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JEWISH AGENCY STATUS BILL WITHDRAWN FROM KNESSET; ACTION RULED LEGAL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion last night withdrew from the Israel Parliament the bill recommending the granting of a special status in Israel to the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency.

The Home Committee of the Parliament today discussed the government action and found it perfectly legal from the viewpoint of parliamentary procedure: The procedure provides that "the government is entitled to withdraw any bill introduced by them at whatever stage of deliberations."

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from reliable sources that the government may re-introduce the bill in the Parliament next Monday. It was indicated today that the government is interested in straightening out the matter as soon as possible. The issue will be discussed at a cabinet meeting on Sunday.

The request for the return of the bill was addressed by the Premier to Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Parliament. The government was of the opinion that "incidental voting" on the measure, which took place Monday evening in the Parliament, "radically changed the law."

The bill as originally presented by the government asked that the Jewish State recognize the World Zionist Organization as the "authorized agency" for the development and colonization of Israel. However, Monday's vote which was taken at a poorly attended session of the Parliament, accorded the World Zionist Organization the status of "the representative organization of all the Jewish people." The vote was 31 to 27, with 62 members of the Parliament abstaining.

Only two newspapers in Israel today reacted to the withdrawal of the bill by the government. Davar, which wholeheartedly supports the government, maintains that the granting to the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency of a status which would make them representatives "of all the Jewish people" could bring not only great unpleasantness to the government, but may also alienate many Jewish circles who desire to assist in the upbuilding of the Jewish State no less than the Zionist Organization. Maariv, an afternoon paper, takes a different view and claims that the government's action was "a surrender to the non-Zionist."

ISRAEL WILL SUBMIT TO U.S. LIST OF ARMS SOUGHT IN AMERICA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will submit this week to the United States Government a list of arms which the Jewish State wishes to buy in America. The list will need approval by the U.S. authorities prior to the acquisition of the arms.

KNESSET ADOPTS LAW ORDERING BANKS TO GIVE INFORMATION ON DEPOSITS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today adopted in final reading the compulsory loan bill which gives the Finance Minister the right to ask banks for information on deposits.

Meanwhile, Dr. Peretz Naftali, Minister for Economic Co-ordination, today told the Israel Economic Council that controls on foreign exchange would be the last controls to be lifted. He emphasized that controls were not ends in themselves but means to an end. The government, he said, was constantly searching for ways and means to make controls more efficient in the fields in which they must be continued.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS SEEK CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR CONSCRIPTION OF GIRLS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The religious parties in Israel which are represented in the Cabinet today presented an urgent request to the government to reconsider the existing procedure for conscription of religious girls. Leaders of these parties claimed that the present procedure does not comply with the agreement reached between them and Premier David Ben Gurion.

Meanwhile, the House Committee of the Parliament today requested Prof. Ben Zion Dinaburg Israel's Minister of Education, to explain why he decided to transform the General Zionist Teachers Seminary in Jerusalem into a government seminary with "government trend." The religious groups see in this action the danger of changing the present trends in the education system in the country.

Resolutions condemning the Government's reported intention to propose a national school system and calling for continuation of the present system of education by "trends," were adopted here at a country-wide conference of the Mizrachi, the Religious Zionist organization. The conference, however, proposed to the Poale Agudah Israel the merger of the religious school systems into one.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE PLANS TO HOLD NEXT MEETING IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency, announced here today that a majority of the Zionist Actions Committee favors the holding of the next A. C. E. meeting in Jerusalem.

ISRAEL GRANTS SANCTUARY TO FOUR SPANIARDS WHO ESCAPED FROM SPAIN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- An inter-ministerial committee today granted sanctuary to four Spaniards who escaped from the Franco regime in Spain and landed illegally in Haifa a month ago. The four Spaniards will receive Israeli identity cards giving them the right to work in the Jewish State.

JEWISH GROUP LEAVES HUNGARY FOR ISRAEL UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today reported that 113 Jews departed from Hungary to Israel on August 12th.

This is the tenth transport of Hungarian Jews since the Hungarian Government agreed in 1950 to permit 3,000 of the 150,000 Jews in Hungary to leave for Israel. It is estimated that some 200 are yet to leave under the original agreement.

TRUMAN RECEIVES JEWISH WELFARE BOARD LEADERS; MAY ADDRESS PARLEY

WASHINGTON, August 13. (JTA) -- President Truman indicated today that he may address the Jewish Welfare Board's Second Annual Leadership Mobilization for GI's and Community Service which opens in Washington on October 17. He told this to J.W.B. leaders who called at the White House today.

Sam Gershovitz, J. W. B. executive vice-president, reported that the President said he would be "very happy" to accept the the invitation, provided his commitments "as a man in the ranks of the Democratic Party" in pre-election activity would permit him to do so. Mr. Gershovitz and Phil Schiff, J. W. B. 's Washington representative, talked with the President for about 15 minutes. They discussed the work of the J. W. B. in its widespread program of morale and spiritual services.

Leaders of the armed services are expected to attend the October conference along with Jewish Welfare Board officials and supporters from throughout the nation.

GEN. EISENHOWER STUDIES SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVING U.S. POLICY ON ISRAEL

DENVER, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is in favor of broadening and strengthening American policy of cooperation with Israel, according to a formal statement issued today in his behalf by Arthur H. Vandenberg, his campaign aide.

The statement, made to Arieah Gelblum, American correspondent of Haaretz, the Tel Aviv daily, revealed that the Republican candidate is receiving many suggestions for improving American policy on Israel and had, in consequence, assigned experts on his staff to make recommendations on these suggestions.

This study, the statement declared, would continue after the November elections so that the General, if elected, would be prepared to make a definite statement on Israel early in 1953. The statement issued in behalf of Gen. Eisenhower said that "whatever changes are made must undoubtedly be accomplished by broadening and strengthening existing legislation and policy."

In transmitting the General's views, Mr. Vandenberg commented: "I might say that I am familiar with Gen. Eisenhower's thinking on this issue and I am confident that all friends of Israel will be pleased with the approach the General takes to cooperate with the courageous people of Israel in their determination to improve their position in this troubled world."

KU-KLUX-KLAN TO EMERGE IN VIRGINIA UNDER A NEW NAME;DISCARDS MASKS

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported today that the Ku-Klux-Klan is about to emerge in Virginia under a new name, that of the "American Confederate Army."

Klansmen will discard the traditional masks and robes and hoods for confederate caps and neckties bearing the flag of the confederacy. Bill Hendrix, Grand Dragon of the Florida Klan, said he abandoned plans to re-activate the Klan in Virginia because of "all that trouble in North Carolina" (where Klansmen were prosecuted under a Federal indictment). A number of confederate "colonels" have already been enlisted in Virginia and activation will be under way shortly, Mr. Hendrix stated.

JEWS IN BRAZIL PROTEST TO AUSTRIAN MINISTER AGAINST PRO-NAZI LAWS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Confederation of Jewish Federations in Brazil presented a memorandum to Austrian Foreign Minister Dr. Carl Gruber protesting against the pro-Nazi laws passed recently by the Austrian Parliament to the detriment of Jewish victims of Nazism. Dr. Gruber is now visiting Brazil.

The leading Brazilian newspapers carry editorials criticizing the Austrian Government for the pro-Nazi laws. The Brazilian press emphasizes the fact that these laws have been adopted at the expense of Jews whose families have been annihilated by the Nazis and who are entitled to full restoration of property and indemnification by the Austrian authorities.

HADASSAH GETS INHERITANCE BEQUEATHED TO JEWS WHO PERISHED IN RUSSIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Bank of America this week presented a check for \$17,726 to the San Jose chapter of Hadassah, and thereby discharged the testamentary wish of the late Alter Kahn that the residue of his estate be used "to help the Jewish people."

Mr. Kahn, a retired chicken rancher, died in 1949 at Los Gatos at the age of 67. Forty percent of his estate went to relatives in this area. Bequests to a sister and her two children in Russia, all of whom were killed during the war, were claimed by the Soviet authorities but their claim was dismissed by the court which approved the bank's recommendation, as trustee, to turn the residue of the estate over to Hadassah.

The court ruled that because of the lack of reciprocity between this country and the Soviet Union, claimants to the bequest forfeited their claims.

ZICHRON YAACOV COLONY CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS EXISTENCE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The 70th anniversary of Zichron Yaacov, one of the oldest settlements in Israel, was celebrated today in the settlement with a festival at which wine was distributed freely from the settlement's famous wine cellars which were established many years ago with the financial aid of Baron Edmund de Rothschild.

Acting President of Israel, Joseph Sprinzak, and Premier David Ben Gurion, as well as other members of the Israel cabinet, came to Zichron Yaacov to participate in the celebration. They addressed large meetings at which the progress of the settlement was reviewed by various speakers. Professor Walter C. Lovdermilk, American soil expert, spoke at the celebration on the prospects of wine production in Israel.

CANADIAN JEWS SENT 23 TONS OF CLOTHING AND OTHER MATERIAL TO ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Approximately 23 tons of new and used clothing and other material has been sent to Israel this week through the Materials for Israel project of the Zionist Organization of Canada, it was announced here today.

The latest shipment brings the total amount of material sent to Israel since January 1st, 1952 to more than 85 tons of all kinds of wearing apparel, implements, sewing and washing machines, etc.

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