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ISRAEL RESTRICTS TRAVEL ABROAD; PERMITS SOLDIERS TO ACQUIRE UNIVERSITY TRAINING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government announced today that exit visas will be given only to persons able to prove that their travel abroad is essential to the interest of the country. The measure to restrict travel abroad was taken by the government as part of its policy to save foreign currency. Hitherto, Israelis going abroad were permitted to take with them a limited amount of foreign currency.

The Israel Army announced today its intention of allowing enlisted men to acquire university training in skills enabling them to become reserve officers. The men will receive two months military training during their vacations and regular army pay during the time of their study. The General Staff will grant scholarships to a limited number of outstanding men, provided they enlist for a specified period in the army.

COMMUNISTS AND LEFTISTS SEEK DEBATE IN ISRAEL PARLIAMENT ON AID TO U.N. IN KOREA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The question of Israel's attitude toward the Korean conflict came up in parliament last night when Communist deputy Meir Wilner introduced a motion requesting a parliamentary debate on Israel's pledge to the United Nations to send medical aid to the U.N. forces in Korea. The motion was seconded by Yaacov Rifkin, left-wing Socialist deputy of the Mapam group.

The Communist deputy also demanded Israel support for Russia's request that Soviet-supported China be given a seat in the U.N. Security Council. He pointed out that such support would only be logical since Israel formally recognized Communist China.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett opposed the renewal of a debate in parliament on Israel's aid to the U.N. armed forces in Korea. "The Government's act," he said, "was the logical consequence of the parliament's decision on the reply of the Jewish state to the appeal addressed by U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to all member states of the United Nations. The majority of the parliament approved the Government's reply," he pointed out.

With regard to the proposal that Israel support Soviet efforts to gain a seat in the Security Council for Red China, Mr. Sharett stated that if the Israel Government is asked by a bona fide U.N. institution to take a stand on the China problem, the Government will not hesitate to do so. Following Mr. Sharett's remarks, the parliament voted to discuss other matters on the agenda.

(A strong appeal for U.S. aid to underdeveloped countries in the Middle East was voiced today by Assistant Secretary of State George G. McGhee, speaking in Cambridge, Mass., at a conference on "The Great Powers and the Near East" held under the auspices of Harvard University. If America fails to aid underdeveloped countries such as in the Middle East, "the mantle of world leadership will pass to another system and another people," he stated.)

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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SEEKS AUTHORIZATION TO LAUNCH "POPULAR LOAN" WITH LOTTERY PRIZES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today sought authorization from parliament to float a "popular loan" to raise 12,000,000 Israel pounds. Bonds in denominations of 20 pounds each would be offered for sale in the drive.

Holders of the bonds would automatically participate in a lottery, the highest prize being 25,000 pounds. A bill to this effect was submitted to parliament by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. It is expected that parliament will approve the bill within a week.

The municipality of Jerusalem today adopted a budget of 3,500,000 pounds -- approximately \$9,800,000 -- for the current fiscal year. The budget includes large allocations for housing of invalids and war veterans.

A contract with a Swiss firm to build granaries in Israel ports has been signed by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan and Communications Minister David Remez on behalf of the Israel Government, it was reported today. The first granary will be built at Haifa.

ISRAEL POLICE CRITICIZED AND DEFENDED IN PARLIAMENT; COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CHARGES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Charges and counter-charges were voiced in parliament today against the Israel police authorities and were referred for further discussion to the parliamentary committee dealing with internal affairs.

The charges were voiced by deputies of the Religious Bloc who claimed that the police acted illegally against Orthodox Jews during a demonstration which they staged in Jerusalem against desecration of the Sabbath. The counter-charges were made by Mapam deputies who said that the Orthodox Jews had no right to obstruct the vehicles of foreign diplomats passing through their quarter here on the Sabbath.

Zorach Warhaftig, of the Religious Bloc, proposed in the Knesset that a parliamentary discussion be held of "police behavior in dispersing religious Jews conducting Sabbath demonstrations." He said the police used "unnecessary force, hit people unlawfully and entered private homes."

Mapam deputy Hannah Rubin countered Mr. Warhaftig's proposal with a suggestion that the "behavior of the religious Jews in hampering the free movement of vehicles on Saturday and assaulting foreign diplomats passing through the Meah Shearim quarter" be taken up for discussion.

Police Minister Behor Sheestreet, replying to criticism of police behavior, pointed up the difficulties of the police, "who must maintain order since there is no law permitting or prohibiting cars from going through Jerusalem's streets on Sabbath." He said that in view of the foregoing conflicting motions it was evident that the police had acted correctly.

U.N. COMMISSION LEAVES TODAY FOR EGYPT TO START TALKS ON PERMANENT PEACE WITH ISRAEL

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Members of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission will leave Jerusalem tomorrow for Alexandria, Egypt, where they will have talks with the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Salah El-Din on the question of reaching a permanent peace with Israel.

The Commission expects to return to its Jerusalem headquarters on Aug. 12. Arrangements are being made for similar visits of the Commission to capitals of other interested governments after its return from Alexandria.

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OFFICES OF WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION TO BE LIQUIDATED THROUGHOUT GERMANY BY OCTOBER

MUNICH, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The offices of the World Zionist Organization throughout Germany will be completely liquidated by the end of October, it was announced here today, following the announcement yesterday that the Jewish Agency will close its offices in Munich at the end of next month.

U.S. AUTHORITIES IN GERMANY OPPOSE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF JEWISH GRAVES

BONN, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- United States authorities in occupied Germany "are not likely to favor" the request of the World Jewish Congress that graves of Jewish victims of Nazism in Germany be placed under international supervision, a spokesman for the U.S. High Commissioner said here today.

The official said that American policy in Germany is to strengthen democracy and to teach the Germans to look after their own affairs. "For that reason the Jewish proposal is unlikely to be acceptable," he emphasized.

U.N. COMMITTEE URGES GOVERNMENTS TO ABOLISH STATELESSNESS; ADVOCATES NATURALIZATION

GENEVA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The U.N. Economic and Social Committee's social committee today approved a resolution designed to eliminate statelessness. The resolution urges all governments to examine sympathetically applications for naturalization from stateless persons residing habitually in their territories.

The Agudat Israel World Organization earlier presented a memorandum to the Ad Hoc Committee on Statelessness urging the adoption of Article XV of the U.N. Human Rights Declaration, asserting that every human being has a right to nationality.

The Agudat memorandum suggested further that supervision of the Convention be entrusted to the office of a High Commissioner for Refugees and that organizations enjoying consultative status at the United Nations be permitted to submit proposals to the commissioner. The Agudat also suggested that the Convention be open to ratification by non-member as well as member states of the United Nations.

WORLD OSE CONFERENCE CLOSING IN PARIS; DECIDES TO MOVE HEADQUARTERS FROM SWITZERLAND

PARIS, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The world conference of the OSE -- Jewish health society -- concluded here today with the election of Judge Leon Meiss of France as president of its board after approving a decision to move the headquarters of the organization from Switzerland to Paris.

Resolutions adopted at the conference provide that the "main emphasis of the OSE's future work should be in Israel and preparing Israel-bound immigrants" for their new environment. The conference also decided to continue its programs in North Africa and in Latin America. The parley thanked the Joint Distribution Committee and other world Jewish organizations and united Jewish campaigns in all parts of the world for their cooperation.

A new world executive committee headed by Dr. Eugene Minkowski was elected. It includes 15 representatives from Israel, United States, France, North Africa, South Africa, Italy, Switzerland and Scandinavia. A central committee comprising 40 representatives from 20 countries in which OSE operates was also elected.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA SUPPORTS U.S. ACTION IN KOREA; CONDEMNS WORLD COMMUNISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, representing all Jewish religious bodies in the United States, today issued a statement condemning Communism, lauding American action in Korea, urging Congress to enact at once measures of taxation and economic control to stem inflation and prevent profiteering, and terming hoarding as "wicked and disloyal."

The statement, which was adopted unanimously at a special meeting of the Council's executive, emphasizes that Judaism upholds peace as one of the highest ideals, and views war as tragedy. At the same time it points out that "there is no peace without justice and human freedom" and declares that world Communism and every form of totalitarianism, which repudiates the ethical values affirmed by religion, is seeking to destroy democratic government through the "cynical application" of guile and force.

"Peace-loving peoples gave expression through the Security Council of the United Nations to act with wisdom and full justification in immediately denouncing the invasion of South Korea," the statement continues. "They requested to cease fire forthwith and the return by North Korean armies to their own territory which upon refusal to do so justifiably called for united resistance to the invaders. The President of the United States and Congress responded with commendable promptness and vigor to this appeal and other U.N. members have now given material and moral support to this undertaking.

"We affirm our full endorsement of these decisions. Whatever the mistakes of the past have been, and none of the nations have been wholly blameless, there was no other course to take in the face of armed aggression, ruthless and morally irresponsible. The successful fulfillment of this purpose will require our application not alone of physical, but of moral force. Our policies must demonstrate to the peoples of the world the genuineness of our concern for human rights and liberty.

"Limitless sacrifice is being made by the men who are fighting under the banner of the U.N. Similar sacrifice is expected of those who are now being called to the colors. Under such circumstances, it is wicked and disloyal for sheltered civilians to exploit our conditions for their own selfish benefits. We condemn without reserve such practices as hoarding and profiteering. We are confident that the great majority of American citizens share this attitude. But for the restraint of the selfish minority and for the guidance of all Americans, we urge Congress to enact at once such measures of taxation and economic control as will effectively stem inflation and prevent profiteering.

"We call upon our congregations to join with Americans of every faith in fervent prayer that God may guide the leaders of our government and of the U.N. and prosper their highest aims. May we with God's help speedily see the day when the unhappy people of Korea achieve security, union and independence as a free nation under a truly democratic government achieved through free elections under the United Nations' supervision and protection. We also pray for peace throughout the world for all peoples based upon justice and freedom which is the fundamental right of all mankind," the statement concludes.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES ANNUAL AWARD TO PROMOTE INTER-RACIAL AMITY

WALTHAM, Mass., Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Establishment of the Bruce R. Mayper Memorial Award to be presented annually to a Brandeis University undergraduate for promotion of inter-racial amity was announced by the University here today. The award for the year 1949-50 was presented to Lois Spiro, of Fall River, Mass., president of the Brandeis Newman Club, an organization of Catholic students.

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DENVER PRESS TAKES UP ISSUE OF ABSENTEE VOTING ON ROSH HASHANAH IN STATE PRIMARIES

DENVER, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Governor Walter Johnson of Colorado has vetoed a proposal offered by the Denver Post that a special session of the state legislature be called to amend the present primary election law to enable religious Jews in Colorado to cast absentee ballots on primary day this year, which falls on Rosh Hashanah.

The influential newspaper, asserting that unless a special session of the legislature is called quickly, 25,000 of this state's eligible Jewish voters will be unable to participate in the primary election, said that the "state -- in good conscience -- cannot tolerate a situation which requires any number of its people to sacrifice their religious beliefs or neglect their civic duty."

Gov. Johnson's opposition to the Post's proposal is supported by the Rocky Mountain News, which endorsed a plan offered by State Attorney-General John Metzger proposing that Jewish voters cast their ballots on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> after sundown, before the polls close. Jewish organizations here point out that sundown on the first day of Rosh Hashanah is at 6:14, while the polls close at 7:00. They also noted that apparently the attorney-general does not know that the second day of Rosh Hashanah is also observed on the preceding evening.

Political experts are of the opinion that unless special arrangements are made to enable observant Jews in Colorado to cast mail ballots, three Jewish candidates running for the legislature may suffer considerable losses in votes. The three are Rep. Ben Bezoff, majority floor leader of the House, and Rep. James Radetsky, both of whom are candidates for the State Senate, and Rep. Marshall Marshall Quint. It is also believed that a further consequence of the law as it stands at present would be the virtual elimination of Jews from the posts of election judges and workers.

MORE AMERICAN ATHLETES ACCEPT INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MACCABIAH IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Reba Monness, United States table tennis champion, today accepted an invitation to represent this country in the third world Maccabiah games in Israel, beginning Sept. 27 and ending Oct. 8. It was also announced that S. William Omelchenko, City College half-miler and miler, accepted an invitation to the games.

Henry Modell of New York, and William Nordwind of Chicago, have been named co-chairmen of the Athletic Equipment Committee for the 1950 Maccabiah, it was announced here. They will aid in providing equipment for the games which will feature athletes from 32 nations, including the U.S. Approximately 50 American athletes, certified by the National Jewish Welfare Board, are expected to be represented in the Maccabiah.

JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST IN MEXICO PRESENTS BUILDING TO LOCAL YIDDISH SCHOOL

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Nachman Seidenweber, local Jewish philanthropist active in Jewish educational work, presented a building valued at 100,000 pesos to the Yiddish school here. The building is located in the center of the Jewish section of the city.

SECOND NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN YIDDISH CULTURAL FEDERATION CONCLUDES

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The second national congress of the South African Yiddish Cultural Federation concluded here today. Delegates from all parts of the Union reviewed the problems of Yiddish culture in this country and discussed the achievements of the organization during the past year.

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