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JTA *Daily News Bulletin*HOUSE PASSES LIBERALIZED BILL FOR ADMISSION OF DP'S; ANTI-SEMITES VOICE OPPOSITION

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives today passed a DP immigration bill increasing the number of DP's who may enter this country from 235,000 in two years to 339,000 in three years. The bill also eliminates a number of features of the old DP law which President Truman assailed as "anti-Semitic." The measure, which was passed by a voice vote, now goes to the Senate.

The vote followed a lengthy and heated debate in the House during which opponents of the measure, led by Rep. Ed Gossett of Texas, made anti-Semitic assertions. Gossett also asked what measures were being taken to provide for the Volksdeutsche expelled from Poland and Czechoslovakia and for the Arab refugees from Palestine. He suggested that the DP's be sent for resettlement to Kenya, in Central Africa.

Gossett was supported by Reps. Frank Fellows of Maine and Karl Stefan of Nebraska, both of whom spoke about the plight of the Volksdeutsche and against Jewish refugees. Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York asserted that Israel has taken more than its share of DP's--about three times as many as the total number so far brought to the United States under the DP Act of 1948. "It is a source of deep gratification to me at this time that there is no necessity of having to debate about displaced persons who are Jews," he said. "The heroic people of Israel have thoroughly taken care of that."

Specific replies to Rep. Gossett's attacks on Jewish DP's were made by Reps. James G. Fulton of Pennsylvania, Kenneth B. Keating of New York and Frank L. Chelf of Kentucky, all of whom had visited Jewish DP camps. They denied his charges that the Jews in the camps are Communists.

Among the provisions of the bill is one advancing the "out-off date" from Dec. 22, 1945, to Jan. 1, 1949. The legislation, which was drafted by a Judiciary Committee subcommittee, headed by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York, also abolished special priorities for Balts and agricultural workers, which were major bottlenecks of the old law. It provides for the entrance of 18,000 former members of Gen. Wladislaw Anders Second Polish Corps, 4,000 Shanghai refugees and 2,000 DP orphans. However, the bill makes no changes in the requirements that a DP be guaranteed a job and a home before he is admitted.

UNIDENTIFIED PLANES CIRCLE JEWISH SETTLEMENT; ARAB LEGIONNAIRES KILL TWO JEWS

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Unidentified planes today circled the Jewish settlement of Ayelet Hasahar, in the Lake Huleh region of Galilee, according to an Israeli communique, which also revealed that two Israeli soldiers were killed by Arab Legionnaires while being escorted back to their own lines which they had crossed.

The killings occurred near Baqa el Gharbieh, south of the new lines and in full view of Israeli troops. According to the communique, the responsible Legionnaires escaped to the hills. An Israeli protest had been lodged with the Arab Legion, and permission for the Arabs to cross the lines for the harvesting has been suspended until an explanation is forthcoming from the Amman Government and the guilty punished.

SYRIA AND ISRAEL REACH AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURE OF THEIR STALLED ARMISTICE TALKS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 2. (JTA) -- A measure of agreement on procedure has been reached in the armistice negotiations between Syria and Israel, it was announced here today by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, U.N. mediator for Palestine, following the departure by air for Palestine last night of Gen. William E. Riley, the mediator's chief of staff. Dr. Bunche added that it was still too early to gauge the effect of this agreement upon future negotiations.

Before leaving the United States, Gen. Riley had conferred with his superiors in Washington and it was agreed that he will relinquish his post in Palestine along with Dr. Bunche just as soon as the Syrian-Israeli armistice is successfully terminated.

The primary mission of Gen. Riley in Palestine at present will be to expedite the Israeli-Syrian negotiations now being conducted by Henry Vigier, civilian aide to Dr. Bunche. Mr. Vigier is conducting his negotiations at the moment on the basis of a new compromise formula forwarded to him some ten days ago. This formula was the product of a joint consultation between Gen. Riley and Dr. Bunche.

ISRAELI-TRANSJORDAN JERUSALEM COMMITTEE MEETS ON AGENDA; ARAB WAR TALK REPORTED

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- The special Israeli-Transjordanian committee on Jerusalem met here for four hours to discuss the agenda of future meetings. An Israeli spokesman, who admitted that "slow progress" has been made in recent sessions of the group, denied press reports that the committee will hold a joint session with the mixed armistice commission in order to terminate the present deadlock, wind up the activities of both bodies and refer the entire problem to Lausanne.

Meanwhile, press reports attributed to "reliable sources" continue to insist that the Jews and Arabs have reached an agreement in principle on passage through Irbun. The present obstacle to the conclusion of such an agreement is said to be Transjordan's refusal to negotiate on the Arab-held Sheikh Jarrach quarter, through which all Mt. Scopus-bound traffic must pass, even if Israel were willing to make territorial concessions in Jerusalem proper.

Dispatches reaching here from Amman state that the Transjordan press is devoting considerable space to Arab demands for a resumption of the war against Israel, as a result of the deadlock in the Lausanne peace conference. Arab Legion commander for Jerusalem, Lt. Col. Abdullah el Tel, signed an article appearing in one of the Amman newspapers demanding resumption of the war against the Jewish state.

British Press Supports Plea for Internationalization of Jerusalem

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- Most of the British press today supported the plea made yesterday in the House of Lords by the Archbishop of York for the internationalization of Jerusalem. The Times said that the Archbishop's plea will find support among Christians the world over. It added that although the honesty of the undertakings by President Chaim Weizmann and King Abdullah would not be doubted, they would not dispel the belief that a special arrangement would be required.

The News Chronicle urged the state of Israel today to "give Jerusalem to the world. It would be a great sacrifice," the paper stated, "but also a great gesture and a permanent memorial to the often forgotten truth that bitterness, blood and strife do not remain in the souls of men forever."

GREEK GENERAL STAFF DECIDES TO PERMIT JEWS OF MILITARY AGE TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Greek Jews of military age will now be permitted to emigrate to Israel, the Israeli Consul in Athens today announced. The Greek General Staff has approved this policy change and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will facilitate the migration.

The departure of all Greek citizens between the ages of 19 and 40 had been prohibited since the Civil War flared up. No detailed information is available on the nature of the facilities to be granted by the Athens Government.

The Greek Foreign Office today received official notification from Tel Aviv stating that Joseph Mallah, a Greek Jew recently appointed by the Foreign Minister as Greek diplomatic representative to Tel Aviv, is acceptable to the Israeli Government. The appointment of Mr. Mallah had been criticized here by some Greek newspapers which opposed the sending of a Jew to Israel as a representative of Greece.

A delegation of Jewish communal leaders called on Acting Archbishop Joachim of the Greek Orthodox Church to convey the condolences of Greek Jewry on the death last week of Archbishop Damaskinos, Greek Orthodox Prelate. The delegation told the Acting Archbishop that world Jewry, particularly Greek Jewry, was shocked by the death of the Prelate in whom they had found a protector "even in the dark days of racial persecution." Archbishop Joachim thanked the delegation and assured its members that the Greek Church esteemed and sympathized with the Jewish people.

KNESSET ADOPTS GOVERNMENT HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM; 30,000 UNITS TO BE ERECTED

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- The government's housing and employment program for the construction of some 30,000 housing units within the next five months, which was presented to the Knesset by Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor, was adopted by the parliament last night. One of the chief features of the plan is the establishment of a central housing authority to administer the program.

Government plans now call for construction of three different sizes of housing units. One would provide four one-family units to the dunam (quarter acre); somewhat larger units would be built two to the dunam, and the largest unit for large family requirements would occupy a dunam. Immigrants with capital, now in camps awaiting the availability of housing facilities, have agreed to invest in the housing program and will receive larger homes than the standard unit, Mrs. Myerson disclosed.

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY DOES NOT HINGE ON LAUSANNE PEACE TALKS. KNESSET IS TOLD

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Israel's foreign policy will not be decided on the basis of the Lausanne peace talks, Zalman Aharonovitch, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security, declared at the Knesset last night. The statement was made in response to a demand by Herut deputy Hillel Kook that the parliament hold a full scale debate on the Lausanne conference.

Mr. Aharonovitch stated that his committee had discussed Israel's foreign policy at a recent meeting at which Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was present. The results of that discussion will be summarized at the next committee meeting, he added.

MOSHE YUVAL NAMED FIRST SECRETARY OF ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- Moshe Yuval, a member of the Israeli Embassy staff here, was today named First Secretary of the Embassy. He was an assistant to Moshe Sharett during World War II and was a member of the Jewish Agency delegation to the United Nations.

IMMIGRANT ROUTE FROM EUROPE TO ISRAEL SHORTENED; BARI BECOMES MAJOR EMBARKATION PORT

ROME, June 2. (JTA) -- A new attempt to break the bottleneck in the migration of Jews from Europe to Israel is being made in Italy by the Joint Distribution Committee, the International Refugee Organization and other agencies which are involved in aiding Israel-bound DP's and refugees.

The port of Bari is being converted into the major port of embarkation for the immigrants from Europe. Previously, they were all routed across Western Europe to the southern French port of Marseilles, where many of them waited weeks and months for shipping space. The Jews who are directed to the Trani reception center, near Bari, will have to wait a shorter time because the voyage to Haifa is shorter--three days--and the same number of vessels will be able to complete many more round trips than if they had to continue on to Marseilles.

The first group of 500 DP's who arrived at Trani last Friday has already been processed and is scheduled to sail from Bari today. The camp has a top capacity of 3,000 persons and the J.D.C. expects between 4,000 and 8,000 refugees to sail from Bari each month. Costs of maintenance, medical care, food and transportation are being borne by the J.D.C., but the I.R.O. has agreed to pay for part of the expenses.

U.N. BODY CONSIDERS WAR ON NAZI, RACIST PROPAGANDA; MEASURES AGAINST GENOCIDE DRAFTED

LAKE SUCCESS, June 2. (JTA) -- The United Nations Subcommission on Freedom of Information and the Press, which is meeting here now, today considered measures against the recurrence and revival of fascist and racist propaganda. The body had in front of it a resolution calling for "the promotion of the dissemination of true information to counteract Nazi, fascist and other propaganda of aggression or of racial, national and religious discriminations."

First steps to incorporate the Nuremberg decisions against war crimes into international law have been completed by the United Nations International Law Commission. The 15-man body of world jurists has made a rough draft of a code of offenses against the peace and security of mankind.

The Commission also marked out a blueprint for the establishment of an international judicial court with powers to try persons charged with the crime of genocide and other crimes which the Nazis introduced in the last war. Both drafts were turned over for expansion to one-man committees who will report back to the commission in 1950.

JEWISH GROUPS PRESENT PLAN TO U.N. FOR REDRESS AGAINST VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 2. (JTA) -- A plan providing for redress against violations of human rights was urged today before the U.N. Commission on Human Rights by Moses Moscovitz, a representative of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations. The Council is composed of the American Jewish Committee, the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Alliance Israelite Universelle.

Mr. Moscovitz urged the establishment of permanent central and regional commissions to whom petitions and complaints of violations could be directed. Such bodies, he suggested, should be composed of persons who would bring to bear "conciliation and persuasion" rather than compulsion in carrying out their tasks, and would operate under strict rules of procedure with the power to receive complaints from states, individuals or organizations. He was particularly emphatic in defending the right of individual petition.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH CONGRESS GRATIFIED WITH GOVERNMENT'S NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

JOHANNESBURG, June 2. (JTA) -- The 17th biennial congress of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies closed here yesterday with a resolution expressing gratification at the Nationalist Government's policy of non-discrimination against the Jews. However, the resolution scored the policy of the Transvaal Nationalist Party of excluding Jews from membership.

A second resolution hailed the admission of Israel to the United Nations, and the extension of de jure recognition to the Jewish state by the Government of South Africa. On the question of fund-raising, the convention decided to carry out two coordinated campaigns--one for local needs and another for overseas and Israeli needs.

Pointing out that although the Board is not a political body, another resolution declared that the Board would function to safeguard the rights of South African Jews against discrimination in any form. It also expressed the conviction that the welfare of the Jewish community as well as that of other sections of the population depends upon the preservation of democratic freedoms. Still another resolution urged the maintenance of non-denominational education.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES SPLIT WIDENS AS LARGEST SYNAGOGUE IN BRITAIN ABSTAINS FROM VOTING

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- The split in the Board of Deputies of British Jews was widened here last night when the West London Synagogue, the largest Reform synagogue in Britain, voted not to elect deputies to the organization until the Liberal synagogues were given autonomy in the appointment of marriage recorders.

The West London Synagogue's action makes impossible the expected election of Lord Nathan as the next president of the Board of Deputies because he is a member of the synagogue. The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogues recently left the Board over the same issue.

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT INCREASES PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS, ORPHANS OF VICTIMS OF POGROMS

BUCHAREST, June 2. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government has decided to increase the pensions granted widows and orphans of victims of pogroms and Jews who died in deportation camps, Unirea, organ of the Jewish Democratic Committee, reported today. The dispatch added that the government's action followed appeals by the Committee for increases.

MRS. JOSEPH M. WELT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

PARIS, June 2. (JTA) -- Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, was elected president of the International Council of Jewish Women, which ended its four-day meeting here yesterday. Mrs. Elsie Elfenbein, first executive director of the national council, was elected secretary-treasurer by the delegates in Paris. The officers of the international organization will serve three-year terms of office.

TEACHERS UNION ACCUSES CITY COLLEGE OF PRACTICING RACIAL BIAS IN HIRING FACULTY MEMBERS

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- The administration of the City College of New York was accused by the Teachers Union of practicing racial discrimination in the hiring and firing of faculty members. The union pointed out that 50 teachers hired immediately after the war have come up for permanent appointment. Of these, 96 percent of the white, non-Jewish probationary teachers were awarded permanent appointment as compared to 52 percent in the case of the Jews.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, JR., ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; IS GUEST OF PRESIDENT WEIZMANN

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., New York Congressman-Elect, arrived here by air today from Paris for a brief visit in Israel. He is the official guest of President Chaim Weizmann. Dr. Weizmann today lunched with Sir William Strang, British diplomat visiting here, and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

APPEALS FOR SUPPORT OF U.J.A. WILL BE MADE IN NEW YORK SYNAGOGUES DURING SHEVUOTH

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Appeals for the support of the United Jewish Appeal will be heard in synagogues and temples throughout the country tomorrow and Saturday as Jewry celebrates the Shevuoth holidays. A proclamation to be read by rabbis to their congregations during holiday sermons declares:

"Inasmuch as Israel, which has offered itself as a refuge for all homeless Jews who come unto its shores, now finds that the greatest homecoming is beyond its resources to sustain alone; and because the tragic possibility now exists that the immigration of hundreds of thousands of our suffering brothers and sisters in various lands to Israel may be endangered, unless we American Jews give of our strength and treasure; be it resolved that we give our wholehearted cooperation to the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal."

RABBINICAL CONFERENCE CALLS ON U.P.A. FOR INCREASED AID TO ORTHODOX SCHOOLS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the raising of \$2,000,000 to aid 12,000 students in over 100 Orthodox institutions in Israel, if the United Palestine Appeal refuses to furnish the money, was adopted here last night at a conference of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. The conference is being attended by 400 delegates.

Speakers at the parley asserted that the U.P.A. has thus far contributed only \$100,000 of the amount needed. The conference also discussed the financial difficulties faced by Orthodox schools in the United States. It was emphasized that the Yeshivah in New York are on the verge of being closed down unless immediate steps are taken to secure funds for their continued existence.

THIRTY CANADIAN JEWISH STUDENTS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TODAY TO STUDY CONDITIONS

MONTREAL, June 2. (JTA) -- The first group of Canadians to go to Israel on an organized tour will leave here tomorrow under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Youth Council. The group of 30 students will study living conditions in collective settlements.

Samuel R. Risk, former national field supervisor for the Joint Distribution Committee, was today named executive director of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

ORT-IRO REHABILITATION CENTER OPENED AT JDC SANATORIUM FOR DISPLACED JEWS IN ITALY

ROME, June 2. (JTA) -- A rehabilitation center for Jewish DP patients at the Joint Distribution Committee sanatorium at Merano has been opened under the auspices of the ORT and the International Refugee Organization.

Present at the inauguration ceremony were representatives of the J.D.C., ORT and I.R.O., as well as local authorities, including the mayors of Merano and surrounding towns. A film depicting the ORT's activities was shown to the visitors and the patients.

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