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ISRAEL AND JORDAN OFFICERS DECIDE TO SET UP DEMARCATION LINE; WORK STARTS JULY 1

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- High military officers of Israel and Jordan met today and decided to set up a demarcation line from Ein Gedi to the Jordan River. The line will be divided into sectors and each nation will be responsible for the cost of erecting and maintaining the demarcation markers in their respective sectors.

Construction of the demarcation line is scheduled to begin July 1 under the supervision of a committee composed of Israel, Jordan and United Nations representatives.

The last group of Arabs to leave Israel and to join their relatives in Jordan crossed the demarcation line today in Jerusalem. The group was composed of 15 elderly persons whose families moved to Amman, capital of Jordan, at the outbreak of hostilities in Palestine. The Jordan government announced that after this group no more would be accepted.

Andrew Cordier, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations who is now on a tour of all U.N. missions, conferred here today with Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett before leaving for Beirut. M. Cordier met last night with Mr. Sharett and Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and discussed with them unofficially problems concerning conciliation of the Palestine conflict and armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab states.

ARAB PASSENGERS FROM FORCED-DOWN JORDAN PLANE RELEASED BY ISRAEL; RETURNED TO JORDAN

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today handed over to Jordan five of the passengers from the Jordan aircraft which was forced down this week in the Negev for violating Israel territory. The sixth passenger, an American citizen who was identified as Charles Clinton of Philadelphia, continued his journey today by plane after being released yesterday in the custody of the American Consulate here.

The five passengers, who included four Arabs and a British pilot, were brought this afternoon to the Israel-Jordan demarcation line in Jerusalem at Mandelbaum's Gate and were turned over to the Arab Legion. The Jordanian plane which was brought down remains in the custody of Israel.

A spokesman for the Israel Government today denied a report that a privately-owned Egyptian plane was forced down in southern Israel and that \$1,500,000 worth of hashish was found on the plane.

ISRAEL PREMIER VOICES WARNING AGAINST CONTRAVENING OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION LAW

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today told the Israel Parliament that the government will use its full authority against public and private bodies which contravene the compulsory education law.

The Premier today moved into the just-completed Premier's residence here. The building will be the permanent home of all Israel Premiers.

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KNESSET GETS CITIZENSHIP BILL PROVIDING EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN, ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The government today introduced in the Knesset a citizenship bill containing a number of revolutionary reforms such as equal status for women and for illegitimate children who, under Jewish religious law, cannot be members of the Jewish community.

Both aspects of the new bill are expected to encounter stiff opposition from the Religious Bloc. The bill also provides for immediate citizenship for every inhabitant of Israel as well as for authorized immigrants. One of the features of the new citizenship bill is that the acquisition of Israel citizenship does not depend on the Israeli's giving up of his former citizenship.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS WILL ELECT ONE-THIRD OF 400 DELEGATES TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- Approximately one-third of the 400 delegates to the World Zionist Congress which is scheduled to open here in December will be elected in the United States, it was announced here today by the Jewish Agency.

The announcement said that there will be about 130 delegates from the United States, 120 delegates from Israel and 150 from other parts of the world. The sum of approximately \$400,000 to cover the cost of the Congress has been allocated by the organization committee of the Agency. It is expected that income from the sale of Shekolim, which entitle purchasers to participate in the election of delegates, will be about \$5,000,000.

A contract providing for the completion of the Jerusalem convention center by December 1, three weeks before the 23rd World Zionist Congress is due to convene there, was signed today by Solel Bone Ltd., Histadrut's building company. The cost of this phase of the construction work will be about \$1,700,000.

AMERICAN YOUTHS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL AS CHALUTZIM; PLAN TO ESTABLISH COLLECTIVE SETTLEMENT

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- A group of 14 American young men and women trained as Chalutzim in the United States arrived here today. They will complete their training at an agricultural colony in Israel prior to establishing their own collective settlement.

Dr. Peretz Bernstein, leader of the General Zionists in Israel, is leaving for the United States to participate in the convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which is scheduled to open in Chicago at the end of this month.

U.S. OIL COMPANY OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; AMERICAN MILITARY ATTACHE LANDS

HAIFA, June 15. (JTA) -- A.H. Sevier, representative of the Socony Oil Company, arrived here yesterday aboard the S.S. LaGuardia. It is understood that he will discuss Israel's oil supply with government officials.

ISRAEL NEWSPAPERS TO GET LESS NEWSPRINT IN GOVERNMENT MOVE TO SAVE FOREIGN CURRENCY

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- Newsprint allocations to the newspapers of Israel will be cut by 12½ percent in the government's current campaign to conserve its dwindling supply of foreign currency, it was announced here today. Originally the cut was set for 25 percent, but after conferences between the publishers and Supply Minister Dov Joseph the figure was changed.

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JEWISH STUDENTS IN GERMANY HOLD CONFERENCE; ASK SCHOLARSHIPS; TO JOIN COMMUNAL GROUPS

FRANKFURT, June 15. (JTA) -- A three-day conference of Jewish students attending German universities concluded today in Lindau, in the southern part of Germany.

The 200 students discussed changes in their organization in order to permit their affiliation with German Jewish communal bodies because of the imminent dissolution of the DP-led Central Jewish Committee, to which they have been attached in the past. The students adopted a resolution requesting that the communities provide scholarships to help them complete their studies.

The first Jewish social club in Germany since 1933 opened here this week. Some 300 members attended and elected Dr. Wulf Peisachowitz, well-known surgeon and chief physician at the Munich Jewish Hospital, chairman. The club will become a cultural center for all Jewish organizations and political groups.

JEW SENTENCED BY GERMAN JUDGE FOR MISTREATING FELLOW PRISONERS IN CONCENTRATION CAMP

MUNICH, June 15. (JTA) -- Karl Sielmann, a German Jew and formerly an inmate of the Theresienstadt concentration camp, was today sentenced by a German judge to four years imprisonment following his conviction on charges of having mistreated fellow prisoners.

A German court in Darmstadt, in the U.S. zone, today sentenced Heinrich Riebel to 15 months imprisonment after he was convicted of charges of participating in anti-Jewish excesses in Bensheim in the infamous anti-Semitic attacks of November, 1938.

In Rastatt, in the French zone, 34-year-old August Brucker was sentenced to death by a French tribunal for murdering and mistreating Jewish and Polish prisoners in the Ascherleben concentration camp. Fritz Suhren and Hans Pflaum, former Nazi commandant and deputy of the Ravensbruck concentration camp, respectively, who were earlier sentenced to death by a French court, have been executed, French occupation authorities announced.

AUSTRALIAN JEWS PLEDGE AID TO JEWISH IMMIGRANTS WISHING TO SETTLE IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia, June 15. (JTA) -- A pledge to aid Jews wishing to settle in Australia is contained in a resolution adopted here by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry at its annual meeting. However, the resolution emphasized that the organization recognizes Israel's priority in manpower claims.

Another resolution expressing loyalty to the Crown was adopted at the meeting. The representative body of Australian Jewry also resolved to express thanks to the Australian Government for its cordial relations with Israel. They also went on record as opposing the admission of German nationals to Australia until the "German people has proven by deeds that it has undergone a change of heart."

ONLY JEWISH MEMBER OF TURKISH PARLIAMENT IS ELECTED HEAD OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

ISTANBUL, June 15. (JTA) -- Salomon Adatto, the only Jewish member of the Turkish Parliament, has been elected chairman of the Parliamentary Labor Committee. An outstanding member of the Democratic Party, Mr. Adatto is considered one of the foremost specialists on social and labor questions in Turkey. It is the first time that a Jewish deputy has been elected to such a post.

U.S. ORTHODOX CONVENTION EXPLAINS LIMITATION OF RIGHTS FOR REFORM RABBIS IN ISRAEL

CHICAGO, June 15. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, organization of Orthodox rabbis, at its 14th annual convention here, took issue today with a statement made at the conference of Reform rabbis last week in Cincinnati to the effect that Liberal rabbis are being denied religious equality in Israel. The statement in Cincinnati was made by Dr. Jacob Marcus in his presidential report to the Reform rabbis gathered there.

Dr. Marcus claimed that "Liberal rabbis, with one exception, are not permitted in Israel to preside at marriages, divorces, or to perform other functions which are denied no other group, Jewish or Gentile, in the Jewish state." If such a condition existed in the United States, he added, American rabbis would strongly protest this discrimination.

In taking issue with this report, the convention of the Rabbinical Council of America today made public a statement by a delegation of Orthodox rabbis which had been sent by the Council to Israel to study religious affairs there. Declaring that the report made by Dr. Marcus in Cincinnati before the convention of Reform rabbis "gives an incorrect impression on the status of religious authority in the Holy Land," the statement of the Orthodox delegation says:

"Having personally discussed this matter with officers of the Ministry of Religion during our recent visit to Israel, we learned that all rabbis who meet the qualifications required by members of the rabbinate in Israel and possess the degree of 'Smicha' in Israel which is awarded upon the completion of a course of study of biblical and rabbinic law--all such rabbis are granted the full rights and privileges by the Ministry of Religion.

"It is therefore not a question of discrimination but that of meeting the standards which have prevailed in Palestine since time immemorial. The laws in Israel on this question are similar to the laws governing legal and medical standards set by the various states in the U.S. before licenses to practice are granted," the statement emphasized.

Delegates attending the closing session of the convention elected Rabbi Samuel Berliant, of New York, as president. Earlier, Chief Rabbi Louis Rabinowitz of South Africa lauded the efforts taken in the U.S. toward expansion of Jewish educational programs. Dr. Rabinowitz, however, sharply criticized the "lack of progress and retrogression in synagogue participation and religious activity in America."

A resolution adopted by the convention urged the United Jewish Appeal to make a special allocation for the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi institution in Israel known as Merkaz Olami, for the purpose of providing funds for schools and children's centers in the Jewish state. The convention also called on the United Palestine Appeal to grant larger sums to Mizrahi programs in Israel in view of the increased immigration of religious elements.

95 GRADUATED FROM YESHIVA UNIVERSITY; HONORARY DOCTORATES CONFERRED ON THREE LEADERS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Ninety-five degrees and diplomas in course, as well as three honorary degrees, were conferred today by Yeshiva University at the institution's 19th annual commencement exercises held here. The recipients of the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters were Judge Harry Kalodner, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; Dr. Alvin Johnson, president emeritus, New School for Social Research; and Dr. Harry A. Wolfson, of Harvard University. Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva, presided at the commencement exercises. Dr. Louis Rabinowitz, Chief Rabbi of South Africa, delivered the invocation.

CATHOLIC PRIEST WITHDRAWS FROM INTERFAITH SERVICE; PROTESTANTS, RABBI PARTICIPATE

PLEASANTVILLE, N.Y., June 15. (JTA) -- An interfaith baccalaureate service for the Pleasantville High School graduating class scheduled to be held in the school auditorium June 25 was cancelled here because of the withdrawal of a Catholic priest who--together with a rabbi and a Protestant Minister--was to have addressed the class. Such interfaith services for the graduating class have been held here for the last 35 years.

Following the announcement of the cancellation, four Protestant ministers and Rabbi Solomon Kaplan of Mount Kisco, N.Y., said that a baccalaureate service would be held on June 27 in a local Protestant Episcopal church. The Catholic priest explained that under canon law, Catholic students may not take part in a non-Catholic religious ceremony. A similar situation developed last week in Somers, N.Y. However, the case ended there in a compromise, with some religious phases of the baccalaureate service eliminated and the Catholic priest consenting to participate.

KOUSSEVITZKY AND BERNSTEIN TO CONDUCT ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA IN AMERICAN TOUR

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Serge Koussevitzky and Leonard Bernstein will conduct the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in most of the concerts of its American tour next year, to be held under the auspices of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, it was revealed here last night. S. Hurok, noted impresario, will manage the tour.

Dr. Koussevitzky, who returned yesterday from a concert tour of Israel and six other countries, expressed high praise for the "quality of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra." He will return to Israel in October.

URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT RECEIVES SPRINZAK; ISRAELI ADDRESSES SPECIAL SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

MONTEVIDEO, June 15. (JTA) -- Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel parliament who arrived here from Argentina for a visit in connection with the opening of the United Israel Campaign, was received by President Luis Battle Borez of Uruguay. Mr. Sprinzak later addressed a specially convoked session of the Uruguayan parliament. He spoke in Hebrew.

Thousands of Jews welcomed the Israel leader when his ship docked here. Mr. Sprinzak participated in ceremonies marking the launching of the fund-raising drive for Israel, which has a goal of \$1,000,000.

AGUDAS ISRAEL OF AMERICA OPENS 28TH ANNUAL CONVENTION; TRUMAN EXTENDS GREETINGS

HURLEYVILLE, N.Y., June 15. (JTA) -- More than 500 delegates attending the 28th annual convention of Agudas Israel, which opened here today, heard a message from President Truman calling for a "rekindling of the religious spirit" in the world. The President's message called further for a "renewed appreciation of the ethical values set forth by the Prophets of old."

Dr. David Ochs, Agudah leader of Canada, told the convention--which will continue through Sunday--that "religious Jews throughout the world are united in the demand that all immigrant children in Israel be reared in Orthodox Jewish tradition."

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