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TRUMAN MAY VETO "RACIST" IMMIGRATION BILL IF IT PASSES CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA) -- Passage by the House of the McCarran-Walter Omnibus Immigration Bill--described as "racist" by liberal groups and opposed by Jewish groups--was considered a certainty today as debate on the bill continued for the second day. However, highly-placed sources indicated that President Truman is determined to veto the measure should Congress adopt it. The vote will be taken in the House tomorrow.

While the House was debating the bill, 65 prominent Americans today joined in an appeal publicly condemning the McCarran-Walter Bill and voicing their support for the Humphrey-Lehman Bill which would provide for pooling of the more than 70,000 immigration visas which are wasted each year under the present law.

Emphasizing that "decisions made today may affect our country's welfare and shape the destinies of countless human beings in the United States and abroad for generations to come," the group assailed the McCarran and Walter proposals and charged that these bills would continue to waste 75,000 visas a year, would add new racial discriminations, and would provide many new and arbitrary bases for deporting immigrants.

On the other hand, according to the signers, "the Humphrey-Lehman Bill would keep flowing an invigorating stream of fresh talent, fervor and energy which has contributed so much to America's greatness in the past, and would advance our efforts to inspire faith in democracy the world over."

DP Commissioner Rosenfield Scores Bill

Under the McCarran-Walter Bill, new Americans or would-be immigrants who have been convicted by Nazi courts of violating Nazi laws would be automatically barred from the United States; American citizens may be deprived of citizenship, in certain cases, without trial; new grounds for denaturalization and deportation would be made retroactive to cover all immigrants who have hitherto been admitted to the United States.

Displaced Persons Commissioner Harry N. Rosenfield today issued a warning against the bill. "Don't let's have provisions which could result in the exclusion of victims of political, racial, or religious persecutions," he said. He asked how it could be determined whether it is or is not an offense, "if a Jew failed to register under some Nazi rule." Commissioner Rosenfield said that it is undesirable "to deport people who have been law-abiding residents for 50 years."

After Commissioner Rosenfield issued this statement, Rep. Walter arose in the House and made a rabble-raising attack on him as well as on the American Jewish Congress and others. Walter linked opposition to his bill with statements against it in a Communist periodical.

IMMIGRATION FROM RUMANIA AND HUNGARY TO ISRAEL INTERRUPTED

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- Immigration of Jews from Rumania and Hungary to Israel has been interrupted, a Jewish Agency spokesman announced here today. He added that the Jewish Agency had addressed inquiries on the subject to both the Rumanian and Hungarian Governments.

The spokesman reported that immigration from other Balkan countries is proceeding normally. Between 100 and 150 immigrants are arriving each month from Bulgaria, he said. A total of 360 Hungarian Jews were prevented from leaving for the Jewish State at the last moment, the spokesman revealed.

He disclosed that a group of Indian Jews, who forced the Agency to return them to India recently after they had spent a year in Israel, are now making desperate attempts to come back to Israel. Some are collecting funds in Indian synagogues to pay their expenses, while two of their representatives have gone to the Agency office in India to express their regret over their action and to ask the Agency to bring them to Israel a second time. Otherwise, they threatened, they would stage a hunger strike in the Agency office in India. However, the Agency has refused to pay the cost of their transportation a third time.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERS WITH SOVIET MINISTER IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett yesterday received Soviet Minister Pavel Yershov for the second time in a month. The discussion, it was reported, covered current developments of interest to the two nations.

Norway and Israel today started negotiations here for a new trade agreement between the two countries. Norway is represented at the talks by a delegation headed by Ernst Hogen, Norwegian charge d'affaires in Tel Aviv. Israel is represented by a delegation composed of representatives of trade, industry, finance, agriculture and development departments, in addition to representatives of the Foreign Office.

TWO EGYPTIAN FISHING BOATS CAPTURED IN ISRAEL WATERS

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- Two Egyptian fishing boats were captured last night by an Israeli police boat off the shores of southern Israel. The occupants of the boats were arrested.

A report here today said that the Egyptian fishermen opened fire on the Israeli police launch when it intercepted them. The report revealed that only four fishermen were detained. Four others succeeded in escaping.

A group of Israeli students touring archaeological sites in Southern Israel were attacked today by Arab infiltrators. The attackers were repulsed with losses. One of the students was wounded and was later flown into the interior for medical treatment.

U. N. FUND ALLOCATES \$300,000 FOR AID TO ISRAEL CHILDREN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 24. (JTA) -- The 26-nation executive board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund has allocated a \$300,000 project to Israel of \$637,000 assigned to the entire Middle East.

The Israeli project is for the purchase of equipment for bottling Pasteurized milk, for refrigeration and for equipment for making milk bottles. This is the first milk conservation program aided by UNICEF in the Middle East region.

SO. AFRICAN PARTY OFFICIAL REGRETS ATTACK ON JEWS IN PARLIAMENT

JOHANNESBURG, April 24. (JTA) -- A Nationalist Party official today apologized for an anti-Semitic attack made in Parliament by a leading Nationalist deputy last week. However, the apology by J. Deklerk, secretary of the party in the Transvaal, excused the attack on the Jews on the grounds that a Jewish M. P. had provoked Nationalist deputy J. Liebenberg into declaring that the Jews were "biting the Afrikaner hand that had made them fat."

Mr. Deklerk insisted that an attack on the Finance Minister and other Afrikaner members of the government by Bernard Friedman, opposition M. P.; had been unjustified. He added that "since it has been in office, the Nationalist Party has made an honest attempt to promote good understanding between Jew and Afrikaner."

Citing the example of Eric Louw, "who is considered by some Jews an inveterate anti-Semite," he said that since Mr. Louw became Minister of Economic Affairs he has shown that he will not discriminate against members of the Jewish community in economic matters. "On the contrary," he said, "his policies have been such that no Jew could feel that Minister Louw is unsympathetic."

Mr. Deklerk, who said it was "unfortunate that this bone of contention has arisen," promised a second statement on the situation after he studies the official report of the remarks by Liebenberg and Friedman.

Meanwhile, the tendency to attribute to the Jewish community the views expressed by individual Jews or non-Jews with Jewish sounding names in the current constitutional crisis is causing concern in the Jewish community. The Jewish press has several times underlined the right of an individual to speak for himself without the racial group to which he belongs being held responsible for his statements.

ITALIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WITHDRAWS ORDER OFFENSIVE TO JEWS

ROME, April 24. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has won another battle against official discrimination against Jews.

After a protest by the Union, the Ministry of Justice has revoked an order that would have required Jewish prisoners in Rome's Regina Coeli Prison to apply in writing for permission for a rabbi to visit them. The Union pointed out that this procedure, which was not applied to Catholics, was a violation of the Italian Constitution. The Ministry concurred and withdrew the offending order.

GERMAN JOURNALISTS LEAVE MEETING IN PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-SEMITES

FRANKFURT, April 24. (JTA) -- Newspapermen walked out in protest from a meeting called by the Hesse Union of Cinema Owners here when spokesmen for the group attacked Dr. Max Cahn, Jewish chairman of the local Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation. The theatre owners charged Dr. Cahn with organizing a "campaign of terror" to keep the cinemas from showing films produced by Veit Harlan, notorious producer of anti-Semitic films for the Nazis.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO HOLD EXECUTIVE MEETING IN GENEVA

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- A meeting of the executive of the World Jewish Congress will be held in Geneva, it was announced here today. The meeting will open on August 7 and will last a full week, the announcement said. No agenda has as yet been prepared.

ISRAEL EXPERT BRINGS REPORT TO U. S. ON NEGEV'S NATURAL RICHES

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- The first authentic and detailed information on the natural riches discovered by Israeli scientists in the Negev was given at a press conference here today by Isaac Chizik, until recently chairman of the Negev Development Commission and now administrator of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Port Authority.

Mr. Chizik, an Israel-born industrial engineer who is a graduate of the University of Chicago, arrived in the United States to take part in the nation-wide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. He disclosed that in 1953 Israel may be in a position to export a minimum of 500,000 tons of phosphates, both in raw and manufactured form, and hopes to increase yearly exports to millions of tons. However, he emphasized that the U. J. A. is Israel's best hope of overcoming the lack of funds with which to settle and civilize the wilderness of the Negev.

With reference to the discovery of copper, Mr. Chizik said that copper ore of medium metallic concentration has been found. He noted that the initial investigation of copper ore deposits approximated 150,000 tons but the possibility exists that these deposits are much more extensive.

Estimates 2,000,000 Tons of Manganese Discovered

Reporting on the Negev's deposits of manganese, Mr. Chizik said that Israel's possession of this vital mineral in quantity now opens up a fresh supply to the western world which in recent years has had to contend with the bottling up of 90 percent of the known supply in countries behind the Iron Curtain.

He said that two tunnels and surface mining disclosed important quantities of this material, which he described as having a concentration of 35 to 40 percent of manganese oxide. Experiments are being made to augment the concentration and economical exploitation will depend on the results, he said. He noted that the supposed quantity of manganese approaches 2,000,000 tons and that there is the possibility of further discoveries.

The existence of oil deposits in Israel, he stated, has not yet been fully determined, but he reported that three groups--one Israeli, one Swiss and one Canadian--are intensely interested and are negotiating for prospecting licenses which will enable them to start boring in areas of possible yield. He reported also that the Knesset now has before it a bill to regularize oil prospecting and boring.

Mr. Chizik said that, in addition to these finds, researches are now going forward with respect to iron, sulphur, mica and feldspar. An initial general survey of iron ore deposits has been concluded and exploration operations at greater depths have been started using standard mining methods, he reported. The iron ore turned up so far, he noted, is of medium quality but gives sign of existing in large quantity.

Mr. Chizik gave highest importance to the discovery of phosphates, reporting that it has been found in great quantity. He pointed out that phosphates are used chiefly as fertilizer and that "its discovery on our own soil will prove a tremendous boon to us, especially in view of our highly intensive kind of agriculture."

He reported that the discovery of phosphates has already enabled Israel to halt the annual import of some 150,000 tons of this vital material at an estimated yearly savings of more than \$1,500,000. At the same time, he said, a company has been formed for the manufacture of super-phosphates to meet all of Israel's needs and to offer it as a principal item of export.

U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- The United States Government has been invited by the Government of Israel to participate in the first international exhibition and fair in Jerusalem at which achievements in all fields of land reclamation throughout the world will be surveyed and evaluated, it was revealed here today at a press conference by Arthur Lourie, Consul General of Israel in New York.

Various departments of the U. S. Government concerned with reclamation of desert and wastelands, agriculture, soil conservation, flood control and power development will show at the Jerusalem exhibition what they have done to advance the progress and welfare of the human race, Mr. Lourie said. Participating in the exhibition--which will be known as "Conquest of the Desert"--will also be various United Nations organizations and many of the 41 countries with which Israel maintains diplomatic and consular relations.

The exhibition will be held in the Jerusalem Convention Center from April 16 through May 18, 1953. It will be part of a celebration marking the 3,000th anniversary of the establishment of Jerusalem as the City of David. "In addition to exhibits by governments and public bodies, private industry will display the machinery, equipment and materials used in the conquest of the wilderness," Mr. Lourie said. He pointed out that private firms representing 39 nations have already expressed their desire to participate.

Extra allocations of foreign exchange for the purchase of machinery to be imported for exhibition purposes will be given to essential industries by the Israel Government. "The aims of the exhibition are to dramatically underscore the achievements that have successfully conquered desert, swamp and erosion throughout the world, and thus to point the way mankind must go in its struggle for survival on the land," Mr. Lourie said.

Sponsors of the exhibition are the Government of Israel, the Jewish Agency, the Keren Kayemeth, and the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association. Offices of the exhibition have been opened in New York, London, Paris, Rome, Brussels, Amsterdam, Zurich, Oslo, Stockholm, and Helsinki. A special emissary for the exhibition will visit Canada and South America to negotiate with the various governments and leading industries regarding their participation, Mr. Lourie said.

200 SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO PREPARE JEWISH YOUTH FOR LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Two hundred scholarships, valued at \$100,000, are being offered by the Brandeis Youth Foundation to help prepare youth for leadership in the American-Jewish community, Louis Levine, president of the Foundation, announced here today.

The Foundation, which is named after the late United States Supreme Court Justice, Louis D. Brandeis, who helped found it, has three summer camps at Winterdale, Pennsylvania; Hendersonville, North Carolina; and Santa Susana, California. It also maintains an Arts Institute and a Year-Round-Institute.

The general aim of the Brandeis program is to instill an appreciation of the Jewish cultural heritage and to create a desire for active leadership in communal affairs while stressing the dignity and value of Jewish identity, Mr. Levine said. Candidates for scholarships should be between 18 and 25 years of age and at least high school graduates.

CHICAGO ZIONISTS NOMINATE BRESSLER FOR Z. O. A. PRESIDENCY

CHICAGO, April 24. (JTA) -- The candidacy of Max Bressler, noted Chicago communal leader, for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, was announced here by Abraham Finkelstein, president of the Chicago Region of the Z. O. A.

The announcement said that the executive committee of the Zionist Organization has unanimously endorsed--with one abstention--Mr. Bressler's candidacy. Mr. Bressler is a former president of the Zionist Organization of Chicago and a vice-president of the Z. O. A. He is a leader of the Combined Jewish Appeal, Israel Bond Drive and Board of Jewish Education. He was a delegate to last year's World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem.

ALEXANDER KAHN HONORED IN ISRAEL; RECEIVED BY BEN GURION, SHARETT

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- Alexander Kahn, manager of the Jewish Daily Forward and vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee, was received here today by Premier David Ben Gurion and Ministers Moshe Sharett and Eliezer Kaplan, prior to his scheduled departure for the United States this Sunday.

Earlier, Mr. Kahn and his wife, Sarah, a leader of the Pioneer Women in the United States, were the guests of honor at a reception tendered by the editorial staff of Davar, the Mapai newspaper here. Members of the government and of Parliament and labor leaders attended the reception, where Mr. Kahn's activities in behalf of the Jewish labor movement and in the wartime work of rescuing Jews in the hands of the Nazis were lauded.

In reply, Mr. Kahn praised the achievements of the new State of Israel and hailed the Histadrut. He declared that the failure of Israel would be the failure of world Jewry, but expressed the certainty that the Jewish State would pull out of its present difficulties. He pledged the support of the American Jewish workers to Israel.

JEWISH LAWYER APPOINTED HIGH COURT JUSTICE IN CANADA

WINNIPEG, April 24. (JTA) -- Appointment of Samuel Freedman, prominent Winnipeg barrister, as Justice of the Queen's Bench court, was welcomed here this week. Justice Freedman is the fourth Jew in Canada to hold this post. His appointment followed by a short interval his election as president of the Manitoba Bar Association.

MILAN JEWS HONOR MEMORY OF THEIR MARTYRS MURDERED BY NAZIS

MILAN, April 24. (JTA) -- A special ceremony honoring the Jewish martyrs of Milan who were murdered by the Nazis and the Fascists during the war will be held in the local Jewish cemetery tomorrow, the anniversary of the liberation of Italy by the Allied armies. Representatives of Milan's city government will attend the ceremony.

FIRST HEBREW BRAILLE TEXT PUBLISHED IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- The first Hebrew textbook in Braille for blind persons who read English was published here today by the Jewish Braille Institute of America. The two-volume text, "Hebrew Self-Taught," was written by Zevi and Ben-Ami Scharfstein.