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ISRAEL MUST MAINTAIN "PEACETIME AIR MASTERY" PREMIER BEN GURION TELLS NEW AVIATORS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The importance of "peacetime air mastery" for the Jewish state was emphasized by Premier David Ben Gurion addressing a group of aviation cadets "somewhere in Israel." He reviewed the role which the Israel Air Force played in the Arab-Israel war.

The Israel Premier spoke on the occasion of the completion by the cadets of their training as pilots in the Israel Air Force training school. Among the top-ranking military leaders present at the graduation exercises were Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Yigal Yadin.

Israel's economic and political policies will be outlined by Premier David Ben Gurion and Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan at a four-day national conference of the Mapai, the Israel Labor Party, which opened here tonight attended by 1,400 delegates and more than 1,000 guests. Some 400 of the delegates are immigrants who reached the Jewish state during the last two years.

It is expected that Premier Ben Gurion, who is scheduled to speak tomorrow, will renew his appeal to the left-wing Mapam group of the Socialist Party, as well as to the General Zionists, to join the coalition Cabinet. Mr. Kaplan will present to the conference a three-year economic plan, the main feature of which hinges on the absorption of an additional 700,000 immigrants and on the attraction of capital investments through new loans and other devices.

The fifth national conference of Poale Agudas Israel -- the laborite faction of the Orthodox Agudah organization -- opened here today with 200 delegates in attendance.

Top item on the agenda of the conference is consideration of a proposal to form a "Religious Workers' Federation" which would eventually include members of Hapoel Hamizrachi, who are also religious laborites.

JORDAN'S DEFENSE MINISTER SAYS HIS COUNTRY WILL NOT SIGN SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Jordan's Defense Minister, Fawzi el Molky Pasha, said today in Alexandria that his country stood by her promise to the Arab League not to sign a separate peace treaty with Israel, Reuters reported. He is in Egypt attending a meeting of the Arab League's political committee, which opened today.

The Arab Minister denied reports that Jordan was conducting separate peace talks with Israel. "We shall only sign peace with Israel when all the Arab states do so," he declared.

ISRAEL OFFICIALS EXEMPT FROM WEARING FORMAL DRESS AS RESULT OF AUSTERITY POLICY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Officials of the Foreign Ministry are henceforth exempted from wearing formal dress during official functions due to the prevailing austerity program and the recently-introduced rationing of clothing and footwear.

An official announcement to this effect was published today. Appropriate instructions were also issued today to the Chief of Protocol to bring the exemption to the attention of foreign diplomatic representations in Israel.

\$3,200,000 IN FOREIGN CURRENCY TO BE SAVED BY ISRAEL ON OIL FACTS WITH U.S., LONDON

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Approximately \$3,200,000 in foreign currency will be saved through the resumption of refining operations at the Haifa oil plants according to agreements concluded between Israel and oil interests in London and Washington, David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Finance Ministry, declared today.

Mr. Horowitz, who conducted the negotiations on behalf of Israel in the U.S. and Britain, revealed that Israel's total expenditures on oil requirements will approximate \$23,800,000. He predicted that some 700 workers will obtain permanent employment at the Haifa refineries as the result of full-scale resumption of operations.

ISRAEL ELECTED FOR FIRST TIME TO U.N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

GENEVA, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Israel was elected today for the first time to membership in the Social Committee of the U.N. Economic and Social Council. The committee deals with all social questions, including the problems of displaced persons, refugees and stateless persons. The Jewish state's election to the body was unanimous.

A conference of the Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees and Stateless Persons in which the Israel Government is participating opened here yesterday. Dr. Jacob Robinson, legal adviser to the Israel delegation to the United Nations, is representing the Jewish state at the meeting. It is understood that the Israel Government has submitted a number of important suggestions to the conference.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON THIS WEEK; SELLS HIS BELONGINGS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador to Israel, James G. McDonald, who announced yesterday that he was leaving for the United States on Friday for a vacation and for consultations with the State Department, declined comment today on reports that he had already submitted his resignation and did not intend to return here.

The evening newspaper Maariv reports, however, that although Mr. McDonald has not yet received an answer to his reported resignation from the State Department, he has, nevertheless, sold his furniture and automobile -- an indication that he has no intention of returning here.

MOSLEM JUDGES IN ISRAEL APPROVE KNESSET DECISION SETTING MINIMUM MARITAL AGES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A convention of Moslem judges here today approved a decision by the Israel parliament setting the minimum marital age for girls at 17 and for boys at 18. Moslem religious courts will be empowered to annul marriages of younger persons. After a delay of several months 100 Arab dependents will be repatriated from Arab-held territory to rejoin their families in Israel, it was announced here today.

HUNGARY PERMITS FIFTH TRANSPORT OF JEWS TO GO TO ISRAEL; ZIONIST OFFICIALS INCLUDED

BUDAPEST, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A fifth transport of 362 Jews permitted to leave for Israel left Hungary today. The group includes 89 former officials of Zionist institutions and their dependents. They will sail from an Italian port on an Israel ship which will bring them to Haifa.

OVER 200,000 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS PASSED THROUGH VIENNA DURING LAST FIVE YEARS

VIENNA, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- More than 200,000 Jewish displaced persons have passed through Vienna on their way to new homes abroad since the end of World War II, it was revealed here today on the fifth anniversary of the formation of the International Organization for Transient Jews in Vienna.

The group was formed in 1945 when, immediately following the cessation of hostilities, Jews from all parts of Europe streamed through here on their way to Palestine. Most of the Jewish DP's found refuge in the Rothschild Hospital building or in one of the five other refugee centers located here.

Seventy percent of the 1,400 Jewish DP's still residing in refugee camps here today are expected to be in Israel by the end of this year. It is generally believed that by 1951, the problem of transient Jewish DP's in Vienna will be resolved. Rothschild Hospital will probably then revert to being solely a hospital rather than a gigantic refugee shelter.

Bronislaw Teichholtz, president of the International Refugee Organization for Transient Jews in Vienna since its inception, today paid high praise for the aid of the Allied powers in Austria and especially thanked the Joint Distribution Committee, World Jewish Congress, CRT and the Jewish Agency for their "maintaining and shipping the refugees through Austria." He also thanked the Austrian Government for having given refuge to Jews who fled here from neighboring countries.

AUSTRALIAN JEWISH DEPUTY SEEKS REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN PHYSICIANS

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Abram Landa, Jewish deputy in the New South Wales state legislature, said today he would press for removal of "restrictions on foreign physicians." He emphasized that under the present medical laws, only eight foreign-born physicians may be licensed annually.

Last week, he said, eight doctors from abroad who are now living here were licensed thus filling the 1950 quota. Pointing up the hardships which foreign-born physicians must undergo before they can qualify for government examinations, the Jewish deputy said he would concentrate especially on seeking the removal of numerical restrictions on licensing foreign doctors.

DEAN INGE SAYS CHURCH SERVICES ARE "CLOGGED WITH JUDAISM"; ASSAILS OLD TESTAMENT

LONDON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Declaring that the services of the Anglican Church are "terribly clogged with Judaism," Dr. W.R. Inge, 90-year-old former Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral here, last night proposed a considerable reduction in the use of Old Testament teachings.

In his sermon at the opening service of the Modern Churchmen's Conference at Cambridge, Dr. Inge quoted in particular the verse of the 68th Psalm and called it "gibberish." The first verse of the Psalm, beginning with "Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; And let them that hate Him flee before Him," is recited at synagogue services whenever the Holy Ark is opened.

COLORADO GOVERNOR PLACES PROBLEM OF JEWISH VOTING ON ROSH HASHANAH BEFORE LEGISLATURE.

DENVER, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Governor Walter Johnson today called a special session of the Colorado legislature to discuss the problem confronting this state's 25,000 Jewish voters, a large number of whom may refrain from participating in the balloting because the primaries fall on the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

The issue has been widely discussed for some time, with some sections of the press advocating the granting of absentee ballots to those Jews who, because of religious reasons, will abstain from voting in the primaries. The special legislative session will open Monday.

Meanwhile, it was revealed today that the Rabbinical Council of Denver, in an effort to resolve the issue, had sought to obtain an opinion from higher rabbinic authority on the use of voting machines, which does not involve writing, on Rosh Hashanah. The Council's efforts, however, failed to bring an authoritative reply.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO ORGANIZE COUNTER DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST COMMUNIST MEETINGS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Jewish War Veterans members throughout the country will go on the streets to combat Communist mass meetings by organizing "Americanism meetings" in the immediate areas of the Communist demonstrations.

Bernard Weitzer, J.W.V. official, said today that the counter demonstrations will seek to expose the Stockholm peace appeal, which has been called Communist-inspired, and to explain the necessity for strong American action in Korea.

PHILADELPHIA POLICEMEN TO ATTEND COURSES ON CHECKING RACIAL, RELIGIOUS TENSION

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A lecture course "in the role of the police officer in the prevention and control of tension and conflict among persons of different racial, religious and national backgrounds" along with their regular training at the Police College, has been added to the training of all police rookies here.

"No agency of government can be more effective in furthering good race relations than the police, declared Director of Public Safety Samuel E. Rosenberg. "The course will attempt to impress on the new enforcement officers that as policemen they must administer the law with complete impartiality. By doing so they will serve the cause of democracy in its highest and best meaning, and promote a greater respect for the law and the Bureau of Police."

9,200 DONORS GIVE \$1,665,000 TO 1950 DRIVE OF SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH WELFARE FUND

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15: (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund for San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties has raised \$1,665,000 in its 1950 campaign to date, it was announced here today.

The funds raised by the J.W.F. are allocated to the United Jewish Appeal, national agencies, and to local welfare and civic protection projects. More than 9,200 persons contributed to the 1950 campaign.

NEW JERSEY RABBINICAL CONVENTION URGES FORMATION OF HEBREW SCHOOL OF HIGHER LEARNING

BEHMAR, N.J., Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the establishment of an institute of higher Hebrew learning in New Jersey, was adopted at the eighth annual convention of the United Orthodox Rabbis of New Jersey, meeting here.

STATE DEPT. SPONSORS FIVE-MONTH WELFARE WORK LECTURES AT JERUSALEM SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The State Department announced today that Louis Kraft, general secretary of the national council of the National Jewish Welfare Board, will leave for Israel to lecture on welfare work at the School of Social Work in Jerusalem, under a project sponsored by the U.S. Government. The lectures, which start on Oct. 1, will continue for five months.

Mr. Kraft's appointment was made under the provisions of the U.S. Information and Education Exchange Act of 1948, through which Congress authorized as an essential part of the conduct of the foreign affairs of the United States a program of educational interchange between this country and other nations.

The School of Social Work in Jerusalem, the only one in Israel, is sponsored by the government's Ministry of Social Welfare, with the Hebrew University supervising the institution's pedagogy, assisting in selecting students, planning curricula and appointing lecturers. The school trains qualified social workers for employment by the state or voluntary organizations.

AMERICAN DELEGATION PRESENTS PREMIER BEN GURION WITH ISRAEL RECORDS MADE IN N.Y.

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A group of Americans active in the Histadrut campaign in the United States, who are now visiting Israel, today presented Premier David Ben Gurion with a collection of phonograph records manufactured by the Israel Recording Corporation in New York and including recent Israel musical compositions.

The visiting Americans also paid a visit to the Histadrut's central marketing organization offices where they were told that Histadrut institutions in Israel were considering various investment possibilities for thousands of Americans interested in the program of the Israel labor federation.

RABBI MORRIS JACOBOWITZ, WHO SAVED MANY JEWS IN NAZI-OCCUPIED FRANCE, DIES IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Morris J. Jacobowitz, who aided many Jews in France during the Nazi occupation to escape and to hide from German scrutiny, died here at the age of 59. A native of Lackenbach, Austria, Rabbi Jacobowitz served in pulpits in Cologne, Germany, and Strasbourg, France.

Working with the French underground and with American Jewish and non-Jewish relief organizations from 1940-42, Rabbi Jacobowitz aided many Jews to flee France, hid others on farms and in private homes and in camps set up under the names of fictitious organizations. After fleeing to Switzerland in 1942, he served as a chaplain in various Swiss refugee camps. He arrived in the United States in 1946 and engaged in teaching at various religious academies here.

EDWARD WEINFELD IS SWORN IN AS FEDERAL JUDGE IN NEW YORK; SUCCEEDS JUDGE RIFKIND

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Edward Weinfeld was sworn in yesterday as a Federal Judge here to succeed Judge Simon H. Rifkind, well-known Zionist figure and former Adviser on Jewish Affairs to the U.S. High Commander in Germany who recently resigned from the Federal bench. Senator Herbert H. Lehman had recommended Judge Weinfeld's appointment to President Truman.