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JEWS IN SO. MOROCCO PROHIBITED TO SELL THEIR PROPERTY; SIX ARRESTED

CASABLANCA, Dec. 25: (JTA) -- Moroccan authorities in the southern part of the country are prohibiting the sale of property by Jews who wish to leave their towns, it was reported here today. In Essaouira, leaflets are being distributed urging local Moslems to refrain from purchasing houses or any other property from Jews leaving the town.

At the same time, five Jews were arrested today in the southern Moroccan region of Ksar es-Souk on charges of "Zionist activities" and of allegedly helping Jews to leave the country for emigration to Israel. A sixth Jew, Sion Elkoubi, had been arrested earlier on similar charges, and is still in jail pending trial. The five arrested were identified as Toubly, Berkiki, Nejjar, Ichou and Meir Anna.

A Moroccan court of appeals in Tangiers will hand down a judgment next month in the case of Captain Morilas Reinardo, skipper of the vessel "Price," in which 42 Jews were drowned last January when the ship sank off the Moroccan coast. Reinardo was sentenced to four years and two months' imprisonment after he was convicted by a lower court of manslaughter through negligence. Appeals by two other crew members of the ship, Sanchez and Castroman, who were sentenced to one year each, were rejected, and their sentences were confirmed.

During the interrogation by the appeals court, Reinardo testified that a sudden gale had hit the ship and flooded the hull. He said the ship sank within a few minutes. He admitted that he had abandoned the ship while it was sinking. Reinardo's attorney, a Jew identified as Zaoui, pleaded that the court was incompetent to try the case. The Moroccan Attorney General has demanded the maximum penalty provided by law. The appeals court is composed entirely of Moslem Judges.

ISRAEL CABINET VOTES ADDITIONAL \$66,000,000 TO HOUSE NEW IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25: (JTA) -- The Cabinet yesterday approved supplementary Government expenditures totaling 118,000,000 pounds (\$66,080,000) over and above the 1961-62 budget. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will ask the Knesset tomorrow to approve the additional expenditures which were made necessary in part by the Government's accelerated program to house new immigrants.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who was scheduled to report to yesterday's Cabinet meeting on his two-week visit to Burma, did not attend the meeting after doctors ordered him to remain in bed for several days because of a cold.

The formation of an Economic Planning Authority was approved today by the Ministerial Committee and will begin operating this week under the direction of David Kochav, former head of the research department of the Bank of Israel.

The Planning Authority, which will be responsible to the Minister of Finance in cooperation with other ministries concerned, will be charged with drafting Israel's economic plan for the next four or five years, and will formulate each year a forecast of the gross national product and the national income for the coming 12 months.

The Authority will also advise the Finance Ministry and other Government departments on a wide range of problems, including foreign trade relations and Israel's relations with the European Common Market.

NASSER TO INCREASE ARMED FORCES; SAYS CANNOT ATTACK ISRAEL NOW

LONDON, Dec. 25: (JTA) -- Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of the United Arab Republic, has told his followers that he will build his nation's armed strength "to meet Zionist and Imperialist threats," according to Egyptian dispatches received here today.

Addressing a rally at Port Said, in celebration of the withdrawal of British and French forces following the Suez Canal action in 1956, Nasser said he will add three divisions to his army, as well as a "well-armed national guard," to enable him "to break the head of anybody who may approach us."

He implied, however, that he does not intend to attack Israel at this time, stating that those who were urging him to engage in war against Israel or in any other kind of military operation were doing so "in order to stab us in the back." He declared Arabs could not wage war against Israel until other Arab nations "rid themselves of reactionary fifth columns."

WORLD JEWISH POPULATION TOTALED 12,300,000 BY END OF 1959, DATA SHOWS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- The Jewish population in the world totaled 12,300,000 by the end of 1959, according to estimates in Israel's official Statistical Bulletin, published today. Of the total, 15.3 percent of the world's Jews live in Israel, the figures show.

Israel's population in 1960, the data shows, was 2,150,000. The population density in this country rose from 41.3 per two square kilometers in 1948 to 106.2 in 1960.

RATE OF EXCHANGE OF ISRAELI CURRENCY FOR TOURISTS HELD INADEQUATE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- While the number of tourists visiting Israel rose by 30 percent this year, the amount of money spent by the visitors increased by only nine percent, it was reported here today by Theodor Kollek, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office and chairman of the Government Tourist Corporation.

Mr. Kollek, who addressed the opening of a conference held by the Tourist Corporation jointly with El Al Israel National Airlines and the Zim Israel Navigation Company, attributed the difference in the two figures to the fact more visitors exchanged currency through unofficial channels. He blamed the inadequate exchange rate of 2.16 pounds for the dollar for this phenomenon.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND TO BE OBSERVED IN ISRAEL TODAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- The 60th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish National Fund will be observed tomorrow with three rallies in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion is scheduled to address the Jerusalem rally with former Premier Moshe Sharett and Labor Minister Yigal Allon slated to appear in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

The Jewish National Fund was founded by the World Zionist Organization during the meeting of the Fifth Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in December 1901. The aims of the organization was to acquire the soil of Palestine as national and inalienable property and to carry out drainage and afforestation on the land. The idea of the JNF was first conceived by Dr. Hermann Schapira, professor of mathematics at the University of Heidelberg.

600 U.S. JEWS WHO RETIRED ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS LIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Some 600 Jews from the United States who are retired on Social Security benefits, are now living in Israel, it was reported today at the opening session of the annual midwinter conference of Retired Residents from America and Canada being held in Ashkelon.

The conference called on Jews in the United States and Canada who are retired on Social Security benefits, to consider settling in Israel. The sessions of the conference will be addressed by prominent Israeli leaders.

U.S. GRANTS \$82,500 TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY FOR A STUDY IN BOTANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- A Hebrew University scientist, Dr. Dov Koller, of Jerusalem, has been given a grant of \$82,500 by the United States Department of Agriculture for a five-year study of the developmental physiology of perennial pasture grasses, it was announced here today.

Dr. Koller, a botanist, will carry out the study in Israel's Negev Desert and in arid and semi-arid regions in this country. The study will be coordinated with the Israel Research Council.

ZENA HARMAN HEADS PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF U.N. BODY AIDING CHILDREN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Mrs. Zena Harman, of Israel, a member of Israel's permanent mission here from 1951 to 1955, and for years one of the most active members of the executive board of the United Nations Children's Fund, was elected chairman of the UNICEF program committee here this weekend. She will serve for a year as head of the committee which supervises and implements the world-wide UNICEF activities on behalf of mothers and children.

Mrs. Harman, wife of Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to Washington, was born in London, received her higher education at the London School of Economics, and settled in Palestine in 1940. She is the mother of three children. The same meeting of the UNICEF executive board, which elected Mrs. Harman, also voted a \$30,000 allocation for a social service training project in Israel.

DUTCH SHIPBUILDERS TO CONSTRUCT 12 VESSELS FOR ISRAELI COMPANIES

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Israeli shipping companies have concluded an agreement with the Dutch Shipbuilding Association for the construction of 12 vessels ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 tons, it was reported here today. According to the agreement, three of the ships will be built in Haifa with the remaining nine to be built in Holland.

BULGARIA CONVERTS THE ONLY REMAINING SYNAGOGUE IN SOFIA INTO MUSEUM

VIENNA, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- The only remaining synagogue in Sofia has been converted into a museum, it was reliably reported here today. The move was foreshadowed earlier this year when the Bulgarian Government asked Chief Rabbi Asher Hananel to petition the Government to close the synagogue because of alleged poor attendance at services.

Rabbi Hananel, who refused the Government's request, has since been arrested for alleged dealings in gold and foreign currency and is in a prison hospital suffering from diabetes. His alleged accomplice, a Sofia dentist, who was detained for making teeth from illegal gold supposedly provided by Rabbi Hananel, has since been released.

A move is afoot, meanwhile, to rally church leaders and distinguished clerics to make representations to the Bulgarian Government on behalf of the 65-year-old Chief Rabbi who, for the past four months, has been detained incommunicado and without trial or formal charges.

GERMANY SEEKING WITNESSES AGAINST NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today announced that it had received a request from German authorities to help obtain evidence against Heinrich Hamann, former Nazi commissioner for Nowy Sacz, Poland and four of his assistants who are about to stand trial in West Germany.

Hamann has been under arrest in Germany since May 1960 for crimes committed between 1940-1942: 1. Robbing, beating and killing thousands of Jews; 2. Shooting, drowning, burying alive 300 individual Jews; 3. Eye-gouging and stabbing a Jew to death; 4. Killing a Jew by throwing him from a second-floor window; 5. Drowning a Jew in a barrel of oil for trying to get some gasoline; 6. Shooting children for selling cigarettes; 7. Setting a 75-year-old Jew's beard alight.

Hamann's crimes were committed not only in Nowy Sacz, but also in Old Sacz, Limanowa, Grybow, and Mszana-Dolna. The investigation, carried out by a judge at Bochum State Court, have been extended to include four of Hamann's aides: Georg Urban, a former police lieutenant in Limanowa; Egbert Brock, a Criminal Assistant in Nowy Sacz; Guenter Labitzka, a Gestapo officer in Nowy Sacz; and Josef Rouenhoff, a Criminal Assistant, at one time in charge of the Jewish section of the Gestapo.

The WJC has already provided a considerable number of witnesses against Hamann and the investigating judge has now requested help in gathering evidence also against his four aides. Persons who can identify the criminals or have any information about their crimes are requested to contact the World Jewish Congress.

\$1,300,000 IN CASH AND ART LEFT BY MISS LASKER TO CHARITY, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- The late Miss Loula D. Lasker, former vice-president of Hadassah, bequeathed more than \$1,000,000 worth of paintings, sculptures and other art objects to a number of museums, plus cash legacies to the City of New York, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, Brandeis University and other beneficiaries, totaling more than \$1,300,000, according to the contents of her will made public here by her attorneys this weekend. Miss Lasker died last January at the age of 72.

The bulk of the art legacies will go to the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem, which will receive the art works through the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. Bezalel will receive paintings by Dufy, Monet, Renoir, Dali and Utrillo as well as drawings, lithographs, other paintings and sculptures by many other leading artists, including Matisse, Chagall, Gauguin, Degas and Rodin. One painting will go to the Art Museum of Tel Aviv, while others have been bequeathed to other leading museums in New York, Chicago, Washington, Los Angeles, Houston and Dallas, to Vassar College and to Brandeis University.

Various national charities will receive \$472,000. A \$300,000 trust fund was set up in the will for scholarships in the field of urban redevelopment and housing. New York City's bequest, amounting to \$600,000, is for a swimming pool and skating rink, to be matched by a New York City appropriation.

N.Y. NAZI YOUTH HELD UNDER \$2,500 BAIL FOR ATTACKING POLICEMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- An 18-year-old youth, accused of being "a member of a young Nazi movement," is under \$2,500 bail here today, being held for a hearing scheduled for Thursday, as a result of an attack on an off-duty policeman who is Jewish.

The youth, Clifford Roehn, attacked and beat the policeman, Bernard Goldberg, "specifically because he was Jewish," an assistant district attorney told the magistrate before whom Roehn was arraigned. The altercation occurred Saturday in front of Goldberg's home in Brooklyn.

A search of Roehn's home, the magistrate was told, revealed a quantity of anti-Semitic literature as well as some Nazi emblems. He allegedly told policemen who arrested him that he "hates Jews and Italians" and wants to be "a muscle man for the Nazis."

WORLD JEWISH LEADERS GREET SO. AFRICAN JEWISH PAPER ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; and British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, were among the Jewish leaders from many lands who have sent messages of greeting to South Africa's largest Jewish newspaper, the Southern African Jewish Times, on its silver jubilee which it celebrated with a special issue published today.

In his message of greeting, Premier Ben-Gurion saluted the Jewish Times as "a sound and sober organ of South African Jewry and the whole Diaspora" and lauded the support which Israel receives from South African Jewry, "one of the most devoted and open-handed Jewish communities in the world." Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir hailed the work done by the Southern African Jewish Times in "strengthening the happy bond between Israel and the Jews of South Africa."

Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Central African Federation, who is himself a Jew, congratulated the Jewish Times on rendering a service "directed not only to the Jewish people of Southern Africa, but to the work of fostering goodwill and a good relationship between Jews and non-Jews." This note is also echoed by the Provincial Administrators of the Republic of South Africa and by the Mayors of the major South African cities, who warmly commended the role of the Southern African Jewish Times in promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Jew and non-Jew.

Leon Feldberg, editor of the Southern African Jewish Times, who founded the paper 25 years ago and who has directed it ever since, told of the hurdles overcome by the paper in its climb to its present prestige.

ALIENS RESIDING IN U.S. ORDERED TO REPORT THEIR ADDRESSES IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Aliens residing in the United States were reminded by the Immigration and Naturalization Service today that they must report their addresses during January 1962.

Annual registration of aliens in January is a requirement of the 1952 Immigration and Naturalization Act. Immigration Commissioner J. M. Swing said aliens may go to any post office or immigration field service office to complete in person the necessary forms. Violation of the Immigration Act requirement, the Commissioner said, could make an alien subject to fine, jail sentence, and subsequent deportation.

DR. SCHWARTZ LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO CONFER ON ISRAEL BOND PLANS FOR 1962

NEW YORK, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, left yesterday for Israel to discuss its increased economic development needs with top leaders of the Israel Government.

The Israel bond leader will confer with Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Minister of Commerce and Industry Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Development and Housing Giora Josephthal and other Government figures on a program of enlarging the flow of investment capital in the coming year through the Israel bond campaign.

CHICAGO JEWISH LEADER NAMED HEAD OF THE B'NAI B'RITH FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Myron E. Herzog, a prominent Chicago Jewish communal leader, has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of the B'nai B'rith Foundation, the fund-raising arm of the organization. Mr. Herzog, a member of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission, succeeds Paul Kapelow, of New Orleans.

EDWARD JACOBS, PROMINENT AMERICAN ZIONIST, DEAD; CITED BY U.S. GOVT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Edward Jacobs, prominent American Zionist, whom the United States Government cited following World War I for his services as a "dollar a-year" man during that war, died here this weekend at the age of 77.

Born in Russia, and brought by his parents to Atlanta at an early age, Mr. Jacobs worked during World War I as a volunteer in the War Trade Board under Bernard Baruch. He joined the Zionist movement 60 years ago. His wife, Mrs. Rose Jacobs, was national president of Hadassah and a member of the Jewish Agency executive. She is now honorary president of Hadassah.

Funeral services for Mr. Jacobs were held yesterday at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism of which he was a member. Eulogies were delivered by Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan and Professor Shalom Spiegel. The funeral proceeded from the SAJ to Mt. Eden Cemetery in Westchester where interment took place.

CHARLES MORRIS, NATIONAL JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN KENTUCKY; WAS 69

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 25; (JTA) -- Charles W. Morris, prominent Jewish attorney and first chairman of the national council of the Joint Defense Appeal, the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, died here at the age of 69. Mr. Morris was also a former vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board.