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CUBAN JEWS FLOCK TO MIAMI: COMMUNITY ALERTED TO NEW REFUGEE PROBLEM

MIAMI, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Between 500 and 1,500 Cuban Jews have migrated to this city in recent months, and the potentials of a new Jewish refugee problem may be shaping up, it was revealed here today. Leaders of the Jewish community are quick to point out, however, that the Jewish migration from Cuba has not been caused by any signs of official anti-Semitism on the island, or by any Cuban governmental actions that affect Jews specifically.

The Jewish community is on the alert, against the possibility that a further influx of Cuban Jews may in the near future have an impact upon the facilities of the various local and national Jewish organizations concerned with immigration, resettlement, and vocational guidance.

Sam J. Heiman, president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, and the organization's executive director, Samuel Cohen, have confirmed that one of the first tasks facing the Jewish community here is the ascertainment of the exact number of Cuban Jews who have come here. The 500-1,500 figure is an "educated" guess within a wide range, while some Jews here believe that the number of Cuban Jews who have arrived in Miami and vicinity recently may run to as high a figure as 2,000.

Hias Concerned About Possible Emergence of Future Needs

United Hias Service, Inc., the international immigrant aid society, has sent two department heads from its national headquarters in New York to look into the situation here. The executives, Ann S. Petluck and Harvey M. Friedman, agreed with the local leaders that the influx of Cuban Jewry needs careful watching. "We are concerned with the possible emergence of future problems," Miss Petluck stated, "and we wish to ascertain what existing agencies can do now to assist those Jewish Cuban refugees who may need service."

One of the immediate problems concerning the Cuban Jewish refugees is their status as immigrants. The majority are here with tourist visas, and most of them do not seem to know how to extend their stay in the United States.

Various steps have been taken by the Jewish community to try to find out the exact number of Jewish refugees from Cuba here, and to try to direct those Cuban Jewish refugees who may need services to the proper agencies. Signs in Spanish have been posted at airports, informing Cuban Jewish refugees of the names and addresses of some of the local Jewish agencies. American immigration authorities have also been contacted with requests that they direct Cuban Jews to some of the major Jewish social welfare and aid agencies here.

Cuba's Jewish population, at the time the Castro regime took over the government of that country, was about 11,000. Of the total, about 7,000 lived in Havana. About three-quarters of the Jews in Cuba were in small retail trade, about 15 percent were connected with larger mercantile establishments, and approximately 10 percent were in various consumer-goods, professional or service categories.

Most of the Cuban Jews here seem to have brought along enough money to meet their immediate needs for some time, Jewish leaders here believe. But many of them need direction and guidance, not only in regard to their immigrant status but also about business and job possibilities and about Jewish religious facilities available to them.

BEN-GURION VICTORIOUS IN PARLIAMENT, BEATS CENSURE ON LAVON AFFAIR

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion beat back four opposition attempts in the Knesset today to censure his Government for its handling of the Lavon affair, and emerged from the debate with a solid coalition vote for a resolution which "took note" of the Prime Minister's state of the nation address.

Critical resolutions, offered by the Herut Party, the General Zionists, the Communists and the Agudat Israel, had to be watered down when the Speaker of the House refused to submit to a vote any resolution referring directly to the "security mishap" in 1954 which brought about the resignation of Pinhas Lavon as Defense Minister in 1955, and precipitated the current affair.

The opposition parties also failed in their attempts to put through a resolution which would instruct the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee to continue its consideration of the "affair."

The Knesset votes came tonight after Mr. Ben-Gurion had replied to the general debate in a 90-minute speech that ranged over several areas in which his regime had been criticized before he took up the Lavon affair. Even then, he did not discuss the general implications of the affair, which he had ignored in his state of the nation address. Instead, he limited himself to replies to suggestions that the Army might have been acting independently of the civilian authority.

Enters Staunch Defense Of Army; Threatened Cabinet Crisis Resolved

Mr. Ben-Gurion defended the Army with vigor and some heat. He told the Knesset that the Army regarded itself solely as an executive arm of the civilian authorities. It had never occurred to the Army leaders and, he was certain, he said, it never would, that they should take any kind of action of their own free will.

Neither the Army nor the Government, he noted ironically, was composed exclusively of angels and, hence, there may have been some unfortunate cases and charges against individual officers some of whom were currently under detention. He stressed, however, that this in no way reflected on the officers' corps.

The Premier reviewed the development of the Israeli Army and disclosed that, prior to his retirement to Sde Boker in 1953, he had drafted a three-year plan to strengthen Israel's security. This plan, he said, was carried out, and the Sinai campaign of 1956 was proof of its success. The Prime Minister cited the report of officers "of a not particularly friendly nation," stating that the Israeli Army was the best in the Middle East, and that the Sinai campaign was one of the finest achievements in military history. The report to which Mr. Ben-Gurion referred was believed to have been made to the Soviet General staff.

Prior to the Knesset session, an inter-party fight over the composition of a ministerial commission to investigate all aspects of the Lavon affair was resolved at an hour-long special meeting of the Cabinet. The original five-man commission was expanded to seven, adding one Mapam and one Agudist representative.

A Government crisis had threatened yesterday, when the two Mapam Party members of the Cabinet walked out of its regular session to protest their party's exclusion from the commission. The Achdut Avodah representative then refused to accept his designation to the commission in support of the Mapam ministers.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, who did not vote in the Cabinet discussion yesterday on the form the investigation was to take, objected to Mapam representation because a Mapam spokesman had likened the Lavon affair to the Dreyfus case. This morning, the Mapai Party agreed to enlarge the commission, and give a seat to Mapam. Israel Barzilai, the Minister of Health, was named as the Mapam member of the commission and Benjamin Mintz, Minister of Posts, to represent Poale Aguda.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 31. (JTA) - Work was under way today on a new Sodom-Eilat road which will cut nearly 40 miles from present road transit between the Dead Sea Works and the southern port city. The new road will be about 60 miles long, compared with the existing road of about 100 miles.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Scientists disclosed today the development of a new process of enriching Dead Sea phosphates for fertilizers, increasing the phosphorus content from the present maximum 31 percent to a uniform 38 percent. If the process proves commercially feasible, Israel's phosphates would be the richest in the world.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Three new buildings for the faculties of physical and inorganic chemistry were dedicated at the Hebrew University here today in honor of Mrs. Mae Boyar, of Los Angeles. The structures were made possible by contributions from the Los Angeles chapter of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, Israel's former Prime Minister and ex-Foreign Minister, has applied for a visa to the Soviet Union, but had not received it, it was learned here today. The request was made to the Soviet Embassy here, which passed the application on to Moscow--which has made no reply to date.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Nine hundred members of the Israeli civil service, a majority of them holding American citizenship, were ordered today to comply immediately with the law restricting civil service employment to Israel citizens--or consider themselves fired. "Exceptional" cases will be given special consideration, or placed under individual contracts, if their jobs were found irreplaceable by Israeli citizens.

BEN-GURION PREDICTS RUSSIA WILL LET JEWS MIGRATE TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31, (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion is of the firm conviction that sooner or later the Soviet authorities will have to permit Jews to leave Russia to settle in Israel. He told members of the United Jewish Appeal study mission at a banquet here last night that he was sure the time would come, "next year or five years from now," when the Soviet leaders would have to let the Jews go.

During the coming decade, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, two great tasks faced Israel--the arrival of two million Jews and the settlement of the entire Negev, the Southern Desert. He pointed out that four million Jews live today in two large areas--"a great country in Eastern Europe that I need not name, where three million live, and North Africa." These Jews, he said, were "locked up" and forbidden to migrate to Israel.

Sooner or later, he said, seeing what was happening in the world, the Soviet leaders would have to let the Jews go. He predicted about half of them would want to go to Israel.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, expressed concern that only one of Israel's two images was getting through to American Jewry--the image of a prosperous, successful country. He said the second image of an Israel of maabarot (immigrant camps) behind the shining housing projects, of grave security problems, of precariously balanced new housing projects, was not getting through to the American Jewish public, thus making the UJA work most difficult.

Rabbi Friedman urged the UJA and Israeli leaders to help place before the American Jewish public the full Israeli picture blending both images. Ogden R. Reid, the United States Ambassador, urged the members of the mission to send their friends to visit Israel.

Labor Zionists Call Upon U.S.S.R. To Grant Rights To Jews

DETROIT, Oct. 31, (JTA) -- A resolution protesting against "continued discrimination by the Soviet Union against its Jewish population," and appealing "to all justice-loving people to join in demands that Soviet Jews be granted the elementary right of maintaining their cultural and communal institutions," was adopted here at the closing session of the 32nd national convention of the Labor Zionist Organization of America. The convention also urged the Government of the USSR to make it possible for Russian Jews desiring to immigrate to Israel to leave the country.

Another resolution urged American Labor Zionists to participate more actively in Jewish communal activities related to the support of Israel and the strengthening of Jewish life in the United States. This resolution stressed particularly the need for promotion of Jewish day schools and other educational programs in the Jewish communities in this country. Pinchas Cruso, of Cincinnati, was elected president of the LZOA; Dr. Ezra Spicehandler, of Cincinnati, vice-president; and Joseph Cooper, of Newark, chairman of the executive committee. Susan Brecher was re-elected treasurer.

GOLDMANN WARNS AGAINST 'FATAL ILLUSIONS' IN REGARD TO ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Oct. 31, (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann warned the 35th biennial conference of the Canadian Zionist Organization here today to beware of two "fatal illusions"--that Israel was over the hump, and that Jewish survival was secure in the Diaspora.

The president of the World Zionist Organization reminded the convention that Israel was not yet economically stable, and not yet at peace with its neighbors. As to the communities outside Israel, he noted that many were facing problems of intellectual stagnation and social crisis.

Israel, he declared, needed world Jewry if it were not to decline to the status of yet another Asian or African state among the scores in the United Nations. World Jewry, he said, needed to become a partner, even if a junior partner, and associated with the dignity and creativity of Israel's achievements.

Dr. Goldmann advocated abolition of the partisan structure of the World Zionist Organization, and the inclusion of general Jewish organizations which support Israel even if they are not prepared to affiliate with present components of the WZO.

Lawrence Freiman, president of the Canadian Zionist Organization, criticized Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's views that the Zionist organization was no longer necessary, terming it "unrealistic." He called for measures that would place the Canadian organization in closer touch with Israel opinion.

JERUSALEM ELECTS NEW SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI; POST VACANT SINCE 1955

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31, (JTA) -- Rabbi Elyahu Pardess, 64-year-old chief rabbi of the Sephardic community of Ramat Gan, was elected here today as chief Sephardic rabbi of Jerusalem. The post has been vacant since the death, in 1955, of the late Chief Rabbi H. Shabbetai.

LODGE PLEDGES SELF, NIXON TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Henry Cabot Lodge, the Republican vice-presidential candidate, was quoted today as stating that "the cause of Israel is very dear to my heart and to that of Vice President Nixon" and that, in the event of their election, they would continue a policy of friendship and cooperation with Israel. Mr. Lodge's statement, made in Cleveland following a meeting with Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, was released here by the Republican National Committee.

"The United States has a close attachment to the State of Israel," Mr. Lodge declared. "This is our policy and will continue to be so. We attach great importance to the independence and progress of the Israeli Government. Our attachment to this tiny land and its freedom-loving people is fully justified from every viewpoint."

The Republican candidate said that "notwithstanding any disappointments, the record has been an impressive record of achievement. Our continued efforts to open the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping, our unceasing bonds of common effort here, in Israel and in the United Nations, the warm climate of friendship between our Government and our people and the Government of Israel and the people of Israel, the tremendous financial assistance which the State of Israel has received during these past seven and a half years--these are only a few examples of the spirit which exists between our countries."

Mr. Lodge said he and Mr. Nixon were "honored to have had a part in the policies which have meant so much to Israel during these past seven and a half years" and declared "you can be sure that these evidences of friendship and cooperation will be continued by Mr. Nixon and by me in case we shall be chosen as your national leaders."

Eisenhower Urged To Help Next President Seek Arab-Israeli Peace

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower was urged today to conclude his presidential service "on a note of positive achievement in the search for peace," by taking the initiative to bring about Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Addressing the 35th national convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, here, Mrs. Moses Dyckman, its national president, proposed that Mr. Eisenhower, immediately after Election Day, join with the President-elect to give priority to this issue on which, she said "both major parties are in fundamental agreement."

The 1,000 delegates attending the convention, which will continue until Wednesday, voted today to build a vocational school for girls and a community center in Beersheba, Israel, at a cost of \$150,000. The Mizrahi Women's Organization of Canada will join in sponsoring the project, which will serve 200 students and also provide a cultural center for the entire city of Beersheba.

WARBURG TELLS J. D. C. CONFERENCE OF VAST PROGRESS BY EUROPEAN JEWS

GENEVA, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish communities of Europe, after 15 years of ploughing, planting and tilling the field of human and community rehabilitation, are now ready "to reap the harvest of new life and hope," Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, said today in opening the 15th annual JDC overseas conference here.

The New Yorker told the conference that the Jewish communities in Europe had made such strides that they were no longer solely dependent on the JDC, but had become partners in the work of bringing health, welfare and educational programs to the needy Jews of Western Europe. This new situation, he pointed out, was reflected in the fact that the phrase, "Assembly of European Jewish Communities," had been appended to the conference name. "We have shared the struggle together," he declared. "Now, we may begin to share the victory."

Charles Jordan, overseas director of the JDC, told the session that it had to consider areas in Moslem countries where mass needs continued to exist, and Israel where the JDC still operated a direct relief program for the aged, ill and chronically handicapped newcomers.

Mr. Jordan said the JDC program functioned in 25 countries and declared total expenditures in 1960, for 226,000 men, women and children, would exceed \$29,000,000. He pointed out that the JDC, in addition to funds from the United Jewish Appeal in the United States, also received funds from other sources like the Canadian Jewish Congress, the South African Jewish Appeal, the French Jewish Appeal and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

A working session of the conference today was told that 95 percent of the Jewish children in Morocco, to the number of 45,000, attended Jewish schools supported by the JDC. In Iran, it was reported, nearly all the Jewish children of the country were attending school. JDC day-care programs for pre-school children, it was disclosed, serve over 6,000 children in the Moslem countries.

In Poland, it was stated, a small but permanent economically integrated Jewish community was taking root. In Israel, it was pointed out, the JDC-aided health and welfare facilities were so constructed that they could be permanently woven into the fabric of Israeli society.