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U.S. GOVERNMENT APPOINTS EXPERT TO ADVISE ISRAEL ON INCREASED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, June 21. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government today appointed a leading American labor efficiency and productivity expert to proceed to Israel for the purpose of studying methods to increase production there. The expert, Hy Fish, will leave for the Jewish state on June 30 and will remain there for four months.

Mr. Fish will advise Israel industrialists on plant layout, handling of machinery, job evaluation, production scheduling and control, wage incentive plans and other techniques. A consultant to a number of American manufacturing companies, Mr. Fish is also assistant director of the Labor Education Division of Roosevelt College, in Chicago.

ISRAEL PROPOSALS TO U.N. ON JERUSALEM DO NOT INVOLVE OLD CITY, SHARETT SAYS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- Israel proposals for international control of the Holy Places in Jerusalem do not involve the recognition of Transjordan annexation of the Old City, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today told the parliament. He spoke during a discussion which culminated in a decision to postpone debate on the Israel Government's proposals to the Trusteeship Council.

The discussion started with the presentation of motions by the Mapam and Herut for a debate on the issue. The former demanded to know why Israel should have initiated a plan under which foreign powers would be enabled "to enter Israel by the back door and interfere with her sovereignty." The rightists accused the government of surrendering the Old City "to foreign powers which, under a religious veil, aim to occupy strategic positions in Israel to use it later as a Trojan horse."

Mr. Sharett asserted that Israel had taken the initiative in the Jerusalem issue because the Jewish state needs a constructive solution of the problem. Both the United Nations and the Knesset, he said, had been informed of this desire as early as November, 1948. He said a debate at this time would be "inadvisable" because the Jerusalem situation is currently being discussed in various quarters and will be on the agenda of the forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly.

After the vote to postpone debate--carried 46-24--both Mapam and Herut deputies raised an outcry. Uri Zvi Grunberg, of Herut, shouted: "You sold out Jerusalem. There will never be peace and quiet."

American Zionists Ask U.S. Support for Israel's Proposals on Jerusalem

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council today urged the United States delegates at the United Nations "to take the leadership in support of the proposals of the Israel delegation at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly."

In a resolution adopted by its executive committee, the Council, speaking in the name of all American Zionist parties, expressed the view "that the compromise proposals put forward by the Israel delegation offer a constructive plan whereby all legitimate interests in Jerusalem may be balanced, secured and protected."

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ARABS ATTACK ISRAEL SETTLEMENT; SKIRMISH ALSO REPORTED ON TEL AVIV-BEERSHEBA ROAD

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- The Israel settlement Saad was attacked today for one hour by Arab marauders. One Arab was believed to have been killed in the exchange of fire between the settlers and the marauders.

A brief skirmish took place between Israelis and Arabs on the southern portion of the Tel Aviv-Beersheba road. One Arab was reported wounded in the clash. Sixty-eight Arab infiltrators were apprehended in the Beersheba area.

Schoolteachers in Transjordan will henceforth receive military training and will be told to pass on this training to their students, Radio Ramallah reported today.

ARAB DELEGATION ASKS ISRAEL PARLIAMENT TO END MILITARY CONTROLS IN ARAB AREAS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- A ten-man delegation of Arabs representing the population in areas still under military government in Israel today called on the Parliamentary Prassidium and asked for the end of military control.

The delegation said that military administration "brings unnecessary hardships, hampers economic development and creates unemployment" in the Arab areas. Deputy Speaker Dr. Josef Burg promised to raise the issue with the appropriate Parliamentary committees, but pointed out that the security situation in the effected areas is still very grave because of the continuous infiltration by Arabs outside of Israel.

ISRAEL LABOR MINISTER OPPOSES IMMIGRATION CURTAILMENT; SAYS JEWISH LIVES ARE IN DANGER

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- A warning that temporary curtailment of Jewish immigration to Israel "may endanger the lives of tens of thousands of Jews now streaming to the Jewish state" was voiced today by Golda Myerson, Israel Minister of Labor, prior to her leaving by plane for Israel. She was referring to suggestions from some quarters that immigration to the Jewish state be halted temporarily because of lack of funds.

(The New York Times today reported from Jerusalem that two leaders of the United Jewish Appeal--Julian Venezky and Samuel Rothberg--who are now visiting Israel have urged the curtailment of immigration for six months "to give fund-raising a chance to catch up." They warned that if Israel continues her present immigration rate, ignoring financial realities, the whole thing will "blow up in their faces," the report said.)

Emphasizing that "Jewish immigration is synonymous with the Jewish state," Mrs. Myerson said: "No one of us wishes to live in a state that must close its doors to any Jew who needs a home. The acceptance of the Jews of Rumania and other countries is the fulfillment of the destiny which brought the state of Israel into being." She pointed out that the present situation required an enlargement of the partnership between American Jews and the people of Israel through the channel of the United Jewish Appeal to make increased funds available for what she termed "rescue immigration."

BUILDING USED FOR PARLIAMENT IN TEL AVIV WILL BE TURNED OVER TO MUNICIPALITY

TEL AVIV, June 21. (JTA) -- Mayor Israel Rokach announced today that the government has approved a plan to place the building formerly used by the Israel Parliament here at the disposal of municipal authorities. The building will be used as a center for cultural enterprises, Mayor Rokach said.

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200 EMPLOYEES OF BRITISH OIL COMPANY IN ISRAEL CALL 24-HOUR WARNING STRIKE

HAIFA, June 21. (JTA) -- More than 200 employees of the Shell Oil Company here today called a 24-hour warning strike in protest against the failure of the firm to satisfy a series of demands submitted by the workers several months ago, with the approval of the Israel Treasury.

Representatives of the Shell company conferred last night with Haifa Labor Council leaders and submitted a set of counter-proposals. The Council turned down the counter-proposals, which were said to represent the views of all oil companies operating in Israel.

BRITAIN PESSIMISTIC ON REPORT THAT EGYPT WILL PERMIT PASSAGE OF OIL TANKERS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- There is no confirmation of reports that Egypt is prepared to permit oil tankers bound for Haifa to pass through the Suez Canal, British authoritative quarters declared today. Stating that there is no information available of the nature of the Egyptian Cabinet's decision on traffic through the canal, these same quarters expressed the opinion that the situation remains unchanged.

Radio reports from Arab countries said today that it was understood that the secret session of the Egyptian Cabinet this week had decided to blacklist all countries sending oil to be refined in Haifa. British tankers, however, will be allowed through the Canal on condition that the oil refined in Israel is immediately shipped out of the country, the broadcasts said. The broadcasts added that ships passing through the Suez en route to Israel will henceforth not be searched.

FIRST HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE IN ISRAEL PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

TEL AVIV, June 21. (JTA) -- Istvan Romhanyi, new Hungarian charge d'affaires here, presented his credentials to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett yesterday. Mr. Romhanyi, Hungary's first diplomatic representative to the Jewish state, formerly served as consul in the United States.

Meanwhile, Dr. Shmuel Elyashev, new Israel Minister to Hungary and Czechoslovakia, left Israel to take up his new posts.

President Weizmann was host today at lunch to the Soviet Minister to Israel, Pavel Yershov. Also present at the meeting was Mordecai Namir, Israel's Minister to the Soviet Union.

Alexis Liatis, former Greek consul-general in Cyprus, has been appointed to the same post in Jerusalem, succeeding A. Argyropoulos, who will return to the Greek Foreign Office here, it was announced today.

EXISTENCE OF KEREN HAYESOD AND JEWISH NATIONAL FUND STILL NECESSARY, ISRAEL MINISTER SAYS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- The belief that establishment of Israel made the Keren Hayesod and other Zionist funds unnecessary is entirely erroneous, Israel Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan declared here today, addressing a celebration of the fund's 30th anniversary.

Minister Kaplan said that a partnership was needed among the state of Israel, the national Zionist funds and private capital. Berl Locker, Jewish Agency chairman, told the gathering that wider voluntary taxation was needed, while Dr. Abraham Granot, world president of the Jewish National Fund, urged the closest cooperation between the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod.

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FRENCH MINISTER PLEDGES ACTION ON USING HEIRLESS PROPERTY TO AID NAZI VICTIMS

PARIS, June 21. (JTA) -- Rene Mayer, French Minister of Justice, today promised to take action to assure that Jewish heirless property in France be used for the benefit of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution. The pledge was made to a delegation from CRIF, the central representative body of French Jewry.

Meanwhile, French Finance Minister Maurice Petsche today received an Israel delegation headed by David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Finance Ministry, and including Maurice Fischer, Minister to Paris, and Josef Gerzon, commercial attache of the legation here.

GREEK JEWS THANK POLICE CHIEF WHO RESCUED HUNDREDS DURING NAZI OCCUPATION

ATHENS, June 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Central Board of Greece today sent congratulations to Police Brigadier Anghelos Evert on the occasion of his promotion to the command of the national police force.

During the Nazi occupation of Greece, Brig. Evert, then chief of the Athens police, rescued hundreds of Jews from death camps at great personal risk. He issued to Jews, and personally countersigned, identification cards which bore false Christian names. He also cooperated with Allied intelligence agents.

ONLY JEW IN AUSTRALIAN STATE LEGISLATURE ELECTED SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 21. (JTA) -- Arce Michaelis, only Jewish member of the Victoria state legislature, has been elected Speaker of the newly-elected Legislative Assembly.

Abraham Lands, a Laborite, was reelected in the provincial elections which took place in New South Wales, preliminary returns indicated. He will be the only Jewish candidate elected to the state legislature. Three other Jewish candidates--one Laborite and two Liberals--were defeated.

MONTREAL JEWISH LEADER ELECTED TO CANADIAN PARLIAMENT; JEWS NOW HAVE TWO DEPUTIES

MONTREAL, June 21. (JTA) -- Jewish representation in the Canadian Parliament has increased to two with the election of Leon B. Crestohl of Montreal today. David Croll of Toronto is the other Jewish member of Parliament. Mr. Crestohl is active in Jewish communal affairs and holds the post of president of the Eastern Region of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

SOUTH AFRICAN SENATE APPROVES GOVERNMENT'S BILL FOR SEGREGATED LIVING AREAS

CAPETOWN, So. Africa, June 21. (JTA) -- The South African Senate has approved by a one-vote majority the third reading of the Government's segregation bill, designed to establish separate living areas for separate races. Voting was 20 for and 19 against. The bill now goes to the Governor-General for assent.

MOSLEMITES DISSEMINATE ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS; BLAME "ALIEN JEWS" FOR HOUSING SHORTAGE

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- Leaflets blaming "thousands of alien Jews" for difficulties in housing are being disseminated in the Hampstead borough of London by Moslemites in connection with local elections there, it was reported today by the defense committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The committee is watching the situation carefully to take steps should circumstances warrant it.

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106 SHANGHAI REFUGEES DEPORTED TO GERMANY; THEIR SCREENING MAY TAKE A YEAR

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- The group of 106 Shanghai refugees who arrived in this country a month ago en route to Europe were deported today after a 24-day stay on Ellis Island while Jewish organizations sought to have them remain here and be processed as immigrants under the DP Act. All but 15 members of the group are Jews.

Although President Truman yesterday issued orders to John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner in Germany, to send the DP's headed for that country to an International Refugee Organization camp rather than a German-administered center, and aid them in returning to the U.S., government officials here admitted that the screening of the 106 in Europe would take at least six months and possibly a year to complete.

As the refugees were deported, the United Service for New Americans announced that it had spent \$8,500 to maintain the group on Ellis Island. Meanwhile, three Jewish members of Congress issued a statement thanking President Truman for his efforts on behalf of the DP's. Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, and Reps. Jacob K. Javits and Emanuel Celler, all of New York, thanked government agencies for their cooperation and reviewed efforts made to allow the DP's to remain.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSES RECOGNITION OF VATICAN AS A STATE; URGES PATIENCE WITH RUSSIA

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Opposition to American recognition of the Vatican as a state was expressed here today in a resolution adopted by the convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America which represents some 450 Conservative rabbis. The resolution calls upon the United States to refrain from sending a new representative to the Vatican "in order to assure the principle of impartiality towards all religious groups which has been the basic principle of our American Republic."

The convention also adopted a resolution urging "further efforts at disarmament" and more patient attempts at negotiations with Soviet Russia in order to avert the "grave threat of atomic and hydrogen bomb warfare to the physical and spiritual development of mankind." The resolution said that "although we regard the threat of Communism to the peace of the world as a real and ever present one, our answer to this challenge must grow out of our deep-seated conviction that men's hearts are won only by ideas and ideals."

The rabbis also appealed for United States support of the United Nations, to seek its development into a world federation, and also appealed to the United States Senate for prompt ratification of the U.N. Convention on Genocide. The Assembly endorsed the "Point Four" program for assistance to nations in backward areas, denounced the "repeated failure" of Congress to enact the President's civil rights program, opposed loyalty tests in those areas not affecting national security, and called for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law.

The convention opposed federal aid to non-public schools, either in the form of free secular textbooks or transportation, however, declaring it was not opposed to aid in the form of lunches, medical or dental services. In connection with the principle of church and state separation, the rabbis asserted their opposition to joint sectarian religious practices and holiday observances in the public school system, and also opposed released and dismissed time practices.

Speaking last night at a special Golden Jubilee celebration at Carnegie Hall, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, told the delegates and 2,500 guests that the unity of all religious faiths--first in the western world and then among all faiths--may yet save civilization from destruction. The primary task, he said, was to "surmount division among ourselves."

ANTI-DEFACTION LEAGUE LISTS ANTI-SEMITES RUNNING IN GEORGIA ELECTIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

ATLANTA, Ga., June 21. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League's regional office here has published a list of "three known anti-Semites" who are "presenting themselves to the people of Georgia this year for election to public office." The A.D.L. listed the three as Thomas Mercer Linder, candidate for reelection as Commissioner of Agriculture; Mrs. Jessie Welch Jenkins, candidate for Governor; and Parson E.C. "Jack" Johnston, running for the U.S. Senate.

The A.D.L. pointed out that Linder, employing the columns of the state agricultural publication, "Market Bulletin," has written that "we busted our country financially and buried many American boys in Europe to keep the Jews from going back to Palestine. Now, in less than ten years it looks like we are going to have another world war and bury a great many more boys across the sea to make it possible for the Jews to do what they refused to do a few years ago," he wrote.

FIRST VOLUME OF ENCYCLOPEDIA BIBLICA PUBLISHED AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF PREPARATION

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- The first volume of the Encyclopedia Biblica--considered a highly valuable contribution to Biblical science--was published here today by the Mosad Bialik, the Jewish Agency's Institute for Hebrew Literature. Preparation for the publication of the Encyclopedia has been going on for more than eight years.

Chief editors of the Encyclopedia are Professors Eleazar Sukenik and A. Casauto. Among those aiding in the project is Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. The Encyclopedia is being prepared by Israel scholars and their students and will include summations of scholarly studies on Biblical subjects from all parts of the world.

UNIVERSITY-INSTITUTE-TECHNION PLAN FUND-RAISING DRIVE IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Full-scale operations in Latin America on behalf of Israel's three great institutions of higher learning, scientific research and technology were decided upon at a meeting here by representatives of the American Committee for the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science, and the Haifa Technion, it was announced today.

Plans include the formation of University-Institute-Technion committees throughout Central and South America and the calling of a conference at which Latin America's Jewish community leaders will decide on the means and techniques best suited to enlisting support for the U.I.T., Meyer W. Weisgal, director of the joint campaign for the three institutions, said.

CANADA'S FOREIGN MINISTER FINDS ISRAEL'S NEW PROPOSAL ON JERUSALEM "INTERESTING"

MONTREAL, June 21. (JTA) -- Israel's recent proposals for the internationalization of the Holy Places were hailed as "interesting recommendations" by Lester B. Pearson, Canada's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who addressed a local political gathering.

The Arab attitude on the Jerusalem issue was branded "unrealistic" by the Montreal Star, in commenting editorially on the recent Iraq declaration before the U.N. Trusteeship Council. The statement, says the Star, would have come with greater force had it been made before the Arab League fell apart.