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ISRAEL PREMIER OPPOSES IMMUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT; FEARS FOREIGN SPIES

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today expressed his opposition against a bill urging the granting of immunity to members of the Israeli parliament.

Appearing in parliament for the first time since his return from the United States, the Premier said that he opposes immunity for Israeli deputies, because "some of them may serve as centers for enemy states." He went on to explain that immunity against searches may be used by foreign spy organizations in Israel for hiding documents in homes of members of the Knesset.

Figures concerning the results of the elections of delegates to the forthcoming 23rd World Zionist Congress--which took place in Israel last week--were made public here today. They reveal that Premier Ben Gurion's party, the Mapai, received 50 per cent of the votes cast. The left-wing labor party Mapam came in second with 20 per cent. The Hapoel HaMizrachi, religious labor party, received 13 per cent, the Herut Party, 11 per cent, and the Progressive Party, six per cent. The General Zionists and the Mizrachi boycotted the elections.

The figures are based on a tally of 241,000 out of 275,000 votes cast in the elections. The voting represents a gain in strength for the Mapai which pulled only 36 per cent of the votes in elections to the previous Zionist Congress in 1948, and a loss by Mapam which received 24 per cent at that time as compared to 20 per cent in the present elections.

ISRAEL MINISTER IN MOSCOW PRESENTS CREDENTIALS; BULGARIAN ENVOY ARRIVES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, June 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Shmuel Eliashov, Israel's new Minister to Moscow, yesterday presented his credentials to President Nikola Shwormik of the Soviet Union at a ceremony in the Kremlin, it was reported here today. Dr. Eliashov is succeeding Mordecai Namir who returned to Israel last November after resigning from his post in Moscow.

Diplomatic relations between Israel and Bulgaria were officially announced today with the arrival here from Sofia of Alexander Likov, Bulgarian chargé d'affaires. Israel's nominee for Sofia has not yet been designated. Both countries expect to install legations soon.

JEWS IN BUDAPEST SEEK ISRAELI VISAS IN ATTEMPT TO AVOID EXPULSION FROM THE CITY

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- Jews in Budapest continue to beg for the Israeli legation there in an effort to secure visas to Israel prior to being expelled from the Hungarian capital, the Budapest correspondent of the London Times reports today. The report says that the Jews are under the impression that the possession of Israeli visas would exempt them from leaving the city under 12-hour notice.

Jews in Tunis Apprehensive of Growing Moslem Hostility; Large Emigration Planned

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- Reports from Tunis today revealed that Jewish circles there are becoming increasingly disturbed about the growing hostility toward them of the more moderate Moslem leaders.

The moderate Moslem newspaper "La Nehda" charged Tunisian Jews with using their official position in local life to "support assassins of our Arab brethren in Palestine." The newspaper also attacked the Jewish community for organizing youth clubs and societies which support the state of Israel.

Preparations for the resumption of large-scale emigration of Jews from Morocco and Tunisia have been made by the Jewish Agency, A. Ofek, European director of the Agency's Immigration Department, announced here. Emigration from Algeria will also be resumed. Owing to the hostility of North African Moslems toward Israel, the Jews will be unable to board Israel-bound vessels at North African ports. They will first be transported to Marseilles in French ships and then will be transhipped for the voyage to the Jewish state.

Mass Arrests of Jews in Bagdad; Authorities Say They Discovered Explosives in Synagogue

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reports today from Bagdad that for the second day Jews are being arrested there following the discovery by the local authorities of arms and explosives in a synagogue. The report says that Iraqi military sources estimate that the explosives discovered were enough to dynamite all Bagdad.

This was the latest discovery reported by police, who said yesterday they found a large store of machine guns, bombs and ammunition in the former home of a prominent Jew, the report from Bagdad stated. In addition, police said they dug more explosives out of houses today and made arrests, including two women. Police said the ammunition was stored by the "Bagdad Zionist Society," which was described as a branch of the World Zionist Organization.

Intensified Anti-Jewish Propaganda by Fascists in England Receives No Public Support

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today reported that although there has been an increase in fascist meetings in England at which anti-Jewish propaganda is being intensified, there has also been a lack of public support for this activity.

Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison has assured the Board of Deputies that one of the chief aims of the British government is to prevent any revival of Nazism which might become a threat to peace and democracy. Mr. Morrison's statement was contained in an acknowledgment of a resolution sent him by the Board citing the growth of Nazism in Germany.

Anti-Jewish discrimination in employment, alleged against the Anglo-American Oil Company, have been investigated by the Board of Deputies. Officials of the Anglo-American Oil Company were interviewed on the alleged discrimination, with the result that a new application form has been drafted, omitting the discriminatory reference to religion.

Law Terminating Denazification Trials Passed by Berlin Parliament

BERLIN, June 19. (JTA) -- The German Parliament here has passed a law terminating the denazification trials. No further denazification proceedings will be taken.

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CONVENTION OF RABBINIAL ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES RELIGIOUS UNITY IN AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE

SIAMENSA LAKE, N.Y., June 19. (JTA) -- A call for a united religious Jewry in America was issued here today by Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, in his presidential address at the 51st annual convention of the Assembly.

The leader of the Conservative rabbis said that, "the rabbis and congregations of America dissipate and fragmentize their strength and their power." He argued that more Jews are associated with organized synagogue life than with any other functioning Jewish institution in America.

Rabbi Davidson recommended that the Assembly appoint a special committee to consider the question of organizing a campaign for a strong synagogue Council and failing that, for "a new American Jewish Conference, which will be composed exclusively of congregational and religious groups." He also urged the formation of a new Zionist party in the United States composed of "like-minded persons" of every religious complexion in America.

"There are parties dedicated to protect the rights of labor and parties to protect the privileges of private enterprise, and parties to support a State religion. I propose a party dedicated to restore and revive religion for the modern Jew in the Jewish state," he declared. He pointed out that the Conservative movement "has helped to build Zion principally from without, but now the time has come to help build Zion principally from within." He advocated the establishment of a Conservative center in Israel subsidized for religious and social studies.

Addressing the 250 rabbis attending the Assembly session, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, said last night that the Nordic racial theory is still influencing the American immigration laws. "America and the free will cannot survive unless the prophetic principle of brotherhood of man is universally recognized and practiced," he declared. He spoke at a dinner in honor of Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, past president of the Rabbinical Assembly, in connection with Dr. Kaplan's 70th birthday.

JEWISH CONGRESS PRESIDENT SCORES THOSE WHO DEFTY FUTURE FOR JEWISH LIFE IN U.S.

SOUTH FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish congress, took issue here with those "who deny that there is a future for Jewish life in America." He called upon American Jewry to build "integrated Jewish communities in America which will provide the Jewish people with institutions and ideals which will insure Jewish survival."

Rabbi Miller addressed the three day convention of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, national American-Jewish fraternal order, at the Flanler Hotel. He denied that "in order to be a good Jew one must go to Israel." He emphasized that there is "no inconsistency between loyalty to America and its great democratic institutions and relationship to Israel which is based upon the historic and religious identification of the land with the Jewish people."

The great need today for the American Jews, stated Rabbi Miller, "is to provide the rationale for creative Jewish living in America. That rationale," he added, "will be found in the reaffirmation of historic Jewish values and experience in America." George O. Arkin was elected Grand Master of the Brith Abraham order at the closing session today.

U.S. ZIONISTS DEMAND "INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY" FOR THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- A resolution supporting the independence and autonomy of the Jewish National Fund was adopted by the Zionist Organization of America at its convention in Atlantic City. The text of the resolution, released here today by the Z.O.A., emphasizes that the autonomy enjoyed by the J.N.F. has enabled the organization "to pile up a most impressive record of achievements in land purchase, land preparation, afforestation and irrigation."

The resolution was adopted following reports submitted at the convention by Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America and Mendel N. Fisher, executive director. Dr. Levine told the delegates that the J.N.F. will build 16 villages on the 15,000 acre tract of land which is to be reclaimed from the Huleh swamps. He revealed that the J.N.F. is "carrying the brunt of the great undertaking in the Huleh swamp." He also emphasized that the J.N.F. has now embarked on a five year program which calls for the cultivation of 50,000 farms and the building of 500 new villages with a population of 50,000 families.

Mr. Fisher reporting on the activities of the Jewish National Fund of America for the past year, said that the total income for the year was \$21,000,000 of which more than two and a half million was derived from traditional collections and a sum in excess of \$18,000,000 from the J.N.F.'s share in the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Fisher also revealed that the Jews of America contributed 72% of the total amount raised throughout the world through the Jewish National Fund for the acquisition and cultivation of land in the State of Israel. He compared the \$21,000,000 raised this year by the J.N.F. with the \$8,881,000 which was the income of the Jewish National Fund in 1908, when the Fund was organized in the United States.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY CONFERS 130 DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS; LARGEST NUMBER IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) One hundred and thirty degrees and diplomas in course ---the largest number in the school's history---and four honorary degrees were conferred by Yeshiva University today at the 20th annual commencement exercises.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, presided at the exercises and conferred honorary degrees upon James G. McDonald, first United States Ambassador to Israel; Doctor of Laws; Dr. Louis A. Wilson, New York State Commissioner of Education; Doctor of Humane Letters; Professor Simcha Assaf, Justice of the Israeli Supreme Court; Doctor of Laws; and Rabbi Dr. Jacob Hoffman, former chief rabbi of Frankfurt-Am-Main, Germany; Doctor of Divinity. Mr. McDonald delivered the commencement address.

ISRAELI WOMAN RECEIVES DEGREE FROM RADCLIFFE COLLEGE; WROTE DISSERTATION IN HEBREW

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 19. (JTA) -- A rare thesis - a discussion of Jewish philosophy written entirely in Hebrew - has been submitted by a young woman from Israel who will be one of the 20 women to receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Radcliffe College at Commencement exercises tomorrow. It is the first doctoral dissertation written in Hebrew at Radcliffe College or Harvard University.

The 350 pages of Hebrew text was printed by Mrs. Sara Ol Heller Wilensky on a Hebrew typewriter. A 100-page summary in English accompanied the text. Mrs. Wilensky, who was born in Safed, Israel, came to the United States four years ago to study under Dr. Harry A. Wolfson, Nathan Littauer Professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy. Her thesis is a philosophical discussion of the place of the work of a Medieval Jewish philosopher, Arama, in the system of Philo.

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