

SELECTIVE SERVICE TO DEFER INDUCTION OF JEWS FOR HOLY DAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Jewish registrants ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination or for induction in the Army may request deferment until after the Jewish High Holy days, the Jewish Welfare Board reported today. The board has been notified of a directive from Selective Service headquarters to local draft boards urging them to "honor requests of registrants of the Jewish faith to have either their order to report for induction or pre-induction postponed to a date other than that of the Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement."

According to the J.W.B.'s Division of Religious Activities, the directive applies to the full 10-day period.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PARIS, (JTA) -- Police patrols near Paris synagogues will be reinforced during the High Holy Days owing to recent attacks by Fascist elements on Jewish business premises, it was reported today.

ATHENS, (JTA) -- There will be no Jews in the newly-elected Greek Parliament as a result of the defeat of the only Jewish candidate.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (JTA) -- Robert B. MacAtee, former Consul-General in Jerusalem, has been appointed acting United States representative on the advisory commission of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine.

ROME, (JTA) -- The Italian Foreign Ministry announced plans to open a consulate in Haifa shortly.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Two Arab marauders were killed Saturday when an Israel patrol clashed with a band of infiltrators in the Negev, the southern desert.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Dr. Paul Struye, president of the Belgian Senate, is paying an unofficial courtesy visit to Israel. He expects to discuss the status of Jerusalem with Premier Ben Gurion.

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- The Palestine Jewish Colonization Association (PICA) announced plans for construction of a new synagogue at Rosh Hamaalak to replace the edifice destroyed during the liberation war and for construction of a youth club at Pardess Hanna dedicated to the memory of village youths who fell during the war.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Viscount Stansgate, chairman of the World Inter-Parliamentary Union, accompanied by Lady Stansgate, arrived here today on a ten-day visit as the guest of the Israeli Parliament.

CHICAGO, (JTA) -- Five hundred volumes on history, economics and labor, collected over 50 years by Morris Seskind, labor editor of the Jewish Daily Forward, have been presented to Roosevelt College here by the Chicago chapter of the Jewish Labor Committee.

NEW YORK, (JTA) --- Paul Ginsberg of Atlanta, newly elected national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, was presented with a golden key emblem by Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in tribute to his "outstanding services to the cause of a free and independent State of Israel and to the furtherance of the Zionist movement in this country."

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ISRAEL OPPOSES PIECE-MEAL APPROACH IN PEACE TALKS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Israeli authorities, while prepared to extend the fullest co-operation to the Palestine Conciliation Commission, are unable to see any purpose served by a piece-meal approach to the problem of peace in the Middle East, official circles said today. They disclosed that the outline of the commission's proposals submitted to the delegations at the Paris conference last Thursday, would be considered at tomorrow's weekly Cabinet meeting.

Officials here criticized the apparent intention of the commission to select one or other of the issues separating Israel and the Arab states for their eventual, separate solution, disregarding Israel's insistence on reaching an overall peace agreement prior to individual consideration of conflicting claims.

Informed sources here said it was impossible to consider for the time being even the partial return of Arab refugees as long as there is no peace settlement and the Arab anti-Israel boycott continues, since these two factors threaten Israel's security and economic development.

Paris "Peace" Parley Marks Time Awaiting Tel Aviv Reply

PARIS, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The tri-partite United Nations-Israeli-Arab peace talks were at a standstill today while the Israeli delegation awaited receipt of instructions from Tel Aviv and the four Arab delegations studied the five-point peace proposals submitted to them yesterday by Ambassador Ely E. Palmer, chairman of the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

The commission met informally today. The next formal session between the Israeli delegation and the commission will probably be held later this week. Publication of the commission's five-point plan will follow its submission to the Israeli delegation.

Maurice Fischer, chief Israel delegate, accused the Arab states of attempting to defeat in advance the peace efforts of the U.N. commission. He told the commission at a closed meeting yesterday that "the declarations of certain leaders proclaiming that the Arab states will never make peace with Israel, even to the end of time, show a disposition that is as little compatible with the spirit of peace as it is with the spirit which inspires the commission." Arab participation in the talks will be nothing but "pure formality, lacking any reality, until such time as the Arabs show a sincere desire to live in peace with their Israeli neighbors by abandoning their position of extreme hostility," he added.

The Israeli statement also declared that the word "conference" means a meeting around a table with interested parties participating. It asked the commission to make clear that the separate sessions form of this parley had been forced on it by the Arab refusal to meet directly with Israeli representatives.

OPPOSITION ASSAILS ISRAEL GOVERNMENT FOOD POLICIES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Opposition parties in the Israel Parliament last night attacked the government's food rationing and distribution system as "bureaucratic and inefficient" as debate on the government's food policy was resumed. The religious parties appealed for a halt in the import of non-Kosher meat.

Replying to the debate, which was begun last week, Minister of Agriculture Pinchas Lavon defended his policy, insisting that in the present situation of continuing immigration and expanding production Israel cannot have an absolutely free economy. He said that all planning possible was being done as far as food policy was concerned. He admitted that mistakes had occurred in the distribution system, but insisted that they had been rectified.

Replying to criticisms of trade relations with Eastern European countries, he agreed that some of the trade pacts, notably those with Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, had not been completely fulfilled. This, he said, was because the countries concerned were unable to sell Israel goods it needed, not because of pressure from the West. He pointed out that the Rumanian and Bulgarian treaties had been completely fulfilled. The Polish pact was only 42 percent fulfilled, the Czechoslovak pact, 30 percent, and the Hungarian agreement, 50 percent, he disclosed.

Replying to Orthodox critics, the Minister said non-Kosher meat had been purchased at half the regular price at a time when the nation was suffering from an acute meat shortage. It seemed unfair to deprive the non-Orthodox portion of the population of meat supplies, he continued.

Rabbis Demand Suspension of Non-Kosher Meat Imports

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- A conference attended by more than 400 rabbis protested today against the import by the government of non-Kosher meat and called on the government to cease these imports immediately.

The conference also called on the public to refuse to purchase the non-Kosher meat and demanded that the government issue the non-Kosher meat rations only to non-Jews. The controversy arose over recent purchases of canned meat in Mexico to overcome the acute meat shortage here. Government officials emphasized that it was impossible to obtain adequate Kosher meat supplies.

ISRAEL'S VARIED EXPORTS REVEALED IN BUSINESS GROUP'S REPORT

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Israel has turned to the production of a multiplicity of products needed in various parts of the world in order to piece her economy in a position to import products which cannot be made locally, the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce reported today.

In a survey of Israel industry and commerce prepared by the Chamber, it was revealed that Israel is exporting gum, candy and halvah to Britain; cigarettes to Costa Rica; cork to Turkey and Switzerland; curtain material to Holland; shirts and handkerchiefs to the Bahamas; and dental drills and cement to Argentina.

The Chamber also reported that a Jerusalem shoe factory, which recently started operations with 300 completely unskilled workers, the majority of whom were immigrants, is now producing 1,400 pairs of shoes daily. Production has already reached 60 percent of that of the parent plant in Nashville, Tennessee. The report notes that flax growing has progressed beyond the experimental stage in Israel, and that the government-sponsored Scientific Research Council is turning its attention to plants likely to provide raw materials for cellulose and paper.

GRANOTT HAILS CONGRESS DECISION ON JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

SOUTHPORT, England, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund has been given the "green light" by the 23rd World Zionist Congress and is now free to increase income from its traditional collections to the maximum, Dr. A. Granott, world head of the Jewish National Fund, said in a message read today to the first provincial convention of the J.N.F., now in session here.

"We have obtained what we asked for and the delimitation of activities in Israel gives us a large field of action," Dr. Granott declared.

J.D.C. PARLEY WARNED OF DANGER TO JEWS OF NORTH AFRICA

PARIS, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The threat of rising Arab nationalism to the security of the half million Jews of North Africa was stressed here as representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee from 18 countries, meeting in their fifth annual conference, continued their survey of J.D.C. activities throughout the world and considered programs for action during the coming year.

The conference was told that evacuation of all Jews from the small towns in the interior of Libya and Tripolitania had been completed and that the 8,000 Jews, brought to Tripoli from the interior, should be transferred to Israel at the earliest possible moment.

Reports to the conference emphasized that while considerable progress had been made in improving the health and economic conditions of the Jews in North Africa, their security was now the big question.

Mme. Helen Cazes Benetar, director of the J.D.C. program for North Africa, told the conference that Arab movements for political independence in Libya, Morocco and Tunisia constituted a menace to the Jews there. She pointed out that the North African Jews were entirely dependent on the French and British authorities for protection and warned that action must be taken on behalf of Jews in isolated communities. She paid tribute to Gen. Alphonse Juin, retiring Resident-General of Morocco.

Transfer of 3,000 children from the small "chederim" to modern educational installations was reported to the conference which also discussed plans for extending aid to 25,000 Moroccan Jews and a project for aid to Jewish artisans.

A system for control of tuberculosis has been established in Tunisia, the conference was informed, and remarkable progress made in eliminating trachoma among Jews. An apprenticeship program was instituted. Supplies of powdered eggs, milk, butter and cheese from American surpluses helped with the program of hot meals for 6,500 children daily.

TRANSVAAL NATIONALISTS RAISE BAN ON JEWISH MEMBERSHIP

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Transvaal provincial division of the Nationalist Party voted unanimously today to drop the clause from its constitution banning Jews from membership. The provincial division was the only section of the party which carried the discriminatory clause against Jews.

The decision was taken at the Pretoria conference of the party which was addressed by South African Premier Daniel F. Malan and other members of the cabinet. It will be announced after a full committee discussion. The conference also unanimously approved merger of the Nationalist and Afrikaner parties.

NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL NEEDED, RABBI BERNSTEIN DECLARES

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Jews of America and Israel must find a new working relationship, Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, told the 37th annual convention of Hadassah, American women's Zionist organization, here tonight.

"American Jews should and will not go to Israel because they are afraid of the future in America," he declared. "That attitude is unworthy of the American and Jewish heritage. Zionism is not Jewish defeatism. It is the progressive, dynamic and democratic answer to the Jewish problem. It does not preclude the right of Jews to remain in the free lands.

"If there are serious problems of anti-Semitism," he continued, "Americans should meet them with two-fisted courage, not terrified flight. Any approach to American Jews, playing upon fear is doomed to failure. Some Americans should and will settle in Israel. They will go because they have skills which are needed or because they want to live in a totally Jewish environment or want to make Jewish history. These are justifiable and praiseworthy motivations, but the great majority of American Jews will remain in this country."

Rabbi Bernstein said he saw no conflict between loyalty to America and devotion to Israel. He warned that an "exodus of Jews from America would render a historic disservice to the last great bastion of democracy" and declared that "America needs a vigorous, self-respecting Jewish community."

Raised \$9,250,000 in Eleven Months

Hadassah raised a total of \$9,250,000 for its projects in Israel and activities in the United States during the past 11 months, Mrs. S. Kramarsky, national treasurer, reported to the convention today. In addition, she reported, Hadassah chapters have sold Israeli bonds to the value of \$4,000,000 and secured pledges for an additional \$2,000,000.

Mrs. S. Boneparth, chairman of the Zionist youth activities committee, reported that Hadassah had begun to taper off the nutrition feeding and recreation programs it established in Palestine more than three decades ago, but will continue for the next four years to make a slowly decreasing financial contribution to this work. "Now that there is a state," Mrs. Boneparth explained, "such programs logically belong under the aegis of its education department."

Mrs. Robert Szold, chairman of the supplies committee, reported to the convention that Hadassah had purchased and shipped to Israel during the past year some 90 different categories of supplies, ranging from technical medical equipment to children's clothing and valued at more than \$1,000,000.

HOUSE VOTES POSTHUMOUS CITIZENSHIP TO REFUGEE JEWISH G.I.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The dearest wish of a Jewish soldier who died in action on Guadalcanal was brought nearer fulfillment today as the House passed a special bill to grant posthumous citizenship to Siegfried Oberdorfer.

Oberdorfer fled Nazi Germany in 1938 and entered the American Army. He told his commanding officer: "If I could go into combat as an American citizen I would be the happiest man on earth. My only fear is that I will be killed before that citizenship is granted."

Young Oberdorfer was killed in action on Guadalcanal on May 20, 1943, as a member of the 35th Infantry Regiment, before receiving his final papers. The House voted that he should be considered to have been an American citizen at the time of his death. The bill now goes to the Senate.