

JEWISH AGENCY TO TRAIN AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTHS FOR LEADERSHIP IN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today announced that it will start next month to select candidates for a year-long youth leadership institute in Israel. The selected candidates will be required to sign a commitment to serve in one of the Zionist youth movements for at least two years following their return to the United States.

The program, designed to train American Jewish youth for positions of leadership in the Zionist movement in the U.S., consists of six months' study at the Jewish Agency's leadership institute in Jerusalem followed by five months practical work at an agricultural settlement and one month of summation. Candidates must be unmarried, between the ages of 17 and 23, in possession of a high school diploma and the endorsement of the Zionist youth group to which they belong. They are expected to have a basic knowledge of Jewish and Zionist history as well as the Hebrew language.

LACK OF CO-ORDINATION MAY PREVENT THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FROM ENTERING UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Thousands of eligible refugees will probably be prevented from entering the United States before the Dec. 31 deadline imposed by the Displaced Persons Act, it was reported by Arthur Greenleigh, executive director of the United Service for New Americans, upon his return to the United States yesterday from Germany, Austria and Italy where he surveyed the refugee problem.

He attributed this probability to the lack of co-ordination between American Government agencies abroad engaged in investigating the applicants for visas. "Ours is the most investigated immigration program of any country in the world," he declared in a press interview.

U.S. JEWISH SURGEON INVITED TO LECTURE IN LONDON AND BELGRADE ON HIS MEDICAL INVENTION

BALTIMORE, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Edgar F. Berman, an American Jewish surgeon, has been invited by Yugoslav Marshal Tito's personal physician to lecture before doctors of University Hospital, in Belgrade, on his invention of a "plastic esophagus" which is used to replace an injured portion of a normal human gullet.

Dr. Berman, who is associated with Sinai Hospital here, is leaving for Europe this month. En route to Yugoslavia, he will stop off at London where he is invited to lecture at Guy Hospital. The successful use of the "plastic esophagus" has brought Dr. Dr. Berman nation-wide attention.

J.D.C. ARRANGES VACATIONS IN SUMMER CAMPS FOR 20,000 JEWISH YOUTHS IN EUROPE, AFRICA

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today announced that about 20,000 Jewish boys and girls in Europe and North Africa will spend their vacation in various mountain or seaside resorts under the J.D.C. summer camp project.

The J.D.C. will also help to pay the travel expenses and maintenance in the summer colonies as well as medical care and educational and recreational guidance for the young vacationers. During the past four years more than 50,000 youngsters have enjoyed J.D.C. summer vacations. This number included 15,000 in 1947; 15,500 in 1948; 11,800 in 1949; and 10,800 in 1950.

JULES BRAUNSCHWIG, NORTH AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER, DECORATED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

PARIS, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Jules Braunschwig, vice-president of the Alliance Israélite Universelle and one of the leading industrialists in North Africa, has been named a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor, it was reported here today.

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ISRAEL TO CONDUCT MILITARY MANEUVERS; MAY INVITE FOREIGN OBSERVERS TO WATCH "WAR"

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Army's second annual autumn maneuvers will begin this month, it was announced here today. Foreign military observers may be invited to view parts of the maneuvers.

This year, the country-wide operation will be devoted to testing tactical methods and the working out combat problems, it was disclosed. The exercises will take the form of a "war" between two armies and the field commanders will be responsible for the development of tactics in the course of the "fighting." Special attention will be given to air and sea combat, as well as to fighting in hilly regions.

Last year's maneuvers were devoted primarily to organizational problems, particularly the mobilization of the reserves and the immediate transformation of a civilian population into an army in the event of an invasion.

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL POSTPONES DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT AGAINST EGYPT

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Acting on the request of the American delegation at the United Nations, the U.N. Security Council has decided to postpone until Thursday resumption of the debate on Israel's complaint against Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal. The debate was originally scheduled to be resumed on Tuesday.

American sources here today said that the request for postponement was motivated by the necessity to allow more time for consultations with the hope that Egypt may in the meantime modify its attitude on the blockade. Other sources believe that the delay was called on account of the continued difficulties which the United States is having in preparing a resolution which could settle the dispute without antagonizing the Egyptians.

(From Washington it was reported today that Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, conferred with Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee regarding the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal.)

Up to the time of the announcement of the postponement, there was a strong belief here that the United States was moving from a tendency to support a mediation proposal towards a policy of more immediate action, and the question appeared to be how strong and insistent the Americans wanted the Security Council resolution to be.

Britain Reported Rejecting Egypt's Proposal Acceptable to Israel

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Egypt was prepared to allow oil cargoes to pass through the Suez Canal to the Haifa refineries on conditions acceptable to Israel, according to a report received here today, but Britain refused to go along. The report stated that Britain insisted that the matter has become one of principle and suggested that further postponement of presentation to the United Nations Security Council of its resolution calling for an end to the Suez blockade is undesirable.

ISRAEL POLICE CRITICIZED BY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR "OFFENSIVE" TREATMENT OF DETAINEES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Police treatment of members of a religious underground arrested and detained last June in connection with a plot to bomb the Parliament was severely criticized in a report of a seven-member Parliamentary investigating committee made public here last night.

The committee, composed of the representatives of the six largest parties in the last Knesset, described the treatment accorded the religious prisoners as "unlawful and offensive to detainees and to human decency." Its report added that "in many cases the measures were unjust and debasing--intolerable in the state of Israel." While the entire committee agreed that the treatment accorded the detainees was unjust, it was divided on whether the police command could be blamed for the situation.

STRIKING INCREASE IN JEWISH AGENCY ACTIVITIES REVIEWED IN REPORT TO ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today made public a report prepared for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress on its expenditures and activities for the period since the end of World War II which reveals a striking increase in income and immigration as compared with the period from the organization of the Agency, in 1929, until the outbreak of the second world war.

The report, which highlights Israel's rise as a center of gravity of Jewish interest, especially as a solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness, in the most crucial period in Jewish history, reveals that in the four-and-a-half year period from the end of the war until March of this year, the Agency spent 129,596,814 pounds as compared to 4,475,000 pounds which it expended during the first ten years of the Agency's existence. During the war years, the Agency's expenditures totalled 17,827,146 pounds, according to the report.

The bulk of the Agency's income during the postwar period, the report points out, came from the United States. However, the Agency's income during the most hectic period in its history could not keep up with its needs and the Agency had to rely to an increasing extent, upon loans. Its income during the four-and-a-half year period ending this March was 94,764,656 pounds, with 80 percent of this sum coming from the Keren Hayesod, Jewish National Fund, special Youth Aliyah campaigns and emergency drives in behalf of Israel's war effort.

The statistics on immigration revealed in the report are more striking than the rise in income. In the 30-year period from the end of World War I, when Britain took over the administration of Palestine, until 1948, when the state of Israel was established, a total of 480,000 Jews settled in Palestine. In the three-year period from the proclamation of the Jewish state until June 1951, 638,597 men, women and children arrived in Israel. The Agency organized and transported 95 percent of the immigrants who entered Israel in the latter period.

About one-quarter of all the arrivals in the three-year period came from Oriental and Middle East countries, with 45 percent coming from Europe and small numbers from the U.S., South America, Britain and South Africa. From Iraq came 197,000 immigrants, from Yemen 48,000, from Morocco, Tunis and Algiers 39,000, from Libya 35,000, from Turkey 33,000 and from Iran 18,000. Among the European immigrants were: 105,000 from Rumania; 103,000 from Poland; 36,000 from Bulgaria; 18,000 from Czechoslovakia; 14,000 from Hungary; and 7,000 from Yugoslavia.

A breakdown of the Agency's expenditures in the post-war period discloses that 49.1 percent was spent on immigration and absorption (with the Agency helping 90 percent of all who passed through immigrant camps in this period); 25 percent on the establishment of agricultural settlements; 18.3 percent for defense and political affairs; and seven percent for other activities.

JEWISH GROUPS LAUD PERON FOR PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF HUNGARY'S MASS DEPORTATIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Six major national Jewish organizations, in a joint letter to President Truman today commended him for his forthright public denunciation of Hungary and that country's "infamous program" of mass deportation.

"As Jewish organizations sharing this sense of revulsion," the letter declared, "we take particular cognizance of the fact that these crimes against the person are affecting many Jews, along with members of all other faiths." The Jewish leaders urged that the "United States of America must spare no efforts to bring the overwhelming pressure of world public opinion, to bear against the perpetrators of this current terror in Hungary, and alleviate the plight of its victims."

The letter to the President was signed by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee; Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith; Henry Albert, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.; Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress; Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee; and Rabbi Maurice W. Eisendath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

GERMAN MOVE TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO NUREMBERG PRINCIPLES DEFEATED AT U.N. BARLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- An attempt by the German delegation at the recent Geneva conference to draft a refugee convention to delete from the document all reference to the Nuremberg principles defining various classes of war crimes, thus depriving people in those categories of the protection of the convention, was frustrated by world Jewish organization with consultative status at the United Nations, according to a report received by the American Jewish Committee today.

The German delegation, according to the report, sought to eliminate reference to the principles on the grounds that they constituted discrimination. Henry Meyerowitz, representing the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, World Jewish Congress and Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, took the floor to oppose the move. A compromise was later reached between the German delegates and the Jewish groups in which the term Nuremberg was omitted, but reference to "international statutes covering these crimes" was retained.

PERON SIGNS BATHOVAN AT JEWISH MEETING; ADMITS 30 JEWISH WRITERS STRANDED IN PARIS

Buenos Aires, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- President Juan D. Peron yesterday joined in singing the Israeli national anthem when he attended a reception given by the Jewish community in honor of Dr. Bahlo Manuel, Argentine Minister to Tel Aviv, who arrived here on leave. General and Mrs. Peron were given a great ovation by the assembly which heard tributes to Gen. and Mrs. Peron and to Dr. Manuel by leaders of the Jewish community and by Yakov Sour, Israel Minister to the Argentine.

During the course of the meeting it was announced that Argentina's highest decoration would be bestowed on Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel. The presentation will be made by Dr. Manuel when he returns to his post. In speeches at the reception, both President and Mrs. Peron reiterated their appreciation for the welcome and expressed their friendship for the Jewish community and for the state of Israel.

As President Peron was entering the hall, a petition was handed to him asking that 30 Jewish writers stranded in Paris be admitted to Argentina. It was announced during the meeting that President Peron had read the petition and had immediately decided to order the admission of the 30 men.