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U.S. GOVERNMENT PROTESTS TO AUSTRIA AGAINST THE PRO-NAZI LAWS

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- The State Department today issued a statement revealing that the U.S. Government has informed the Austrian Government of its dissatisfaction with the three pro-Nazi laws passed last week in the Austrian Parliament under which more than 20,000 former Nazis will have their property and civil rights restored. Jewish organizations in Austria and in the United States have protested against these laws.

The statement discloses that the U.S. Government also expressed its concern about the action taken by the Austrian Parliament amending the Third Restitution Law to the detriment of Jewish and other victims of Nazism. The U.S. Commissioner in Vienna, the statement emphasized, has been informed of the views of the State Department. As American representative on the Allied Council, the body which must approve the Austrian laws, he can veto the legislation and thus prevent the enactment of the measures.

The text of the State Department's statement reads as follows:

"On July 18 the Lower House of the Austrian Parliament approved three laws granting 1. Amnesty to certain implicated Nazis; 2. Cancellation of property forfeitures of certain implicated Nazis; and 3. Promotions for certain implicated Nazis whose civil service promotions had been frozen.

"The Lower House also approved a law amending the Third Restitution Law. The amendment provides that persons who had been required under the Third Restitution Law to restitute land to victims of Nazi persecution now have the right to purchase such land without the consent of the original owner. The amendment also provides for the possible reopening of judgments returning their enterprises to victims of Nazi oppression, if such enterprises were found to have been indebted at the time of the original deprivation.

"The Department of State has informed the Austrian Ambassador in Washington that it is greatly disturbed to have received reports on the above legislation when restitution and general claims problems of victims of Nazism still have not been satisfactorily resolved by the Austrian Government, and that it is equally concerned about the action to amend the Third Restitution Law to the detriment of victims of National Socialism. Similar representations were made to the Austrian Government in Vienna.

"The Department of State is of the opinion that two further laws, passed by the Austrian Parliament on July 18 granting compensation to civil servants, resident in Austria, for loss of salary and other losses suffered by them during the Anschluss, and granting compensation generally to victims of Nazi oppression who reside in

Austria, do not adequately meet the request, frequently expressed by the Government of the U.S. to the Government of Austria not to discriminate against such victims on the basis of their present residence or citizenship.

"The Acting United States High Commissioner in Vienna who is the United States representative on the Allied Council, which is the body to which the above legislation will be submitted for consideration, has been informed of the views of the Department," the statement concluded.

Soviet Russia "Deplores" U.S. Stand on Austrian Laws

Information reaching Washington today brought out the fact that while the State Department has made it clear to the Austrian Government that the U.S. is against Austria's pro-Nazi laws which affect Jewish victims on Nazism, the Soviet authorities have taken quite a different stand on the matter.

The Soviet Union, like the United States, is represented on the Allied Council in Vienna and its representative there--like the American representative--has the right to veto any legislation passed by the Austrian Parliament. However, a State Department spokesman revealed at a press conference here today that Moscow feels that it is "deplorable" for the United States to meddle in internal Austrian affairs.

RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS FOUND IN ISRAEL; ATOMIC ENERGY BODY FORMED

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion last night announced the formation of an Atomic Energy Commission in Israel headed by Prof. Hugo Bergmann of the Weizmann Institute of Science. The announcement was followed up by an official communique revealing that "certain quantities of radioactive elements" have been discovered on Israel's soil.

"The problem of supplying energy is one of the basic problems of Israel's economy," the communique said. "In view of the fact that Israel's natural resources have shown that there are certain quantities of radioactive elements in Israel's soil, it has become necessary that Israeli scientists should conduct research into this new physical element.

"The newly formed Atomic Energy Commission," the communique continues, "will centralise the work on atomic research from all angles - physical, geological, industrial - since the atom nucleus might be a source of important energy for constructive purposes." The Commission, it was indicated, will establish contact with similar bodies in other countries.

GEN. SARNOFF PREDICTS TELEVISION SERVICE BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 28. (JTA) -- Brigadier General David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America, who left Israel tonight, predicted that within five years television service will exist between Israel and the United States.

Gen. Sarnoff spoke at a special ceremony in his honor held at the Weizmann Institute of Science to which he was elected an honorary member. Scholars and high government officials attended the ceremony at which Gen. Sarnoff delivered an address on inter-planetary communication. He said he was greatly impressed by scientific progress in Israel.

Later, at a press conference at the Ministry of Communications in Jerusalem, Gen. Sarnoff expressed the opinion that four strategically placed television stations could blanket Israel well enough to establish television contact among all points in the country. Communications Minister David Zvi Pinkas, who introduced the General at the conference, told newsmen that the new government broadcasting center will be dedicated to Gen. Sarnoff.

ISRAEL PLANS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FOOD FOR ALL RESIDENTS

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is planning to import enough food from abroad to guarantee every resident an average of 2,400 calories of food daily, it was revealed here today with the release of government estimates on imports for next year.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry is planning to distribute four meat rations a month and about three pounds of fish each month, one third of which will be produced or caught locally and the remainder purchased abroad.

The Ministry's schedules, which are planned for a population of 1,700,000, include the importation of only two vegetables--onions and potatoes. Some \$7,500,000 will be spent on milk powder and \$5,000,000 on sugar--both to be purchased abroad. Special rations will be granted infants, expectant mothers and manual laborers.

ISRAEL COMPLAINS AGAINST U.N. TRUCE CHAIRMAN; CALLS HIM "UNFAIR"

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- An Israeli military spokesman today complained bitterly about the United Nations truce machinery and its handling of recent truce infractions involving Jordan.

In a blast at the U.N. chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission for delaying the investigation of the killing of five Israelis in the Negev by "infiltrators," the Israeli spokesman said that he had postponed a meeting of the M.A.C. on the case for days and that when it met yesterday he refused to condemn Jordan.

The spokesman called the U.N. chairman of the armistice commission "unfair" and added that he had "surrendered" to Jordan pressure and propaganda. This is not the first time U.N. observers have decided in favor of Jordan "contrary to any logic or objective judgment," the Israeli said.

BEN GURION ASKS INCREASED IMMIGRATION; ADDRESSES U.S. STUDENTS

TEL AVIV, July 28. (JTA) -- A call for an increase in Jewish immigration from all countries to Israel was voiced today by Premier David Ben Gurion, addressing a session of the summer institute at the Berl Katznelson Institute.

The Premier, accompanied by Mrs. Ben Gurion, visited with a group of American and Canadian students who came here for the summer institute. He stressed that though Israel was established and built "by virtue of the vision of redemption, we are still in the beginning of the execution of our dreams."

DUTCH BANK GRANTS LOAN TO ISRAEL FOR PORT CONSTRUCTION

HAIFA, July 28. (JTA) -- The Amsterdam Bank has granted an additional loan of 94,000 pounds for the construction of new port facilities at the mouth of the Kishon River here, it was revealed today.

Nearly 25 percent of the 2,000,000 pounds invested in the project has been supplied by Dutch interests. The work of creating a new harbor and canal to serve Haifa's industrial zone is being done by a Dutch concern. It is expected that the major portion of the job will be completed by December when the new harbor will be opened for vessels up to 3,000 tons.

MEXICO AND ISRAEL SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT; WILL EXCHANGE COMMODITIES

MEXICO CITY, July 28. (JTA) -- A trade agreement between Mexico and Israel based on a "most favored nations" clause was signed here, opening the way for an exchange of commodities between the two states. Manuel Tello, Mexico's Foreign Minister, signed the pact on behalf of Mexico. Dr. Moises Toff, Israel Ambassador plenipotentiary, signed on behalf of the Jewish State.

COLLEGE FRATERNITY DEFIES RACIAL RESTRICTIONS; LOSES CHARTER

HANOVER, N. H. , July 28. (JTA) -- The Dartmouth College chapter of the Theta Chi fraternity has had its charter revoked by the national fraternity because of its refusal to be bound by the racial discrimination clause in the national constitution which restricts memberships on racial grounds.

The Dartmouth Chapter has been a member of the national Theta Chi organization for 31 years. The college authorities were informed by the national fraternity that the Theta Chi fraternity at Dartmouth "has no further connection with the national organization. "

Arthur H. Kiendl Jr. , assistant dean of Dartmouth, today announced that proceedings had been started to reorganize the fraternity on a local basis with the name Alpha Theta. It is expected that the fraternity will be incorporated as a local group this summer and will open this fall when college starts.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- Frank L. Weil, honorary president and for ten years president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, has been named chairman of the Jewish Community Center Centennial Committee, it was announced today by Irving Edison, president of J. W. B.

The Center centennial will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first Jewish Community Center, the Baltimore Y. M. H. A. , founded in 1854. Today there are 343 Jewish Community Centers and Y. M. -Y. W. H. A.'s in the U.S. , with a membership of more than 500, 000.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS ELECTS LOUIS BROID

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- Louis Broido, executive vice president of Gimbel Brothers, was elected national vice chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, it was announced today. He is a chairman of the Greater New York Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal and a member of the board of directors of the Joint Distribution Committee. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations represents 450 Reform congregations.

ISRAEL MINISTER IN BRITAIN HONORED; HEADS ANGLO-ISRAEL ASSOCIATION

LONDON, July 28. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, Israel's Minister to Britain, was honored here last night at a dinner at the Savoy Hotel on the occasion of his assuming the presidency of the Anglo-Israel Association. The guests included leading personalities in Britain's political life, including Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, and the Marquis of Reading, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN ARGENTINA MOURNS DEATH OF MME. PERON

BUENOS AIRES, July 28. (JTA) -- All major Jewish organizations here issued statements expressing deep sorrow over the death of Eva Peron, wife of the President of the Argentine Republic. The statements emphasize the fact that Mrs. Peron was very friendly towards Argentine Jewry.

The DAIA, central Jewish representative body, held an urgent meeting last night at which it was decided to ask all synagogues throughout the country to recite mourning prayers for the deceased. Members of the DAIA will join in the guard of honor at the Ministry of Labor where the body of Mme. Peron lies in state and a wreath will be placed there on behalf of the Jewish community.

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