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MOROCCAN JEWS FACE RENEWED DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING PASSPORTS

CASABLANCA, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- David Amar, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Morocco, met today with Interior Minister Dr. Boutaleb to discuss the renewal of difficulties experienced by Moroccan Jews in obtaining passports. The Jewish leader asked the Moroccan Minister for re-establishment of freedom of movement for Moroccan Jews.

ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE OVER PROPERTY OF JEWS WHO LEFT COUNTRY

ALGIERS, Sept. 9. (JTA) --, The Official Gazette here today published an ordinance giving local Algerian officials the authority to reopen commercial businesses, industrial plants, "and all other economic enterprises" which have been closed due to the departure of the owners. The local authorities are given the right to appoint temporary administrators for the "abandoned" businesses.

Another decree gives the local authorities the right to requisition apartments and other residences vacant for two months. Still a further Government order announced that persons wishing to emigrate from Algeria must receive official permission to leave.

Jewish Stores in Algiers Reported Reopened by Moslem Administrators

PARIS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The decree issued in Algeria today concerning the reopening of business enterprises left by Jews and Europeans who emigrated from the country may constitute the first step toward expropriation of the property of Jewish refugees from Algeria now in France, it was feared here.

Reliable reports reaching Paris during the weekend have indicated that stores left in Algiers by Jewish refugees now in France have already been reopened by Moslems presenting themselves as "temporary administrators," even before today's decree was issued. The reports stressed that the Algerian authorities were ignoring the one-month deadline they had fixed for the return of owners of such businesses before taking over the shops and plants belonging to Europeans.

The difficult situation of Algerian refugees was dramatized here today by repeated attempts of a Jewish refugee to commit suicide. Fernand Shetrit, a former bus conductor in Algeria who arrived in France two months ago, jumped from the fifth floor balcony of the Public Bus Company office in Paris where he had vainly been seeking employment. Falling unhurt to the fourth floor, the 52-year-old refugee immediately made a second suicide jump, falling three floors and injuring himself seriously. He was taken to a hospital where he said he would try again to kill himself.

ISRAEL CABINET STARTS URGENT DISCUSSIONS OF 'EXODUS' FROM EILAT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today began urgent discussions of the situation in Eilat, Israel's southern Red Sea port, where, according to a report by Labor Minister Yigal Allon, an "exodus" of residents is taking place.

Mr. Allon called for measures to encourage settlers to remain in Eilat. The need to raise the morale of the town's residents was stressed in the discussions, which will be continued next week.

The Cabinet, meanwhile, appointed a special Ministerial committee to study all aspects of establishing television in Israel. The subject was placed on the agenda by Education Minister Abba Eban, who cited the mounting number of television sets acquired by Israelis so can now watch only Arab broadcasts.

The committee, headed by Mr. Eban, includes Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Labor Minister Yigal Allon, Welfare Minister Yosef Burg and Liahu Sasson, Minister of Posts.

AUSTRO-GERMAN PACT ON PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS EFFECTIVE TOMORROW

VIENNA, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Officials announced today that Austria and West Germany will exchange here on Tuesday ratification documents on the agreement by which the Bonn government will contribute to a fund for compensation of Austrian victims of Nazism.

West Germany pledged to pay \$80,000,000 toward the total program. The Austrian government has not yet made public the amount it will contribute to the fund.

MOSLEY REFRAINS FROM MENTIONING JEWS AT EAST END RALLY IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Sir Oswald Mosley held another rally of his British Union movement in London's East End today and, although there was hearty and loud jeering and heckling, the open-air mass meeting went off without physical incidents.

The fascist leader himself harangued his followers in the heart of the East End's traditional Sunday market area, but, in his 45-minute talk, refrained from mentioning either Jews or Negroes. The area has heavy Jewish and Negro populations.

Today's rally was the second attempted by Mosley in 18 hours. Last night, he tried to run a rally in the suburb of Croydon. But about 3,000 persons, shouting him down with yells of "fascist scum," staged a demonstration that forced him to halt the meeting. The anti-fascists made his remarks inaudible, and attacked Mosley and his cohorts with stones, eggs and firecrackers.

Meanwhile, today, the Rev. Bill Sargent, one of the founders of the recently formed anti-fascist "Yellow Star" movement, issued a call for an end to violence and marathon rallies against the British fascist movements. He requested, instead, that the "Yellow Star" adherents concentrate on circulating petitions, for presentation to Parliament when the House of Commons reconvenes next month, calling for an amendment to the Public Order Law of 1936, banning incitements toward racial discriminations.

TRIAL OF 14 GERMANS CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS STARTS NEXT MONTH

COBLENZ, West Germany, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Trial of Georg Heuser, 56, and 13 co-defendants accused of killing more than 30,000 Jews and Russians during World War II, will open October 30 before the Coblenz Jury Court, it was reported today.

Heuser, a former Criminal Investigation Department chief in Rhineland-Pfalz, was arrested in July 1959 and has been in jail since awaiting trial. Some 200 witnesses are expected to testify at the trial which will last several weeks.

A similar trial of 13 former Nazis charged with complicity in the murder of 130,000 Jews at Chelmno, a Nazi death camp near Poznan, will be held in November.

ITALIAN PROSECUTOR SEEKS ACTION AGAINST TWO ANTI-SEMITIC YOUTHS

RCME, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Genoa Public Attorney filed today a request for prosecution against two youths charged with libeling a Jewish theater director, Aldo Trionfo, and with trying to reconstruct the Fascist party in Italy.

The two youths, whose names were withheld, were known to have been active in anti-Semitic programs in Genoa early in 1960. They were accused of directing viciously anti-Semitic insinuations against the director.

One of the two youths was known to be the Italian correspondent of the extreme right international organization, "Jeune Europe." Both are among the promoters of "Ordine Nuovo" (New Order), a neo-Nazi group.

U. S. AMBASSADOR SECURES RELEASE BY INDIA OF 300 ANCIENT TORAHS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Ambassador John Kenneth Galbraith, acting on the request of the White House, has persuaded Prime Minister Nehru of India to order the release of 300 Ancient Torah scrolls, for which export licenses had previously been denied.

Indian authorities had refused to allow export of scrolls, citing restrictions on "export of silver." The scrolls are encased in ornate, vertical silver containers. They were used by former Jewish communities of Calcutta, since dispersed to Israel and elsewhere. The National Council of Young Israel, in New York, learned of the presence of the unused scrolls. The White House alerted Ambassador Galbraith.

This weekend, the Ambassador reported that success had been achieved. The Indian Ministry of Finance instructed the chief controller of imports and exports and the Reserve Bank of India to release and allow the export of the scrolls--silver and all. The National Council of Young Israel is arranging shipment. The scrolls will be distributed to various synagogues throughout America, where they will be placed in a position of honor.

ESHKOL TO CONFER WITH U. S. BANKERS ON \$25,000,000 INVESTMENT FUND

PARIS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol announced here tonight -- as he left for the United States after a quick stop-over for a conference with Prime Minister Georges Pompidou -- that he will meet with non-Jewish bankers in New York who are considering the establishment of a \$25,000,000 investment fund in Israel.

Mr. Eshkol took up a number of issues vital to Israel in his brief conference with Premier Pompidou. They included Israel's desire for a link with the European Common Market; the imbalance of Franco-Israeli trade, in which Israel buys from France eight times as much as it exports to France; and the possibility of France granting compensation to Algerian Jews who settle in Israel along the same lines as French payments to Algerian refugees resettling in France.

Among Mr. Eshkol's activities facing him on this American visit will be participation in the campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNAL GROUPS REPLY TO JESUIT 'WARNING'

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A collective reply on the warning voiced by the Jesuit magazine "America" to Jews in the United States against supporting the United States Supreme Court decision banning the New York Regents' Prayer in public schools, was issued here today by a joint committee of national American Jewish rabbinic and congregational associations and of national and local Jewish communal organizations.

The statement, reacting to an editorial in the September 1 issue of the magazine "America," was issued by the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council over the names of its co-chairmen, Rabbi Julius Mark and Mortimer Brenner. The National Council of Jewish Women also subscribed to it.

The Synagogue Council of America comprises the national congregational and rabbinic bodies of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism. The National Community Relations Advisory Council is made up of Jewish congregational councils in major cities throughout the United States. The two councils coordinate their policies and activities relating to religion and public schools through the Joint Advisory Committee.

The text of the joint Jewish statement to the editorial in the Jesuit publication reads:

"We address ourselves in this statement only to that portion of the editorial that referred to the consequences that might follow from vigorous public advocacy by Jewish groups of their viewpoint on the issue of officially prescribed prayers and other religious observances in public schools.

"The editorial asks the Jews of America 'what bargain they are willing to strike as one of the minorities in a pluralistic society.' We find the implication repugnant. We remind 'America' magazine that the American heritage guarantees to every individual and to every group the right to defend and advocate its views of what is true and good.

Reject the 'Barter Idea' of the Jesuit Publication

"The idea that any group in this land must barter its right to free speech in exchange for its security is offensive to everything for which our country stands. Whatever differences there may be among American Jews on any issue, there is complete unanimity among us on this score.

"The American community is made up of many groups, each with its own convictions as to what is right and best for the whole society. Each of these groups, regardless of numbers, is equally entitled to give public support and expression to its convictions. Out of the interplay and competition among the variety of viewpoints thus advanced emerge the standards and criteria by which our society is governed. This process is indispensable to democratic decision.

"The editorial in 'America' can only have been intended, it seems to us, to impede that process. It plainly seeks to persuade Jews to cease their advocacy of a view antagonistic to that of the editors of 'America' by warning that their continued advocacy of such adverse views will invite dire consequences. We reject the idea that we--or any group--must remain silent in order to be tolerated.

Contrast Jesuit Stand with Views of Other Catholics

"We have larger confidence than the writers of the editorial in the commitment of the American people to our tradition of freedom of expression and spirit of fair play. We have observed with much gratification the reflections of that commitment and that spirit in comments on the 'America' editorial by responsible Catholic and Protestant spokesmen, particularly in 'The Commonweal' and 'The Christian Century.'

"A number of those spokesmen have detected in the editorial a veiled threat of anti-Semitism. We are troubled by these intimations, which we, too, find in the editorial. We find them so inconsistent with the outlook that has characterized 'America' magazine over the years that we can scarcely credit the unmistakable meaning of the words in which they are couched.

"However Americans may differ on issues, it is of the utmost importance that the debate over those issues be conducted in an atmosphere of reasoned discourse, of mutual good faith, free from any hint of intimidation or threat. Only thus will we realize the aim of our American democracy and achieve the harmony within diversity that is its hallmark," the Joint Jewish statement concluded.

The United Synagogue of America and the Rabbinical Assembly, the lay and rabbinical arms of the Conservative movement, issued a separate statement lauding the lay Catholic publication "Commonweal" for its editorial which contradicted the "advice" given by the Jesuit organ "America" to American Jewry.

The two Conservative central Jewish bodies pointed out in their statement that the editors of "Commonweal" disclaim knowledge of any increase in anti-Semitism following upon the recent Supreme Court decision on prayer in the public schools. "If," these editors asserted, "there is any real danger of anti-Semitism among Catholics, then it is Catholics who ought to be warned. Indeed, 'warned' is too mild a word; they ought to be told as sharply as possible of the sin of any form of anti-Semitism."

JEWISH MILITARY CHAPLAINS OPEN CONVENTION; MARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the commissioning of the first Jewish chaplain in the American armed forces was celebrated here today at the opening session of the biennial, two-day convention of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Armed Forces.

The convention opened at the memorial chapel of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, in suburban Great Neck. The Jewish chaplains marked the centennial of the appointment, on September 18, 1862, of Rev. Jacob Frankel, of Philadelphia, following President Lincoln's signing of a bill passed by Congress, authorizing the appointment as an army chaplain of any "regularly ordained minister of some religious denomination." Until that Act became law, 100 years ago, only regularly ordained ministers of "some Christian denomination" were eligible to the chaplaincy.

A feature of the opening of the convention today was the presentation of a Torah scroll to the Marine Academy's memorial chapel by Captain Joshua L. Goldberg, retired Navy chaplain. The Torah was accepted on behalf of the Academy by Rear Admiral Gordon McClintock, superintendent of the academy, and the school's chaplain, Rabbi Hirsch E. L. Freund.

MRS. HALPRIN REPORTS ON WORLD JEWISH EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- "The problems of Jewish education in the Diaspora and immigration into Israel call for extreme efforts by the Jewish community; neither can be done at the expense of the other," Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the New York branch of the Jewish Agency executive and former president of Hadassah, declared here today following her return from attendance at the World Conference on Jewish Education in Jerusalem.

"Though these problems seem unrelated, they are in fact interrelated parts of total Jewish needs, each demanding the full attention of the Jewish community," Mrs. Halprin stressed. She reported that delegates attending the World Conference on Jewish Education from 32 countries--many of them with small Jewish populations--emphasized the urgent need of strengthening Jewish education to assure Jewish survival through an educated Jewry with knowledge of its past and awareness of what Judaism stands for. At the same time the delegates were able to witness the "staggering problems" Israel faces in absorbing thousands of immigrants fleeing from countries which once seemed safe for Jews but whose Jewish communities are now in process of liquidation in the face of virulent anti-Semitism and resurgent fascism, she said.

Mrs. Halprin declared that the Yishuv in Israel is being taxed very heavily, in proportion to its relative size, to help absorb the newcomers. She urged United States Jews to "remember the obligations that history has placed on this generation of Jews to give home and haven to the large masses of Jews who are still on-the-march seeking safety and dignity."

DR. NEUMANN REFUTES CRITICISM OF ISRAEL'S ROLE IN SOBLEN CASE

CLINTON, Conn., Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Recent attacks voiced against Israel in this country, in connection with Israel's role in the case of Dr. Robert A. Soblen, were criticized sharply here this weekend by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, American member of the Jewish Agency executive. He spoke at the national convention of the Student Zionist Organization held here which was attended by 200 delegates from 50 colleges. He characterized these attacks as "unfair, unjustified and wholly unwarranted."

Unfriendly criticism against Israel expressed by some non-Jewish Americans, said Dr. Neumann, was due "partly to ignorance of the facts and partly to conscious or unconscious bias." As for anti-Israeli attacks on this issue among Jews, the Zionist leader declared, "such reactions took no cognizance of the speed with which Israel expelled Soblen, and the fact that the Israel Government could do no more than that in conformity with its own laws."

GROUND BROKEN IN BROOKLYN FOR NEW \$4,000,000 YESHIVA BUILDING

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Groundbreaking ceremonies were held here today for the construction of a new \$4,000,000 building to house the facilities of the Yeshiva Torah Vodaath and Mesita in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. The Yeshiva, now located in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, is attended by 1,700 students from all parts of the United States and 27 foreign countries. The new structure will be named the Harry Herskowitz School, in memory of the former chief consultant of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service.

MANE KATZ, INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS JEWISH ARTIST, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 68

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Mane Katz, internationally famous Jewish artist who, only two weeks ago, was honored by the French Government with a decoration as an officer of the Legion of Honor, died in a hospital here last night. He was 68. He had already held the rank of member of the French Legion of Honor, awarded in 1951. He had studios in New York and in Paris.

Mr. Katz, who was born in Ukrainia, Russia, in 1894, was taken ill in Paris two weeks ago. Friends brought him here and had him hospitalized. Funeral services will be held at Hajia tomorrow. The noted painter had exhibited his works to great acclaim in every major gallery in most of the art centers of the Western world.