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## PRESIDENT TRUMAN RECEIVES SHARETT; DISCUSS DEMOCRACY IN NEAR EAST

WASHINGTON, July 1. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett met for the first time with President Truman today and expressed the "profound gratitude of our people for the line of consistent support extended by the President and the United States."

Mr. Sharett expressed the hope to the President that Israel will have an opportunity to justify his confidence. The conversation today, Mr. Sharett said, centered on the future of democracy in the Near East and the improvement of standards of living in that area. The President expressed hope for peace in the area and for the consolidation of the forces of democracy.

The Foreign Minister told Mr. Truman that it would give Israel "immense pleasure" to welcome him to Israel as a guest of the state. He assured the President of an enthusiastic welcome. Mr. Sharett was accompanied by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban.

President Truman today announced the granting of an annual immigration quota for Israel of 100 persons. The announcement of this quota by the White House followed recommendations by the Acting Secretary of State, the Acting Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney General in accordance with the duty imposed on them by the Immigration and Nationality Act. Jordan was granted a similar quota of 100 as was Arab Palestine.

## VIEWS ON ISRAEL PRESENTED TO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 1. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council and the American Council for Judaism today presented their respective views on Israel to the platform committee of the Republican Party as it turned to consideration of foreign policy planks.

In a memorandum submitted to the committee, the American Zionist Council urged the Republican Party convention to adopt a platform plank pledging continued support to Israel and the Arab states in the resettlement of their refugee populations and in the promotion of peace and economic stabilization and development in the Near East.

The specific plank which the party was asked to adopt was presented by Republican Congressman Jacob K. Javits to the platform committee. I. L. Kenen, representing the Zionist Council, who later testified in favor of this plank, stressed that his organization was appearing in behalf of American citizens. Mr. Kenen expressed the opinion that there was no such thing as a "Jewish vote." A similar view

on the "Jewish vote" was stated by Philip R. Toomin of Chicago, who appeared on behalf of the American Council for Judaism. The text of the plank presented by Rep. Javits reads as follows:

Text of Plank Favored by American Zionist Council

"The Republican Party has consistently advocated the reconstitution of a national home for the Jewish people since a Republican Congress declared its support for that objective 30 years ago.

"We pledge continued support to the State of Israel to enable it to carry out its historic and humanitarian undertaking to provide sanctuary for Jewish people rendered homeless by persecution and to strengthen its economy and improve its means of defense as part of the defense of the free world against aggression.

"We urge Israel and the Arab states to enter into direct negotiations for the achievement of permanent peace in the Near East.

"We express our deep sympathy with the unhappy plight of the Palestine-Arab refugees and pledge continued support to facilitate their permanent resettlement in the Arab countries.

"We sympathize with the aspirations of the Arab peoples of the Near East for political and economic independence, consistent with international responsibility and the policy of good neighbors, and we will support measures for the promotion of peace and economic stability and development in the whole region."

Congressman Javits pointed out that the proposed plank is consistent with past Republican Party declarations and with American Near Eastern policy as formulated by Congress in the past two years. He noted that the Republicans have favored a National Home for the Jewish people in Palestine since the Lodge-Fish resolution adopted by a Republican-controlled Congress and signed by President Harding in 1922. Rep. Javits also cited the pro-Zionist and pro-Israel planks of the party's platforms of 1944 and 1948, and drew the committee's attention to the fact that over 50 Republican members of Congress signed a declaration in 1951 for aid to Israel.

The Zionist Council's memorandum stated that Israel's record of achievement "commends a declaration pledging continued support to enable it to carry out its historic and humanitarian undertaking to provide sanctuary for Jewish people rendered homeless by persecution and to strengthen its economy and improve its means of defense as part of the defense of the free world against aggression."

Council for Judaism Says No Group Speaks for All Jews

A complaint that during the past decade there has been an "entirely unwarranted and unsupportable assumption" that in matters pertaining to the State of Israel, Jews in the United States are "largely of a single mind" and comprise "some kind of domestic, political pressure bloc," was made to the platform committee by the spokesman for the American Council for Judaism. "No Jew and no organization of Jews can speak for all Americans of Jewish faith," Mr. Toomin underlined.

The basis of American Jewish support of Israel has been and should be one of philanthropy. The international relations of the United States and Israel "should be

integrated with the totality of our foreign policy," the Council for Judaism representative said.

Continuing to discuss U.S.-Israel relations, Mr. Toomin declared that they "should be formulated free of pressure by any special domestic groups." He denied that "all Americans of Jewish faith are agreed to making Israel a favored nation in American foreign policy in the Middle East."

#### OIL BILL PRESENTED TO KNESSET; SPEEDY ACTION URGED BY GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- The long-expected oil bill was introduced in the Israeli Parliament today by Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol who explained the importance of the measure and asked that the bill be adopted by Parliament prior to recessing for the summer. A debate on the bill will open next Monday.

Introducing the bill, Mr. Eshkol said that the measure concerned "one of the most precious treasures of the state." "We hope and we trust our luck to strike oil and to enrich our country, especially when the prospectors use the most modern achievements in science and technique," he declared.

In connection with the presentation of the bill, Israel Koslov, Finance Ministry oil expert, told a press conference here yesterday that the bill is the result of two years of intensive work. He reported that the Ministry had consulted 20 topflight American oil experts on various points in the bill, and said that it conforms with international petroleum legislation.

Mr. Koslov admitted that the bill was hard on concessionaires in its timing, but said that it was liberal in other respects. The government, he stated, is encouraging competition in oil prospecting to speed up the discovery of oil which it needs so badly. He also revealed that after discussions with the Iraq Petroleum Company, which held 29 of 31 oil prospecting licenses granted by the Palestine Administration, the government has cancelled all 31 licenses.

#### ZIONIST MOVEMENT SECURED \$400,000,000 IN FOUR YEARS FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS

TEL AVIV, July 1. (JTA) -- Over \$400,000,000 was secured by the Zionist movement in the last four years to help some 750,000 new immigrants come to Israel, Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, today told a press conference.

In a general review of the achievements and problems of the Zionist movement, Mr. Locker said that the migration and absorption of the immigrants was made possible only by the faithful aid of the Zionist movement. He revealed that 60 percent of the vegetable output of the country was now produced on settlements of recent immigrants.

He reported that the Zionist movement had only 80 representatives abroad. These men, he said, are engaged in youth and pioneering work in 17 different countries. Among the 80 are 15 specifically assigned to youth immigration work and 30 teachers. The Agency chairman said that it had been decided that "goodwill missions" would be sent to various Zionist centers to encourage cooperation with and loyalty to Israel.

The bill to grant the Jewish Agency a legal status in Israel will soon be presented to the Israel Parliament for final approval, Mr. Locker said.

**KNESSET VOTES REGISTRATION OF GOLD COINS HELD BY INDIVIDUALS**

**JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) --** The Israel Parliament last night voted to introduce compulsory registration of all gold bullion and coins in the hands of private individuals.

Earlier, the Knesset discussed a bill to establish central control over schools and institutions of higher learning in Israel. The measure, which would provide for a "Council for Institutions of Higher Education," would effect the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science, Haifa Technical Institute and any other institution which the council may deem fit to include in its jurisdiction.

The council would be responsible for the financial consolidation of these schools, would manage their finances and would be responsible for expanding their facilities and improving their academic standards, as well as setting tuition fees, registering students, giving examinations, presenting degrees, and appointing academic staffs. The council's budget would be included under the appropriations of the Ministry of Education.

The council would be composed of 25 members, including the Premier, Minister of Education, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, president and rector of the Hebrew University, Chief of Staff of the Army, the heads of the faculties of the three institutions, scientific director of the Weizmann Institute, chairman of the Jewish Agency, and representatives of the Jewish National fund, authors association and the associations of teachers, doctors, engineers, lawyers and others.

An explanatory note attached to the bill said that the measure is designed to give the schools a special status and autonomy, and that the council would be an independent body. Opposition deputies attacked the measure as one which would "subjugate the institutions of higher learning to the government."

**ISRAEL OPPOSES ARAB PROPOSAL TO MERGE ALL ARMISTICE COMMISSIONS**

**TEL AVIV, July 1. (JTA) --** The Arab states' proposal to merge the four mixed armistice commissions operating in Palestine into one body is neither legal nor logical in the current situation, an Israeli spokesman declared last night, in comment on a report from Damascus that Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon had agreed to one overall armistice body.

The Israeli spokesman expressed the view that the Arab proposal is a pretext and a camouflage for an increase in hostilities along Israel's borders by the Arab states. He said this was not the first time that the Arab states, particularly Egypt, used an outside diversion to keep the mind of the public off an internal crisis.

He pointed out that Israel had signed four separate agreements with the four Arab states setting up armistice groups. Any change in the structure of the commissions must have Israel's consent, he pointed out, adding that otherwise the changes would be invalid.

**SYRIA CAPTURES ISRAELI VESSEL; RETURNS JEWS TO ISRAELI TERRITORY**

**TEL AVIV, July 1. (JTA) --** An Israel Government fishing vessel on Lake Kinneret which suffered engine trouble and drifted into Syrian waters was captured this week-end, it was revealed here today. The Syrians commandeered the vessel but returned to Israeli territory the two men, two women and four children who were aboard.

**REPORT THAT EX-NAZI PARTICIPATES IN GERMAN-ISRAEL TALKS IS DENIED**

THE HAGUE, July 1. (JTA) -- A report that Dr. von Truetzchler, member of the German delegation at the reparations talks here, is a former member of the Nazi party was denied today by Dr. M. Frohwein, one of the leading members of the delegation. Professor Franz Boehm, head of the German delegation, similarly pointed out that Truetzchler was very helpful in gathering the material for the German-Jewish reparations talks and that without his help the German delegation could not have come to the talks here.

In denying the report that Truetzchler was a Nazi, Dr. Frohwein said that the former was a diplomat who had served in the German Foreign Office under the democratic pre-Nazi regime and he had been drafted into the service by the Nazis when they took over the government. He emphasized that Truetzchler had nothing to do with the Jewish question under the Nazis and was used by them only as an expert on various matters of law.

Professor Boehm revealed that Truetzchler did not want to come to the German-Jewish talks here. "However," he added, "I considered his help so invaluable and necessary that it was at my urgent and personal request that he was assigned to our delegation and that he agreed to come to work with us."

The report stating that Dr. Truetzchler is a former Nazi was published in the Frankfurter Rundschau, one of the leading newspapers in Germany. The paper said that he served under Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and that a parliamentary committee in Bonn advised against sending him as a German representative to any country because of his Nazi record.

It was established here today that Dr. Truetzchler is a veteran career diplomat who was one of the German delegates to the League of Nations under the Weimar Republic. He was also a member of the German delegation that drew up the contractual agreements with the Western Powers last month.

**GESTAPO OFFICIAL SENTENCED FOR MURDER OF JEW IN CHEMNITZ**

MUNICH, July 1. (JTA) -- A German court here today sentenced Guido Immerthal, a former Gestapo officer, to eight years imprisonment for the murder of a Jewish merchant named Fuerstenstein on the night of November 9, 1938, at Chemnitz, in Saxony.

One of the major prosecution witnesses was a former officer of the Gestapo criminal investigating department at Chemnitz, who testified that the Gestapo, which originally investigated the Fuerstenstein murder, found Immerthal to be guilty. His only punishment at that time was a reprimand and an order forbidding him to carry a weapon for one year.

**JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY HEARS OPTIMISTIC REPORTS ON SITUATION OF JEWS**

LONDON, July 1. (JTA) -- Delegates from various countries attending the three-day European session of the World Jewish Congress today presented optimistic reports on the situation of the Jews in their respective lands.

Taking issue with these reports, Dr. S. Levenberg, representative of the Jewish Agency, pointed out that the situation of the Jews in Europe is not as secure as some of the delegates said. He asserted that Fascist and anti-Jewish forces are alive everywhere. "Reactionary elements who went underground at the end of the war are beginning to raise their heads; we must therefore be alive to the dangers," he stated.

U.S. ORTHODOX RABBIS OPPOSE INTRODUCTION OF REFORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 1. (JTA) -- The 16th annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox group, opened here last night with an attack against "the attempt to establish Reform Judaism in Israel." The attack was made by Rabbi Samuel Berliant, president of the organization, in his opening address.

Predicting that "the attempt will fail," Rabbi Berliant said: "The apologetics associated with the founding of the Reform movement will find no sympathy with clear-thinking people of Israel. They will seek and find spiritual roots only in the pristine and unadulterated teachings of our Torah and they will readily recognize the futility of a compromise on basic religious principles that characterize Conservative and Reform positions. Our Rabbinical Council must take energetic measures to counteract and nullify this new spiritual danger and this attempt by the Reform rabbinate to establish a machinery center of their creed among traditional-minded Jews in Israel."

Rabbi Berliant reported that through the initiative of the Rabbinical Council, there are now 24 Orthodox Jewish chaplains in the U.S. armed services, three more awaiting orders and seven others are in active stages of processing. He lauded the American Government for extending grants-in-aid and other economic assistance to Israel and urged continued support for the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond drive.

Rabbi Israel Klavan, executive secretary of the Council, reported that a "new form of traditional Judaism is evolving upon the American scene. Given the necessary guidance and strong leadership, it can prove to be the group which will revitalize Jewish life in this country." He reported the Council now has 462 members in the United States and Canada.

MRS. ROOSEVELT JOINS DRIVE FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today accepted the honorary chairmanship of the \$25,000,000 national campaign to establish a non-sectarian Medical Center here under the sponsorship of Yeshiva University, it was announced by State Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein, national chairman.

"Mrs. Roosevelt's deep understanding of social problems and knowledge gained in a lifetime of humanitarian endeavor will aid immeasurably in developing first a College of Medicine and eventually an entire Medical Center, promising a new era of better medical care for our city, state and union," Attorney General Goldstein said.

"We are indeed proud that Mrs. Roosevelt, who has devoted her entire life to the service of humanity, has recognized the significance of this great undertaking, the nation's first non-sectarian Jewish-sponsored medical center, by accepting the role of honorary chairman," he declared.

ISRAEL-MEXICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ESTABLISHED IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, July 1. (JTA) -- The Mexican Government has granted permission for the establishment of an Israel-Mexico Chamber of Commerce here. The Chamber was organized through the efforts of Israel Ambassador Moshe Tov and Consul Dr. Adolpho Fasslicht.

The prominent Mexican Jewish banker and Zionist Elias Sourasky has announced here that he is willing to cover the expenses of transferring the remains of Vladimir Jabotinsky, late Revisionist leader, from New York for reburial in Israel.