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ISRAEL PARLIAMENT VOTES CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT'S RATIONING POLICY; STRIKE WANES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A vote of confidence in the Israel Government's policy of imposing shoe and clothing rationing was cast today in the Knesset. The parliament, by a vote of 57 to 36, expressed approval of the government's action.

At the same time the parliament took notice of the government's decision to appoint a non-party committee comprising merchants, industrialists and representatives of cooperatives to study and report on the effects of the rationing ordinance.

"The Knesset declares that the rationing of footwear and clothing is part of the government policy for the economic recovery of the state and takes notice of the government decision to nominate a special committee," the parliament's decision states.

Earlier, the presidium of the parliament, composed of representatives of the groups which form the coalition Cabinet, met and decided in favor of amending the rationing law which provoked a nationwide strike of storekeepers. The decision was taken in order to avoid a crisis in the coalition Cabinet.

The groceries and the restaurants which joined the merchants strike yesterday reopened today. But the president of the Merchants Association announced today that other stores will not reopen until Premier David Ben Gurion announces in the parliament that the government is ready for a compromise on the rationing law.

Leaders of the Israel Chamber of Commerce and of the Merchants Association last night addressed a huge mass meeting in Tel Aviv at which they charged that the government decision to introduce rationing of shoes and clothing actually aims at the liquidation of the middle class and the destruction of private enterprise.

Following the vote in parliament today, leaders of the Merchants Association stated that the owners of stores selling clothing, footwear and general commodities will continue to remain closed until a satisfactory arrangement is reached between representatives of the storekeepers and the Ministry of Supply for a better application of the newly-decreed rationing system.

Winding up the Knesset debate, Minister of Supply Dov Joseph defended the rationing ordinance in a two-hour speech. Premier Ben Gurion then took the floor and condemned the merchants strike as "ineffective and without moral justification." He added that the strike was not successful because the government would not yield to such pressure and said it was not morally justifiable since the demands for abolition of rationing are not compatible with the Jewish state's economic situation, whose "paramount tasks" he described as defense, absorption and immigration.

"Since the inception of the state," the Premier continued, "we absorbed 430,000 immigrants and built 40,000 housing units." He then asked: "Where is the flow of capital from America or the flow of youth and experts from America?" Defending the government's rationing policy, he said: "This is neither a Socialist nor a capitalist state, since we encourage private enterprise."

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES CONCLUSIONS REACHED ON SEEKING INCREASED AID FROM U.S. JEWRY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met today to discuss the conclusions reached on increased fund-raising in the U.S. for the next few years.

The conclusions -- which were not made public -- were the culmination of a two-day joint meeting of the Cabinet with members of the Jewish Agency executive and representatives of the United Jewish Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

U.N. COMMISSION RENEWS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PERMANENT ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, composed of representatives of the United States, France and Turkey, today resumed here its efforts to bring about permanent peace between Israel and the Arab countries.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Tewfik Rustu Aras, the new Turkish member of the Commission, said that Turkey is greatly interested in having permanent peace established in the Middle East. "With my experience as a former Foreign Minister and as author of Saabad's Pact, I hope to give new impetus to the Commission's efforts for direct peace negotiations," he stated. "I shall begin by seeking first-hand information and shall visit, as soon as possible, Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in a personal capacity."

An Israel Army spokesman denied today a Beirut press report that at the last Israel-Lebanese mixed armistice commission meeting, Israel offered indemnity for victims of the recent plane incident and that the Lebanese filed a formal complaint about a Lebanese who was killed by an Israel patrol in Lebanese territory yesterday.

The plane incident involved an Israel fighter which chased a Lebanese transport across the Lebanese border after firing a warning burst at it when the craft appeared over Israel territory. The Lebanese claimed that the Israel fighter's burst killed several passengers.

The Israel spokesman said that the commission met only today when neither of the aforementioned issues was raised. A Lebanese marauder, he added, was killed last week when he entered Israel territory, a fact which the commission previously had confirmed.

ISRAEL IS IN DANGER OF DISAPPEARING LIKE LITHUANIA AND LATVIA, DR. GOLDMANN WARNS

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- This generation of Jews could make the same mistake as those who underestimated the dangers of Nazism, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, declared here today addressing a United Israel Appeal rally.

During our lifetime, Dr. Goldmann said, older states like Lithuania and Latvia disappeared and the Jewish state "is in no less danger." The Arabs, he emphasized, are 15 miles from Tel Aviv. "There is still no peace and there is even the danger of a second round of warfare," he pointed out. "Israel is still without internationally-accepted boundaries and is, in addition, facing the gravest economic crisis."

"The citizens of Israel are today accepting superhuman burdens, and the financial front will be the decisive one which the Israelis cannot meet alone," Dr. Goldmann concluded. "Now, and in the coming years, world Jewry will have to make vast, even increasing, contributions."

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JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE IN MUNICH LIQUIDATES NEXT MONTH; SEEKS TO SPEED UP EMIGRATION

MUNICH, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency headquarters here announced today that it will liquidate its offices in Munich at the end of next month in accordance with a recent decision taken by the Agency's executive.

In announcing its forthcoming liquidation, the Jewish Agency office also made it known that it has been empowered by the executive in Jerusalem to facilitate the unlimited emigration of Jews from Germany until the last day of its existence. It, therefore, issued the following instructions:

1. All persons intending to immigrate to Israel who have not as yet submitted their papers to the Agency here must do so without further delay and must submit to a physical examination.
2. Deadline for submission of all immigration applications is Aug. 20, while prospective immigrants must present themselves for a medical examination by Sept. 1.
3. The exact dates when Israel-bound transports will leave Germany will be announced at a later date.
4. No consideration can be given to the wishes of individual immigrants regarding the date of their departure from Germany since this would upset transport timetables and plans for shipping space accommodations.
5. Postponement of departures for the purpose of settling pending restitution claims cannot be considered in view of the short time available before liquidation of the Agency's office here.

RADIO STATION IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY TO PRESENT BROADCASTS ON ANTI-SEMITISM

HAMBURG, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A series of talks on anti-Semitism will be broadcast by the Northwest German Radio station here beginning tomorrow. The first broadcast will deal with "documents of freedom and persecution of Jews in world history."

Subsequent broadcasts will deal with the "sociological, psychological and religious aspects of the Jews and of Jew-haters" and with the question, "Is Germany still or again anti-Semitic?" Dr. A. Van Dam, legal advisor of the British Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, will participate in the broadcasts.

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS FIRMS RECEIVE ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS MAILED FROM ST. LOUIS

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic publications from the United States and from South Africa are being sent to Australian business firms, it was reported here today.

Anti-Jewish leaflets from the U.S. originate with the Patriotic Tract Society, Post Office Box 1031, St. Louis, while those from South Africa are mailed from Box 497, Pietermaritzburg. Previously it was revealed that business firms here have been receiving anti-Semitic pamphlets from Sweden, mailed by the notorious anti-Semite, Einar Åberg.

FIRST ITALIAN BRANCH OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS IS FORMED

ROME, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The first Italian branch of the International Council of Christians and Jews was formed this week in Florence. It is expected that additional branches will be established in Rome, Milan and Venice.

U.S. ASKED TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF JEWISH CEMETERIES IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress announced today that it has appealed to the State Department asking that the U.S. Government support a proposal that burial grounds in Germany of Jewish victims of Nazism be placed under international supervision.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Western Hemisphere section of the W.J.C., pointed out that incidents involving the desecration of Jewish cemeteries are on the increase in Germany. He said that the European section of the W.J.C. executive has addressed similar appeals to European governments, and that their reaction was "highly encouraging."

U.S.N.A. DIRECTOR CHARGES RED TAPE IN EUROPE IS DELAYING ENTRY OF DP'S TO AMERICA

GENEVA, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Displaced persons seeking entry to the United States under the DP Act are being hampered by red tape, Arthur Greenleigh, executive director of the United Service for New Americans and spokesman for the advisory council of the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission, charged today following a survey of the refugee situation in Europe by the group.

Mr. Greenleigh said that lack of adequate personnel on the staff of the DP Commission in Europe as well as lack of assurances by American citizens willing to accept responsibility for settling DP's in the U.S. were holding up the swifter flow of DP immigrants to the United States. Another reason for the delay which Mr. Greenleigh cited was the "over-meticulous screening process" of the U.S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps.

U.S. GROUP WILL INTERVENE TO PROVIDE MEAT FOR STARVING ANIMALS IN JERUSALEM ZOO

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said today that his organization would discuss with the Jordanian legation in Washington a complaint received here from Jerusalem that a lion, a leopard and two eagles in the Biblical Zoo on Mt. Scopus -- which is in Arab-held territory -- are starving for lack of meat.

The complaint, forwarded by Aaron Shulov, director of the Biblical Zoo, and Theodore Meysels, chairman of the Jerusalem S.P.C.A., said that for three weeks the Jordan Arab Legion has prevented the passage of meat destined for the zoo. The Biblical Zoo is said to contain a collection of all animals mentioned in the Bible.

GROWTH OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN DETROIT IS REPORTED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DETROIT, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The results of 13 years of growth and achievement of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit are shown in "Profile 1950," the Council's annual report released here.

An eight-fold increase in program service for community organizations within a three-year period, and an 18-fold increase in the number of people attending these programs are among the achievements listed in the report.

However, the report also tells of an increasing number of instances of discrimination and anti-Semitism, with a resultant increase of activity by the Council in the field of civil rights. Cultural services, arbitration, consumers' problems and other activities are also discussed in the Council report.

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JEWISH AGENCY AND CRT SIGN PACT TO TRAIN ARGENTINE JEWS FOR IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- An agreement between the Jewish Agency in Argentina and the South American CRT Federation regarding the training of adults who wish to immigrate to Israel was concluded here today.

The agreement provides that the CRT will arrange vocational training courses for such prospective emigrants while the Jewish Agency will conduct cultural and Zionist education among those taking the CRT courses. A committee of ten, representing the Agency and the CRT, will supervise the carrying out of the agreement.

DETROIT JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL WARNS AGAINST SIGNING DECEPTIVE "PEACE" PETITIONS

DETROIT, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Shmarya Kleinman, president of the Detroit Jewish Community Council, issued a bulletin to all Council constituent organizations, exposing the deceptive "peace" maneuvers of the Civil Rights Congress of Michigan and the Stockholm "peace" petition.

The Council statement warns Jewish groups against affiliation with or support of the Civil Rights Congress, pointing out that it is listed on the U. S. Attorney-General's "subversive list." It also points out that the "Stockholm peace petition" has been shown to be of Communist origin.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS HOLD TWO-DAY POLICY MEETING; PRAISE AMERICAN ACTION IN KOREA

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The national policy committee of the Jewish War Veterans, at a two-day meeting which concluded last night, adopted a resolution condemning Communist aggression and emphasized that all free nations must muster their resources to fight such aggression.

The committee lauded the prompt action of the United States in Korea and urged the introduction of a universal service program, total economic mobilization in this country and measures to finance current defense needs and prevent inflation.

J.W.V. Suspends Chairman of Ladies Auxiliary Post in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans, in an unprecedented move, suspended Mrs. Lillian R. Narins, Progressive Party candidate for U.S. Senator, as a member and chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary of Wynnefield Post, 148, on charges of actively supporting the Communist-inspired "peace" petitions being circulated here.

The suspension of Mrs. Narins, a 38-year-old former school teacher who last year ran for City Council on the Progressive ticket, came after a meeting of the general membership of the Post auxiliary, of which she had been chairman since last June. Her husband, Arthur, is a former commander of the Wynnefield Post.

PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS AGREES TO ACCEPT ISRAEL CURRENCY IN PAYMENT FOR AIR TRAVEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- An agreement between the Israel airline El-Al and Pan-American Airways was concluded here today. The agreement provides, among other things, that Israel citizens may book flights on Pan-American airliners with payment in Israel currency.