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STEADY INFLUX OF WESTERN IMMIGRANTS INTO ISRAEL REPORTED BY PINCUS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- An average of 8,000 persons are settling in Israel annually from Western countries in what has become a steady influx of such newcomers, Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, said here today.

Speaking at a meeting of the Mapai central committee on Aliyah and relations with non-Israel Jewry, he also reported that the number of such immigrants leaving Israel and returning to their countries of origin did not exceed 10 to 15 percent.

He declared that, during the decline in large scale immigration to Israel, efforts must be made to increase immigration from Western countries. He added that this could be facilitated by a radical change "in the way of thinking by Israelis vis a vis the Diaspora."

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Mapai secretary-general, told the meeting that mixed marriages among Jewish youth in the United States has reached 30 percent. She said every effort must be made to send young Israelis to summer camps and youth centers in the United States to boost the Jewish spirit in such facilities. The participants decided to hold another meeting on the same problem.

FRANCE TO INSURE FIRMS THAT DEAL WITH ISRAEL AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT

PARIS, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The French Government decided today that state insurance provided for foreign trade will, from now on, include a guarantee against the risk of the Arab boycott. For several years, French companies which negotiated with Arab states were told by the French Guarantee Fund that, in case of damages which would occur because of the Arab boycott against Israel, no insurance would be given.

Today, the French told the Israel Embassy here that, after a long study, instructions had been given to guarantee against the risk of the Arab boycott. Israel diplomats have sought the latest French announcement for several years. Reliable sources said that French Finance Minister Michel Debre and Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville gave their full agreement to this decision.

In a related development, it was announced here today that the French singer, Maria Vincent, was deported from Algeria a day after she arrived in Algiers, after being told that she was on the Arab League blacklist for singing in Israel. The blonde singer had to spend the night in a police station before she was sent back to France. Several months ago, another singer, Dalida, was barred from Morocco for the same reason.

Arab League Mulls Boycotts Against General Motors, Ford, Coca-Cola

LONDON, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Arab governments would ban the sale of General Motors cars in their countries if reports that General Motors was building an assembly plant in Israel proved true, according to the chief of the Arab Boycott Bureau in Beirut.

The announcement, received here today, said that the question would be considered October 26 at a conference in Kuwait, along with similar charges against the Ford Motor Company and the Coca-Cola Company.

(General Motors' Israeli agent, Leo Goldberg, announced in Tel Aviv last week that the Detroit firm has made a "concrete offer" to Israel to invest in a car assembly plant in the country.)

UNITED STATES SIGNS U.N. CONVENTION BANNING ALL RACIAL DISCRIMINATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The United States today became the 30th signatory here of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, adopted by the General Assembly last winter. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chairman of the U.S. delegation, signed the document. He was accompanied by James Roosevelt, American representative to the U.N. Economic and Social Council. Israel had signed the Convention last year, as did the Soviet Union and 27 other member states.

SAUDI ARABIA SAYS U.S.A. WILL SELL IT MATERIAL WORTH \$100,000,000

LONDON, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The United States Government has agreed to supply Saudi Arabia with \$100,000,000 worth of equipment for its armed forces, it was announced today by Mecca radio. The equipment will include armored personnel carriers, trucks and other vehicles, workshops for truck maintenance, tools and spare parts. (In Washington, the State Department today confirmed the Saudi Arabian announcement.)

The sale, which represents another step in the deepening U.S. involvement in the Middle East arms race, was under discussion for the past two years, but agreement was not reached until earlier this month. Saudi Arabia has turned to the United States for additional arms to oppose the Soviet-equipped military forces of Egypt. Saudi leaders fear that Egyptian President Nasser is seeking to extend his influence, as the British withdraw from the South Arabian peninsula.

MAPAI LEADERS HAILED BEN-GURION; FORMER PREMIER ABSENT FROM RALLY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Leaders of Premier Levi Eshkol's Mapai Party attended today a meeting of the party's central committee to honor former Premier David Ben-Gurion on his 80th birthday, which falls on October 1.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was not present. The absence of the guest of honor, who split last year with his long-time party colleagues, forming a dissident political party, was commented on by Mrs. Golda Meir, who served in many Ben-Gurion Cabinets. She said the situation was "illogical" and hard to understand.

Mrs. Meir and other speakers expressed the hope that some "miracle" would occur, and that Mr. Ben-Gurion would "find his way back" to Mapai and let "bygones be bygones." However, a veteran party leader, Shaul Avigur, put the matter in another perspective. He said that "we all esteem Ben-Gurion and no one can forget what he did for Israel and for its security. But his way now is no longer our way." He and Mrs. Meir hailed their absent comrade's leadership in the creation of Israel and in serving it and wished him many more years.

At the same time, the public committee organizing celebrations of the birthday, headed by President Zalman Shazar as honorary chairman, announced it would issue bronze, silver and gold medals in connection with the celebration.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann Congratulates Ben-Gurion on 80th Birthday

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the World Union of General Zionists, cabled greetings today to former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on the occasion of the latter's 80th birthday, which occurs Saturday.

In his message, Dr. Neumann declared: "All Zionists the world over, regardless of party and shades of opinion, join the Government and people of Israel in tribute to your manifold historic achievements which have inscribed your name imperishably among our immortals. God grant you continued health, vigor and fruitful achievements for many years to come."

MASS GRAVE OF JEWS MARTYRED BY NAZIS IN WORLD WAR II FOUND IN LATVIA

LONDON, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- A mass grave containing the skulls and bones of men, women and children shot by the Nazis during the Second World War in the Latvian town of Daugavpils, 120 miles east of Riga, was accidentally discovered by excavators while digging in a moat of a fortress in the town, Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported today from Moscow. (Following the usual practice of the Soviet agency, the report failed to mention the fact that the victims were Jews.)

The report said that the foreheads of the skulls of the children were pierced by bullets. Also found in a bottle in the grave was a well-preserved note on which was written: "Abe Tevis-Zelikson, aged 16, died 7/11/41."

The fortress had been used as a concentration camp during the German occupation of Latvia. The Tass report noted that a commission investigating Nazi crimes in Daugavpils immediately after the liberation of the town, in 1944, established that about 30,000 people, mainly women, children and old men, were shot in the summer of 1943 in a forest several miles from the fort, but nothing was known before about executions in the fort itself.

A Soviet dispatch from Vilna reported that arrangements are being made with government help for the erection of a monument to the 50,000 Kovno Jews murdered by the Nazis during the Lithuanian occupation. The Government of the Soviet Lithuanian Republic reportedly has allocated the necessary funds. However, no details have been indicated as to the site or the nature of the monument.

There are such monuments to Jewish martyrs in several Lithuanian towns where there are no longer any Jewish residents. These monuments were erected on the initiative of Jewish survivors originating from those towns who now live in Vilna, and who went back to arrange for the monuments with the help of local officials. In all cases, there are modest memorials in local Jewish cemeteries.

UJA MISSION GROUP OPENS WEEK-LONG STUDY ON JEWS IN WEST GERMANY

BONN, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- A delegation of the current United Jewish Appeal mission arrived here today for a week-long study of the German Jewish situation in the first visit by a UJA delegation to West Germany.

Edward Ginsberg, of Cleveland, a national UJA chairman, and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, are heading the group which will meet with leading government officials and representatives of Jewish communities in various cities, including West Berlin. The American Jewish leaders met today with Paul Luecke, the Federal Interior Minister, and were guests at a reception given by Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's Ambassador to West Germany.

The Jewish leaders will meet tomorrow with Prof. Carlo Schmid, vice-president of the Bundestag, the lower house of the West German Parliament, and will confer later with the mayors of Bonn, Cologne, Hamburg and other cities.

On arrival, Rabbi Friedman issued a statement declaring: "We want to deepen the contacts with the Jewish communities in Germany and to get a good, on-the-spot view of the work and problems in the communities. Our meetings with official personalities here are to give us information on what the Federal Government has done for the building of a democratic state and in which way the younger generation is being instructed about the crimes of the Nazis against the Jews and about the kind of measures taken against former Nazis."

He added that the "special interest" of the delegation members was "in the development of democracy in the world. Israel too is a member of the democratic family of nations. We hope that the diplomatic relations between Israel and the German Federal Republic will result in productive cooperation, and that the Federal Republic will contribute to making the State of Israel stronger."

Jewish Committee Leader to View Relations with Christians in Europe

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Philip E. Hoffman, chairman of the board of governors of the American Jewish Committee, left today for a three-week mission to Europe, where he will study developments in Jewish-Christian relations in the year since the end of the Ecumenical Council.

He will meet with Christian authorities in Belgium, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Spain. In Belgium, he will have an audience with Leo Joseph Cardinal Suenens, Archbishop of Mechelin-Brussels. In Holland, he will meet with Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders. In Austria, he will meet with Franz Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, and Chancellor Josef Klaus.

EBAN AGAIN URGES THANT TO KEEP U.N. JOB; DISCUSSES VIET NAM ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, has again urged Secretary-General U Thant to stay on in his post on the grounds that Mr. Thant's initiative is needed at the United Nations at this time to help solve the Viet Nam situation. Mr. Eban had previously urged Mr. Thant by cable to accept reelection to the Secretary-Generalship. This time, however, at their first personal conference here, yesterday, since the current session of the General Assembly opened, Mr. Eban reiterated his plea that Mr. Thant accept reelection, pegging his request particularly to the Viet Nam situation.

The Eban-Thant session lasted a half hour, during which time the conferees also discussed African problems. They left for a later meeting a discussion of Middle East problems in general and, specifically, the issue of the Arab refugees which is to be debated by the Assembly's Special Political Committee. That committee is not scheduled to hold its first meeting until October 7. Prior to that time, on October 4, Mr. Eban is listed to deliver a major foreign policy address before the plenary session of the General Assembly.

In addition to the coming discussion of the refugee issue with Mr. Thant, the Israeli Foreign Minister is scheduled to go into that matter also with Dr. Max Jakobson, Finland's permanent representative here, who is this year's chairman of the Assembly committee that will debate the refugee question. Mr. Jakobson is a Jew.

CHILEAN ZIONIST FEDERATION ENDS PARLEY; RAPS ANTI-SEMITISM IN USSR

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of Chile concluded its 46th national congress here today with the adoption of a resolution declaring its solidarity with Jews throughout the world in voicing deep concern for the plight of Soviet Jewry. In other resolutions the Federation called for the intensification of Jewish education and for the establishment of more Jewish schools.

Miguel Maldivsky, of the General Zionists, was elected president of the Federation. Others elected included Amelia de Flimann, of Mapai, and Dr. Isaac Jzeksohn, an independent, vice-presidents; Max Epstein of Mapai, general secretary; and Isidoro Arensburg, of the Revisionists, treasurer.

CJFWF BOARD TOLD 1966 DRIVES WILL YIELD \$5,000,000 MORE, OVER 1965 TOTALS

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish federations and welfare fund campaigns in the United States will raise in 1966 \$5,000,000 more than was raised in 1965 for operating purposes, the board of directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reported here today. This increase will follow a gain of \$5,000,000 in 1965, for a total increase of \$10,000,000 in the two years.

The board reviewed major issues facing the American Jewish community, foreign and domestic. The CJFWF overseas service committee, headed by Irving Kane, of Cleveland, told the meeting that bringing massive numbers of dependent recent immigrants to self-support in Israel and other countries must now be a prime goal of American Jewish aid in 1967 and later years.

Max Fisher, of Detroit, CJFWF vice-president and chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, reported that more than 200,000 immigrants are on relief or work relief in Israel, and that growing unemployment there is aggravating the problem. Other problems considered were plugging gaps in Israeli high school education, integrating eastern and western immigrants, strengthening health and welfare services, and control of multiple appeals for Israel.

Lavy M. Becker, of Montreal, vice-chairman of the CJFWF committee on federation planning for Jewish education, reported that the committee was examining the recruitment, training and utilization of teachers and administrators. He said the committee found that few Jewish communities have made provision to recruit able teachers, and that there are serious shortages in others.

The board approved a new financing formula of community grants to increase the number of scholarships produced by the CJFWF national scholarship fund from 15 to 25 each year. The fund was organized to help meet the continuing shortages in Jewish communal agency staffs.

Louis Stern, of Newark, chairman of the CJFWF health services committee, reported rising costs were affecting services of all hospitals. But with increased Federal aid through Medicare, he said, there might be less pressures on Jewish federations for deficit financing for Jewish-sponsored hospitals. The board urged increased support of anti-poverty programs and implementation of Medicaid in states which have not done so.

Western Reserve U. Gives Honorary Degrees to Eban and CJFWF'S Bernstein

CLEVELAND, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Philip Bernstein, of New York, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, received honorary degrees here today at the 50th anniversary convocation of Western Reserve University.

Mr. Eban, who delivered the convocation address, was given the degree of doctor of humane letters. Mr. Bernstein received the degree of doctor of laws. He had received his master's degree in social work at Western Reserve University's School of Applied Social Science in 1934.

CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT HEBREW IN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

CHICAGO, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The College Preparatory School, a Hebrew secondary school sponsored by the Chicago Board of Jewish Education, has announced that it has been granted accreditation for Hebrew by the Chicago Board of Education for student admission to college.

The Chicago Board of Education informed the Board of Jewish Education that it would include credits for Hebrew courses earned at the College Preparatory School in students' records of high school credits.

LEON SOURASKY, PIONEER IN MEXICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, DIES AT 77

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Leon Sourasky, one of the pioneers of the Mexican Jewish community, died here at the age of 77. Born in Bialystok, Mr. Sourasky lived in England and in the United States before emigrating to Mexico in 1917. A founder of some of the earliest Jewish social and philanthropic institutions here, Mr. Sourasky served as president of the Jewish Relief Society and of the Society for the Study of the History of Mexican Jewry. He was the author of "A History of Mexican Jewry."

DR. NATHAN GETBER, JEWISH HISTORIAN, JOURNALIST, DIES IN PARIS; AGED 75

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Nathan Getber, a historian and author, died here at the age of 75. Born in Poland, he edited newspapers in Warsaw and Vienna, and was the author of a number of books on the history of Zionism and on the Jews of Galicia.