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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION PLEDGES "FRIENDLY INTEREST" IN ISRAEL

CHICAGO, July 9. (JTA) -- The Republican National Convention today pledged itself to maintain a "friendly interest" in Israel and to help to bring about peace between Israel and the Arab countries.

The plank on Israel adopted by the convention as part of the Republican Party platform was based on a text presented to the platform committee by Republican Congressman Jacob K. Javits and modified by the committee. The original text was favored by the American Zionist Council, which represents all the Zionist groups in the United States. The text adopted tonight reads:

"The Republican Party has consistently advocated a national homeland for the Jewish people since a Republican Congress declared in support of that objective 30 years ago. In providing a sanctuary for Jewish people rendered homeless by persecution, the State of Israel appeals to our deepest humanitarian instincts and arouses our strong commendation.

"We shall continue our friendly interest in this constructive and inspiring undertaking. We shall put our influence at the service of the peace between Israel and the Arab states and we shall co-operate to bring economic and social stability to that area."

Sen. Eugene D. Millikin, of Colorado, chairman of the 106-member Resolutions Committee of the convention, was credited by Zionist circles as being helpful in the adoption of the plank, as were Senators Irving M. Ives and Richard Nixon and former Senator Curley Brooks of Illinois.

TRUMAN TO FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- President Truman today assured a delegation representing the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights that he will carry on a no-compromise fight for his civil rights program by the Democratic National Convention.

The Conference delegation, representing 51 church, civic, and minority groups, told the President that it will do everything possible to "mobilize and broaden support among the people" for the nine-point civil rights program. Among the 51 sponsoring organizations of the Leadership Conference are the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, American Jewish Committee, United Hebrew Trades, and Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

(By the time the Bulletin went to press the resolutions committee of the Republican National Convention had not yet reached a decision on a civil rights plank. It remained the only plank not yet approved by the committee, which has bitterly debated several versions during the past two days.)

BEN GURION REPORTS TO ISRAEL PARLIAMENT ON SEARCH OF ARAB VILLAGES

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, in his capacity of Defense Minister, today made a statement in Parliament on the police-military search of two Arab villages on the slopes of Mt. Tabor, in central Israel, last month. The issue was first raised last week by Communist deputies whose attack on the Army's handling of the search brought sharp charges of "lies" and "treacherous allegations" from the Premier.

Mr. Ben Gurion today denied that tanks or other heavy weapons were used, declaring that they were not needed. He said that the Army and the police had cooperated in the hunt for smuggled goods at the villages of Sablich and Shabli because they were a center for smuggling and infiltration from nearby Jordan territory and because a "nest of robbers" in the villages were attacking and robbing Jews and Arabs in the vicinity.

He said that only two complaints of property turning up missing during the search were brought to the attention of the authorities. In one case a watch was found on the scene of the search and in the other a woman's headdress is still missing. He also reported that the goods of one Arab merchant were confiscated on suspicion that they had been smuggled into the country. He stated that a representative of the local villagers accompanied the police and soldiers during the hunt.

It was reported in the Hebrew press tonight that 33 smugglers and infiltrators were apprehended and a huge quantity of smuggled goods was confiscated during a search yesterday of the Arab village of Manda, near Nazareth. A curfew was imposed on the village during the police search.

ISRAEL OIL PROSPECTING BILL PASSES FIRST READING IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government's oil prospecting bill passed its first reading in Parliament last night by a vote of 53 to 6, with only the Mapam and Communist deputies in opposition.

The measure was then sent to the Finance Committee for further drafting. After the vote, government spokesmen estimated that the bill will have its second and third readings within a month to six weeks.

ISRAEL HIGH COURT ORDERS GOVERNMENT TO ARGUE OIL CONCESSION CASE

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Supreme Court today handed down an order to the Israel Government to show cause within 15 days why the Jordan Exploration Company should not be permitted to continue prospecting for oil.

The company received two concessions from the Palestine Mandatory Administration in 1939 and began work in the field, but was forced to discontinue operations by the second World War and by the Israel War of Liberation. Recently it asked the Israel Government for renewal of its concessions, but the request was denied.

NINE WOMEN RECEIVE AWARDS IN ISRAEL FOR HIGH BIRTHRATE

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- Nine Arab women in Nazareth who recently became mothers for the tenth time today received checks for 100 pounds each and personal letters of congratulations from Premier David Ben Gurion. The checks and letters are part of the official Israeli Government program to encourage a higher birthrate.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH UNFAIRNESS IN HANDLING JEWISH DP'S

LONDON, July 9. (JTA) -- The charge that the West German Government is not handling the Jewish DP's in Germany fairly was made today by the Manchester Guardian in an article which reported the details of a German police raid on the Jewish DP camp at Foehrenwald last May.

The newspaper said that the 150 German police who raided the camp and searched the 200 Jewish men and women in it found "nothing of consequence" in the search for black market goods. It reported that in the hand-to-hand clash which resulted from the Germans' action, the police shouted anti-Semitic taunts at the Jews. The newspaper said the raid was carried out on direct orders from the Finance Ministry and was kept secret even from the German authorities at the camp until after the police surrounded the center.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT PARTIES AGREE ON COMPENSATION TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, July 9. (JTA) -- The two parties in the coalition government, the People's Party and the Social Democrats, have come to an agreement in principle on the payment of compensation to persons who were imprisoned for political or racial reasons during the Nazi regime, it was learned here today.

The actual compensation schedule has not yet been worked out. The compensation agreement was linked with an amnesty agreement for former Nazi Party members in the civil service who were prevented from advancing in the service since 1945 because of anti-Nazi laws. Victims of the Nazis who were Austrian civil servants at the time of their imprisonment will receive compensation for the time they lost, while other inmates of concentration camps will receive monthly payments over a period of three years.

ORT OPENS PARLEY IN PARIS; REPORTS TRAINING OF 60,000 DP'S

PARIS, July 9. (JTA) -- More than 60,000 Jewish DP's have received training to fit them for new lives in Israel and elsewhere in ORT schools in Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland, Dr. A. Syngalowski, chairman of the World ORT executive, today told a session here of the ORT central board.

Speakers at the opening session included the U. S. Minister to France and the French Minister of Information. A message was received from French President Vincent Auriol praising the ORT's "great human work."

FOLLOWERS OF GEN. MACARTHUR DISTRIBUTE ANTI-JEWISH LITERATURE

CHICAGO, July 9. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic literature was distributed today in front of the headquarters of the Republican National Convention by supporters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur who were wearing "MacArthur buttons."

The anti-Semites handed out cards carrying a picture of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, a Jewish Star, and a caricature of a Jew. Under Eisenhower's picture was the word "Ikke." The reverse side of the card said that Eisenhower was the choice of the Anti-Defamation League and others, including a list of several Jews. It was determined that the cards were printed by the Gerald L. K. Smith organization at St. Louis, Mo.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ATTACKS COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today took issue with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds over the latter's report on evaluative studies of the work of Jewish organizations engaged in fighting for civil rights which was made public recently. The A. J. C. termed the report "incomplete" and "inaccurate."

In a letter addressed to the C. J. F. W. F., Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, charged the Council with attempting "to create a bandwagon psychology" by employing "the steamroller technique." He added that "the use of such technique is dangerous to the entire field of Jewish community relations."

Declaring that the Council's statement "gives the erroneous impression that a wave of approval of the Large City Budgeting Conference and the Evaluative Studies Committee proposals is sweeping the country," Dr. Slawson said that "actually, there is considerable difference of view among the community organizations themselves." Specifically, Dr. Slawson made the following charges:

1. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, while using the designation "community organizations" had limited its illustrations to actions taken on the evaluative studies only by welfare funds and federations, and omitted the actions of community relations councils "which voted against the Evaluative Studies Committee proposal or refused to take positions."
2. The Council "does not mention" in its report that the Community Relations Councils in Milwaukee and San Francisco disapproved the Evaluative Studies Committee proposal. It also "failed to mention" that Community Relations Councils in 12 other localities "met recently but did not endorse the proposal as such, many of them preferring to send their delegates uninstructed to the National Community Relations Advisory Council plenum." The localities are: Baltimore, Brooklyn, Essex County, Hartford, Indiana, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Norfolk, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Washington, D. C.
3. The Council's report "neglects to mention" that the actions taken by the welfare funds in Detroit, Boston and Milwaukee "were not paralleled by the Community Relations Councils in those cities." In Milwaukee, Dr. Slawson said, the Community Relations Council "has taken a position directly contrary to that of the welfare funds." He added that "no recent action has been taken by Detroit or Boston community councils."

Commenting on the citation by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of 20 additional communities that "have taken official action calling for improved planning and coordination, usually with division of labor and improved financing," Dr. Slawson stated:

"Naturally, everybody supports improvement in these areas. However, the problem before us has been the manner in which such improvement can be achieved. The use of such a general term as 'improved,' while tacking on the vague concept 'usually with division of labor,' attempts to associate method, division of labor, with the general desire for improvement. Furthermore, the communities cited constitute only a very small fraction of the total number of communities."

200 AMERICAN JEWS TO ATTEND WORLD AGUDAH CONGRESS IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- A delegation of some 200 rabbinic and lay leaders from the United States will attend the forthcoming fourth world congress of the Agudath Israel World Organization which will open in Jerusalem during the week of November 16, the Agudas Israel of America announced here today.

The organization will shortly launch a campaign to sell "selaim"--certificates--to help defray the costs of the congress and the American delegation. The world conference will review the policies of Orthodox Judaism on the vital policies of the day and will adopt a plan of action in behalf of Orthodox interests throughout the world.

PIONEER WOMEN RAISED \$1,400,000 FOR ISRAEL WOMEN'S GROUP

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- The Pioneer Women, women's Labor Zionist organization in America, raised \$1,400,000 for the activities of the Working Women's Council in Israel, its sister organization, during the past year, it was reported today at a meeting of the Pioneer Women's national board.

Of this sum, \$900,000 was raised for the social welfare and educational activities of the Working Women's Council and the remaining \$500,000 was in the form of materials, clothing for immigrants and equipment for the large network of institutions maintained by the Council. It was also reported that over 3,000 new members joined the Pioneer Women last year. The organization has 425 chapters in this country and Canada.

FIRST MICROSCOPE MANUFACTURED IN ISRAEL PRESENTED TO DR. WEIZMANN

TEL AVIV, July 9. (JTA) -- The first microscope manufactured in Israel by the precision workshop operated in Jerusalem by Hadassah was today presented to President Chaim Weizmann at his residence at Rehovoth. Mrs. Weizmann received the microscope on behalf of the President. The presentation was made by Myriam Granott, vice-chairman of Hadassah's youth services in Israel, and Dr. Tunia Gladstein, director of the workshop.

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR NEW CENTER OF ISRAEL'S CHIEF RABBINATE

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- Minister of Religion Moshe Shapiro today laid the cornerstone for a building to house the offices of the Chief Rabbinate, the rabbinical court and a seminary. The three-story building, which will cost about 500,000 pounds, will serve as a rabbinical center for the entire Jewish world. It will be financed partly by the Israel Government and partly by contributions from Jews throughout the world.

JUSTICE DOUGLAS WINS \$1,000 AWARD FOR LECTURE AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., July 9. (JTA) -- Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court of the United States today won the first annual \$1,000 Lauterbach Award for his lecture at Brandeis University, the second annual Louis Dembitz Brandeis Memorial Lecture. The award, established by friends of the late Richard E. Lauterbach, writer and journalist, is for the American "who in his writings made the most substantial contribution to the cause of civil liberties during the previous year." Justice Douglas' lecture was adapted for publication in the New York Times Magazine under the title "The Black Silence of Fear."