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IMMIGRATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ALGERIA TO FRANCE DECREASES

PARIS, July 16. (JTA) --- The heavy waves of immigration of Jewish refugees from Algeria to France have slowed down somewhat, but the gravity of the problems caused by the many thousands who are already here becomes more apparent daily, Jewish leaders here said today.

Two reasons account for the momentary slowing of the Jewish refugee influx. One is the fact that shipping from Algeria to metropolitan France is tied up by a strike. Secondly, the vast majority of Algeria's 150,000 Jews has already left. The remnants expected to come to France before the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the Jewish organizations, particularly the central welfare fund, Fonds Juif Unifié, face the problem of supplying permanent housing for the immigrants, caring for the large numbers of destitute, children, aged and sick.

Another problem facing the Jewish organizations here involves interceding with the French authorities on behalf of Algerian Jews who fled Algeria despite the fact that they have no public office there. All of the former public servants have been ordered to return to their posts.

Some Jews have already returned. But those who are still here fear for their future, in the event that they go back to Algeria. The FSJU and other Jewish organizations plan to take up this subject with French officials, hoping some means may be found to save these refugees from additional jeopardy.

RISES IN ISRAEL RISE; CIVIL SERVANTS GET INCREASE RETROACTIVELY

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) -- Cost-of-living allowances rose today by 8 per cent and basic salaries. Civil servants who are paid once a month will have their salaries retroactively increased as of July 1. The increases will range from 16 pounds to 40 pounds (\$4 to \$10) monthly for each worker. There will be a ceiling on increases on salaries over 40 pounds monthly.

The Government's planned compulsory savings scheme, intended to "soak up" extra purchasing power to avoid inflation, will not go into effect this month as planned, since the Government has not yet ratified legislation authorizing such forced savings.

Israel's Bar Association today protested sharply against an income tax law amendment proposed by the Treasury Department, requiring lawyers here to divulge information about the income and foreign currency holdings of their clients. Dr. Joshua Rotenberg, president of the Israel Bar Association, warned the Treasury that, if it persists in advancing its proposal, the organized attorneys will fight the draft measure in Parliament and before the public.

The Treasury had proposed that attorneys could submit to arbitrators such data as they wish to be kept in confidence, so as to insure against the Treasury's intrusion into the privacy of clients. However, the lawyers oppose any disclosures, even if they are kept confidential, insisting that their clients are entitled to "inviolable protection" against government prying through lawyers.

ISRAELI ARRESTS JEW SOUGHT BY INTERNATIONAL POLICE; WILL DEPORT HIM

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) -- Berl Leib Farkash, 44, a Jew who arrived at Jerusalem yesterday as a stowaway aboard the liner Jerusalem, from Marseilles, will be deported at the earliest possible date as an "undesirable," the Ministry of the Interior announced here today.

According to police and the Ministry, the man has been sought by Interpol, the international police, for crimes committed under various aliases in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Britain and South Africa. He told the captain of the Jerusalem when he was discovered aboard the ship, that his name was Bernard Vidar, that he was a Pole who had fled first to Hungary, then to France, and now seeks asylum in Israel. The Ministry said he is now being held by the police, and will be expelled from the country.

TWO POLICEMEN SUSPENDED IN GERMANY; CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS

HAMBURG, July 16. (JTA) -- Hamburg police officials announced today the suspension of Wilhelm Vestring, 54, a police constable. He was alleged to have taken part in the slaughter of Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland during the war.

Vestring has been a Hamburg police officer since the end of the war. A 52-year-old police officer was suspended in Flensburg for similar reasons.

GERMAN MINISTER BANS DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-NAZI LITERATURE IN SCHOOLS

MAINZ, July 16. (JTA) -- A proposal for distribution of an anti-Nazi pamphlet among students in secondary and vocational schools of the Rhineland-Pfalz state was rejected today by the state's Educational Minister, on grounds that the pamphlet presented German history as a history of "a disease."

The pamphlet was entitled "The Roots of Fascist and National Socialist Action," and was written by Dr. Fritz Bauer, Frankfurt Chief Prosecutor. The German Youth Organization for the West German state had proposed that such a brochure be distributed without charge to the students for political education purposes.

Dr. A. Orth, Education Minister, a Christian Democratic deputy in the state's Parliament, called the brochure "questionable." He cited an "expert opinion" by a university teacher he did not name that the brochure presented German history "in a dangerously simplifying and false way," by presenting it "as a history of a disease." Dr. Bauer had stressed the trend of Germany's churches toward authoritarian systems.

BONN TO PAY PENSION TO CHIEF PROSECUTOR DISMISSED FOR SERVING NAZIS

BONN, July 16. (JTA) -- Wolfgang Fraenkel, the chief Federal prosecutor, fired last Friday for "political reasons," because he had served Hitler's Peoples Court and been a member of the Nazi Party, will receive a monthly pension of 1,633 Deutschmarks (over \$400) for the rest of his life, it was reported here by the Justice Ministry today. His pension will come into effect, the Ministry said, after he has received three months' salary as dismissal pay.

Fraenkel, who was elevated to his high post only last March, was suspended 10 days ago, after East German Communists had come here from Leipzig, bringing documentary proof that he had been an assistant prosecutor in Hitler's Peoples Court during the war. In that capacity, the archives showed, he had participated in advancing to death sentences some cases involving minor offenses.

LEADER OF BRITISH NAZI MOVEMENT ANNOUNCES HIS ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAM

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- A policy of outright anti-Semitism was announced here today by Colin Jordan, leader of the British National Socialist movement. Jordan is a Coventry school teacher who has been suspended from his post, while the Coventry school board is considering his possible dismissal. His group attracted wide attention two weeks ago when it conducted a mass meeting in Trafalgar Square here, with speeches and banners proclaiming anti-Semitism as a policy.

In his policy statement, Jordan charged "Jewish domination" of Britain, attacked "colored immigration," decried democratic government, and called for "freeing Great Britain from the grip of Jewish domination." "With Britain liberated from Jewish control," he stated, "a National Socialist, authoritarian government would be established, replacing the present corrupt and inefficient democratic form." The new governmental system, he stated, would be based "strictly on racial quality, ability and service to National Socialism."

AUSTRALIAN JEWS ASK EDUCATION MINISTER TO ALTER RELIGIOUS TEACHING

SYDNEY, July 16. (JTA) -- Australian Jewish leaders today requested Minister of Education E. Wetherell to alter the social studies syllabus in the public schools in New South Wales, where Scripture is taught to elementary school pupils as part of the curriculum.

Emphasizing that the Jews of Australia favor religious instruction in public schools, the delegation insisted, however, that such teaching be placed outside the secular subjects, and be removed from the social studies syllabus. They told the Education Minister that Scripture was religious teaching, and should be taught "by experienced, informed teachers of the same faith or denomination as the pupils to be taught."

H. B. Newman, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies, led the delegation, which included three rabbis: Dr. I. Porush, Dr. H. Freedman and Dr. R. Brasch; as well as H. Goldstein, executive member of the Board. Mr. Wetherell promised to give careful consideration to the views expressed by the Jewish leaders.

ISRAEL EXPLAINS INABILITY TO PERMIT U.S. TO SELL ISRAELI CURRENCY

WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Israel Embassy here today explained why the Government of Israel could not agree to the request of the U.S. Government, to make available a total of \$500,000 of American-held Israel currency, accruing from the sale to Israel of American surplus foods, to be used by the U.S. for resale to American tourists going to Israel.

The spokesman stated that a basic reason for Israel's inability to concede this request during the negotiations was that Israel's foreign exchange control regulations provide that all exchange transactions with private individuals must be handled through commercial banks.

"However," the spokesman stated, "the Government of Israel was fully understanding of the spirit and motivation of the U.S. request, and met this request through certain modifications of its agreement with the U.S. Government. These modifications, in effect, enable the U.S. to finance certain activities in U.S.-held currency and not in dollars, with consequent easement of the U.S. dollar outflow. Thus, these modifications would alleviate the position more than the request to make available Israel currency to the value of \$500,000 for sale to American tourists."

The spokesman gave the following examples of these modifications which were introduced into the 1962 agreement between the U.S. and Israel. In the first place, the previous agreement had made it possible for the U.S. to use its Israel-held currency to pay only for transportation and travel expenses for those U.S. officials who travel to Israel under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act.

U.S. Can Use Almost \$1,000,000 in Israel Currency

Israel has now agreed that such funds can be used without restriction to finance travel and transportation expenses of all U.S. Government personnel traveling to and from Israel and, in addition, such funds may be used for all U.S. Government personnel, without restriction, traveling through Israel to any destination," the spokesman said.

"Further," the spokesman pointed out, "the Israel Government had offered to the Government of the U.S. that certain services and contracts undertaken in Israel by industrial establishments on behalf of the U.S. could be paid in U.S.-held Israel currency and not in dollars. This offer by the Israel Government to the U.S. could, if utilized, enable considerable dollar savings."

A further instance of Israel's response to the spirit of the U.S. request concerns the question of U.S. expenditures on marketing research in agriculture. In previous agreements, the U.S. Government could utilize approximately \$500,000 worth of U.S.-held Israel currency and convert it into currencies of third countries for the purpose of financing agricultural marketing research outside Israel, which is of interest to the U.S. In the new agreement, this facility is considerably expanded, and the U.S. is now in a position to convert almost \$1,000,000 of U.S.-held Israel currency into foreign currencies for this purpose.

In addition, the amount of U.S.-held Israel currency available for conversion into other currencies to finance international educational exchange activities has been increased by \$100,000. "The net effect of all these modifications," the spokesman concluded, "was that Israel had proved herself fully responsive to the spirit and motivation of the U.S. request."

ITALY RESTRICTS IMPORT OF ISRAELI BROMINE; ISRAEL CALLS MOVE 'ILLEGAL'

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) -- Israel appealed today to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to intervene with Italy regarding stiff restrictions imposed on imports from Italy of Israeli bromine and ethyl dibromide.

Israel contended that the Italian imposition of import quotas on Israeli products was "illegal because both countries are members of GATT." Israeli officials said the restrictions were costing the Dead Sea Works \$1,500,000 in loss of orders.

ESHKOL ADDRESSES MEETING OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL ON ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, July 16. (JTA) -- Israel gives an example of Socialist solidarity by sending a maximum number of her experts to developing countries, and receiving in return a great number of African trainees and students for training in Israel's universities and training institutes, Israel's Finance Minister, Levi Eshkol told a meeting of the Socialist International here today.

Mr. Eshkol expressed his trust in the solution that could be found by democratic Socialism. Priority must be given to the betterment of the standard of living of peoples all over the world, he said.

ORT TO EXPAND VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN FRANCE FOR ALGERIAN REFUGEES

GENEVA, July 16. (JTA) -- The World ORT Union executive committee pledged \$132,000 for an expansion of the ORT school network in France, and creation of new vocational training centers in southwestern France for Algerian Jewish refugees, it was announced here today.

The decision was taken in response to a plea by Daniel Mayer, chairman, and Dr. William Haber, ORT central board president, to provide funds for the emergency vocational training program for the Algerian Jews arriving in France. The program was submitted by F. Schrager, director of ORT in France.

Dr. Haber reported to the delegates on his trip to Israel, India and Australia. Reports also were heard on ORT programs in Israel, Algeria, and North Africa. The executive committee approved reports on the ORT technical assistance program in Switzerland, Israel, and Guinea; and expressed satisfaction for the close ties between the World ORT Union and the Swiss, Israeli and United States governments in the field.

ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION CALLS NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) --- Steps to enable Israel to speed her economic expansion program, in order to cope with heavily increased immigration this year, will be the major concern of a Washington planning conference which will be held under the auspices of the Israel Bond Organization beginning September 21.

In announcing the conference, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the organization, declared that the three-day parley in Washington will usher in the Fall campaign in the 1962 effort to sell a total of \$66,500,000 in Israel bonds. He also said that the conference sessions would be addressed by high Israel Government officials involved in Israel's economic planning and development program. The conference will be attended by members of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization and local campaign chairmen from various parts of the country.

B'NAI B'RITH YOUNG ADULT CONVENTION OPENS; CALLS FOR AID TO U.N.

STARLIGHT, Pa., July 16. (JTA) -- The five-day 17th annual convention of B'nai B'rith Young Adults opened here yesterday, with more than 100 delegates from various countries attending the sessions. The group is a constituent division of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

In his opening address, Robert Levison, of Montreal, the 23-year-old president of the organization, called for an international "conscience campaign" by young people to help raise money to meet the United Nations' current operating debts. "Admittedly, such efforts would merely be a drop in the financial bucket," he said, "but they might help to sting the conscience of nations who either refuse to pay their full United Nations assessments, or who have been dragging their feet in connection with the purchase of emergency bonds."

PHILADELPHIA JEWS ASK POLICE TO PREVENT AMERICAN NAZI PICKETING

PHILADELPHIA, July 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia today called upon the city's law enforcement agencies to take appropriate action to prevent the unlawful picketing, breaches of the peace and incitement to riot on the part of such groups as the followers of George Lincoln Rockwell and his American Nazi Party.

A statement setting forth the position of the JCRC was drafted and adopted by the Council's board of directors, after consultation and study with prominent lawyers expert in constitutional and criminal law. It points out that the demonstrations of the self-styled Nazis are designed to taunt, insult and provoke, and that such activities are illegal, as they constitute the crime of inciting to riot.

JEWS PROTEST DISSEMINATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, July 16. (JTA) -- Ex-President Miguel Aleman, now head of the Mexican Government's Tourist Office, assured a delegation of Jewish leaders here today that he will take "drastic steps" against the further spread of anti-Semitic and other Nazi and hate literature recently spread among tourist resorts in this country.

Floods of such literature, including copies of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and of the discredited forgery known as the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" have been distributed recently in resorts and many other places being visited at this time of the year by many tourists from the United States and other countries.