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ACTIONS COMMITTEE GETS PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- A plan for the reorganization of the work of the Zionist movement throughout the world was proposed here today at the plenary session of the Zionist Actions Committee by Zvi Herman, on behalf of the Jewish Agency executive. The plan calls for:

1. Establishment of an effective territorial center--recognized as such by the Zionist executive--to be established in every country where there exists or there will be created a concentration of Zionist activity. The necessary arrangements will be made to transfer authority to such a center to conduct its affairs on a country-wide scale in all spheres of joint Zionist activity--such as information and propaganda.

2. Creation of a public opinion favorable to Israel and Zionism; 3. Spreading the Hebrew language and literature; 4. Encouragement of educational and cultural activities; 5. Organization of Zionist youth; 6. Encouragement of training of Chalutzim; 7. Immigration Activities; 8. Work for national funds and in behalf of fund-raising campaigns; 9. Youth Aliyah activity; 10. Encouragement of capital investments in Israel; and, 11. Organization of Jewish communal life on a democratic basis.

Expansion of Authority of American Zionist Council Urged

In regard to the situation in the United States, Mr. Herman called for further efforts to strengthen the American Zionist Council and to increase its effectiveness and make it fit for additional tasks. He urged that the Council's authority be expanded as the first step toward the creation of a territorial organizational framework to include the existing Zionist organizations without infringing upon their independent existence or interfering with the activities which they carry out in their own special spheres.

In his report, Mr. Herman discussed the crisis in the Chalutz movement, declaring that "it is no secret that we have reached a most disturbing and low ebb, and the number of Chalutzim undergoing agricultural training is insignificant--885." Of this total, he said, 40 are in the U. S., 120 in England, 200 in France--including Chalutzim in transit to Israel--80 in other European countries, 25 in Australia, 370 in Latin America and 50 in South Africa and other countries.

Dealing with the need for Zionist and Hebrew education, the Jewish Agency leader warned of the "increasing danger of assimilationism." He insisted that the task of education was the responsibility of local Zionist groups, but added that for this job to be effective the structure of the Zionist movement would have to be reorganized. Following the presentation of Mr. Herman's report, a general debate began. American delegates who participated in the debate included Dr. S. Margoshes, General Zionist, M. Kirschblum, Mizrahi, Mrs. Rosensohn, president of Hadassah, and Dr. J. Schechtman, United Zionist-Revisionists.

TEXT OF BILL GIVING OFFICIAL STATUS TO JEWISH AGENCY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- The full text of the government-sponsored bill giving the Jewish Agency an official legal status in Israel was released here today. It reads:

1. The State of Israel, which represents only its inhabitants, sees itself as the creation of the entire Jewish nation and its gates are open to every Jew desiring to come to it.
2. The World Zionist Organization, from its inception to its jubilee, headed the Jewish nation's movement to return to its homeland and with the assistance of other Jewish organizations and circles bore the central responsibility for the establishment of the State of Israel.
3. The World Zionist Organization, serving also under the title of the Jewish Agency for Israel, cares--as previously--for immigration and supervises absorption enterprises and colonization in the state.
4. The State of Israel recognizes the World Zionist Organization as the agency authorized to continue work in Israel for the development of the country, to colonize it, absorb immigrants from dispersion and coordinate the activities within Israel of those institutions and organizations working in these fields.
5. The mission of the "Ingathering of the Exiles," which is among the central tasks of Israel and the Zionist Organization in our time requires the constant efforts of the Jewish nation in the dispersion. Therefore, the State of Israel expects the participation of all Jews--private individuals and organizations--in the upbuilding of the state, and assistance for mass immigration to Israel, and sees the necessity of uniting all Jewish communities for this purpose.
6. The State of Israel expects the World Zionist Organization to try to achieve this unity whether by widening the Jewish Agency's framework to include Jewish institutions and organizations ready to participate in aid for immigration and the upbuilding of the country and take upon itself the duties emanating from this participation, or in any other form; if such an enlarged Jewish Agency is established it will, with the government's consent, enjoy the same status that will be given in Israel to the World Zionist Organization.
7. The details of the status and conditions of work of the World Zionist Organization, whose representative in Israel is the Zionist executive, also called the Jewish Agency--with its seat in Jerusalem--shall be fixed in a pact to be signed between the Israel Government and the Zionist executive.
8. The pact shall be based on the declaration of the 23rd Zionist Congress in Jerusalem which says: "The Congress declares that the practical work of the World Zionist Organization and its organs is to fulfill its historical tasks in Palestine and requests cooperation and coordination from the State of Israel and its government according to the laws of the state."
9. A coordinating committee shall be established on the basis of the pact to coordinate work between the government and the Agency in the fields where the Agency works.
10. The pact, as well as any change or amendment which will take place by mutual consent of both parties, shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall

be lawful from date of publication, unless some earlier or later date is agreed upon.

11. The Agency is legally entitled to sign contracts, acquire property, hold this property and dispose of it, and be a party in any judicial negotiations.

12. The Agency and its funds and other institutions shall be freed from taxes and other compulsory payments which are usually imposed in behalf of the government in such measure and conditions as shall be fixed by the pact.

SEN. LEHMAN SEEKS EXEMPTION FOR ISRAEL FROM CUT IN U. S. ASSISTANCE

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman today introduced an amendment which would exempt Israel and the Arab states from a reduction in the appropriations contained in the version of the Mutual Security Bill reported out by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sen. Lehman's amendment would restore the amount proposed for aid to Jewish refugees in Israel from \$66,380,000 to \$76,000,000. It would also restore the original allocations proposed for technical assistance to both Israel and the Arab states as well as the aid designated to relieve Arab refugees in Arab states.

CURFEW IMPOSED ON ARAB VILLAGES IN ISRAEL; SOLDIERS ATTACKED

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- The Israeli military authorities have imposed a curfew on several Arab villages in the vicinity of Mt. Tabor, in northern Israel, following an attack on Israeli soldiers in the area, it was announced here today. A government spokesman revealed that three soldiers were fired on yesterday.

Meanwhile, it was also announced that two Arab villages, one with a population of 5,000 and the other with a population of 3,000, will gain autonomy tomorrow when local councils are established in both villages. Minister of the Interior Moshe Shapir will attend the ceremonies opening the local councils.

ISRAEL NEWSMEN DEFY POLICE ON SOURCE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- Three Haifa correspondents of Tel Aviv newspapers will face a court on charges of refusing to disclose to the police the source of confidential information about the government which was published here.

The correspondents disclosed a confidential exchange of letters between a Minister and the director of a government office in Haifa. A strong protest over the police action against the newspapermen has been lodged with the Parliamentary Committee on Interior Affairs.

TEL AVIV TEACHERS AND MUNICIPAL WORKERS THREATEN TO STRIKE

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- School teachers, who receive their salary from the municipality and whose financial situation has worsened since the introduction of the new economic policy in Israel, today warned the authorities that they will strike on Sunday unless they receive their April salaries by the week-end. Other municipal workers are also threatening to strike unless their salaries for April are paid.

1,400 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN ISRAEL IN APRIL; DIFFICULTIES EXPLAINED

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- A total of 1,400 immigrants arrived in Israel last month, it was announced today. This is the smallest number to arrive since the state was established, and was explained here on the basis of the difficulties encountered by Rumanian emigrants and the fact that the North African immigration centers are behind schedule.

GERMAN GOVT. REGRETS KNESSET'S DECISION ON REPARATIONS TALKS

BONN, May 8. (JTA) -- German official circles expressed regret today over the decision adopted by the Israel Parliament not to resume negotiations with the West German Government on reparations unless the Bonn Government makes a concrete offer to pay Israel's demands, including a schedule of payments.

It was indicated here that the West German Government considers it essential to make restitution payments to Israel. However, it was pointed out that differences over the exact sum to be paid by Germany to Israel were to be expected and that the Israeli claim must be related to Germany's capacity to pay other foreign debts.

Germany Reported "Willing" to Make Offer to Israel

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- An official spokesman of the West German Government said yesterday that Germany was willing to make a concrete offer to Israel as a result of the decision taken by the Israel Parliament, the New York Times reported today from Bonn. The report did not indicate as to when such an offer would be made.

The report said that echoing the resolution adopted this week by the Israel Parliament not to resume the reparations talks until a definite offer is made by the Bonn Government, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the powerful Social Democratic opposition, issued a statement demanding that the Bonn Government make "a concrete, satisfactory and serious" offer to Israel. In addition, Dr. Schumacher challenged the Bonn Government's view that the Israeli reparations negotiations and the London conference on external debts were interdependent.

The report stated that Herman J. Abs, who is the head of the West German delegation at the London conference, said in an interview that he and his German colleagues were in full agreement, as was the Bonn Government, that claims by Israel and non-governmental Jewish groups were basically different, but he stressed that "something not generally understood, even by our own politicians, is that there is only one capacity to pay and only one technique for transferring funds." Herr Abs said it was his firm belief that both problems, the settling of Germany's pre-war commercial debts and post-war reparations to Israel, would be satisfactorily solved "but they can only be solved together and if one fails the other will fail also."

Israel's Chances Were Better Two Years Ago

The New York Times correspondent in Bonn, Jack Raymond, added in his report that those Germans who, shocked by the magnitude of world opinion arrayed against them, would have supported reparations for Israel as a matter of diplomatic expediency, now appear satisfied that they are recovering sufficiently in major projects with the Western Allies--the Contractual Agreement, the European Army, the Council of Europe and the Schuman Plan for integrating Western Europe's steel and coal output.

"Most observers here agree Israel would have been far more successful in her approach for reparations if she had initiated it two years ago," the correspondent said. "At that time Israel might have obtained suitable financial commitments that the Allies might have been prepared to support. As it is, reliable sources disclose, only the United States has displayed more than a casual interest in the subject," Mr. Raymond reported.

NCRC ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR DIVISION OF LABOR IN FIGHTING BIGOTRY

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- The National Community Relations Advisory Council--coordinating body of all Jewish organizations engaged in combatting anti-Semitism in this country--today released a resolution adopted last Sunday by its Special Committee on Evaluative Studies containing specific recommendations for the "logical and practical division of labor" among the major Jewish groups active in the field of community relations.

The resolution reaffirms the decision of the plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council last November that there should be a continuing process of joint planning of program for the entire community relations field, through the N.C.R.A.C. Division of labor, the resolution asserts, is necessary to make this joint program planning effective. Some activities, such as social action or litigation, would require participation by all agencies, the resolution emphasizes.

The resolution will be reported to the N.C.R.A.C. executive committee, which meets May 26th, and if unanimity is not obtained there, it will be referred to the plenum, which meets June 28th. It recommends the following:

1. The American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith should, for the time being, take over the joint responsibility for work connected with investigation of demagogues; conduct of surveys designed to maintain a continuing check on the extent, nature, and seriousness of current manifestation of anti-Semitism and of the trends; counter-action of anti-Semitism and subversive organizations and publications; outbreaks of defamation, etc.

The two organizations are also to conduct a positive program of intergroup relations, including the study of influences fostering or disturbing good intergroup relations, and of methods of maintaining good relationships among all groups. They are also to maintain and conduct the contacts necessary for promotion of better human relations, including relations with educational institutions. All this with the understanding that, consistent with the recommended approach to "logical and practical division of labor," they will present before a date to be fixed by their plenum their recommendations for division between themselves of these various activities for joint consideration and approval by the N. C. R. A. C.

2. The American Jewish Congress is to carry responsibility for legal and legislative services to eliminate discrimination, including legal research and memoranda of law, reporting of significant legislation and decisions, and legal drafting. Also for the preparation of drafts of briefs, bills, and statements for legislative bodies.

3. Maintenance of contacts and continuing relationships with labor, veterans, and religious groups, respectively, to be the responsibility, in that order, of the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., and of an instrumentality involving the various Jewish religious bodies, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform.

The resolution was adopted 7-2, the American Jewish Committee and the A.D.L. opposing, and the Jewish Labor Committee abstaining. The Jewish Labor Committee, however, had voted for all sections of the resolution except for those which dealt with specific assignments of work or responsibilities in any fields other than those of labor, veterans, and interfaith activities.

Incorporated in the resolution is a directive to the N.C.R.A.C. officers that consultations be continued among the agencies in an effort to explore all avenues that may lead to unanimity. The Evaluative Studies Committee is to be convened for re-examination of the resolution adopted whenever unanimity appears to be attainable on some alternative basis.

SENATE TO TAKE UP TODAY IMMIGRATION BILL OPPOSED BY JEWISH GROUPS

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- The McCarran Omnibus Immigration Bill, which is similar to the Walter Bill passed recently by the House of Representatives, will be brought to the Senate floor tomorrow. This is sooner than was expected. The measure has been vigorously opposed as "racist" by Jewish and major liberal organizations.

Sen. Pat McCarran, author of the bill and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, refused to call hearings on a liberalized version of the bill introduced by Senators Herbert H. Lehman and Hubert H. Humphrey. Supporters of the Lehman-Humphrey measure today indicated that they will organize a fight against the McCarran-Walter Bill which would set up a system of selective immigration within the national origins quota system, and deprive immigrants already admitted of fundamental judicial protections.

JEWISH CONGRESS CRITICIZES U.S. AMENDMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 8. (JTA) -- "Public instruction in the hands of reactionary governments has been in the past and can become again a perversion of true education," Dr. Maurice L. Perlweig, representative of the World Jewish Congress, warned the United Nations Commission on Human Rights today. The Jews of Europe, "martyred by the Nazi education for genocide program were proof of the fact that a textbook can be as lethal as a gun," he told the Human Rights Commission.

He criticized American and British amendments on education in the proposed draft Covenant on Human Rights. These amendments, he said, weaken the clause which provides that "education shall encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms" and "shall promote understanding, tolerance and freedom among all nations, racial and religious groups."

CANADIAN EDUCATORS OBJECT TO DETERMINING RELIGION OF APPLICANTS

TORONTO, May 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Darby P. Philip, chairman of York Township Board of Education, was criticized at a meeting of the board for asking the religion of three applicants for a clerical job in the school system. The board members who scored Dr. Philip emphasized that color, race or creed should not be a consideration in examining applications for employment.

Defending his action, Dr. Philip reminded the members that the board once got itself into "hot water" for refusing to hire a girl because it was thought she was Jewish. "The board thought she would lose too many days on account of religious holidays, but as it happened she wasn't Jewish. I didn't want that to happen again" he said.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DESERT RESEARCH OPENS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- An international symposium on desert research sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization--the first such to be held in Israel--opened here last night with 50 scientists and 1,000 guests attending. A message from President Weizmann was read to the parley and Premier David Ben Gurion welcomed the scientists to Israel.

Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, American soil conservationist who is now advising the Israeli Government, made the opening address to the conference. The formal work of the symposium was started today at scientific deliberations at the Hebrew University. Saturday, the scientists are scheduled to visit the Negev and inspect ancient ruins and some of the irrigation and development work accomplished by the State of Israel.