrut leader.

In another letter, this one to Joseph Almogi, the Mapai secretary general, Mr. Ben-Gurion reiterated his belief that discussion should be allowed but he added it should be orderly.

U.S. GETS ISRAELI TRANSLATIONS OF SOVIET SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The first delivery of Soviet Russian scientific and technical publications translated in Israel as part of a United States Government program financed by the sale of surplus agricultural commodities was announced today by the U.S. National Science Foundation and the Department of Commerce.

The translations were prepared by the Israel program for scientific translations in Jerusalem under contract with the National Science Foundation of Washington. The Israeli program has contracted for the translation and printing of approximately 50,000 pages of Russian material. Included is highly technical material of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. The office of technical services of the U.S. Commerce Department catalogs, distributes and sells the translations.

Dr. Alan T. Waterman, director of the National Science Foundation, said the program in Israel had "the important effect of stimulating expanded scientific information exchange without respect to national boundaries." This translation program, he said, reinforces the efforts of American scientists to keep abreast of significant scientific developments abroad. "Overcoming the language barrier, a major impediment to free communication of national research findings, is a primary concern of scientists everywhere today," he emphasized.

Funds for the project are Israeli pounds generated by the sale of United States surplus agricultural commodities in Israel.

BONN TO PAY PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR NAZI-LOOTED JEWELRY IN POLAND

BONN, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The Federal Republic of Germany has agreed to pay partial compensation to victims of Nazism in parts of Poland, it was revealed here today by the Ministry of Finance.

West Germany, which until now has not recognized compensation claims arising from the Hitler occupation of Poland, has now agreed, according to the Finance Ministry, to pay 80 percent of losses incurred in Poland from Nazi confiscations of jewelry and rare metals. The Ministry made it clear that the ruling applies only to those parts of Poland not under Soviet domination. It also does not apply to the part of Poland now included in Baltic areas.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S PARLEY CALLS FOR ERADICATION OF RELIGIOUS BIAS

ISTANBUL, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon all governments to eradicate racial and religious discrimination, and appealing to women throughout the world to bring up "the new generation free from prejudice," was unanimously adopted here at the conclusion of the 16th triennial convention of the International Council of Women.

Thirty-four countries were represented at the convention, but Lebanon was the only Arab state that sent a delegation. Israel had a strong delegation at the convention, including three prominent Israeli women, Mrs. Shoshana Hareli, Tamar Eshel and Rachel Gesuntheit. An Israeli, Mrs. Sandra Meron, was one of the official interpreters at the convention.

YOUTH CONFERENCE APPEALS FOR STRENGTHENING AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE

STARLIGHT, Pa., Sept. 8. (JTA) -- An appeal for renewed dedication by American Jewish youth "towards the goal of the creation of a rich Jewish life which was given a new purpose by the creation of Israel," was issued here today by representatives of 19 major Zionist and non-Zionist youth organizations participating in the Conference of Jewish Youth Organizations in the United States and Canada.

In suggestions formulated for consideration by the individual organizations, the 100 delegates urged Jewish youth to accept the responsibility of bringing closer to the American Jewish community "the ideals and principles upon which the creative Jewish society of Israel was founded." In a recommendation on Jewish education, the delegates described the Jewish all-day school as "the ideal means for a proper integration of Jewish and American culture."

Dr. Ben Zion Benshalom, director general of the Youth and Hechalutz department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, urged the participants to work towards the convening of a conference of Jewish youth patterned along the lines of the conference held in Jerusalem in 1958. In an address at the closing session, Dr. Benshalom suggested that the participating groups form a joint committee in connection with the world conference and establish a youth council "to foster closer association among the youth," and to assist in the execution of a suitable youth program.

Among the projects suggested by Dr. Benshalom for inclusion in such a program were: Efforts to increase the memberships of the participating youth organizations, promotion of the study of Hebrew, and a strengthening of ties with Israel through pilgrimages and exchange programs. He announced that two other regional youth conferences would be convened next year--one in Latin America and one in Europe--before the projected world youth convention in 1962.

Declining Interest in Jewish Culture Stressed by Speakers

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, warned the delegates that only the increasing influence of Israel on the American Jewish community could serve to stem the tide of assimilation. Noting that there was "little opportunity for creative Jewish living" in countries such as the United States, Rabbi Miller declared that "if the Jew is to enjoy the benefits of creativity, he will only enjoy it via Israel."

Just as the Diaspora is in need of Israel, Rabbi Miller said, Israel needs the Diaspora. Without the Diaspora, he declared, "Israel was in danger of becoming merely a Levantine state."

Avraham Shenker, head of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency in New York, warned the delegates that they must play their own distinct role in strengthening the American Jewish community and that they not rely solely on the activities of their parents. "You must recognize the fact that you are the carriers of Jewish continuity," he declared.

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service and secretary of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, appealed to the delegates to reverse the current trend of a declining interest in Jewish culture. Urging the youth leaders to do something about the cultural lag, Dr. Shapiro said that the situation offered them unusual opportunities. He noticed a dire need in Jewish communities throughout the country for qualified personnel in various academic and professional fields who are also competent in Jewish cultural affairs.

HADASSAH CONVENTION TO OPEN IN NEW YORK; 2,500 DELEGATES TO ATTEND

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Some 2,500 delegates are scheduled to attend the 46th national convention of Hadassah, which will open at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on Sunday. The four-day conclave will formulate Hadassah's American and Israel programs for the next 12 months.

The first session Sunday will feature addresses by Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the United States, and Walter P. Reuther, AFL-CIO vice-president and president of the United Automobile Workers Union.

The largest Zionist organization in the world today, Hadassah spends \$9,000,000 a year on its undertakings. In Israel, Hadassah conducts a comprehensive health, education and social welfare program, which includes a hospital network of diagnostic, curative and preventive medical services, health stations, rehabilitation of underprivileged children and youth, vocational education and land redemption programs.

Hadassah's major medical undertaking in Israel today is completion of the \$25,000,000 Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The Medical Center--which was dedicated officially on August 3--will consolidate all of Hadassah's medical facilities in a modern complex of 17 buildings. The Center is slated to begin functioning in 1961.

FARBAND, LABOR ZIONIST ORDER, OPENS THREE-DAY CONFERENCE TODAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Plans to expand the services of the Farband, Labor Zionist Order, as part of the celebration of its 50th anniversary, will be developed at the annual three-day conference of the Farband board of directors, which opens tomorrow in Unser Camp, Highland Mills, N. Y., it was announced today by Louis Segal, general secretary.

Some 300 delegates, representing Farband units throughout the United States and Canada, are expected. The Farband school system, which maintains schools in American and Canadian cities, also is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Principal speakers at the opening session will include Israel Consul General Binyamin Eliav.

PIONEER WOMEN ORGANIZATION TO CELEBRATE ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The 35th anniversary year observance of Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, will be launched with a two-day conference at the Statler-Hilton Hotel here on September 18-19, to be attended by some 1,000 delegates, it was announced today by Mrs. Clara Leff, president. She also announced the selection of Mrs. Israel Goldstein, past national president, as national chairman of the anniversary committee.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Beba Idelson, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, will be among the speakers at the New York conference. Similar conferences are scheduled in October in Canada. The principal event this fall will be a conclave in Jerusalem on October 26 at which several hundred Pioneer Women leaders will be present.

BANK LEUMI TO CASH BONDS IN NEW YORK FOR TOURISTS GOING TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- American tourists going to Israel can now cash in their State of Israel Bonds at the Bank Leumi le-Israel offices here, and receive their money in Israeli pounds plus a 20 percent premium, the bank announced today. Bank Leumi le-Israel is the National Bank of Israel.

Israeli pound travelers' check can be bought for amounts up to \$1,500, the bank stated. The 20 percent premium means that an American tourist going to Israel receives an additional \$200 worth of Israeli pounds under the new arrangement.

HALPER FOUNDATION GRANTS 28 MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS; SIX FOR ISRAELIS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Twenty-eight medical scholarships at eight universities in this country as well as at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem were announced for the 1960-61 academic year today by the Mount Sinai Hospital and Clinic here. The scholarships were granted by the Halper Foundation, which is headed by Louis M. Halper, a vice-president of Mt. Sinai Hospital here.

The scholarships are granted without regard to an applicant's race, color, creed or national origin. Six Israelis are among the recipients. In addition to Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, the schools where the scholarship holders will study are the University of Southern California; University of California, both at Berkeley and at Los Angeles; Howard University, Stanford, Tulane, Chicago University and Western Reserve.