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## ISRAEL CLAIMS RIGHT TO SEEK EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM SOVIET RUSSIA

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- The problem of securing emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel is a cardinal point in the policy of the Israel Government, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared here addressing the convention of the American Zionist Labor Organization which is scheduled to close tomorrow. The convention elected Rabbi James Heller of Cincinnati national president of the organization.

Declaring that the efforts on the part of the Israel Government to induce Moscow to allow Soviet Jews to leave for Israel may require time, Mr. Sharett asserted that the Israel Government feels it "has a claim" in view of the fact that the Jews are the only national minority in the Soviet Union whose problems have not been solved territorially within the frame of the Soviet regime as was the case with other minorities.

Estimating that Israel will be able to absorb 4,000,000 Jews within the next 10 to 15 years, Mr. Sharett said that of the 10,000,000 Jews now living in various countries of the world, about 6,000,000 reside in the Western Hemisphere. The question is whether the Western Jewish communities will not have to be tapped for increasing the number of Jews in Israel which now number about 1,500,000, he said.

## Expects No Oppression of Jews in the United States

The Israel Foreign Minister, who during his present stay in the United States visited many large and small Jewish communities, emphasized that the misery which has driven Jews from other countries to emigrate to Palestine before and after the war does not exist among Jews in the United States. Nor is there any basis to predict that American Jews will be driven to emigrate to Israel by oppression as was the case with Jews in other countries, the Israeli statesman declared.

Stating that he was happy to establish that what happened to Jews in Europe cannot happen to the Jews in the United States, Mr. Sharett at the same time emphasized that his trip throughout the United States has convinced him that American Jewry, in its great majority, is greatly interested in helping Israel in all possible ways. The question to what extent American Jewish youth and intelligentsia will go to Israel to strengthen the country is, therefore, a challenge to the American Zionist movement, he said.

In a message of greetings to the convention, Premier David Ben Gurion similarly appealed for American Jewish youth and intelligentsia and expressed hope that American Jews will understand the need to comply with his appeal. The convention was addressed also by S. Shazar, former Israel Minister of Education; Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, Dr. Hayim Greenberg, member of the Jewish Agency executive in New York; Melech Neu, Mapai leader in Israel, and others.

ISRAEL DELEGATE REPORTS ON PROGRESS MADE AT TALKS WITH GERMANY

THE HAGUE, July 6. (JTA) -- A report on the progress made to date in the Israel-German negotiations was issued here today by Gershon Avner, of the Israel delegation, in the first informative briefing given to the press since the renewal of the Israel-German talks on June 24th.

The work thus far has been confined entirely to two subcommittees--one on the goods to be provided by Germany to Israel, and the other a legal subcommittee to draw up an agreement between the two countries. The more active of the two, Mr. Avner said, is the goods committee. He explained that the general procedure is for the Israel delegates to ask for certain specific goods and for the Germans to determine what is available and when it can be shipped..

Although more than half of the goods committee's job is completed, Mr. Avner said that "there is still much to be done since the problem of goods is so complicated and by its very nature entails protracted discussions." What Israel gets in initial shipments, he said, is very important. "We are concentrating on the so-called development of goods for which we have the greatest immediate need," he declared, adding that the Germans are aware of the priority of this type of goods. "They specifically offered to provide goods designed to aid in the development of Israel," he revealed.

About one-third of the legal committee's work has been accomplished, Mr. Avner reported. This committee, he stated, is necessarily behind the goods committee, "since much of what will go into the final agreement depends on the decisions of the goods committee." Thus far, he said, the legal committee has been working on general clauses, which can be decided on before the list of goods and the time of delivery have been settled.

Asked whether this did not signify the acceptance of the German offer of \$715,000,000, Mr. Avner replied: "We are negotiating on the basis of that offer, but we have not necessarily accepted it. That will depend not only on the sum of money offered, but also on the type of goods which Germany makes available and on the time in which these goods can be delivered."

"No spectacular results can be announced for the present," he continued. "It is a slow, painstaking job but we are making definite progress. We have an advantage over the Germans in that we have spent the last two months drawing up the list of goods we want. In many cases, the Germans now need time to find out whether they can provide these goods."

It is understood here that Germany is willing to turn over to Israel some of its credit in the European Payments Union, so that part of the payment of the total sum can be in goods from other countries.

Germany Urged to Deal "Broad-Mindedly" in the Talks with Israel

MUNICH, July 3. (JTA) -- An appeal to the German authorities and delegation at the reparations talks with Israel at The Hague to deal broad-mindedly and with an absence of bureaucracy with the issues involved was made here today by Dr. Otto Kuester, original deputy chairman of the German delegation, who resigned in protest against the Government position last Spring.

Dr. Kuester severely condemned Dr. Franz Schaeffer, German Minister of Finance, who, he said, had no clear understanding of "objective law." He said that reparations payments to Israel could create the possibility of a new German "legal spirit."

**ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SECURES CONTROL OVER REORGANIZED POTASH COMPANY**

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- An agreement providing for the sale and transfer of all assets of the Palestine Potash Company outside the borders of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to a newly-formed Israeli corporation, "Dead Sea Works, Ltd.," has been reached after discussions between representatives of the Israel Government and the Palestine Potash Company, it was announced today by the Israel legation here.

The agreement, which will be formally signed in Israel in two or three weeks, is subject both to the ratification of the stockholders of the Potash company, and the consent of the British Government's Ministry of the Treasury. It provides for the payment of 1,220,000 Israeli pounds in class "B" founder shares to the Palestine Potash Company as well as 390,000 Israeli pounds in debenture stock of the new Israeli corporation. The class "B" founder shares will entitle the Palestine Potash Company to 16 percent of the voting power in the new corporation.

Fifty-one percent of the stock in the Israeli corporation will be reserved for the Israel Government, according to the announcement. The remaining 33 percent of the voting stock in the corporation will be open to public subscription. The Dead Sea Works, Ltd., will be granted permission from the Israel Government to extract salt and minerals from all brine in the Dead Sea within Israel's territory.

**PAUKER'S DOWNFALL LINKED TO EMIGRATION OF RUMANIAN JEWS TO ISRAEL**

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- The Sunday Express today reported that Anna Pauker's downfall as Foreign Minister of Rumania was the result of betrayal by another leading Rumanian woman communist who told of alleged bribes paid her for the emigration of Rumanian Jews to Israel.

According to the Sunday Express story, Liuba Chisinevski told Communist Party commissars in Rumania that Mrs. Pauker had received from \$100 to \$1,000 for each Rumanian Jew who left for Israel. The report says that Miss Chisinevski accused the former Foreign Minister of depositing the money in a secret bank account she had opened in Israel.

(An Associated Press dispatch from Vienna reported today that Anna Pauker got into trouble with Moscow two years ago when she reportedly arranged to have her aged father sent to Israel. The A. P. also quotes Western diplomats as saying that the fact that she was a Jewess was a major consideration in the internal cut throat rivalry for power which led to her dismissal.)

**ISRAELI LEFTISTS HOLD SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS; PROTEST SABBATH BAN**

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- The left-wing Mapam and Communists held small demonstrations yesterday to protest against the ban of vehicular traffic on the Sabbath. Members of both opposition groups were told to come on bicycles, skates and donkey carts.

Meanwhile, taxi drivers in this city are expected to follow the decision of their Haifa and Jerusalem colleagues to continue normal driving on Fridays and select another day of the week--in addition to the Sabbath--on which to refrain from driving their vehicles. The new restrictions are part of a fuel-conservation program.

**COMMUNIST PAPER IN TEL AVIV BANNED FOR ONE WEEK; VIOLATED CENSORSHIP**

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- The Communist newspaper "Kol Haam" was ordered today to close for one week for violating censorship regulations. The decision was taken by a public committee composed of representatives of the army, journalists and the Government.

## CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SPLIT ON RACIAL BIAS

CHICAGO, July 6. (JTA) -- With the Republican National Convention opening here tomorrow, a split was reported today in the sub-committee on Civil Rights over the question of whether discrimination in employment because of race, religion or national origin should be dealt with by the Federal Government or be left entirely up to each of the states which have their own statutes.

As a result of the split, majority and minority reports were filed by the sub-committee to the full Committee on Resolutions which is to present a resolution on this issue Wednesday morning to the convention.

The majority report advocates the establishment of a federal volunteer commission to advise and, to an extent, supervise the fight against discrimination in the states and local communities. The minority report calls for "persuasive"--but not compulsory--enforcement, with a strict hands-off policy in states and communities that have their own anti-discrimination regulations.

A nine-point program for civil rights, endorsed by the 1952 Leadership Conference on Jewish Rights, was submitted here to the Civil Rights sub-committee of the platform committee of the Republican convention. The leadership conference represents more than 50 major national organizations, including the Jewish groups. The proposed plank would bring the Republican party in support of federal legislation to prohibit discrimination in employment and to the establishment of a federal fair employment agency armed with enforcement powers.

## ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS HOLD TWO SEPARATE "CONVENTIONS" IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 6. (JTA) -- Approximately 200 delegates from anti-Semitic organizations and other extreme right-wing groups gathered in two separate "conventions" today because leaders of the meetings could not agree with each other. One meeting, under the chairmanship of Joseph Beauharnais, was greeted by a letter from Sen. Herbert R. O'Connor, Maryland Democrat. Beauharnais heads the "White Circle League" and is listed by the anti-Defamation League among leading hate-mongers.

Criticism was aimed at Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy at a larger gathering, under the chairmanship of Mrs. L. C. Van Hynning, publisher of the anti-Jewish "Women's Voice." Sen. McCarthy was hit at this meeting for "stooping" to meet with representatives of the Anti-Defamation League several months ago at the home of George Sokolsky, a news columnist. The gathering which heard the criticism of McCarthy, also listened to sarcasm against Sen. Robert A. Taft. This arose from Taft's repudiation of hate propagandists who included anti-Semitism in their attacks on Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

The Van Hynning meeting was attended by about 150 persons, who wore MacArthur buttons and heaped praise upon MacArthur as the man who could best be expected to take what action they considered desirable. Conde McGinley, editor of the hate sheet "Common Sense," attended both meetings.

The Beauharnais meeting stressed anti-Negro agitation while the Van Hynning group felt the "real issue" should be "Jewish Communists" and the "secret government." This rift caused the separate meetings. On the first day, Beauharnais drew 50 people, a much smaller crowd than the Van Hynning meeting.

## URGE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL PREJUDICE IN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- Jewish and Christian national leaders in the United States today joined in urging the national Republican and Democratic parties to adopt a "Fair Elections Practices Code" to eliminate racial and religious prejudices from the 1952 presidential campaign and setting up machinery to police any violations.

The code calls for organizing non-partisan, non-sectarian committees in every community in the United States "to keep a watchful eye on campaign activities" and to call to the attention of political leaders any instances of appeals based on religious or racial prejudice. "Nothing is more harmful to a self-governing people," says the code, "than confusion of issues by base appeals to racial and religious bigotry." The code was transmitted to political party officials in telegrams signed jointly by the six religious leaders.

The leaders are: The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.; the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City; Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee; Dr. George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College of New York City and prominent Catholic layman; Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, vice-president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

## TRUMAN SCOLDS SENATE FOR FAILURE TO RATIFY U. N. GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, July 6. (JTA) -- President Truman this week-end scolded the Senate for its "regrettable" failure to act affirmatively on his recommendation to ratify the United Nations Convention on Genocide and expressed the hope that "the United States, before too long, will join the growing number of countries which are determined to prevent and punish the hideous crime of genocide."

The President's comments were contained in a report transmitted to Congress on the role of the United States in the United Nations. The President announced that "the United States intends to continue expressing its concern over the systematic violations of human rights and the barbarous practices of mass extermination and deportation in Eastern Europe and to expose these fully to world indignation."

(In Chicago, Sen. Robert A. Taft told a press conference that he was in favor of the Bricker resolution now pending in the Senate, the effect of which would be to prevent United States ratification of the U. N. conventions on genocide and human rights.)

The President's report covered U. N. activities in the Middle East, including the efforts of the Palestine Conciliation Commission and the work of the armistice commission. It noted that Egypt had not complied with U. N. resolutions on the Suez Canal blockade against shipping for Israel.

The President declared that the presence of Palestine Arab refugees "constituted an important threat to the well being and stability of the entire area, as well as a significant element in the political differences between Israel and the neighboring Arab states." For this reason, he said, "the United States has continued to consider a successful program to resolve the critical Palestine refugee problem as of great importance."

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE FORMS SEPARATE BODY FOR 300TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee today announced the establishment of a commission to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Jewish life in America. "We will especially emphasize the role which the mass immigration of Jews played in the development of our country and of our Jewish community," the announcement said.

"Those days have passed when only certain groups, the so-called 'Yahudim' could act as the spokesman of the Jewish people," the statement said. "The great mass of the Jewish people, the army of workers and creators, has come of age and influences and molds the fate of our people. This fact is bound to play an ever more significant role in the life of the Jewish people in America, as well as in the life of the Jewish people throughout the world."

The statement accentuated the role played by the Jewish trade union movement, which the immigrants had built and which had contributed materially to the creation of a vital general trade union movement in the country. Declaring that "the immigrants and their sons and daughters of the first, second and third generations had helped to build throughout the United States the great industries that have helped to make us rich and powerful," the statement also pointed out the Jewish contributions to science, culture and the movement for human rights.

RABBI EISENDRATH SELECTED HEAD OF U.A.H.C. FOR LIFE

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has been elected executive head of that organization for life, it was announced here by Dr. Samuel S. Hollender, chairman of the Union's executive board.

"This action," Dr. Hollender said, "is a tribute to Rabbi Eisendrath's inspired leadership during the past decade. Since he became its president in 1943, the Union has experienced an unusual period of growth, adding more than 150 new congregations to our membership rolls. It is the unanimous desire of the Board that Rabbi Eisendrath continue his consecrated and zealous devotion to the Union."

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT GREETES TRUMAN AND ACHESON ON FOURTH OF JULY

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- Acting President Joseph Sprinzak and Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, in cables to President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson on the occasion of Independence Day, expressed the wish that the United States "may be granted the long use of their tremendous resources for the advancement of human progress" and may "enjoy peace, prosperity and happiness."

A group of American tourists celebrated America's Independence Day by purchasing several thousand dollars worth of Israel bonds. The purchase ceremony, in which former Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas participated, heard Israel hailed as "one of the world's youngest bastions of freedom."

BEIGIN ADDRESSES MEETING IN MEXICO; DEMANDS PLEBISCITE ON HAGUE PACT

MEXICO CITY, July 6. (JTA) -- A world-wide plebiscite among Jews for the ratification of any agreement on reparations reached at The Hague between the government of Israel and the West German republic was demanded by Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, at a meeting here during the week-end arranged by the Revisionist Organization of Mexico.

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