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TENSE SITUATION IN ALGERIA PROMPTS REMAINING JEWS TO LEAVE CCUNTRY

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The tense political situation which has developed during the past few days in Algeria has prompted most of the 4,000 Jews still in that country to make plans to leave, it was reported here today.

Scores of Jewish families are again arriving in France from Algeria. Most of them have been able to take some of their possessions with them, although they experienced difficulties in transferring funds abroad.

There is a general opinion among the remaining Jews that civil war can break out at any time and that it would be accompanied by anti-European manifestations. Non-Jewish Europeans also are preparing to flee and many have already done so.

Observers here believe that before the end of 1963, Algeria, which only a year ago had a Jewish population of 120,000, will be totally without Jews. At present, there are 2,000 Jews in Algiers, 800 in Oran and the other 1,200 scattered in small communities throughout Algeria.

U.S. PLANS MAJOR CHANGE IN MILITARY COMMAND AFFECTING MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The U.S. Department of Defense is contemplating a major change in military command which will affect the U.S. military operations in the Middle East, it was reported today by Hanson W. Baldwin, military correspondent of the New York Times. In Washington, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by officials of the Defense Department that they had not seen the report and had nothing to say about the alleged developments.

The report said that among the projected changes would be one assigning the Middle East area to the Strike Command, which is a joint functional command of the Army and the Air Force established two years ago. At present the planning staff that plans and deals with military aspects of the Middle East is being maintained in London under the command of Admiral Charles D. Griffin, Commander in Chief of the Naval Forces Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

The proposed changes in responsibilities for Middle East planning would transfer functions from commands now headed by admirals to a command headed by an Army general, Paul D. Adams. The establishment of the Strike Command and expansion of its responsibilities have been backed by Gen. Maxwell Taylor, chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The expansion of Strike Command authority has been approved in principle but not implemented after expression of views by Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, U.S. Commander in Chief in Europe and Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Sources at Gen. Lemnitzer's headquarters near Paris were reported by Mr. Baldwin as saying that the General went to Washington last weekend to discuss the Middle East command problem. His NATO responsibilities extend throughout the Mediterranean and through Turkey in the Middle East. As NATO and U.S. Commander in Europe, he has been intimately involved in the problems of NATO's Middle East flank. Troops from Gen. Lemnitzer's command, along with elements of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, took part in the Lebanon landing in 1958.

Gen. Lemnitzer is reported as recommending against the transfer of Middle Eastern responsibilities to the Strike Command, urging that responsibility for the area remain with Admiral Griffin or be transferred to his command.

ISRAEL DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER ARRIVES IN PARIS FOR IMPORTANT TALKS

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Shimon Peres, Israel's Deputy Defense Minister, was in Paris today for talks with French Defense Minister Pierre Messmer and Scientific Development Minister Gaston Palwsky. He has meanwhile visited French military installations and French defense industries. He was accompanied by Adm. Mordechai Limon, head of Israel Defense Ministry representation in Europe. He is scheduled to return to Israel Friday.

Meanwhile it was reported here today that Henri Rocherau, a member of the European Economic Community Commission, will fly to Israel tomorrow for a six-day visit. His visit was considered of particular importance because of the recent EEC decision to include Israel among countries where African students may be sent under EEC patronage. The visiting EEC official is in charge of matters of overseas development.

SO. AFRICAN JEWS LAUD WARNING OF PREMIER AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

JCHANNESBURG, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- All four South African Jewish weeklies devoted their editorials this week to the situation consequent upon Israel's decision not to replace its Minister to South Africa and the speech by the South African Prime Minister, Dr. H. F. Verwoerd, in reply to Israel's action. Each of the papers expressed appreciation that the Prime Minister clearly recognized that Israel is alone responsible for its decision, and urged that there should be no attempt to blame the Jews of South Africa or stir up anti-Jewish feelings.

The "Zionist Record," organ of the S. A. Zionist Federation, said that while Israel's decision "will be viewed with regret as a further sign of the deterioration of the excellent relations which once existed between this Republic and Israel," there were "grim practical reasons which have forced Israel to align herself with the Afro-Asian states at the UN on the question of South Africa." This was generally understood, even by those who felt hurt at Israel attacking South Africa.

The paper welcomed "the fine statement by the Prime Minister" in drawing the necessary distinction between Israel and South African Jewry and setting his face against any growth of anti-Jewish feeling. South African Jewry's Zionist ties with Israel must continue, and it was to be hoped that in altered circumstances past friendship would be restored, the paper said.

The "Jewish Herald," Revisionist mouthpiece, criticized Israel's decision. It said that while it was recognized that Israel was "in a special position in regard to all forms of differentiation between peoples on racial, religious, social and political grounds," "historic experience shows that, in today's world, governments send envoys to countries to suit their convenience and not necessarily because they agree with their internal policies." Israel, for example, still maintained diplomatic representation in the Soviet Union. "The Jewish community of South Africa deeply regrets the latest developments and the strain in relations between the two countries," and was appreciative of the understanding Dr. Verwoerd had shown and his warning against anti-Semitism, "the paper declared.

The "Southern African Jewish Times" (independent) said: "Israel, concerned with her survival, has acted in a way that has caused embarrassment to the South African Government. It naturally follows that this is a matter of concern to all those living in South Africa, and hoping to live here for the generations to come, whatever the racial group which they belong. The Jews are not in different case from the others. Israel has been actuated by her problems of survival. But it would be malicious to suggest that human principles did not enter into it. It can, in fact, be said that with their past history, no other course was possible for a Jewish State." The paper agreed with Dr. Verwoerd that it was no fault of South African Jewry's, and expressed appreciation of his warning against anti-Semitism.

The "Afrikaner Yiddish Zeitung" (independent) said the latest development followed the trend of events on the African Continent and Israel's foreign policy relations. While welcoming the Prime Minister's warning against anti-Semitism, the paper said this also had its disturbing implications, because it implied that there was a strong element which would be anti-Semitic if given the green light, and that only the restraint exercised by the Government maintained the proper position and contained that element.

PRO-NAZI WITNESS WHO TESTIFIED ON JEWS SENTENCED FOR PERJURY

DORTMUND, Germany, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A German war veteran who has made a career of testifying at war crimes trials in such a way as to lessen the sentences against Nazis convicted of murdering Jews during the Hitler era was sentenced here today to two years' imprisonment for perjury.

The man is August Herder, a Bavarian. During war crimes trials here in 1961 and 1962, he testified: "I saw an SS man executed for refusing to shoot a group of Jews." The effect of his testimony was to give the defendants the excuse that they had acted under duress, fearing not to kill Jews lest they themselves be killed. He had testified to the same effect in war crimes trials involving the murder of Jews at Munich, Karlsruhe, and Heilbronn.

The court here found today that he had lied in all these cases. Documentary evidence showed that there were no Jews in Estonia, where Herder said he served, at the time he indicated and that his unit had not even been stationed in the area he had mentioned in his testimony.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NAZI VICTIMS ASKS ACTION ON NAZIS

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- All governments were urged here by the Concentration Camp Committee, an organization that represents concentration camp victims in 60 countries, to continue searching for known Nazi war criminals, to prosecute them and to mete out to them their due punishment. The demand was made in a resolution adopted by the group which concluded its conference here today.

The resolution mentioned specifically Dr. Horst Schumann, an Auschwitz physician, now in Ghana; SS Major Uhlenbrook, recently acquitted of wartime atrocity charges; and Dr. Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz "selection doctor" whose whereabouts are unknown.

U. S. JEWISH GROUPS DECIDE TO ACT AGAINST SOVIET DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Leaders of national Jewish religious and community organizations have decided to set up an emergency ad hoc committee to deal with combatting discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union. Announcement of the decision was made here today, following a closed-door meeting held yesterday at the headquarters of the Synagogue Council of America in New York.

Participating in the meeting were representatives of lay and rabbinical organizations from the Reform, Orthodox and Conservative movements affiliated with the Council, as well as representatives of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Hillel Foundation, Jewish Labor Committee, National Community Relations Advisory Council, B'nai B'rith, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish War Veterans of the United States and the National Council of Young Israel.

Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the Synagogue Council, told the meeting that the Council has "tried everything" in the last two years to counteract Soviet discrimination against the Jewish community in the USSR, but with no success.

CATHOLIC SCHOLARS DIFFER ON 'DEPUTY'; AUTHOR ATTACKED AND DEFENDED

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Rolf Hochhuth, author of "The Deputy," the play which contends that the late Pope Pius XII failed to take a public stand on the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry, was criticized and defended today by Catholic scholars.

In separate views in two Catholic periodicals, the West German playwright was assailed as anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic and, on the other hand, as having stated "a generally valid" thesis in his play.

Dr. Edgar Alexander, sociologist and author of the forthcoming study, "Hitler and the Pope," assailed Hochhuth in an article in the current edition of "America," the Jesuit weekly. Dr. Gordon Zahn, professor of sociology at Loyola University and author of "German Catholics and Hitler's Wars," published in 1962, came to the playwright's defense in an article in "The Critic." This is a periodical sponsored by the Thomas More Association, a Catholic lay group.

Dr. Alexander charged the playwright edited, in 1959, a new edition "of the anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic writings and drawings" of the satirist Wilhelm Busch, who died in 1908. That was the year, according to Dr. Alexander, in which the playwright started his research for "The Deputy."

Dr. Alexander wrote that Mr. Hochhuth included, with approval, in the new edition of Busch's works many anti-Semitic passages. He cited one which read: "And the Jew with crooked heel/ Crooked nose and crooked legs/ Fully corrupted and devoid of soul/ Wrings his way to the Stock Exchange."

Dr. Alexander's conclusion was that "the editor of the Busch writings" had clearly demonstrated "that Nazi hatred of Jews, of Jesuits, of the Vatican and of Catholicism, which he must have absorbed in his cub days in Hitler's youth organization, has obviously stunted his growth toward intellectual, moral and political maturity."

Dr. Zahn wrote that "the overriding historical fact that cannot be denied and should not be ignored" was that "the leading spokesmen of the Catholic church, in Germany and in Rome, permitted themselves to be maneuvered into a position where the Church could become a silent witness to genocide."

Dr. Zahn declared that the playwright's "most serious error" in his play was in placing all the blame for the "failure" of the Catholic Church in not issuing a public protest against the Nazi murder factories personally on the late Pontiff. Dr. Zahn also asserted that the playwright failed to give sufficient consideration to the possibility that a public condemnation by Pope Pius might have brought persecution of Catholics in Nazi-occupied countries as a "final act of paranoid retaliation" by the Nazis.

However, Dr. Zahn concluded, after making allowance for these considerations, the principal foundations on which the playwright's thesis rests "are established." He said these theses were: first, "Pius XII did not issue a public protest against the murder factories" and second, "he did know of their existence and had, in fact, been the object of repeated appeals that he make such a protest." Dr. Zahn added that he agreed with the playwright that the Pope should have protested.

DECLINE REPORTED IN ATTENDANCE OF WARSAW YIDDISH STATE THEATER

LONDON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Yiddish State Theater of Poland is planning a campaign for greater attendance by Polish Jews to counteract a steady decline in such attendance, it was reported in the Warsaw Jewish newspaper Folksstimme reaching here today.

The decline imposes special difficulties because the Theater depends in part on income from tickets. The decline also created problems in terms of government support. The falling off in attendance was reported to be due to the fact that fewer persons understand Yiddish as the years go by.

GOLDA MEIR OUTLINES ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS AT A MEETING IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israel's transformation from privation and adversity to a flourishing economy was described here last night by Israel's Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir at a dinner in her honor in the Beverly Hilton Hotel, sponsored by Los Angeles Israel Bonds Committee. "Israel has developed new, healthy problems," she stated, "problems of food surplus and shortage of labor, because more people are coming in and, as they come, more has to be done."

Attended by 700 community leaders and diplomatic officials, the dinner marked the launching of the 1963-64 Israel bond drive in Los Angeles. Proceeds amounted to \$2,355, - 880, bringing to \$3,986,000 the total of Israel bonds raised in this city during the first nine months of 1963.

Pointing to education as a major national problem, Mrs. Meir said Israel must contend with the wide cultural gap separating the literate from the illiterate in the country. "More children went to school in Israel on October 1st than there were Jews in the country in 1948 when the state was established," she declared. "Not all of these are children of educated parents. Thousands are children of immigrant parents from countries which are two or three centuries behind the times.

"The crux of the problem is what will happen after this children finish elementary school," she continued. "Can we afford the luxury that only certain groups will go to high schools and universities? Who are going to be our teachers, our scientists, our technicians, our writers--only those who come from developed countries? It is our business to take in all Jews and to make out of all of them one educated, highly cultured people."

ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER ADDRESSES OPENING OF ART FIRM IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israel's Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir today addressed the opening of Artis--a new business venture for the importation of art and craft items from Israel. The Minister pointed out that Israel's exports are now 25 times greater than what they were 10 years ago, totaling \$600,000,000 per year.

Much of the exports, he said, are made up of products from small firms in Israel. He noted that the goods displayed at the Artis showroom were produced mainly by such small plants. Among the items displayed are original Israeli art imported through the Murray S. Greenfield Gallery, in Tel Aviv and New York.

BOOK ON ORIGIN OF BENE ISRAEL IN INDIA PUBLISHED IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The first volume of "The Origins and Early History of the Bene Israel," a major new work by Professor Samuel Shellim, was published here today with an introduction by M. S. Kannamwar, Chief Minister of the State of Maharashtra of which Bombay is the capital city and where the Bene Israel community lives.

In his introduction to the work, Mr. Kannamwar notes that the Bene Israel Jews arrived in India 2,000 years ago and have since made their contribution to Indian life in every generation and have played their part in the struggle of India for independence.

MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER PRESENTED HEBREW BIBLE BY RABBINICAL UNION

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Manuel Tello expressed warm interest today in the activities of the Union of Rabbis of Central America and the Caribbean Area. Mr. Tello received Rabbi Abraham M. Hersberg, president of the rabbinical union, who presented to the Foreign Minister a Hebrew Bible bound in Israel. Rabbi Hersberg gave the Foreign Minister a report on the Union's activities and on plans for the Union's second conference, to be held October 31 to November 2 at Bogota, Colombia.

PORTUGUESE REPORT ON WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT PUBLISHED IN BRAZIL

SAC PAULO, Brazil, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A pamphlet in Portuguese on the rise of the Warsaw Ghetto has been published by the Instituto Brasileiro Judaico de Cultura and is being used in Jewish schools throughout the country. The pamphlet, written by the Brazilian Jewish writer, Marcos Margulies, himself a Polish Jew and a former inmate of the Lodz Ghetto, is the eleventh publication issued by the Institute.

AMERICAN DELEGATES NAMED TO INTERNATIONAL MACCABIAH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Haskell Cohen, Max Lovell and Robert E. Rosenberg, all of New York, today were named to represent the United States on the 12-member executive board of the newly organized International Maccabiah Games Committee, which will be responsible for the overall supervision of the Seventh World Maccabiah Games in Israel during the summer of 1965. Mr. Cohen is president of the U.S. Committee--Sports for Israel. Mr. Lovell is a vice-president and Mr. Rosenberg, the treasurer.