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BLAUSTEIN COMPLAINS TO TRUMAN ON NEW U.S. VISA REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The new system by which Jews will be identified as such by the Visa Division of the State Department was discussed today at the White House when Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, called on President Truman. Mr. Truman indicated interest in this issue and asked Mr. Blaustein for a memorandum containing additional facts.

(In London, the J. T. A. correspondent was today informed by the American Embassy that applicants for U.S. visas are now required to state their nationality and race. It was explained that this means that Jewish applicants are expected to reply "Jewish" to the question on race. The applicants are also required to give information as to the race of both parents, it was disclosed. This regulation has been enforced for some time, the J. T. A. correspondent established.)

Mr. Blaustein also talked with the President about the adoption of pro-Nazi laws by the Austrian Government and pointed out that many Americans would like to see these laws, which were condemned by the State Department, vetoed by the Allied Council. The President also indicated interest in this problem. Some discussion was also carried on regarding Israel and situations in Germany, Mr. Blaustein said.

Revision of Visa Laws Urged by American DP Commission

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- President Truman today told members of the Displaced Persons Commission that he was pleased with the Commission's accomplishments and of its ability to move 400,000 DPs from Europe. This number included 18 per cent of Jews.

The Commission is terminating its operations at the end of this month. Its final report, made public yesterday, contained an urgent plea for new immigration legislation -- including revision of provisions of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Bill -- to cope with the world refugee problem.

A Commission spokesman said that the President and the Commission regretted the failure of Congress to enact an immigration bill which would have admitted 300,000 more persons in the next three years as a means of relieving overpopulation and tension in Europe. The President and the Commission were hopeful, however, that the bill could be passed during the next session of Congress.

Harry Rosenfield, a member of the Commission, pointed out to White House newsmen that the commission in its final report recommended that the U.S. should

"liberalize its immigration laws, and adjust the national origins quota system to the realities of the United States' present role as the leading nation of the free world."

The Commission emphasized its recommendation to adjust the national origins quota system which favors English, German and Irish immigrants. It said this should be adjusted to "the nation's present leadership in world affairs." President Truman particularly struck out at this provision when he vetoed the omnibus immigration bill. The act was passed over the veto.

The Displaced Persons Law - enacted in June, 1948 - provided for nonquota admission of refugees, the commission pointed out, but required that 50 per cent of such visas be charged to the future. Under this temporary overriding of restrictions, the report said, the quotas for many countries are mortgaged ahead for centuries. The Latvian quota, for example, is mortgaged to the year 2274.

The commission suggested that such problems be dealt with by making these visas nonquota or by charging them to quotas that otherwise would not be used. It pointed out that under normal programs only about one-fourth of the 154,000 visas available each year were used.

BEN GURION SAYS "PETTY WAR" EXISTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARABS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The existence of a "petty war" between Israel and the Arab countries, in which people from both sides are being killed, was reported here last night in the Parliament by Premier David Ben Gurion.

"Some may use the pretty word 'infiltration' in talking about it, but it is actually a petty war," he declared. "This petty war does not develop into a real war because we have a well-trained army which replies to force with force."

Taking issue with members of the Parliament who demanded that Israel be converted into a "fighting nation," Mr. Ben Gurion said: "This is a fine demand, but we are not yet a nation. We are still a conglomerate of various tribes like England in ancient times, when tribes fought each other and it took them hundreds of years until the tribes amalgamated into one nation. However, we do not have time, and without such a machine which is called the Army, we cannot carry out such amalgamation in the shortest possible time. We only have the framework of an army, and with its discipline, its educational and cultural work we may be able to complete this task. I have one dream - when I'll leave or be expelled from the government, I should live to become a file soldier in Israel's Army."

Concluding his address, Mr. Ben Gurion denied allegations of discrimination against religious Jews in the army. "There can't be generalizations," he said. "It is possible somewhere, something happened. But there is nobody in this House who condemns such irregularities more than I, and even such isolated occurrences must be ruthlessly eradicated. But the religious elements must realize that they do not serve this or another regime - they are serving the country. They must also realize that if the Army demands they work on Saturday, they must do so. They have to submit to discipline."

ISRAEL POLICE DISPERSES COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Israeli police dispersed a group of Communists carrying placards reading "Work and Bread. We Oppose Serving As Cannon Fodder For American Militarism." Five persons were arrested.

ISRAEL ARMY ATTAINS HIGH EFFICIENCY IN SUMMER MANEUVERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Army summer maneuvers excelled in the reality of war conditions, with the reserve units attaining the same efficiency and achievements of the regular army forces, Chief-of-staff Yigal Yadin pointed out here today.

The Israel Army, Gen. Yadin announced, is now preparing for its sea and airforce maneuvers, as well as continuing its exercises in the southern part of Israel.

ARABS ANNOUNCE THEY WILL FORM THEIR OWN MIDDLE EAST COMMAND

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Seven Arab nations made known today they would put their own Middle East command - excluding Israel - into operation in mid-September. These nations include Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

Formation of the New Middle Eastern defense arrangement was announced by Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League. A clause governing the command's functions stated that "any armed aggression against any one or more of the pact's members or its forces is an attack on all to be met with armed force."

(The New York Times today reported from Cairo that when asked about the statement by Israel Premier David Ben Gurion yesterday which implied a peace offer to Egypt, Mr. Azzam said that it was impossible to expect Egypt to make peace with Israel while "more than one million Arabs have been thrown out of their native country (Palestine) and live in miserable conditions." Mr. Azzam also charged that Israel was increasing her military strength and "threatening Syria and (Lieut. Col. Adib) Shishekly (Syrian Chief of Staff and Deputy Premier) all the time."

VATICAN REITERATES DEMAND FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

ROME, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- High Vatican sources today reiterated that the Roman Catholic Church does not favor the designation of Jerusalem as the Israel capital and that the Church desires that Jerusalem be internationalized.

The Vatican officials said this in comment on the publication of an interview given by Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion in Jerusalem in which Mr. Ben Gurion was quoted as saying "Jerusalem is again 100 per cent Jewish and is the capital of Israel."

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT RE-INTRODUCES AGENCY STATUS BILL IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today re-introduced into the Parliament the bill granting a special status in Israel to the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency which was withdrawn last week by Premier David Ben Gurion.

The praesidium of the Parliament was not in a position today to state when the bill will come up for discussion. Meanwhile, the Israeli members of the Zionist Actions Committee, who were to consider action on the bill, today announced that their meeting which was scheduled for Thursday is being postponed until the Knesset adjourns its summer session.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO AUERBACH'S VERDICT URGED BY HIS LAWYER

MUNICH, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A Parliamentary inquiry into the verdict issued by the German court here against Philip Auerbach, former commissioner of the Bavarian Restitution Office, -- which led to his suicide -- was demanded today by Dr. Joseph Klibansky, Auerbach's lawyer.

Dr. Klibansky claimed that the judges, three of whom were former members of the Nazis Party, failed to examine the evidence either impartially or thoroughly. He added that the real "bloodhound" in the Auerbach case was Fritz Koch, Bavarian Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice. He denied that Auerbach died a convicted felon, since he had already appealed against the sentence and the appeal was pending.

The court, Dr. Klibansky said, had not passed an anti-Semitic sentence on Auerbach. Its members had done something far worse. They behaved as if they were paid officials defending the interests of the Bavarian Ministry of Justice. At the same time, Dr. Klibansky stated that Auerbach's death should be a signal for full reconciliation between the German and the Jewish people.

AUSTRIAN CONSULATE IN WASHINGTON ISSUES REPORT ON PRO-NAZI LAWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Austrian Consulate General today issued an information release which commented on pro-Nazi amnesty laws adopted in Austria. It said:

"At the end of July the executive committee of the Allied Council in Vienna took up Vice-Chancellor Adolf Schaerf's letter regarding the question of amnesty for late repatriates, and decided to take cognizance thereof. The letter reflects the view of the Austrian government and Parliament that there is every justification for the amnesty law to be placed into effect.

"It also stated that the claims for compensation to those who were wronged by National-Socialism had meanwhile been taken into due consideration. The lower chamber of the Austrian Parliament, the letter said, has enacted into law the overwhelming majority of bills whereby compensation is to be granted to the racial and political victims of the Nazis.

"This or that wish may not yet have been fulfilled, but one should not overlook the fact that the adoption of the pertinent measures does not depend solely on the will of the Austrian legislative organs. The 'Neue Oesterreich' reports that no further debate is planned on this matter, and that the amnesty for late repatriates will probably go into effect without further difficulties."

DUTCH JEWS RECEIVE ADDITIONAL REPARATIONS; DONATE PART TO ISRAEL

THE HAGUE, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A special court here awarded Dutch Jews an additional 65,000,000 guilders as reparations for war-time damages and losses. The Central Israel Campaign in Holland decided to allocate five per cent of this sum for Israel.

ISRAEL RABBI APPOINTED AS SPIRITUAL LEADER OF FRANKFURT

FRANKFURT, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Harry Levy of Tel Aviv has been appointed Rabbi to the Jewish community here, it was announced today. Dr. Levy will also officiate as Rabbi for the Jewish community in the State of Hesse.

ANTI-SEMITIES FILE. MACARTHUR'S NAME AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Gen. Douglas MacArthur's name has been filed for a place on the Texas general election ballot in November as the Presidential candidate of Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationality Party. Secretary of State Jack Ross announced the registry.

TRUMAN TO RECEIVE AWARD FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN-JEWISH GOODWILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- President Truman will attend a luncheon of the National Conference of Christians and Jews on November 11 where he will be presented with the International Brotherhood Award given by the Conference for promoting goodwill between Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

An invitation to receive the award in person was extended to the President by Albert M. Greenfield of Philadelphia, leading member of the Conference, during a visit to the White House yesterday. Mr. Truman accepted the invitation.

In a letter to President Truman informing him that he was chosen recipient of the award, Dr. E. R. Clinchy, president, said: "Under your administration we have seen the culmination of the greatest advances of the twentieth century in thinking, feeling and doing, with regard to the Biblical injunctions of justice, mercy, humanness and in human relations." Dr. Clinchy emphasized that the award was in recognition of the President's "personal moral courage" and his "spiritual leadership for teamwork across all cultural and ethnic lines."

GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN ADDRESSES B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH CONVENTION

EAST LANSING, Mich., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan today told delegates to the national convention of Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'rith's organization for boys, that the nation must "perfect and launch an attack of democratic idealism and ideas to pierce the Iron Curtain."

The governor spoke to the delegates to the 29th annual convention of the organization meeting at Michigan State College here. He stressed the importance of the activities the delegates were engaging in at this meeting as being of significant to all Americans.

J. J. Liebermann, Los Angeles chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission, spoke to the convention on the importance of Jewish youth preparing to assume leadership in the community.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PERMITS SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS IN COUNTRY

OTTAWA, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Canadian Secretary of State issued Letters of Patent incorporating the Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. which was created in connection with the proposed floating of Israeli bonds in Canada. The bond drive will be under the direction of the United Zionist Council on behalf of the National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation.

A meeting was held at the Israeli Consulate in Montreal on the Israeli Bond Drive. Sydney Green, advisor to the Israeli Ministry of Finance, presently in New York, participated. Monroe Abbey, Canadian Jewish Congress leader, was present. Discussions were also held with Joseph Nevo, Israeli Consul in Montreal, on various phases of the bond issue. Professor Maxwell Cohen is the legal advisor to the Canada-Israel Securities Ltd.