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AIR ALERT SOUNDED IN JERUSALEM; HAIFA WELCOMES AMERICAN CADETS; DISPLAYS ISRAEL FLAGS

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- An air alert was sounded here today by the Israel military authorities without a subsequent public explanation. All traffic was halted during the alert.

Police officials told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the alert was merely a test. It had been announced earlier that a number of such tests will be made within the next fortnight. The population took today's alert calmly.

In Haifa flags were displayed in greeting to 321 American merchant marine cadets who arrived on the training ship Empire State to spend a week in Israel. The city is giving a reception for the cadets, about 15 percent of whom are Jewish. Israel officials are also arranging tours for the cadets throughout the country.

The summer session for American students at the Berl Katznelson Institute at Kfar Saba was inaugurated today at ceremonies attended by leading Israel educators, writers, labor leaders and statesmen. Among the speakers, who spoke of Israel's great need for scientific workers, were Labor Minister Golda Myerson and Acting President Joseph Sprinzak.

GOVERNMENTS OF SWEDEN AND DENMARK EXTEND DE JURE RECOGNITION TO JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, July 13. (JTA) -- The Governments of Sweden and Denmark have extended de jure recognition to the state of Israel, it was announced here today. The two Scandinavian states apparently refrained from recognizing the Jewish state until Sweden had obtained a satisfactory statement from Israel on the Bernadotte case.

The Israel Cabinet, at a meeting here last night, empowered the Ministers of Finance, Health and Labor to negotiate with representatives of 2,000 nurses who ended their five-day strike Tuesday after a promise by the Histadrut executive that it would press for their demands for higher pay, longer vacations and a shorter work week.

The Cabinet also discussed the situation of the Arabs living within Israel. It approved an 8,500,000-pound (\$23,800,000) project involving the use of waste water for irrigation purposes in the Negev.

JEWS EXPRESS THEMSELVES FREELY ONLY IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

TEL AVIV, July 13. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry today issued a statement asserting that "certain newspapers published distorted versions" yesterday of a speech which Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett delivered before the students of the Hebrew University.

The statement quoted Mr. Sharrett as saying that while "Israel is most anxious to promote friendly relations with all nations regardless of their internal regime," it is "impossible to ignore the fact that it is only in the democratic countries that the Jewish communities enjoy freedom of organization, expression and independent activity."

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ISRAEL PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WELCOMED BY LONDON MAYOR; ENTERTAINED BY KING

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliamentary delegation which is now visiting here at the invitation of the British Government was today welcomed officially by the Lord Mayor of London who expressed gratification that the Israelis had accepted the invitation.

In the afternoon the members of the delegation were entertained by King George VI at a garden party at Buckingham Palace. The Jewish deputies were also guests of the Foreign Office tonight at a reception in the House of Lords.

Replying to the Lord Mayor, Pinkas Lubianiker, spokesman for the delegation, paid tribute to the courage of Londoners during the height of the Nazi blitzkrieg against the city. He said that Jerusalem citizens, who were also required to show stiff resistance to a foe during the war, appreciate the heroism of the Britons.

ISRAEL MINISTER TO ENGLAND PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO KING GEORGE VI

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, Israel Minister to Britain, today presented his credentials to King George VI of England at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Elath chatted with the King for fifteen minutes in an informal friendly conversation.

At the entrance of Buckingham Palace, Minister Elath was received by Sir John Monck, Marshal of the diplomatic corps, Brigadier Salisbury Jones and Marcus Choko, Vice-Marshal of the diplomatic corps, as well as by other dignitaries of the English Court who escorted him to the King.

SHARP DROP IN LAND PLANTED FOR ORANGE GROVES REPORTED IN ISRAEL; NEW GROVES PLANNED

TEL AVIV, July 13. (JTA) -- One hundred thousand dunams (25,000 acres) of new orange groves will be planted in Israel according to the most advanced agricultural methods, Zvi Izakson, president of the Farmers Association, revealed at a press conference today. Mr. Izakson stated that Israel now has 120,000 dunams planted in orange groves as compared with the 300,000 dunams planted before the Palestine war.

There were 648 settlements, including 94 Arab villages, in Israel at the end of June, it was announced here today. Two hundred and thirty-two of the settlements were established since the proclamation of the Jewish state two years earlier.

Sixteen new settlements were founded in June, the announcement said. Five of them are located in Galilee; one at Carmel Beach, a suburb of Haifa; three on the Judean plains; four in the Judean hills; one in the Negev; and two in the southern district.

POLIO CASES IN TEL AVIV AREA SHOW MARKED DECLINE; DROPPED TO ONE A DAY

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- A marked decrease in cases of poliomyelitis in the Tel Aviv area during the past few weeks is reported in the Jerusalem Post, English-language daily. While 84 cases were reported in the area during May and 80 in June, the number of new cases for the month of July dropped to an average of one a day.

WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT ACCUSED OF HIRING NAZIS WHO PLANNED EXTERMINATION OF JEWS

BONN, July 13. (JTA) -- West German Minister of the Interior Gustav Heinemann yesterday promised an investigation of the government's hiring policy following charges by a Social Democratic deputy in the Parliament that the government had hired persons who had planned the extermination of Jews.

In the course of his presentation of general charges of discrimination in hiring by the government, the Social Democrat, Adolf Arndt, cited the employment of two former leading Nazis, Drs. Kurt Blohke and Emil Brich. Arndt charged that both had participated in the preparation of the Nazi program for extermination of the Jews.

PRIME MINISTER OF HESSE PROPOSES PLAN FOR REHABILITATING JEWISH CEMETERIES

MUNICH, July 13. (JTA) -- The provincial Prime Minister of Hesse has proposed to the American state commissioner, Dr. James R. Newman, a plan for rehabilitating the Jewish cemeteries in Hesse, it was learned here today.

In the same communication from Dr. Stock to Dr. Newman, it was proposed to teach schoolchildren tolerance and respect for graves. Commenting on Dr. Stock's proposals, Dr. Newman declared: "This action will bring to a speedy end these scandalous desecrations. It is, however, the individual responsibility of citizens to actively help the government in this campaign."

GERMAN COURT SENTENCES EX-GESTAPO COMMANDER AT CONCENTRATION CAMP TO 15-YEAR TERM

STUTTGART, July 13. (JTA) -- A German court here today sentenced Rudolf Boor, former Gestapo commander at the Ravensbrueck concentration camp for women, to 15 years imprisonment following his conviction on charges of having killed 11 prisoners and injured 25 others. In passing sentence, the judge commented: "It is deplorable that the law prohibits a greater sentence."

During the course of the trial two witnesses were arrested on suspicion of participating in some of Boor's crimes. One, Fritz Mosser, has already confessed to murdering one Jewish prisoner at the camp.

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN HIGH COURT ORDERS NEW TRIAL FOR DEPUTY WHO DEFENDED MURDERER OF JEWS

HAMBURG, July 13. (JTA) -- The Schleswig-Holstein Superior Court today reversed the decision of a lower court and ordered a new trial for Wolfgang Hedlor, German rightist deputy, who was acquitted in February of charges of incitement to racial hatred.

Hedlor's prosecution was based on a public speech he made during which he declared: "Opinion may be divided over whether it was right to poison Jews with gas (during the Nazi regime.) There may have been other means of getting rid of the Jews." The acquittal aroused a storm of protest throughout Germany and other countries and he was physically thrown out of the Bonn Parliament by other deputies when he attempted to take his seat.

U.N. BODY TO CIRCULARIZE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS MEMORANDUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANT

GENEVA, July 13. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress memorandum of last week calling for the United Nations Economic and Social Council to reject the draft covenant on human rights will be circulated to all delegations by the Council's Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. The decision, the first of its kind, was taken at the suggestion of the French delegate, supported by the American representative, it was announced here today.

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RELIGIOUS ARTICLES, KOSHER FOOD RUSHED TO JEWS IN U.S. ARMED FORCES LEAVING FOR KOREA

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Special supplies of religious articles and kosher food have been rushed to military and naval installations all along the Pacific Coast by the National Jewish Welfare Board to meet the religious and morale needs of Jewish personnel in the armed forces leaving for the Korean war, it was announced here today by Irving Edison, J.W.B. president.

U.S. ZIONISTS NEVER ADVOCATED SEPARATION OF JEWISH AGENCY FROM ISRAEL, NEUMANN SAYS

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that American Zionists have never suggested complete separation of the world Zionist movement from the state of Israel, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, today issued a statement to the press in which he took issue with some of the assertions made at the recent Z.O.A. convention in Chicago by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency. The statement says:

"1. American Zionists never advocated total separation of the Zionist movement and Jewish Agency from the state of Israel. At the Actions Committee in August 1948, we successfully advocated a constitutional and formal dissociation between the Jewish Agency and the Government of Israel. Close cooperation and coordination was not only assumed as indispensable, but Mr. Eliezer Kaplan was retained as a member of both bodies for this very purpose.

"2. Prior to that meeting strong support for such formal dissociation had come from eminent counsel retained by the United Jewish Appeal. The legal opinion of U.J.A. counsel dated July 8, 1948, contained the following passage, which was underscored for emphasis: 'I believe it to be most important that the dissociation of the Agency or its successor from certain of its earlier activities and from the state be clean, complete and prompt.'

"3. The Joint Coordinating Committee was devised at the recent meeting of the Actions Committee, when the proposal of a 'charter' for the Jewish Agency, put forward by the American section of the Agency, had to be abandoned. Dr. Goldmann is only technically correct when he says that the Government of Israel has not rejected the 'charter' idea. It was in fact dropped because of the strongly expressed opposition of Mr. Ben Gurion and other government leaders.

"4. Dr. Goldmann violently attacked Dr. Silver for allegedly saying that the setting up of the Joint Coordinating Committee would expose Zionists to suspicion of double loyalty or being agents of a foreign government. What Dr. Silver actually said was: 'I am not at all sure that this new arrangement will not at some time or another gravely embarrass our movement in our country or elsewhere, and will not give rise to deplorable situations which we sought to obviate in September, 1948.'

"5. Dr. Goldmann denies that the Israel Government intervened in the regrettable U.J.A. controversy. The group that precipitated that controversy claimed to be acting in the interest of the state of Israel and in close touch with members of its government. One word from the right person in Tel Aviv would have stopped the agitation, but the disavowal was not forthcoming despite repeated requests by the American section of the Jewish Agency. It has since been established that the issues were discussed at a meeting of the provisional government where strong views were expressed."

SURVEY SHOWS BUSINESS GROUPS OPOSE F.E.P.C. LAWS; LABOR GROUPS FAIL TO SUPPORT THEM

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Fair employment practices laws have been defeated in many states because their sponsors have failed to win the active support of the very groups--organized labor for one--that would be immediately and directly benefited by passage of such legislation. At the same time, state and local chambers of commerce, boards of trade and real estate and retailers' associations have grouped together "overwhelmingly" in their opposition to FEPC.

These are the principal conclusions of a detailed study of F.E.P.C. campaigns in 27 states sponsored jointly by the American Council on Race Relations and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and made public today.

Effective support of F.E.P.C. has been almost entirely limited to a few "organizations dedicated to the preservation and enlargement of the rights of ethnic and other minority groups," the report says. On the other hand, "in state after state, from one year to the next, the organized business and industrial interests have opposed state F.E.P.C. In every state where the issue was important enough to bring it out into the open, it has been possible to identify one of these organizations as the leader of the opposition."

The study makes clear that in many cases proponents of F.E.P.C. have failed to tell their story to those groups whom the legislation would most benefit. Noting that ten states have passed fair employment practices legislation, the study bears down heavily on those groups in whose interest F.E.P.C. would seem to operate. "The role of organized labor has been particularly disappointing in view of the professed stand which it has taken," it declares. Veterans organizations "have shown little awareness" of F.E.P.C. Proponents have similarly failed sufficiently to interest most of the religious denominations, rural and suburban populations or appreciable numbers of national organizations.

Suburban populations are seemingly aligned with rural populations in opposition to F.E.P.C. and, in general, the states having a greater number of cities and higher percentage of urban dwellers are more favorably disposed to F.E.P.C. The study hesitates to say, however, that the urban-rural division is final and conclusive. "It may be that if the proponents of F.E.P.C. are properly organized, they will be in a position to overcome the opposition which, from a territorial standpoint, is more diffuse. We conclude that the political situation and the nature of the campaign are the vital factors," the report says.

U.S.N.A. LEADERS LEAVE FOR EUROPE TO SPEED JEWISH DP IMMIGRATION TO UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Walter H. Bieringer, president of the United Service for New Americans, national refugee resettlement organization, and Arthur Greenloigh, executive director, will fly to Europe this week-end, it was announced here today. They will study conditions in processing centers for displaced persons and means of expediting Jewish immigration to the United States under the new Displaced Persons Bill.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS PURCHASES BUILDING TO HOUSE ITS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has announced the purchase of a permanent home for the Congress to be known as the Stephen Wise Congress House. Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Congress, said the house will provide national headquarters for the executive offices of both the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress.

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