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L.A. RIOTS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC BUT JEWS SUFFER VERY HEAVY LOSSES

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- While many Jewish store owners have suffered tremendous losses here during the last six days and nights of rioting in the Negro Watts area, the actions were not anti-Semitic in character, Charles Posner, associate director of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation-Council of Los Angeles, stated here today.

Mr. Posner was asked to comment on some press reports emanating from this city, contending that the rioting was "anti-Jewish." He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that such reports were "not accurate."

"To the best of our knowledge," he declared, "we cannot find any anti-Semitism in these riots -- but only anti-white feelings, although a number of the stores destroyed in the fires were owned and operated by Jews. Some of the stores burned out in the fires had employed Negroes, others had not. But the actions were not anti-Jewish. The losses have been tremendous, running fantastically into hundreds of millions of dollars, affecting not only small stores but also the big chains, some of which have Jews among their owners. But, I repeat, the occurrences were anti-white, and not anti-Jewish."

An accusation against store owners in the Watts district, to the effect that they "take money out of the community and live elsewhere," was made in a radio broadcast here last night by a Black Muslim leader. But even this speaker did not mention Jews as such, Mr. Posner said. Some of the press reports from the scene of the rioting stated that, among the hardest hit, were Jewish merchants in the area who live outside the Watts district.

There was also wide speculation here about whether those who had suffered loss or damage in the area would be compensated by insurance. A number of insurance companies have indicated that the looting and burning of the stores and homes in Watts are not covered by their policies because the policies specifically exclude compensation in cases of "insurrection."

MAPAI PARTY ELIMINATES BEN-GURION ADHERENTS FROM SECRETARIAT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- The central committee of the embattled Mapai Party dismissed last night the 64-member party Secretariat, and then promptly re-elected most of the body, eliminating 11 members who are backing former Premier David Ben-Gurion.

The new, 53-member Secretariat retains Moshe Dayan, who resigned as Agricultural Minister in support of Mr. Ben-Gurion's fight against Premier Levi Eshkol, and Uzi Fienerman. The central committee acted after the Tel Aviv district court issued an injunction last Friday forbidding the Secretariat to function on grounds that the Ben-Gurion supporters in the Secretariat had not been invited to a meeting of that top Mapai body. The Secretariat resigned in a body after the court order was issued.

To forestall new complications, the central committee first approved the Secretariat decision to resign, and then formally dismissed it. The 11 members not re-elected are members of the Israel Workers List, organized by Mr. Ben-Gurion as an independent list for the November Parliamentary elections. The Ben-Gurion group had claimed that the Secretariat decision to resign was binding only on those who voted for it.

ERHARD SAYS ISRAEL LINK CLARIFIES RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EAST

BONN, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- Establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel has put West Germany's relations "with all Middle East states" on a "clear, honest and unassailable basis," Chancellor Ludwig Erhard declared yesterday. Speaking at Bernkastel, the Chancellor made that comment on the anticipated arrival here today of Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's first Ambassador to West Germany.

He also said that his Government was ready to re-establish diplomatic relations with any of the Arab Governments that suspended such ties when West Germany announced last March it planned to recognize Israel. But, the Chancellor added, the Arab states would have to make the first move in that direction.

HADASSAH APPEALS TO SOVIET WOMEN ON RIGHTS FOR JEWISH CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, (JTA) -- Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, appealed tonight to the women of the Soviet Union to use their influence to secure the right of Jewish children in the U. S. S. R. to a Jewish education and participation in Jewish cultural activity.

The appeal was made on behalf of Hadassah by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president, and sent to Mme. M. D. Ovsyannikova, editor-in-chief of *Sovietskaya Zhenshchina* (The Soviet Woman), the most important Soviet women's monthly journal, published in Moscow in Russian, English, Chinese, Spanish, Lithuanian, German and French.

The Hadassah action was announced at the organization's 51st national convention at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. More than 2,500 delegates and guests, representing Hadassah's more than 318,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, are participating in the four-day convention, which opened yesterday and will end Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jacobson announced that, in her appeal to the Soviet women, she had stated:

"We are concerned with the fate of Jewish children and youth in the Soviet Union. We realize how much the Soviet Union is doing for the well-being and education of children and youth. We know that you teach young people to respect every nationality and every culture. However, we wonder why the Jewish child is given no opportunity to learn about his own people and his own culture. He grows up knowing that he is Jewish, but nowhere in the Soviet Union can he learn about Jews and Jewry. He does not know what Hebrew letters look like and, consequently, he is unable to learn how to read or write Hebrew or Yiddish. Nowhere is he taught the most elementary aspects of the Jewish people -- past and present. Nowhere can he learn about Jewish communities outside of the Soviet Union. Does this not contradict the Soviet Constitution and your publicly expressed ideas concerning fundamental rights of every nationality within the U. S. S. R.?"

The Hadassah letter pointed out that in the last Soviet population census, some 500,000 Jews declared Yiddish to be their mother tongue. "Despite this, however," the letter stated, "no Jewish child is able to learn or read Yiddish or study the ancient history of his people." It noted:

"We know that some injustices against the Jews have been rectified to some degree of late. Nevertheless, we appeal to you and ask you to mobilize your energies to redress the evils that still exist. Please help to see that there be no further delay in redressing the wrongs to the Jewish community in the Soviet Union and fully restoring the rights it must have."

Government Officials Address Parley; Youth Immigration Stressed

Tonight's plenary session was addressed by John F. Henning, Under Secretary of Labor; Herbert J. Waters, assistant administrator for material resources of the Agency for International Development; Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel; and Mrs. Irving Mack, Hadassah's medical center committee chairman. Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization Committee, presided.

Moshe Kol, world head of Youth Aliyah, international child welfare movement, told an earlier session that Youth Aliyah institutions in Israel will absorb 30,000 children from Eastern Europe, Latin American and Oriental countries within the next five years. He said: "Youth Aliyah is in need of additional facilities to accommodate Jewish children who seek admission to its institutions. Our annual budget of more than \$5,000,000 -- of which Hadassah contributes \$2,100,000 -- must be increased to meet the increasing needs of Youth Aliyah. Despite the fact that lack of funds and accommodations compelled us to refuse admission to 2,000 Jewish children last year, we shall accept all the Jewish children, especially from Eastern European countries, who come to us for help. We shall take them into Youth Aliyah somehow."

Mr. Kol said that, within the next five years, Youth Aliyah also plans to "complete its task of bringing to Israel Jewish children from North African countries." The North African phase of Youth Aliyah's work was begun in 1949. Since then, he said, 30,000 North African children -- mostly from 12 to 16 years of age -- have been brought into Youth Aliyah institutions, where they were educated and integrated into Israeli life. "Bringing these children to Israel from North Africa will stimulate the immigration of their parents to Israel," he said.

He said that Youth Aliyah expects to take in also 3,000 children from Latin American countries during this period. Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, he said, Youth Aliyah has absorbed 1,000 young people from Latin American countries;

RABBI REVEALS SOVIET OFFICIALS PROMISED MORE RIGHTS FOR JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 16; (JTA) -- A New York Orthodox rabbi disclosed today that he met recently in Moscow with two officials of the Soviet Government department in charge of religious affairs, and that they had promised him certain concessions to meet the religious needs of Russian Jewry.

Rabbi David B. Hollander, spiritual leader of the Mount Eden Center in the Bronx, and president of the New York Metropolitan Board of Orthodox Rabbis, reported in a letter to the Herald Tribune today about a meeting with Boyan Rezanov and Alexander Bukarin, of the Soviet Council of Cults. He reported that the meeting occurred on his fourth visit to the Soviet Union last March. He made his first visit in June 1956 as president of the Rabbinical Council of America, when he headed the first Jewish delegation to the Soviet Union.

Rabbi Hollander cited reports from Russia last month that Moscow's Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin had told a Rabbinical Council delegation which visited his synagogue that the Soviet authorities had made such promises. They included arrangements to permit Soviet Jewish students to enroll at the seminary conducted by Rabbi Levin, provision of facilities for the manufacture of Jewish prayer shawls and approval for issuance of a new Jewish prayerbook.

Given 'Specific Assurances'; Better Climate for Freedom Possible

Rabbi Hollander reported that the two Soviet officials had given him specific assurances on those points and that he felt that the statement by Rabbi Levin indicated that the promises were being carried out. However, one promise Rabbi Hollander reported made to him by the Council of Cults officials apparently is not being implemented. He said the two officials had assured him that, while Moscow Jews would not get a sanctified cemetery for Jewish burials to cope with the overcrowded condition of the existing Jewish cemetery, "religious differences would be respected" in a proposed new cemetery "by dividing it into sections separated by plantings."

Rabbi Hollander also reported that, during his three-hour meeting with the Council of Cults officials, they "indignantly denied" any Government approval of anti-Semitism, and that they were "most disappointed" by the emphasis that the American press gave "to every anti-Semitic incident in Russia." Rabbi Hollander declared that he was told by "a well known lay leader" of a Moscow synagogue that the "Russian press deliberately played down certain anti-Jewish incidents in the United States and England, lest Russian anti-Semites derive any strength from them."

He said he left the session with the two officials feeling that the promises made to him would be carried out. He added that if, "as it seems, they will be," there was hope for a better climate for religious freedom in the Soviet Union.

ISRAELI FIRM ORDERS 4 BRITISH-MADE SHIPS, WORTH \$30,800,000

LONDON, Aug. 16; (JTA) -- El-Yam, Ltd., of Haifa, a privately-owned Israeli freight-ship company, entered an order here this weekend for the construction of four cargo ships, worth 11,000,000 pounds sterling (\$30,800,000), by the Furness Shipbuilding Company, a British firm. Minister of State Roy Mason, addressing the British Board of Trade today, said the contract constitutes "the most valuable single order" ever placed here by Israel, and "one of the largest orders ever received from overseas by a shipyard in Britain."

Furness will build the 65,000 ton ships, under the contract, scheduling delivery in 1967 and 1968. Charles Clore, chairman of the Furness board, is a Jew. London newspapers, featuring news of the El-Yam contract, referred to Mr. Clore as one who has "marked sympathies" for Israel and is unafraid of any possible reactions from Arab League states interested in boycotting Israel.

Press reports today stressed that Israel now ranks as Britain's biggest Middle East customer, having spent more than 25,000,000 pounds sterling (\$70,000,000) in Britain in the first half of 1965.

PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPER APOLOGIZES FOR INSULT TO ARTHUR GOLDBERG

LISBON, Aug. 16; (JTA) -- Diario Demanno, the party newspaper of Portuguese Premier Salazar, published an apology yesterday for an editorial describing Arthur J. Goldberg as "a repented Marxist Jew who today just confesses Socialist sympathies."

The denunciation of the new chief United States delegate to the United Nations evoked resentment in United States Embassy circles in Lisbon.

NO. AFRICAN JEWS IN CANADA HOLD FIRST PARLEY, MAP BROAD PLANS

MONTREAL, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- Steps toward consolidation and expansion of the local Jewish community's efforts to aid the many North African Jewish immigrants who have come here in the last few years were taken today at the first city-wide conference on North African Jews in this city. There are about 6,000 North African Jews in Canada now, but the majority of them have settled in Montreal because their native language is French. All of the North Africans are Sephardim.

Both Sephardic and Ashkenazi representatives at the conference agreed on the need for a new Sephardi synagogue here, to supplement the three already established in Montreal by the newcomers from North Africa. Other steps decided upon included the establishment of an employment bureau to help get work for the preponderance of the immigrants who observe the Sabbath; the publication of an organ in French for that section of the community; intervention with Jewish schools to provide tuition-free enrollment for the children of the newcomers; and the establishment of youth clubs.

CATHOLIC HOSPITAL IN PITTSBURGH CHOOSES RABBI-PSYCHIATRIST

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Joshua Twerski, an ordained rabbi and a psychiatrist, has been appointed here as clinical director of the department of psychiatry of St. Francis General Hospital, an institution under Catholic auspices. Announcement of the appointment was made by Sister Mary Adele, administrator of St. Francis.

Dr. Twerski, who is descended from a line of prominent rabbis and Talmudic scholars, is clinical assistant instructor in psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and senior staff psychiatrist of Mayview State Hospital. He will resign the latter post when he takes up the St. Francis appointment next month.

U. S. MACCABIAH TEAM TO SEND 197 ATHLETES TO TEL AVIV GAMES

NEW YORK, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- The United States Maccabiah team, consisting of 197 outstanding Jewish athletes, will leave for Tel Aviv this week to participate in the seventh World Maccabiah Games, from August 23-31, according to an announcement today by the United States Committee of Sports for Israel, sponsors of this country's Maccabiah team.

The United States Team -- the largest in history -- includes several Olympic medal winners. The American-Jewish athletes will participate in 17 of the 20 sports on the program, competing against the top Jewish athletes of 30 countries. Max J. Lovell of New York City will be the U. S. team captain.

President Johnson today sent a message to the departing athletes, extending his personal greetings and congratulating the members of the U. S. Maccabiah team. The president stated, in part: "In an age of tension and friction at the international level, the opportunity for young people of all nationalities to meet in an atmosphere of friendly competition and shared hopes takes on increasing importance."

COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES ISSUES ANTHOLOGY, NEW HEBREW TEXTBOOK

CHICAGO, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- The publication by the College of Jewish Studies Press here of an anthology of contemporary Jewish essays and a new Hebrew textbook was announced today by Dr. David Weinstein, president of the college.

The anthology, entitled "Modern Jewish Educational Thought -- Problems and Prospects," is a collection of lectures and essays by outstanding modern Jewish thinkers, including Israel's President Zalman Shazar, former Premier David Ben-Gurion, and Professor Abraham Joshua Heschel, of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The textbook, "Essential Hebrew by Examples," co-authored by Dr. Weinstein and Dr. Moses Steiner, employs a new approach to the study of Hebrew, enabling the student to acquire an extensive vocabulary by means of sentence examples suggesting a structural pattern, without using complex rules of grammar.

FIGURES SHOW WORLD JEWS TOTAL 13,121,000; 16% LIVE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- The number of Jews in the world at the end of 1964 was 13,121,000, according to figures released here today by Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics.

Of the total Jewish population, 16 percent, or 2,239,000, live in Israel, which had a total population of 2,525,600 at the end of last year, the figures showed. The Bureau of Statistics report also showed that one-third of the Jewish population of Israel was under 14 years of age.