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STATE DEPT. CONFIRMS LISTING JEWS AS SUCH IN VISA APPLICATIONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Jews are being listed as such on visa applications because of "present laws" and this practice has nothing to do with the McCarran-Walter Omnibus Immigration Act which goes into effect December 24, a State Department spokesman said today. The Department could not however provide the name or statute number of any "present" law requiring such information.

Meanwhile, correspondence was revealed in which the Government said it could not delete visa questions requiring identification of Jews because of the McCarran-Walter Act. Although the State Department denied there was any connection between the identification of Jews and the new immigration act, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League received a letter mailed July 18 from the office of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget which said the Act prevented the deletion of the listing in question. The letter, from James F. Barrie, assistant to the director of the bureau which is a part of the Executive Office of President Truman, said:

"It has been our general policy in reviewing forms under the Federal Reports Act of 1942 not to permit, where discretion is allowed us, references on application blanks to race, religion, ethnic origin, or other personal characteristics of the applicant which might invite suspicion of possible discriminatory action in consideration of the application. However, the Bureau of the Budget cannot act in relation to such items if there is statutory authority requiring it.

"As you know," the letter continued "the Congress recently enacted the Immigration and Nationality Act of June 27, 1952 (McCarran-Walter Act.) Sections 222(A) and 222(C) require that in the application for his visa an alien should state, among other things, 'his race and ethnic classification.' In view of this specific statutory requirement, the Bureau of the Budget has no authority to direct the deletion you request."

Listing Necessary for "Statistical Purposes", Visa Chief Says

The State Department cited a letter written by Herve J. L'Heureux, chief of the Visa Division, as definitive of the policy on the listing of Jews. The letter was addressed to Herman Edelsberg, Director of the Washington office of the Anti-Defamation League. Mr. L'Heureux had been asked about the typing in of the word "Hebrew" in the space provided on visa forms for the answer to the question of "Race."

The visa chief replied that the mere listing of races, such as white, black, and others was unsatisfactory for "statistical purposes" because "it would ignore

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the various national, geographical and ethnological origin and characteristics deemed necessary to be reflected in visa statistics. "

Mr. L'Heureux said that "as an example, the question of the statistical classification of descendants of the ancient German tribe 'Teutones' may be considered. These people are of the white race, but their racial strain is characteristic of the inhabitants of Northern and Western Europe including England, Germany, Denmark, and Norway. To classify them for statistical purposes merely as 'white' or 'caucasian' would be insufficient. Likewise, to classify the people of Southern and Eastern Europe and the Near East as 'white' would be of no practical value from a statistical point of view. "

GERMAN-JEWISH REPARATIONS TALKS TO END THIS WEEK AT THE HAGUE

THE HAGUE, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The reparations talks between Germany and Israel as well as between Germany and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany will conclude this week, it was indicated here today. Members of the Israeli and Conference delegations have made arrangements to return home this Friday.

It is understood that Germany will pay to Israel \$822,000,000 in materials, pre-fabricated houses and machines over a period of 12 years. Israel will transmit \$107,000,000 to the Conference. The text of the agreements will have to be approved by the German and Israel Foreign Ministers, and by the presidium of the Conference. The pacts will then have to be ratified by the German Parliament.

The formal signing of the agreements will probably not take place for about two months. The Germans are asking that the signing ceremony should take place in Bonn, however, the Jewish delegates are not willing to accept this suggestion.

German Cabinet Considers Establishment of Fund for Arab Refugees

BONN, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The German Cabinet, at a meeting here last week, considered a suggestion to establish a fund for Arab refugees in order to allay Arab anger at the conclusion of the German-Israeli reparations agreement, it was reported here today. Nothing was revealed as to what decision the Cabinet reached with regard to this suggestion.

In the meantime, it was learned here today that the German Union For Foreign Trade has received a warning letter from the Arab Higher Committee For Palestine threatening that the Arab countries will institute a general boycott of German goods should the Bonn Government sign a reparations agreement with Israel.

The Arab warning stated that a black list will be compiled, giving the names of all German firms supplying goods to Israel. This list will be circulated in all Arab countries, the letter said. It also indicated that the Arab Higher Committee would ask the Arab governments to prohibit the issuance of import licenses for commodities purchased from the German firms which appear on the black list.

GOETHE UNIVERSITY IN GERMANY INTRODUCES HEBREW COURSES

FRANKFURT, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Hebrew courses for beginners and others were introduced today at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University here. The director of the courses is Dr. Joachim Gensichen.

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KNESSET WILL ADJOURN WITHOUT DISCUSSING JEWISH AGENCY STATUS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The bill on the status of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency which the government re-submitted to the Israel Parliament, will probably not be taken up by the Parliament prior to its recess which starts next week. The agenda for this week does not include the bill.

The Parliament today extended the term of Acting President of Israel Joseph Sprinzak, in view of the fact that President Chaim Weitzman is not able as yet to perform the duties of his office. The Communist delegates constituted the only group that voted against the extension of Mr. Sprinzak's term of office. The pro-Communist Mapam party abstained from voting, declaring that they abstained because Mr. Sprinzak "recently abandoned his impartiality towards the Mapam party.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT ADOPTS OIL BILL PRESENTED BY GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today passed in the final reading the oil bill submitted by the Government. The vote was 54 to 13 with two abstainees. The Communists and Mapam deputies voted against the bill.

Pinchas Lavon, Minister without portfolio, told the Parliament that the Israel Government will extend equal opportunities to all prospectors "whether Jews, non-Jews, Israelis, or outsiders" in the prospecting of oil in Israel. The Government will now start the drafting of regulations regarding oil prospecting. It is expected that the regulations will be ready within three months, after which actual drilling will be started.

(The rapid development of a new, potentially oil-rich area of the Middle East was predicted today by the Jewish Agency in New York as a result of the U. S. Government's stipulated guaranty of American investments in Israel and Israel's petroleum legislation, offering attractive terms to foreign investors. "These measures, by the two Governments, will hasten the search for oil in the Negev," the economic department of the Jewish Agency stated.)

MAPAM SEEK NON-CONFIDENCE VOTE IN KNESSET FOR ISRAEL CABINET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A motion expressing non-confidence in the Israel Government "because of their obligations towards the United States" was introduced in the Israel Parliament today by the pro-Communist Mapam party. The motion may be taken up for discussion tomorrow. The Mapam objects to Israel's request for American military aid.

Twelve officers of the U. S. Air Force, who are participating in a seminary in Beirut, arrived here this morning for a two-day visit to Israel. This visit was ordered as a result of articles published in the Israeli press stating that it is impossible to study Middle Eastern questions without visiting Israel.

S/S "EXODUS" BURNS DOWN IN HAIFA PORT; CARRIED JEWS TO NAZI GERMANY

HAIFA, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The ship "Exodus" in which Jewish immigrants were forced by the British authorities in Palestine to sail in 1947 back to Germany, and which was to be converted into a floating museum of Jewish immigration, was burned down today. The fire was noticed in the morning on the deck, from where it immediately spread to all parts of the ship. The cause of the fire has not yet been established.

BLAUSTEIN DISCUSSES MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The question of American military aid to Israel was discussed this week in Washington between Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Assistant Secretary of State, Henry A. Byroade, it was learned here today.

U.S. OFFICIAL REBUFFS DELEGATION DEFENDING AUSTRIA'S PRO-NAZI LAWS

VIENNA, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Acting United States Commissioner Walter Dowling today told a delegation of the League of Independents, a neo-Nazi group, that the U. S. Government does not object to Austrian amnesty measures for Nazis as such, but insists that priority must be given to victims of Nazism.

The delegation, composed of members of the Austrian Parliament, argued strongly before Mr. Dowling in favor of the pro-Nazi amnesty laws passed recently by the parliament to the detriment of Jewish victims of Nazism. But the American official reiterated that while the U. S. has nothing against amnesty, compensation must first be paid to Nazi victims.

The delegation later visited the Legal Division of the U. S. Mission in Austria and presented its arguments in favor of the pro-Nazi amnesty laws. However, the head of the Legal Division drew attention of the delegation to the fact that there are a number of unsettled problems in the present restitution laws in Austria and emphasized that victims of Nazism should be compensated before redress is given to Nazis.

GEN. EISENHOWER SAYS RELIGIOUS BIAS IS "CRIMINALLY STUPID"

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Racial and religious discrimination was condemned here as being "criminally stupid" by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Republican candidate for President of the United States, in the course of his address yesterday before the American Legion convention at Madison Square Garden.

"Let us once and for all resolve," Gen. Eisenhower said, "that henceforth we shall be guided in our relations with our fellows by the American creed that all men are created equal and remain equal. All of us who salute the flag, whatever our color or creed, or job, or place of birth, are Americans entitled to the full rights and the full privileges of our citizenship. In a time when America needs all the skills, all the spiritual strength and dedicated services of its one hundred fifty-five million people, discrimination is criminally stupid."

ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY WILL ENTER MACARTHUR'S NAME IN 19 STATES

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Party announced today that it will enter the name of General Douglas MacArthur as a Presidential candidate on ballots in at least 19 states.

Gen. MacArthur has so far refused to repudiate the Christian Nationalist Party or Smith, its leader. The Party made known that it has already filed a slate of electors for the MacArthur ticket in Texas and Missouri. It is working now to get them on the ballot in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Colorado, Utah, Nebraska, Washington, California, New Mexico, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Virginia, Rhode Island, and Wyoming.

JEWISH EDUCATION MONTH PROCLAIMED; TO BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The American Association for Jewish Education, joined by 26 other national organizations, today issued a call to Jewish parents to enroll their children in Jewish schools with the opening of the new school year.

The Association also announced that Jewish Education Month will be observed in communities throughout the United States from September 8th to October 6th. "During these weeks American Jews, who are aware of their duty to themselves, to their children, and to the future of the American Jewish community, will work hard to develop greater understanding and cooperation between the Jewish school, home and community" the appeal said.

ABELL'S ENDORSEMENT OF EISENHOWER TERMED "PERSONAL" MATTER

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, central body of the Conservative rabbis, today issued a statement declaring that the endorsement of the candidacy of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican Presidential candidate, by Maxwell Abbell of Chicago, was "a personal one" and did not reflect the official stand of the United Synagogues of America, of which Mr. Abbell is president.

Rabbi Eisenstein emphasized that the Rabbinical Assembly of America and the United Synagogues of America, the two leading organs of Conservative Judaism, have taken no official stand on any of the Presidential candidates.

TWENTY-ONE STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM DAERWALD SCHOOL IN FRANCE

PARIS, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Graduation exercises were held for the third time yesterday at the Paul Daerwald School of Social Work in Versailles, founded by the Joint Distribution Committee. Twenty-one students received their certificates after a year's study of American methods of social work. The students hailed from all over Europe, North Africa and Israel. A majority of them will work for Jewish communities in North Africa and Israel.

ISRAEL CHIEF RABBINATE EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN ARGENTINE RABBIS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate of Israel expressed complete confidence in the rabbis here supervising Shechita, the slaughtering of animals under the Jewish ritual, it was announced today. A message to this effect has been sent by the Chief Rabbinate from Jerusalem to the Jewish community here, following a report made to the Rabbinate in Jerusalem by a four-man commission sent to Buenos Aires to establish the facts on the spot.

FIRST HOME BUILT ON "HENRIETTA SZOLD DRIVE" IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland participated today in the placing of a plaque commemorating Henrietta Szold, the Baltimore-born founder of the Hadassah, who died in Israel. The plaque was placed on the first home built on Szold Drive.