

TWO-YEAR MILITARY TRAINING TO BE INTRODUCED IN ISRAEL, PARLIAMENTARY LEADER REVEALS

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- A universal military and general training plan of two years' duration for the entire Israeli population modeled along Switzerland's mobilization scheme was revealed here today by David Zvi Pinkas, deputy assistant to the Speaker of the Israeli parliament and world Mizrahi leader, at a press conference which he addressed prior to his return to Tel Aviv.

The Israeli mobilization plan calls for two years of service for every male youth between 18 and 20 years of age, Mr. Pinkas said. One year will be spent in military training, and the second in general training for land-development and public utilities service. Girls of the same age level, he said, will be recruited for one-year training in auxiliary military services. The entire population, from 20 to 50 years of age, will thereafter be called up every year for several days' review of their training.

Youth battalions, with membership from 14 to 18 years, will also be organized, he disclosed. Youths will be trained in military calisthenics, hiking and camping. The Israeli Government has assured that religious youths will be enabled to observe kashrut and Sabbath throughout their entire course of training, he stated.

Jewish State Will Need \$200,000,000 in Capital Investments This Year

Reporting on Israel's economic problems, Mr. Pinkas, who is also chairman of the finance committee of the Israeli parliament, announced that the Jewish state will need \$200,000,000 in capital investments this year to carry out its peace-time program. This budget, he stated, will provide for housing, irrigation projects, land-development, roads, communications and airfields. He said that \$50,000,000 will be raised on internal loans, the remainder coming from international bank loans and contributions from world Jewry.

Pointing out that the present Israeli Government "is doing everything in its power to aid private investments in Israel," he urged Americans not only to invest in the new state's growing economy, but also to help with their experience, technical knowledge and business skill.

Mr. Pinkas denied that attempts are being made by religious groups to establish a theocracy in the Jewish state. "Israel is a thoroughly democratic government," he said. "If the majority of the members of parliament decide that the Sabbath or kashrut should be constitutionally sanctioned, that is democracy. If an individual disagrees with this decision, that is his privilege, but there can be no gainsaying a measure which is arrived at through democratic procedure."

STATE DEPARTMENT APPOINTS GEORGE MCGHEE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEAR EAST AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- Confirmation of the appointment of George C. McGhee as Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and African Affairs was announced today by the State Department.

The Department also named Raymond A. Hare, who has been reassigned under the new arrangement, to be Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Near East and African Affairs, and John W. Jago, who was appointed executive director. Mr. Hare returned this week from Lausanne where he participated in the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission talks.

I.R.O. ELIMINATES NEW DIRECTOR; ANNOUNCES PLAN TO END IRG ACTIVITIES WITHIN ONE YEAR

GENEVA, July 8. (JTA) -- John D. Kingsley, an American, was elected today director-general of the International Refugee Organization, succeeding William H. Tuck. Mr. Kingsley is at present deputy administrator of the Federal Security Agency in Washington.

The I.R.O.'s 18-member general council last night adopted a schedule of liquidation for the organization. It provides that on Aug. 31 of this year, refugees will no longer be accepted for care or protection; on Dec. 31, admissions to the I.R.O.'s refugee camps will cease; on June 30, 1950, all care and maintenance activities conducted by the organization will end. The decision to suspend the I.R.O.'s activities as of June 30, 1950, was opposed by the U.S. and Britain, as well as by Mr. Tuck.

TWO-DAY LAWYERS PARLEY IN GERMANY WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS AFFECTING JEWISH INTERESTS

DUSSELDORF, July 8. (JTA) -- A conference of Jewish lawyers in Germany has been summoned for July 17-18, it was announced today. The meeting is for purposes of an exchange of views on legal problems affecting Jewish interests in Germany and the devising of the most effective means of protecting those interests.

Twelve prominent Jewish jurists, who formerly practiced law in Germany, will come here from the United States, headed by Dr. Bruno Weil, a former Berlin attorney who is now president of the New York League of Axis Victims.

FORMER A.M.C. OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR EUROPE TO PROMOTE GOODWILL AMONG CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- George B. McKibbin, former official of the American Military Government in Germany, left today by air for Europe on a special volunteer mission for the National Conference of Christians and Jews to assist in the establishment of new human relations programs abroad. His work will keep him overseas for three months.

The new programs will be conducted in cooperation with the International Council of Christians and Jews, created in 1947 to carry on in Europe the work of the N.C.C.J. in promoting understanding and better inter-group relations among Protestants, Catholics and Jews, according to Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, N.C.C.J. president.

FAMOUS JEWISH SCHOOL IN LONDON, DESTROYED DURING WAR, WILL NOT BE REBUILT

LONDON, July 8. (JTA) -- The famous Jewish Free School in the East End district of London--where Israel Zangwill, Prof. Selig Brodetsky and other prominent British Jews received their early education--which was partially destroyed during the war, will not be rebuilt, it was announced here today.

The buildings will probably be used as offices and warehouses, the announcement said. Founded in 1817, the school at one time served 4,000 Jewish students and has been the educational inspiration of many prominent figures.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT RATIFIES U.N. CONVENTION ON GENOCIDE; IS THIRD NATION TO ACT

LAKE SUCCESS, July 8. (JTA) -- The Australian Parliament has ratified the U.N. convention on genocide, thus becoming the third member state in the last three days to become a signatory to the first international ban on mass extermination of people.

SURINAM JEWS OBJECT TO PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS URGING ADMISSION OF 30,000 JEWS

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish leaders in Surinam, Dutch Guiana, object to the dissemination of unsigned leaflets there calling for support of the plan advanced by the Freeland League to admit 30,000 Jews to Surinam. Mrs. Archibald Silverman, of Providence, R.I., reported today on the basis of an appeal she received from Paramaribo, capital of the island.

The appeal asks Mrs. Silverman to "inform all Jewish authorities" in the United States that the Freeland League project is "harmful," and points out that it is hard to imagine "that there are still Jews who prefer to come here rather than go to Israel." The leaflet to which some of the Jews in Surinam take objection emphasizes that the League's project must be promoted now that Surinam has received its independence and needs additional population, capital and technical knowledge to develop the country.

ZIONISM IN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IS NOW UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT, U.S. LABOR GROUP REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- The Zionist Labor Committee for Relief and Reconstruction today made public a report on conditions of Jews in Eastern Europe stating that Zionist organizations in countries behind the Iron Curtain have been forced to go underground as a result of anti-Zionist campaigns being conducted in those countries.

The report says that in recent weeks jails in Hungary and Rumania are being "packed with Zionist fighters." Every Jew who is suspected of wishing to go to Israel is being arrested, the report adds. It emphasizes that thousands of Jews in Eastern Europe now live "a life of persecution and are afraid to remain in their own homes."

Jewish Communists in Eastern Europe are aiding their respective governments to "throw a scare into the Jewish population not to participate in any Zionist activity and not to think of leaving their homes and proceeding to the Jewish homeland," the report states. Zionist leaders in Eastern Europe, particularly Labor Zionist officials, the report notes, are now entirely dependent on help emanating from abroad.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI PRESIDENT SAYS NO SPLIT OCCURRED IN RANKS OF ORTHODOX ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- Leon Gellman, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, today denied at a press conference here that there has been a split between Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, Orthodox Zionist labor group.

"There has been no rift or schism between both groups, but proposals have been presented for ratification by both parties at the world Mizrahi conference in Israel this August which aim to coordinate rather than separate, to unite in equal partnership, rather than disunite in striving factions," Mr. Gellman said.

Clarifying the "reorganization proposals" which have been adopted at the recent convention of the Mizrahi Organization, Mr. Gellman pointed out that "it is proposed a world federation of General Mizrahi groups be established which will cooperate fully and harmoniously with the world federation of Hapoel Hamizrachi groups already in existence."

ANOTHER GROUP OF 18 U.S. STUDENTS LEAVES FOR ISRAEL; WILL TAKE NYU COURSE IN Kfar SABA

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- An additional group of 18 American students will leave by air tomorrow for Israel where they will take a special course at the Katsnelson Institute in Kfar Saba in "Palestinian life and culture," sponsored by the School of Education of New York University. Dr. Carl Germann Voss is in charge of the group.

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