

Z.C.A. PRESIDENT URGES GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL TO ADVOCATE A PRO-AMERICAN POLICY

TEL AVIV, July 21. (JTA) -- The General Zionist movement should advocate a pro-western policy on the part of Israel, especially in favor of the United States, Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said here today.

Addressing a farewell banquet tendered him by the General Zionist organization here prior to his return to New York, Mr. Frisch urged a policy that would enable Israel to benefit from Marshall Plan aid, without which, he said, it would be most difficult to solve the country's development problems and implement projects such as the Lowdermilk Plan for Jordan River power development.

The American Zionist leader suggested that all elements and parties in Israel unite on domestic affairs for at least two or three years, paving the way for a broad coalition government in order to attract foreign Jewish and non-Jewish capital.

He expressed the hope that the General Zionists would, in the near future, be afforded the possibility of participation in the most vital activities of the government. He said that the failure of the General Zionists and the Progressive Party to amalgamate left him no alternative but to recommend that the Zionist Organization of America carry out its work in Israel independently of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

CONVENTION OF LABOR MIZRACHI OF AMERICA DEPLORES U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- A resolution deploring the fact that several Eastern European countries no longer permit their Jewish citizens to emigrate to Israel was adopted at the 26th annual convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi of America.

The religious Zionist laborite convention also adopted a resolution expressing its disturbance "over the pressure that America is bringing to bear on Israel to diminish its territory and to admit Arab refugees who are opponents of the Jewish state and are likely to serve as dynamite for the peace and prosperity of the state, and to remove the crown of Jerusalem from the Jewish state."

The convention expressed its desire that the World Conference of the Torah V'Avodah -- Torah and Labor -- movement be called in the nearest possible future, in order to establish the organizational frame of the United World Religious Zionist movement and the mobilization of all forms of the organization, in order to attract religious Jews to the ideal of Torah V'Avodah and its program of constructive work in Israel.

ISRAEL LABOR MIZRACHI VOTES AGAINST AFFILIATION WITH HISTADRUT; SHAPIRA'S SLATE WINS

TEL AVIV, July 21. (JTA) -- The members of the Hapoel Hamizrachi of Israel have voted against a merger with the Histadrut, it was announced here today after a tabulation of the 18,000 ballots cast yesterday in a national election. There are 22,000 members in the organization.

Although there were four slates entered in the election, the major issues were affiliation with the Histadrut, or affiliation with the Mizrachi organization. The slate headed by Immigration and Health Minister Moshe Shapira, which opposed amalgamation with the labor federation, received more than 50 percent of the votes.

Rabbi Dr. Bernard Bergman, editor and publisher of the Jewish Morning Journal of New York, and newly-elected president of the Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, arrived here today. He told newsmen that he will attempt to bring about an agreement between the religious laborites and the Mizrachi, particularly in the United States and Europe.

FRENCH PROSECUTOR DEMANDS 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOR NAZI AMBASSADOR WHO DEPORTED JEWS

PARIS, July 21. (JTA) -- A French prosecutor today demanded a sentence of 20 years at hard labor for Otto Abetz, former Nazi envoy to Vichy, who is being tried by a military tribunal here for war crimes, including complicity in the deportation of 40,000 Jews to death camps in Poland and looting of Jewish property in France.

Labelling the Nazi envoy a "looter and a policeman -- a Nazi policeman," the prosecutor asserted that Abetz was clearly responsible for the looting of Jewish belongings in France, mass deportations of Jews and Frenchmen and proposals to shoot Georges Mandel, former French Minister of Interior, and Leon Blum, both Jews, and other French Government officials. The prosecutor said that Abetz knew what was going on, and that he actually egged on the Vichyites.

U.N. BODY WILL TAKE UP PROBLEM OF JEWISH WAR ORPHANS RAISED IN NON-JEWISH HOMES

GENEVA, July 21. (JTA) -- The problem of Jewish war orphans now being brought up in non-Jewish homes will be one of the matters which will come up for consideration by the United Nations in drafting a Children's Charter, Sir Rafael Cilento, director of the Social Division of the U.N. Social and Economic Council said today.

Replying to a question from an Agudas Israel representative at a meeting of accredited non-governmental organizations, Sir Rafael also suggested that intervention by the International Refugee Organization might be possible in handling the matter. Harry Goodman, Agudas Israel spokesman, said that thousands of abandoned Jewish children now being brought up in non-Jewish families are being estranged from their faith.

POLISH GOVERNMENT GRANTS FUNDS TO EXTEND VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF JEWS IN COUNTRY

WARSAW, July 21. (JTA) -- The Polish Government has turned over to the CRT here a sum of 7,000,000 zlotys -- about \$35,000 at the official exchange rate -- for the extension of the organization's vocational training programs. Previously the CRT received a grant of \$85,000 from the government.

The Jewish community of Tarnov, numbering 400 souls, marked the seventh anniversary of the first Nazi pogrom carried out in that town when a total of 25,000 Jews were massacred by the Nazis in one day. Local municipal authorities and representatives of the United Polish Workers Party participated in the memorial service.

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI ACTS TO SAFEGUARD RELIGIOUS INTERESTS AGAINST CALENDAR REFORM

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie of Britain has formed a special committee to safeguard Jewish religious interests in the observance of the Sabbath which may be affected by the proposed calendar reform which will be submitted to the United Nations by Panama, it was announced here today.

The committee, headed by Rabbi Brodie, includes members of the Rabbinical Court and local branches of major national and world organizations which enjoy consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council. The latter groups are the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Anglo-Jewish Association, the World Agudas Israel and the World Jewish Congress.

JEWISH AGENCY OPENS ECONOMIC ADVISORY OFFICES IN FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND, ITALY

PARIS, July 21, (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency has established an Israeli Economic Information Office here to advise prospective investors and immigrants, it was announced today by M. Kurland, the Agency's European representative. Mr. Kurland revealed that similar offices have already been set up in Belgium, Holland, Italy and the Scandinavian countries and that one is planned for Britain.

CHINA SIGNS CONVENTION ON GENOCIDE; IS TWENTY-SIXTH COUNTRY TO JOIN PACT

LAKE SUCCESS, July 21. (JTA) -- The Chinese representative at the U. N., Ambassador T. F. Tsiang, today signed, on behalf of his country, the convention outlawing the crime of genocide. The ceremony took place at U. N. headquarters here.

China is the twenty-sixth country to sign the convention which will come into force upon ratification by 20 countries. So far only Australia and Ethiopia have ratified it.

MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS NOTIFY CONGRESS OF THEIR OPPOSITION TO ANTI-ALIEN BILL

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Seven national Jewish organizations and twenty-seven Jewish community councils throughout the country, in a letter to Congressman Emanuel Celler today urged defeat of the Hobbs Bill, which is currently before a House immigration subcommittee, of which Mr. Celler is chairman.

The Jewish organizations- including American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and National Council of Jewish Women, as well as the local community groups- said that the bill would give the Attorney-General a degree of control over the freedom of individuals that was incompatible with democratic institutions.

Through their coordinating council, the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the Jewish organizations said that the Hobbs Bill "raises the spectre of peacetime concentration camps in the United States." It would make possible deportation of an alien, against his will, to a country where he might be subjected "to imprisonment, forced labor, cruel or unusual punishment, or even death," the Jewish groups declared. It would also deprive aliens of "protection against self-incrimination, such as is assured every suspect under our criminal law, they pointed out.

CIVIL LIBERTIES GROUPS IN CANADA PROTEST MUNICIPAL BAN ON SYNAGOGUE BUILDING

TORONTO, July 21. (JTA) -- The refusal of the York Township to give the Goel Tzedek Congregation permission to build a synagogue has brought protests from various liberal organizations. The Association for Civil Liberties in a letter to the town defended the right of any religious body to build a house of worship in Canada.

"We would also remind your council that should it maintain this refusal and at some future date grant permission to any other religious body to occupy premises in York Township for purposes of worship, it will be impossible to regard its action in any other light than as a discrimination against the particular religion professed by the Goel Tzedek Synagogue," the letter added.

CANADIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES ASKED TO INVESTIGATE ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP

CALGARY, Canada, July 21 (JTA) -- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been asked to make an immediate investigation of the Douglas faction of the Social Credit Movement which is preaching a virulent brand of anti-Semitism. The demand was made by the "Calgary Herald" which editorially declared that the "beginnings of a neo-fascist movement in Canada are discernible in the activities of this group."

The Douglasites publish a news organ, "Social Credit," which in a recent issue blamed all the troubles of the world on the Jews, linked Jews and Communists in a universal conspiracy and wanted immediate action taken against these "enemies of Christian decency." The National Social Credit party has disavowed the extremist faction.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT U.S. OBSERVE CENTENARY OF BIRTH OF EMMA LAZARUS TODAY

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Jewish communities throughout the United States will observe tomorrow the centenary anniversary of the birth of Emma Lazarus, noted Jewish poetess whose classic poem, "The New Colossus," is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty.

Born in New York City of Sephardic parents, Miss Lazarus in her youth showed little interest in Jewish affairs. Her poetic genius attracted the attention of Ralph Waldo Emerson, William Cullen Bryant and other literary giants of the period. Reports of Czarist pogroms in Russia, as well as visits to Ward's Island where hundreds of Jewish victims of the pogroms were compelled to remain prior to their admission to the United States, served to foster in her a deep and abounding devotion to the Jewish people.

Incensed by a magazine article justifying the Czarist pogroms on the Jews, Miss Lazarus wrote a scathing rebuttal entitled, "Russian Christianity versus Modern Judaism." Shortly thereafter she undertook the study of Hebrew and translated the works of medieval Spanish Jewish poets. She advocated industrial training for Jews and helped found the Hebrew Technical Institute of this city. She died at the age of 38 in New York.

ISRAELI-ARGENTINE FRIENDSHIP CEMENTED AT LUNCHEON TENDERED TO ARGENTINE MINISTER

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- A demonstration of friendship between Israel and Argentina took place here today at a luncheon tendered by Arthur Lourie, Israeli Consul-General, to Dr. Pablo Manguel, first Minister of Argentina to Israel, who is now in New York en route to his post in Tel Aviv. The affair was attended by Argentine and Israeli diplomats and officials.

Mr. Lourie, after offering a toast to Dr. Manguel, emphasized the friendly relations between Argentina and Israel. He said that the appointment of a Minister Plenipotentiary of Argentina to Tel Aviv is new proof of this and will undoubtedly strengthen the friendly ties between the two nations.

Dr. Benno Weiser, director of the Latin American Department of the Jewish Agency, mentioned the fact that Argentina not only was friendly to Israel but has adopted a constitution which rejects racial and religious discrimination. He said that Dr. Manguel, as an Argentinian of Jewish descent, was a natural bridge between the two friendly nations.

Replying, Dr. Manguel said that he is anxious to reach Israel and hopes "to be able to serve the sentiments of my President who sees in Israel a country which has been successful in its endeavors even though it has gone through immense sufferings." In this respect, Israel has been able to win the admiration and respect of the whole world, the Argentine diplomat stated.

JEWISH JOURNALISTS IN LONDON TENDER RECEPTION TO LANDAU; SPEAKERS LAUD J.T.A. WORK

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- The Association of Jewish Journalists and Authors here tendered a reception last night to Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, on the eve of his return to the United States. Speakers lauded the work of the J.T.A. and emphasized its commanding position in the Jewish newspaper world.

Replying, Mr. Landau said that the emergence of the state of Israel necessitates the shifting of JTA's center of gravity to Israel, without neglecting the worldwide aspect of its service and without surrendering its independence.

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