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Forty-three Students of Israel's Air Force Graduate from California Institute

GLENDAL, Calif., Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Forty-three students of the Israel Air Force have been graduated from Cal-Aero Technical Institute here following a full year of study as aircraft and engine mechanics and are returning to Israel.

A majority of the men have completed their U.S. Government examinations and received their Aircraft and Engine Mechanics certificates. The remainder are now in the process of being tested, their progress indicating complete assurance that they will be passed. Though several have already been transported home, 11 of the graduates will be held over for an eight-week Instructor Course and then return to Israel where they will become instructors in the Israel Air Force.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Reports on His Visit to Israel; Lauds ORT Training Schools

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin today issued a statement giving his impressions of Israel and praising highly the vocational training activities conducted by the ORT there.

Emphasizing that he had little time to see all the things he wanted during his recent visit to the Jewish state, Secretary Tobin said that "Israel is in great need of skilled workers of all kinds in order to develop a stable economy." Without these workers, he declared, Israel cannot produce the manufactured goods it needs to sustain a vigorous export trade.

"The problem of vocational training to teach the thousands of newly arrived immigrants in Israel is vast and urgent," he pointed out. "The ORT, to a great degree, is partially filling this wide gap in Israel's economy." The U.S. Secretary of Labor visited ORT schools in Israel where 1,300 students receive training in general mechanics, auto mechanics, watch making, dental mechanics, sewing and dressmaking, locksmith work and carpentry. "I was deeply impressed by the creative and constructive work being done," he reported in his statement today. He also praised the ORT's courses for demobilized soldiers.

California B'nai B'rith Convention Adopts Three-Point Aid-to-Israel Program

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A three-point aid-to-Israel program was adopted at the annual convention of District Grand Lodge No. 4 of B'nai B'rith held in San Jose, California.

The aid-to-Israel program included a recommendation that all members support to the fullest extent the Israel Bond Drive in this country. Among the other resolutions voted at the parley was one to extend aid to the U.S. Armed Forces and the veterans. Also voted were measures to expand the B'nai B'rith youth organization and to promote Americanism contests.

Maurice Freeman, Former Mayor of Johannesburg, Dies; Was Prominent in Jewish Affairs

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Maurice Freeman, former mayor of Johannesburg and member of the Transvaal Provincial Council, died here today at the age of 76. Mr. Freeman had been prominent in Jewish communal affairs.

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U.S., BRITAIN, FRANCE INTRODUCE JOINT RESOLUTION AT U.N. AGAINST EGYPT'S BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The United States, Britain and France today submitted a joint draft resolution to the United Nations Security Council calling upon Egypt to end restrictions on international shipping through the Suez Canal. The resolution grew out of Israel's complaint to the United Nations against Egypt's restrictions on the passage of Israeli-bound goods through the Suez Canal.

The resolution recalls the decision of the Security Council of August, 1949, relating to the conclusion of armistice agreements between Israel and the neighboring Arab countries, and draws attention to the pledges in these agreements against acts of hostility by any of the parties. It notes that the chief of staff of the U.N. Palestine Truce Commission considered Egypt's Suez Canal blockade against Israel to be a hostile and aggressive act, and contrary to the spirit of the armistice agreement.

The resolution emphasizes that the Suez Canal blockade cannot in the prevailing circumstances be justified on the grounds that it is necessary for Egypt's self-defense. It points out that "the restrictions on the passage of goods through the Suez Canal to Israeli ports are denying to nations at no time connected with the conflict in Palestine valuable supplies required for their economic reconstruction." It also stresses the fact that Egypt's restrictions represent "unjustified interference with the rights of nations to navigate the seas and to trade freely with one another, including the Arab states and Israel."

The resolution calls upon Egypt "to terminate the restrictions on the passage of international commercial shipping and goods through the Suez Canal wherever bound, and to cease all interference with such shipping beyond that essential to the safety of shipping in the Canal itself and to the observance of the international conventions in force."

Egypt Ignored Friendly American Advice, U.S. Delegate Reveals

In a statement supporting the resolution, Ambassador Warren R. Austin, head of the American delegation, told the Security Council that the United States felt that in dropping the restrictions Egypt could bring the attainment of peace between Israel and the Arab countries. The American Government, he said, had hoped that through "friendly" representations made by the United States and other governments, Egypt might become convinced of the wisdom of lifting the restrictions voluntarily. However, he pointed out, these representations had been to no avail, and the Security Council now has no choice but to adopt the proposed resolution.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb, head of the British delegation, told the Security Council that Egypt's restrictions were "inconsistent" with the objectives of a peaceful settlement between Israel and the Arab states. He emphasized that it was "high time" that unhindered passage of ships of all nations through the Suez Canal be restored.

Egypt, he added, has been given ample time and opportunity to lift the restrictions but has given no indication that she is prepared to advance any proposals which could be regarded as satisfactory. He therefore urged the Security Council to "exercise its undoubted authority."

French representative Francis Lacoste spoke in a similar vein. He said that all the factors have been studied by Security Council members and that Egypt was given ample time, but ignored the repeated representations of other nations. "International conventions," he declared, "must be observed, along with the Egyptian-Israeli general armistice agreement. Egypt's restrictions, he added, also harmed other nations, many of which had not been concerned with the Palestine conflict at all.

The representative of Brazil, Joao Carlos Muniz, said his delegation would vote in favor of the draft resolution--implying no reflection on the Egyptian Government, but rather interpreting the resolution "as an admonition to Egypt not to entertain an inadvised action which, if continued, might lead to the resumption of hostilities between Israel and the Arab states, creating a situation pregnant with the gravest dangers to international peace."

Representatives of the Netherlands, Turkey and Ecuador also announced that they will vote for the three-power resolution. The necessary seven votes for the passage of the resolution ordering Egypt to lift the blockade against Israel are assured. Dr. Daniel J. Van Balluseck of the Netherlands, "announcing his government's support for the resolution, said that the Egyptian restrictions on the passage of goods through the Suez Canal were interfering with the economic reconstruction of a considerable part of the world, including his country.

FINAL ACTION ON AID TO ISRAEL POSTPONED IN HOUSE; MAY VOTE TODAY OR SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives today postponed action on the Administration's Foreign Aid Bill which contains grants of \$73,500,000 for Israel. The delay, which resulted from an attempt to cut \$500,000,000 in military and economic aid to Western Europe, may bring final action on the bill either late Friday or Saturday.

ARABS NOT PREPARED TO MEET WITH ISRAELIS AROUND A TABLE, LEBANESE MINISTER SAYS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The Arab states are not prepared to meet with representatives of Israel around a table at the Paris conference proposed by the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, Lebanese Minister Charles Malik told a press conference here today. However, he added that they would probably be ready to meet with Israeli delegates "indirectly" as they did two years ago at the Arab-Israel conciliation parley which was held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

BEN GURION CONFERS WITH MAPAM LEADERS ON POSSIBILITIES OF ENTERING COALITION CABINET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, who was yesterday asked by President Weizmann to undertake the formation of a new Cabinet, today met with Mapam leaders Meir Yaari, Jacob Chasan and Itzhak Bar-Yehuda for several hours to explore the possibilities of the left-wing Socialist group entering the government. Mapam circles indicated that among the conditions advanced by the Mapam leaders for participation in a coalition government was one that the right-wing Herut would not be included.

AMERICAN DELEGATES AT ZIONIST CONGRESS PRESSED TO SEND MANPOWER TO JEWISH STATE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- American Jewry's role in support of Israel and in the Zionist movement came to the fore today as the 23rd World Zionist Congress continued its general debate.

Allegations that the Zionist movement in the Western countries and particularly in the United States, was not doing enough in the provision of pioneering elements for the Jewish State were aired by many delegates. Leading American delegates took the stand in reply to these charges that they were ready to provide manpower but could only do so gradually, not on a mass basis. They pointed out that the Jews in America, unlike the Jews in many other countries, are not motivated by fears over their security as part of the American community and have no reason to be motivated by such fears.

Most of the Israelis who have addressed the Congress since its opening Tuesday night have stressed manpower as the most urgent need of the country and it appeared today that the Israeli Government and many Israeli Zionists are ready to measure the potency of the Zionist movement in overseas countries by its ability to provide manpower.

This viewpoint was presented to the Congress today by Eliahu Dobkin, a member of the Mapai Party and head of the Jewish Agency's youth and pioneering department. He told the Congress that only a strong Zionist movement could provide Israel with this necessary manpower, asserting that non-Zionists could never ignite the enthusiasm of Jewish youth and provide the type of education indispensable to creating a climate conducive to the production of idealists willing to make sacrifices for Israel through pioneering.

American Zionist Leaders Oppose Intensified Recruitment of Chalutzim in U.S.

Benjamin Browdy, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Mrs. Rose Halprin and Mrs. Judith Epstein all expressed opposition to demands that American Zionism concentrate its greatest efforts in the direction of enlisting American Zionist youths to migrate to Israel. Mr. Browdy asserted that the American Zionist Movement is prepared "to train youth in those trades and professions in which they will not only make a living but which Israel most requires." However, he warned that preaching emigration of American Zionist youth "by instilling fear in them" will not work. He insisted that American Zionists "will not create an exodus psychology."

Mrs. Halprin and Mrs. Epstein, Hadassah leaders, developed a viewpoint opposing that of Mr. Dobkin's. They told the Congress that the Jews in the United States feel secure. They said that the pro-Israel picture in the United States is good and there are reasons to be "grateful and optimistic" despite occasional setbacks. Mrs. Epstein repudiated statements reported in the American press that a crisis in Israeli-American relations was shaping up as a result of a new "hardness" toward Israel on the part of the U.S. Government.

Dr. Neumann declared that pioneer immigration is the "collective responsibility of Zionism, but I cannot subscribe to the view that it is the individual responsibility of each individual Zionist." He added, however, that without such pioneering immigration the Zionist movement ceases to be just that.

A spokesman for the Russian-oriented Mapam Party, Itzhak Bar-Yehuda of Israel, replying to the statements by American delegates that a mass immigration from the United States could not be expected by Israel because American Jews did not live

in fear, warned the American Zionists that they were living under an illusion. "In 10 or 15 years from now, you too may be faced with the need for sanctuary," he asserted. "It may be too late by then for you will be unable to draw out your resources. And eventually you will be forced to resort to labor anyhow, because this country will not be able to maintain itself without workers."

Eliezer Libneh, Israeli Mapai leader, told the Congress that if the Jews of the United States fell, Israel would also be doomed. "How would we feel as a minority in Asia, if the Jewry of the United States were exposed to racial persecution?" he asked. He declared that to offset the disadvantage of being a minority in the Orient, Israel needed the talents of numbers of American Jews. He urged Zionists living in overseas countries to Hebraize their names and acquire a knowledge of the Hebrew language.

Dr. Goldstein Lauds Truman's Aid to Israel; Browdy Wants Strong Zionist Movement

Dr. Israel Goldstein, American Zionist leader and chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, praised President Truman's aid to Israel. He demanded a special status for the Zionist movement in Israel, maintaining that Zionists can mobilize Jews throughout the world in support of Israel's struggles and campaigns for its political rights.

Dr. Goldstein insisted upon the rights of Zionists in all parts of the world to express their views on Israeli affairs and to support their political counterparts in the Jewish state. Although he opposed the elimination of the various Zionist political parties in countries outside Israel, he conceded the need to reorganize the movement.

A "strong World Zionist Organization with autonomy" in its own spheres and in full possession of its powers and manifold functions was demanded by Mr. Browdy, who told the Congress that "there can be no substitute" for the Zionist organization. He drew upon the experiences of his own Z.O.A. to prove "what can be done by a strong organization."

The American Zionist leader warned that it was a "dangerous illusion" to attempt to do away with or to reduce this force. "We have no desire to interfere in the internal affairs of Israel," he stated, "but we have every desire to make sure its foundations are firm and will resist the ravages of time."

Dr. Max Kirschbloom, American Mizrahi delegate, attacked Israel's "coolness" to Zionist veterans at a time when "Zionism cannot waste the energies of any one." He advocated continuation of the party system in the Zionist movement because "only those imbued with ideological zeal can be enthusiastic Zionists."

Two pleas for unity were voiced at the Congress today. Former Israeli Minister of Education Zalman Shazar, of the Mapai, said it would be unfortunate if the Congress turned out to be a gathering of dissension. Barnett Janner, president of the British Zionist Federation, in a plea for harmony, expressed fears that Zionists in Europe would be caught in a struggle between the "power blocs" of Israeli and United States Zionism. He proposed the establishment of an European branch of the Zionist Executive.

PREMIER BEN GURION RECEIVES ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND EMANUEL NEUMANN AT TEA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- A brief truce was in effect yesterday as the bitterest political opponents of the Zionist movement met socially. Premier David Ben Gurion received American Zionist leaders Drs. Abba Hillel Silver and Emanuel Neumann and their wives at tea.

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PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GERMANY SAYS GOVERNMENT IGNORES JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Norbert Wollheim, president of the Federation of West German Jewish Communities, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that his organization had long sought talks with the West German authorities on the position of German Jews, but has received no reaction to its representations.

Commenting on a recent interview given by Dr. Theodor Heuss, President of the West German Republic, in which the German official stated that his government was prepared to enter into talks with the German Jewish community but that there was no overall organization with which to talk, Wollheim said the German Jews had approached Dr. Heuss directly but had had no answer. He termed the Heuss statement a "typical example" of the governmental attitude towards the Jews and Jewish problems.

BERLIN RESTITUTION OFFICE PAID 250,000 MARKS TO JEWISH CLAIMANTS, LEADER REPORTS

BERLIN, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The Berlin restitution office has paid Jewish claimants about 250,000 Deutschemarks, Heinz Galinski, head of the Berlin Jewish community, reported at a meeting of the Community Council.

In the course of the meeting, Rabbi M. Frier proposed that former rabbis and officials of the Berlin community be given pensions by the community. Galinski, who favored the project, pointed out, however, that the community has no funds and will receive none from the proceeds of heirless Jewish property because it is not recognized as a successor organization. Funds for this purpose, he said, would have to come from either the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, operating in the U.S. zone, or the Trust Corporation, a British organization.

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN CABINET PLANS TO "MODIFY" RESTITUTION LAW; FINDS IT "TOO DRASTIC"

HAMBURG, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry of Schleswig-Holstein, in a letter to the British High Commissioner in Germany, indicated that it considers the present restitution law "too drastic" and expects a modification of the law. The Premier and a number of other members of the state cabinet of Schleswig-Holstein are former members of the Nazi Party. The Schleswig-Holstein province is in the British zone.

FORMER NAZI URGES FIGHT ON ANTI-SEMITISM; PROPOSES RESOLUTION AT YOUTH ASSEMBLY

ITHACA, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning anti-Semitism, proposed by a former member of the Hitler Youth Movement, was adopted here today at a workshop session on racial discrimination at the World Assembly of Youth held at Cornell University.

The resolution was presented by Erich Fosch, a 21-year-old delegate from Austria who grew up thoroughly indoctrinated with the Nazi philosophy but realized that Hitler's teachings were lies soon after the fall of the Nazi regime. He suggested that a guilt complex probably influenced his demand for discussion of anti-Semitism. The resolution reads:

"The youth organizations which are affiliated with the World Assembly of Youth not only protest against and condemn all kinds of discrimination between individuals, but urge, in full accordance with the articles of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights that the World Assembly of Youth members combat the practices of discrimination of whatever kind--social, economic, political, cultural--directed against the Jews, and that they lead and support the struggle against anti-Semitism in every possible method."