

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION CHALLENGES STATE LAWS ON GROUP LIBEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The American Civil Liberties Union has asked the United States Supreme Court to review the constitutionality of state "race" or "group" libel laws. In a petition to the court, it has asked for review of the conviction of Joseph Beuharnais, president of the White Circle League of America, on charges of violating an Illinois law barring race libels.

The Union declared that while it opposed Beuharnais' views, it championed his right to them and questioned the legality of the Illinois law as contravening the First and Fourteenth Amendments by restricting free speech, press and assembly.

NCRAC GROUP DENOUNCES ATTACKS ON PROF. MACIVER

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing gratitude to Prof. Robert M. MacIver for his report on Jewish community relations agencies and deploring "the attempt to impugn the integrity of Dr. MacIver" was unanimously adopted by the Evaluative Studies Committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council this week-end.

The resolution denounced these attempts and declared, "whatever agreements or disagreements there may be with Dr. MacIver's report, we recognize his views as those of a distinguished citizen and a great scholar who deserves every consideration and respect."

NEWS IN BRIEF

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- A three-month budget requesting 27,400,000 pounds for the October-December fiscal period was presented to the Israel Parliament. The budget, which lists the exact items contained in the previous three-month budget, is scheduled to be debated late today.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- A meeting of the Jewish Agency executive here deferred action on the allocation of portfolios and it was believed that final action on this will not be taken until after the new Israel Government is formed.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Lord Glenconner, chairman of Palestine Potash, Ltd., has arrived here and has begun conferences with company and State officials on measures to reopen the Palestine Potash plant at the southern end of the Dead Sea.

GENEVA, (JTA) -- Israel was one of five countries to show an increase in unemployment in June of this year as compared with June, 1951, according to figures released by the International Labor Organization. A 25 percent increase in unemployment was reported for Israel.

WASHINGTON, (JTA) -- A group for study of foreign and domestic aspects of Israel, to be known as the Israel Histadruth Associates, will be formally constituted here next week under the sponsorship of six Senators and eight Congressmen. It will be affiliated with the National Committee for Labor Palestine.

WASHINGTON, (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Roy H. Parker, Army Chief of Chaplains, urged rabbis and Catholic and Protestant clergymen to volunteer immediately as chaplains in the volunteer reserves to replace reservist chaplains soon to complete their tours of duty.

WASHINGTON, (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett will attend the dedication Thursday of the new Israeli Embassy here at 1621 22nd Street, Northwest, in the vicinity of Washington's "Embassy Row." The 50-room edifice will be decorated in a native Israel motif.

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ISRAEL GOVT. EXPECTS TO BALANCE DEFENSE BUDGET, KAPLAN SAYS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Increased income will soon permit the Israel Government to balance its defense budget as well as its regular budget, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told Parliament as he opened debate on his request for a 27,400,000-pound appropriation for the next three months. This would cover the regular budget, but not the defense budget whose total is kept secret.

The government's inability to balance the defense budget in the past forced it to issue Treasury bills which have become an inflationary force in the national economy. The regular budget has always been balanced.

Mr. Kaplan revealed that income for the first five months of the fiscal year--from April through August--has been some 66 percent higher than originally estimated. As a result, it has not been necessary to issue any Treasury bills of late. The chief source of the government's revenue remains income taxes.

During the debate the General Zionists remained neutral and they are expected to support the government budget request. The left-wing Mapam Party attacked the budget, asserting that it gives the government too much power. The budget is expected to pass, probably some time next week.

ISRAEL IN GRIP OF WORST CRISIS, WILLIAM ROSENWALD REPORTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Israel is in the grip of the worst crisis to confront it as a result of a dollar shortage that has cut its food supply and is impeding settlement of many thousands of immigrant refugees, William Rosenwald, a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said here today on his return from a three-month survey of overseas needs.

"While I am deeply impressed by Israel's achievements," he said, "I am deeply disturbed by the lowered morale of its people as a result of the many grave shortages of food, housing and health facilities." He said that "if Israel a few weeks ago had been in a position to acquire emergency food imports costing \$16,000,000, this would have been sufficient to tide the country over until its fall crops could be distributed."

He warned that the food shortage "has hit especially hard at Israel's immigrants, 250,000 of whom are in reception camps and work villages." While most of the newcomers are constructively employed, he said, they are not yet productive of anything exportable and convertible into foreign exchange.

He lauded Israel's immigration policy as "the bravest and most courageous ever undertaken by a newly established state" and added that the UJA special \$35,000,000

cash drive had been undertaken in part to move an additional 60,000 Jews from Rumania, Iran and Libya to Israel before the end of the year.

The U.J.A. leader said that liquidation of the International Refugee Organization will cause untold hardships to thousands of displaced persons, would leave many problems unsolved and "cause new ones whose significance cannot be exaggerated." Despite progress in emptying DP camps, 25,000 Jews will remain in Germany, he said, and stressed the problem of the hard-core cases.

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Mr. Rosenwald will serve as chairman of the U.J.A.'s special campaign to raise \$35,000,000 in cash before the end of the year.

Ask U.S. to Call Farley on Displaced Persons Work

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- President Truman was asked today by volunteer American displaced person resettlement agencies to have the State Department convene an early meeting of nations with refugees and receiving countries to make plans for the handling of refugees after the International Refugee Organization terminates its operation.

The President indicated concern over the continued operation of an international program for the resettlement of displaced persons and surplus populations after the expiration of the I.R.O. Among those who met at the White House with Mr. Truman was Arthur Greenleigh, chairman of the advisory committee of American national volunteer agencies and executive director of the United Service for New Americans which cares for Jewish refugees. Others who participated were Displaced Persons Commission chairman John W. Gibson and resettlement directors of Catholic and Protestant agencies.

I.R.O. Liquidation to Impose Heavy Burdens on Agencies

PARIS, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The imminent liquidation of the International Refugee Organization will put heavy financial burdens on voluntary organizations like the American Joint Distribution Committee, Henry Levy, director of the agency's resettlement services, told the world conference of J.D.C. representatives here.

Unless a successor organization to the I.R.O. is created to finish the task of moving Europe's homeless refugees, the voluntary agencies will have to assume transportation costs now largely borne by the I.R.O., he warned. The J.D.C., he declared, would be forced to call upon the United Jewish Appeal for additional funds to move thousands of Jewish displaced persons from Europe to new homes overseas.

Emigration of Jews from Europe to countries other than Israel is now proceeding at the rate of over 1,500 monthly, Mr. Levy reported. He praised the liberal immigration policies of Canada and Australia and noted that movement of refugees to the United States will continue in substantial numbers.

There are now 20,000 Jews registered with the Joint Distribution Committee for emigration, he said. He pointed out that in the first eight months of 1951, the Joint helped 12,000 refugees to emigrate, which was as many as the J.D.C. assisted in all of 1950. He estimated that another 5,000 would be moved before the end of the year.

The J.D.C. is planning the emigration of approximately 12,000 Jews during 1952 at a cost of at least \$2,000,000, he said. He warned that the United Jewish Appeal would have to provide these funds unless a new international organization is created to take over the IRO's emigration services. Emigration to Canada and Australia will be heavier in 1952, he said, but the movement to the United States will be substantial under the regular immigration quota and special provisions of the DP Act operative until 1954 which will permit between 5,000 and 6,000 Jews to enter the United States next year.

HADASSAH CONVENTION CONCLUDES AFTER VOTING \$8,235,000 BUDGET

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The 37th annual convention of Hadassah, American women's Zionist organization, closed tonight after approving a budget of \$8,235,000, and adopting a series of resolutions on world affairs and Zionist and organizational matters.

In a move without precedent in the organization's history, it drafted Mrs. S.W. Helprin to continue as president of the organization beyond the expiration of her term until the Hadassah mid-winter conference, at which time, the national board has been authorized to elect a new president. Mrs. Raphael Tourover, chairman of the nominations committee, said this step was taken because Mrs. S.J. Rosensohn of New York, committee choice for the presidency, was unable to assume office at this time because of a family bereavement.

Resolutions adopted by the convention thanked the United States delegation to the United Nations for its stand on the Suez Canal issue, urged prompt ratification by the U.S. of the genocide convention, thanked Congressional sponsors of the Israel grant-in-aid measures and voiced hope that Congress would pass the necessary appropriations. The resolutions also urged the United States to use its good offices to bring about direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states through the Palestine Conciliation Commission and asked the State Department to use its good offices to secure immediate, full implementation through the Security Council of Israel's plan to drain the Huleh marshes.

The convention adopted a resolution to support pioneering immigration as the "cardinal principle" in the upbuilding of Israel. It declared that "some portion of American Jewish youth will seek personal identification with this drama by helping Israel to reclaim its soil, plan cities, build factories and increase agricultural production."

The new budget provides \$3,000,000 for medical work, \$1,500,000 for the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School and medical school building fund, \$2,300,000 for Youth Aliyah, \$600,000 for youth services, \$700,000 for the Jewish National Fund, and \$135,000 for Zionist youth work here.

ARAB-JEWISH ROMANCE THREATENS SECURITY OF ALIEN JEWISH COMMUNITY

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The romance of a Jewish girl and a Moslem youth today threatened the security of the Jewish community of the British crown colony of Aden.

The story came to light today when the World Jewish Congress received cables from the Jewish community council of Aden appealing for help. According to these cables, Arenka Mansour, young Aden Jewess, ran away from home last month and was converted to Islam. Her family appealed to the courts and the Aden Supreme Court ruled the girl was to be returned to her mother.

Because of threats of violence and bloodshed by Moslems, this order was not obeyed. At the court's insistence, the girl was brought home, but refused to stay. She was taken to the home of a Dr. Cochrane. On September 17, according to the cables, she said she wanted to return home. Mrs. Cochrane told Salim Banin, chairman of the Jewish council, that she would bring the girl home. Arab demonstrations were held throughout the day. In the evening, Mrs. Cochrane reported that the girl had "run away." Subsequently, a Moslem named Hak applied for the court's permission to marry Miss Mansour and hearings were scheduled.

The council urged the World Jewish Congress to take action to "redeem the captive, vindicate justice and assure the community's security."

U.N. SUBCOMMISSION ON MINORITIES TO BE DISCONTINUED UNTIL 1954

GENEVA, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council, in plenary session, yesterday voted to discontinue, until 1954, its Subcommission for the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities. At the same time, however, the Council decided upon steps designed to continue the U.N.'s efforts to prevent discrimination and to protect minorities.

The Council also voted to continue annual meetings of the Commission on Human Rights until 1954, when the Council will again review its activities. Some of the functions of the subcommission on discrimination will be taken over by the Human Rights Commission. The Council adopted a resolution, previously approved by its co-ordination committee, dealing with continued efforts to prevent discrimination and protect minorities.

PROTECTION OF JEWISH RIGHTS ESSENTIAL, GOLDSTEIN SAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Protection of the rights of 10,000,000 Jews outside Israel is essential to the over-all strategy of Jewish survival, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, chairman of the western hemisphere executive of the World Jewish Congress, said here today in a report on the recent meeting of the Congress executive in Geneva. He stressed the adoption by the executive of a resolution to intensify efforts to unite Jewish communities throughout the world.

Dr. Goldstein pointed out that the State of Israel deals with governments and the United Nations on matters directly affecting it, the Zionist Organization seeks support for Israel at the hands of the Jewish communities and the World Jewish Congress seeks to protect the rights of Jewish communities in the lands where they live.

"In the program of Jewish self-determination," he said, "the chief instrument is the reborn State of Israel." He added, however, that the well-being of the millions of Jews outside Israel was also of "major significance," and pointed out that the State of Israel could not exist independently of the Jewish people.

Dr. Goldstein denounced the decision of the Western Powers to sign a peace contract with the Bonn Government, declaring that such a contract would be "an act of incredible folly" if not accompanied by iron-clad agreements for continued supervision. He said that Germany must assume moral and material responsibility for Nazi persecution.

ARAB TERRORIST RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT PERON

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Fauzi el-Kaukaji, who commanded the Arab forces during the 1936-39 uprisings in Palestine, and who is now here as an official guest of the Argentine Government, was received today by President Juan D. Peron.

Kaukaji, who arrived here last week, was received previously by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and by the Minister of the Army. He laid a wreath on the tomb of Argentina's national hero, Gen. San Martin, in the presence of leaders of the Arab colony here.

NAZI CAMP CHIEF STANDS TRIAL FOR MURDER OF 61 JEWS

VIENNA, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Nikolaus Schorn, 63, former commander of the concentration camp at Donnerskirchen, went on trial here today accused of the murder of 61 Jews and numerous other atrocities in January, 1945.

Witnesses accused Schorn of having clubbed to death 40 Hungarian Jewish slave workers, and of having drowned and shot others.

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NATIONAL BOND DRIVE CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The national economic conference on Israel, which will open here tomorrow with the participation of 800 delegates from all parts of the country, will mark official launching of a nationwide drive for the sale of Israeli bonds to foster Israel's economic development, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., said today.

"While Israel may at the present time have to endure difficulties because of limitations on food imports," he declared, "the emphasis which its people and government are placing on economic development is the best assurance for a prosperous and creative future." Mr. Morgenthau, who is chairman of the board of governors of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, said that "the Israel bond is an investment in the solid achievements of a people with an indomitable will to achieve a free and self-sustaining existence."

The conference, which will meet at the Hotel Shoreham, will deal with the progress made in the economic growth of Israel, current pressures on the economy resulting from continued immigration and plans to expand industrial and agricultural production to feed and integrate a population expected to reach 2,000,000 by 1953.

NEWS IN BRIEF

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Four scheduled routine armistice commission meetings were cancelled in Palestine by the United Nations as their U.N. chairmen were unexpectedly alerted to attend a meeting in Beirut Thursday called by Lt. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. truce chief.

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SAO PAULO, (JTA) -- Prof. Lauchmann, South American director for the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute, was received here by Senhor Lucas Nozueira Garcez, Governor of the State of Sao Paulo.

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NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Plans for formation of a nationwide lawyers committee for the Jewish National Fund were announced here by Ira A. Hirschmann, president of the National Ussishkin League. Herman L. Weissman will head the committee which will seek inclusion of the J.N.F. as a beneficiary in wills.

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NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Moshe A. Tov, special Israeli envoy to Latin America, said today prior to his departure for Israel that "tremendous sympathy and interest in Israel were expressed by many government leaders in Latin America" during his three-month tour there.

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NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph P. Rosenberg, associate professor of German at Yeshiva University, has been granted a year's leave of absence to pursue a Ford Foundation fellowship in the humanities.

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LONDON, (JTA) -- Mrs. Moise Cahn, president of the International Council of Jewish Women, who is on her way to conferences with Jewish women leaders in all principal European capitals, said here that it is more important than ever before to create and strengthen an international group of Jewish women. "For never had they recognized more clearly that they had a common task, not only as Jewish women but as citizens of the world."