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MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS IN MOROCCO THROW JEWISH POPULATION INTO PANIC

PARIS, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The entire Jewish population in Morocco was reported here today to be in a state of panic following mass arrests of Jews in various Moroccan towns. The report, which came from Rabat, indicated that the fear among Jews was greatest in the southern Moroccan towns, particularly in Fez, Meknes and Sefrou.

The number of Jews arrested during the last few days was estimated to reach about 300. During the last 48 hours alone more than 30 Jews were arrested in Fez, Meknes and Sefrou. They included the head of the Jewish community in Sefrou. All of them have been charged with participation in distribution of anonymous leaflets calling on the Jewish population to leave Morocco.

The reports indicated that tortures were carried out against the arrested Jews, particularly in the police headquarters of Meknes, where the tortures were described reliably as of an almost Nazi-like character, including the use of pincer instruments on sensitive parts of the victims' bodies.

The Council of Jewish Communities of Morocco called a special meeting to discuss the growing Moslem-Jewish tension and released a communique denouncing the "persistence of the anti-Jewish press campaign which uses false and defamatory statements." The communique also strongly protested against the "pretensions of responsible elements whosoever they may be and whatever their reasons."

The Council reaffirmed the loyalty of Moroccan Jewry to King Mohammed V whose liberal attitude toward the Jews of Morocco was lauded. The communique assailed the anonymous leaflets distributed to Moroccan Jews as the possible work of provocateurs "who aim at sowing discord between the Jewish and Moslem populations."

A Jewish delegation was scheduled to make another attempt to meet with the Crown Prince and Premier, Moulay Hassan, to express the anxieties of Moroccan Jews and to assure the Government of Moroccan Jewish loyalty.

Roger Seydoux, the French Ambassador to Morocco, called on the Moroccan Foreign Ministry yesterday and protested the detention of the two French Jews, Andre Niddam and Maurice Ruimy. The envoy said that no charges had been brought against the two men since their arrest and that they had been detained for a longer time than Moroccan law permits. He also called to the Ministry's attention the concern felt by the French Government at the stringent Moroccan enforcement of emigration laws against Jews which the envoy said contradicted United Nations principles.

Admiral Kahane, president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, has arrived in Morocco to study problems facing the Alliance Israelite institutions in connection with the nationalization of some of the Alliance schools by the Moroccan Government. He visited Jewish schools in several towns and met with leaders of the Moroccan Jewish community.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH BEN-GURION TODAY ON NEW CABINET

FERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- President Ben-Zvi today invited Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion for a meeting tomorrow to entrust him with the task of forming a new Government to replace the one he toppled January 31.

At the same time it became known that the National Religious party, the key to Mr. Ben-Gurion's strategy of forming a small coalition Government, postponed until tomorrow the decision on whether to accept Mr. Ben-Gurion's bid. The groups within the Religious Bloc were reported split almost evenly on accepting the invitation and the party's central committee will act at a meeting tomorrow.

The Religious Bloc reportedly was seeking to obtain a commitment from Mr. Ben-Gurion that the coalition would not be a mere stop-gap to enable his Mapai party to ease out of a difficult situation created by his fight against Pinhas Lavon, the ousted secretary-general of the Histadrut, but one which would last out the life of the present Knesset, Israel's Parliament, which is some three years.

KNESSET REBUKES POLICE FOR ACTION IN DISPERSING PRO-LAVON CROWDS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament administered today a rebuke to Israel police officials for the behavior of police in dispersing crowds who gathered at the Ohel Theater in Tel Aviv on February 4 when the Mapai Central Committee met to vote the ouster of Pinhas Lavon as secretary-general of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation.

The rebuke consisted of submitting the issue to a House committee after representatives of the General Zionists, the Mapam and the Herut submitted motions on the police action. The motions asserted that when students demonstrated against the Lavon ouster, police plainclothesmen joined Mapai party ushers to disperse the crowd. The motions also contained a charge that the plainclothesmen wielded hidden batons against the noisier demonstrators.

The deputies asserted that the public must always be able to identify policemen and that when auxiliary police of party ushers exercise authority outside of the premises, they should wear clearly visible armbands or badges "in order to avoid hooliganism."

Police Minister Behor Shitreet admitted that six or seven plainclothesmen were among the uniformed police who used batons and he agreed that all persons purporting to establish order should be identifiable by the public. The Knesset passed the motions to committee for consideration without objections.

HAIFA TECHNION ANNOUNCES BUILDING OF SATELLITE TRACKING STATION

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Officials of the Haifa Technion reported today that a satellite tracking unit is being built on the roof of the Institute's aeronautical engineering building and that it will be finished next month.

Israel will then join the world of "moonwatchers," and the information will be transmitted to the center of the worldwide network of tracking stations at the Astrophysical Observatory of the Smithsonian Institute at Cambridge, Mass.

The Israeli unit will be manned by volunteers from the Haifa Astronautic Society and members of the Gadna Avir, the Junior Air Cadets. They are expected to have plenty of observing to do since there are now more than 30 man-made satellites still in orbit with many more scheduled for early launching by the United States and Russia.

Establishing of the Haifa tracking station was made possible by gifts from Sam Sklar of Louisiana, a Technion supporter, and from the Haifa Municipality. Jerome Shafer, chief lecturer on aeronautical engineering at the Institute, will direct the project.

ANTI-SEMITIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION BANNED IN SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

KIEL, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Government of Schleswig-Holstein banned today the Nationalist Students Union. This is the seventh state in West Germany to ban the neo-Nazi student organization since the rash of swastika daubings touched off by the desecration of the Cologne synagogue on Christmas Eve in 1959.

In announcing the action, the Interior Ministry said that the organization had engaged in subversive neo-Nazi activities and that the group's anti-Semitic publication, "Studenten und Volk" had been confiscated. It was also announced that chapters in various institutions of higher learning in Schleswig-Holstein had been dissolved.

SENATOR JAVITS ASKS STATE DEPT. TO CHECK REPORTS ON MOROCCAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, today asked the State Department to inquire into widespread reports of mistreatment of Jews in Morocco.

The Senator, in a message to the State Department, voiced his concern over recent instances of anti-Jewish discrimination. He said that King Mohammed V gave assurances when his country became independent in 1956 that the rights of Jews would be protected.

ISRAEL MUM ON REPORTS OF A GERMAN LOAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEGEV

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Government maintained today its policy of silence on reports of a West German loan for the industrial development of the Negev.

Asked for details by General Zionists Ezra Ichilov in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, expressed regret that he could not say anything on the matter and referred the Deputy to a laconic denial by the Prime Minister's office last January 1.

DESALINATION PILOT PLANT CORNERSTONE EVENT SET FOR EILAT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for a pilot plant for desalination of sea water at Eilat will be laid at the end of March, Mordechai Bentov, the Development Minister, informed President Ben-Zvi today in inviting him to attend.

The plant will be based on the process developed by Alexander Zarchin, the former Soviet scientist.

SEN. FULBRIGHT ATTACKS ISRAEL IN SENATE; PUTS CHARGES IN RECORD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today took the Senate floor to criticize Israel--alleging that Israel practices undemocratic censorship--and to reveal the contents of private correspondence with Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman.

Senator Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, told the Senate that "Last spring after I had visited in the Middle East I was taken severely to task by the Israeli Prime Minister because I referred to censorship in Israel." As a result, he said, he exchanged correspondence with the Israel Government to make known his displeasure at such criticism.

Senator Fulbright revealed anger, in the correspondence made public today, at Israeli allegations that he misrepresented facts and made statements "apt to be misleading." Defending his charges, Sen. Fulbright's correspondence insisted that Israel censored the press, "invaded the Sinai Peninsula," violated United Nations Armistice agreements, and sought to minimize the actual number of Arab refugees as enumerated by the United Nations.

Senator Fulbright informed the Senate of criticism of himself by Mr. Ben-Gurion and quoted Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement that "There was no basis for such talk by a responsible person who heads the Foreign Relations Committee of such an august institution as the U.S. Senate."

Continuing his attack on Israel, Sen. Fulbright brought the controversy up to date by inserting into the Congressional Record a number of news dispatches from Israel and Cyprus, published in The New York Times and Washington Post within the last month, containing references to the use of censorship by Israel in the Lavon case.

AMERICAN FIRM OBTAINS RIGHTS FOR PROSPECTING PHOSPHATE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Alumina Corporation, an American firm, was disclosed today to be the first foreign company to obtain prospecting rights in Israel for a resource other than oil.

The Israel Government approved a contract signed several months ago in the United States by Dr. Menahem Bader, director general of the Israel Development Ministry, with the corporation for prospecting phosphate deposits in the Negev.

The corporation is setting up a subsidiary to be called the Israel-American Phosphates Company to exploit the prospecting rights obtained by the parent firm in three large Negev areas. The corporation plans to invest 500,000 pounds (\$280,000) in the project.

If workable deposits are found, the corporation will establish a refining plant with an annual capacity of 500,000 tons. The Government has guaranteed that royalties paid by the American firm will not exceed those paid by the Israel National Phosphates Co. and in any case the royalties will not exceed more than seven and one-half percent.

W. J. C. PARLEY ADOPTS PROGRAM TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM IN LATIN AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Delegates to the conference of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress approved today a broad-ranging program to fight anti-Semitism on the South American continent and to enlighten public opinion on the issue through the trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann.

The delegates also adopted a declaration stressing the need to call on world public opinion to intensify efforts for full implementation of democratic principles to assure a harmonious co-existence between nations, peoples and religions.

The governments and peoples of the American continent were urged to act "inflexibly" but in accordance with the principles of law to repress the activities of "those who endanger the fraternal co-existence of all sections of the populations and their moral progress."

The delegates also decided to convene at the end of this year the fourth conference of Jewish communities in Latin America to give special attention to educational and cultural problems. They stressed the importance of meetings of Jewish university students, citing the success of such a gathering held recently in Uruguay.

30,000 JEWS REPORTED RESIDING IN AMSTERDAM; FURTHER DECLINE EXPECTED

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Amsterdam declined from 140,000 before the Nazi occupation to 30,000 last year, according to statistics published here today. It is estimated that by 1970, the number of Jews in the city will have declined further to 25,000.

London's Jewish Lord Mayor, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, will pay an official visit to Amsterdam during the latter part of April, it was reported here today. During his stay here, Sir Bernard is scheduled to visit the 280-year-old Sephardi Synagogue and the Jewish Historical Museum.

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NEW YORK MAYOR TO APPEAL COURT'S UPSETTING OF CITY BAN ON ROCKWELL

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert Wagner acted today to seek an appeal from the New York Court of Appeals from the Appellate Division ruling that George L. Rockwell, self-styled American Nazi, had the same right as any other citizen to make a public speech in a park.

The Appellate Court, by a four to one decision, upset yesterday a ruling last August by State Supreme Court Justice Henry Epstein in which he refused to order New York City Park Commissioner Newbold Morris to issue a permit to Rockwell, who wanted to stage a rally in Union Square Park last July 4.

The Appellate Court ruled that Rockwell's constitutional right to free speech had been infringed by the city's refusal to give him a permit because of the possibility of violence. Mayor Wagner said today he would order Corporation Counsel Charles H. Tenney to appeal the Appellate Court decision.

Rockwell today sent a telegram to Commissioner Morris asking for a permit to hold a rally in Union Square at 10 a. m. May 1. He said he would bring 50 or 60 uniformed "storm troopers" with him. He added that he would be "scrupulously careful" in speaking May 1 to say nothing "that could be termed insulting" if he obtained a permit. At the same time he indicated that he would discuss "the race issue and anti-Communism" and "the overwhelming Jewish participation in Communism."

KLAUSENBERGER REBBE STARTS DRIVE TO SETTLE ALL FOLLOWERS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Klausenberger Rebbe opened his mass campaign for immediate settling of all of his followers in Israel yesterday with an address to a mass meeting of more than 15,000 persons in B'nai Brak, the Orthodox town near Tel Aviv. A substantial group of the ultra-Orthodox zealots of the Natorei Karta lives in B'nai Brak.

Rabbi Halberstam spoke with enthusiasm about the desire for settlement which he said existed among Orthodox Jews in the United States and unfolded plans for more Orthodox settlements in Israel. He called on Orthodox Jews in the free countries to fulfil the goal of immigration "which they so cherish" and come to Israel to settle. The Klausenberger Rebbe came to Israel several years ago with a group of his followers to settle.

AMERICAN FUR TRADING COMPANY TO DEVELOP MINK BREEDING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Plans for the development of a fur-breeding industry in Israel were reported here today by Herman M. Meltzer, a Chicago fur executive, who recently conducted a survey for the Israel Government of the fur industry potential in that country. Mr. Meltzer, who said the plan had the approval of the Israel Government, has formed a company known as the Israel Fur Trading Corporation, to carry out the program.

The plans for the development of the Israel fur industry include the establishment of mink-breeding facilities with the possibility of a Persian lamb breeding program to follow; establishment of a special village in an underdeveloped area to process the pelts; and the formation of an Israel Fur Institute and Fur Bureau of Standards to control the quality of all furs and fur products. Arrangements have been made to ship 500 breeding mink from the United States to Israel in April, Mr. Meltzer said.

NINE AMERICANS AMONG 22 NON-JEWS CONVERTED TO JUDAISM IN MOROCCO

CASABLANCA, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Twenty-two conversions to Judaism were carried out during 1960 by the Rabbinic Court of Casablanca, it was reported here today. The figure represents fewer conversions than were carried out in 1959, mainly because the Rabbinic Court began putting more difficulties in the way of those wishing to convert.

Nine of the 22 persons converted last year were Americans, while the rest were of either French or Spanish nationality. While the majority of the converts adopted Judaism in order to marry Moroccan Jewish girls, there were some purely "religious" conversions motivated solely by love of Judaism. In the latter category was a United States Army Lieutenant who decided to embrace Judaism after several years of studying the religion.

MYER RIESMAN, BOSTON JEWISH LEADER, DEAD; WAS ACTIVE IN PHILANTHROPY

BOSTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Myer Riesman, prominent philanthropist and a leader of the Boston Jewish community, died here at the age of 62. Active in the work of both the Associated Jewish Philanthropies and the Combined Jewish Appeal, Mr. Riesman was a trustee of the former for 21 years and had served on its executive committee. He was vice-president of the Combined Jewish Appeal for three terms and has been treasurer since 1955.

Mr. Riesman was a member of the board of Beth Israel Hospital, where, together with his brother, Joseph Riesman, he established the dental clinic bearing his name. He was also a member of the board of the Joint Distribution Committee.