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STATE DEPT. DRAFTING REPORT ON VISA REGULATIONS LABELING JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Department of State is drafting a report on the practice of its Visa Division to list Jews as such on applications for American visas, it was learned here today. The report is being prepared in response to a protest and demand for information by Rep. Frances P. Bolton, of Ohio, a Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mrs. Bolton said her attention had been called to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency report that the State Department's Visa Division was labelling alien Jews seeking entry to the United States. The Congresswoman said that section 222-A of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act calling upon alien applicants for visas to state their "race and ethnic classification" was not intended by Congress "to be in any way applicable to Jews who, as a people, are considered indentifiable only on a religious basis."

"It has been my understanding for many years that scientists have long since accepted the fact to be established many years ago that there is no Jewish 'race'," Mrs. Bolton stated in her letter to Secretary of State Dean Acheson. She emphasized that required designation of Jews as a race or as a special ethnic group would be a misinterpretation of section 222-A of the McCarran Immigration Act.

The Washington Post said today that the "indicated gist of the State Department's reply is that while there has been some discussion of the requirement against which Mrs. Bolton has protested, no decision has been made, and none will be made without clearing it first with Capitol Hill." The paper quoted a State Department official as saying that "the Hebrew race" had to be identified under "existing" law. The newspaper reported also that regulations covering the classification of Jews and others under the McCarran-Walter Act "are now being drafted by officials of the State and Justice Departments, and the Budget Bureau."

Anti-Defamation League Takes Issue with Visa Department

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League has been unable to find any public record of "racial" sub-classification requirements which visa chief Herve J. L'Heureux said are "deemed necessary to be reflected in visa statistics." This was revealed in a reply by Herman Edelsberg, Washington A. D. L. director, to a letter from Mr. L'Heureux.

The L'Heureux letter said that for "statistical purposes" the descendants of an early Teutonic tribe were classified separately because their "racial strain is characteristic of the inhabitants of Northern and Western Europe." He added

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that "to classify the people of Southern and Eastern Europe as 'white' would be of no practical value from a statistical point of view." He also indicated that Jews had to be identified as such on visa applications because the listing of the major races "would ignore the various national, geographical and ethnological origin and characteristics deemed necessary to be reflected in visa statistics."

Replying to Mr. L'Heureux, Mr. Edelsberg said that the Anti-Defamation League has studied "with interest" his letter concerning racial classification information required from applicants for visas and appreciates his assurance that no racial discrimination is intended.

A. D. L. Asks for Public Record of "Racial Sub-Classifications"

"We have been unable to find any public record of the 'racial sub-classifications' which you stated are 'deemed necessary to be reflected in visa statistics'." Mr. Edelsberg pointed out. "Where are they available? We would appreciate also being advised which agencies of the government find such statistical data necessary. I must confess that I am aware of no statute regulation or policy of our Government which makes such data necessary or even material.

"Quite to the contrary, Government regulations and policies, as I understand them, frown upon such questionnaires. Not only are they un-scientific but they are widely regarded as potentially discriminatory. As you know, many state laws specifically outlaw requests for such data in employment applications. Leading educational institutions have voluntarily dropped such requests in line with the recommendation of the President's Committee on Higher Education. All the federal police agencies have barred the use of 'Jewish' or 'Hebrew' in identifying suspects or fugitives.

"We construe your letter to mean that the answer 'Jewish' or 'Hebrew' would be responsive to the question of race. In our view, this practice further emphasizes the inherent invalidity of the question. If it were proper to determine whether an applicant is a Jew, he should be asked his religion. If it were proper to determine whether an applicant is of Jewish ancestry, he should be asked the religion of his ancestors. Of course, I cannot see how such inquiries could be material to the execution of our immigration laws.

"We hope most earnestly that the Department will re-examine its practice in this respect. We hope you will agree with us that the abstract and theoretical statistical considerations are outweighed by the potentially discriminatory character of the question and its mischievous effect on the strength of our diplomacy." Mr. Edelsberg's communication concluded.

KNESSET VOTES CONFIDENCE IN CABINET ON ISSUE OF SECURING ARMS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today received a vote of confidence from the Knesset on his request for authorization to buy munitions from the West. The vote was 69 to 13. The pro-Soviet Mapam party charged that the move would place Israel in the anti-Soviet camp. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett earlier said that the purchase of the arms from the West would place Israel under no obligation.

ISRAEL RAISES STATUS OF ITS LEGATIONS IN ENGLAND AND FRANCE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today announced that it decided to raise the status of its diplomatic missions in London and in Paris from legations to embassies. This is being done by agreement with the British and French Governments which are similarly raising the status of their diplomatic missions in Israel.

KNESSET APPROVES EXTENSION OF MILITARY SERVICE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament last night adopted by an overwhelming majority the bill which extends military service from 24 months to a 30-month period. The bill will be signed today by Premier David Ben Gurion and by Acting President Joseph Sprinzik and will enter into immediate effect.

A special bill concerning women in the national service will be introduced when the Parliament re-assembles after its recess which starts next week. Under the new bill men between 18 and 26 will serve 30 months and those between 27 and 29 will serve two years. The period of service for unmarried girls of 18 to 26 will remain at two years for the time being.

All parties, except the pro-Soviet Mapam and the Communist parties, voted in favor of the bill. The Mapam and the Communists voted against it. Immediately after the vote was taken, the chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee announced that Premier Ben Gurion, in his capacity as Defense Minister, will make arrangements that no university student, or students of higher vocational schools, should lose terms of study or their tuition on account of the new law.

ISRAEL NEEDS ANOTHER \$1,000,000,000 FOR COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Israel will require another \$1,000,000,000 for investments to further the development of her natural resources, industry and communications, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol last night told the 21 American-Jewish leaders who arrived here to study the economic development of the country.

The group, which is composed of community leaders active in the sale of Israel Bonds in the United States, was told that the major portion of the \$1,000,000,000 will be invested in "the direct creation of productivity." Mr. Eshkol emphasized that Israel looks for one-third of the \$1,000,000,000 to come from the sale of Israeli bonds in the U. S., one-third from philanthropic and private investments and the last third from its own population.

HADASSAH TRANSFERS PART OF ITS ESTABLISHMENTS TO ISRAEL GOVT.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Part of the Hadassah's preventive medicine establishments was transferred today to the Israel Government in a modest ceremony, attended by the Minister of Health, Dr. Joseph Burg and representatives of the Hadassah.

Dr. Burg highly praised the initiative of the Hadassah and its pioneering spirit. He emphasized that the state has not enough funds to meet its increasing health responsibilities resulting from large immigration. The Hadassah will now have a greater area for clinical and medical school activities in Israel.

ISRAEL NAVY JOINS ARMY IN MANEUVERES; MOCK NAVAL WARFARE HELD

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The third phase of the Israel Army's summer maneuvers ended today with Israel Navy units participating in the military actions. The prime purpose of the mock naval warfare was to protect Israel's shores, ports and to safeguard convoys into and out of Israel. Premier David Ben Gurion and Chief-of-Staff Yigal Yadin participated in the maneuvers as observers.

GOV. STEVENSON CONDEMNS RACIAL BIAS; CALLS FOR TOLERANCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Racial and religious bias was condemned here today by Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate, in his address before the national convention of the American Legion at Madison Square Garden. He emphasized that "true patriotism" is based on tolerance.

"There are men among us," he said, "who use 'patriotism' as a club for attacking other Americans. What can we say for the self-styled patriot who thinks that a Negro, a Jew, a Catholic, or a Japanese-American is less an American than he? That betrays the deepest article of our faith, the belief in individual liberty and quality which has always been the heart and soul of the American idea."

REP. RANKIN LOSES SEAT IN CONGRESS; WAS STRONGLY ANTI-JEWISH

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Rep. John Rankin, whose 32-year Congressional career was marked by consistent attempts to inferentially link Jews with communism, lost his seat in Congress today.

Rankin was defeated by Rep. Thomas Abernethy in a Mississippi primary election. The two congressmen were forced to seek the same seat when the state legislature combined their districts last April to eliminate a Congressional post, lost because of the 1950 census.

An advocate of anti-Negro and anti-Semitic measures, Rankin opposed the Nuremberg trial of Nazi war criminals and said that Germans should be given priority over Jews as displaced persons. He introduced a resolution which demanded a Congressional investigation of the D'nai D'rith Anti-Defamation League and frequently denounced prominent Jewish organizations and individuals from the floor of Congress. For many years he was the favorite of pro-Nazi elements and anti-Semitic agitators.

Rep. Abernethy's voting record on civil rights and similar measures is exactly the same as Rankin's, but Abernethy is not generally known to openly express bias against Jews. Rep. Abernethy described Rankin as his "close friend." "We have for 10 years been a close friend to our distinguished and honorable opponent," he said. "I regret we found ourselves in the same district, thus making our opposition unavoidable."

GOVT. URGED TO PREVENT USE OF U. S. MAIL FOR SPREADING BIGOTRY

DENVER, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The United States mails are being flooded with the worst barrage of anti-Semitic propaganda in the history of American political campaigns, Louis Levand, publisher of the Wichita (Kans.) Beacon, charged here today.

The Kansas publisher demanded Federal Government action to prevent the use of the mails by anti-Semitic hate spreaders along the same line that postal regulations now prevent sending of obscene or fraudulent matter through the mails. He also called for the exposure of hate-mongers masquerading as ministers and the elimination of their tax-exempt status.

SWEDEN ACCEPTS TUBERCULAR JEWISH DP'S FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

MUNICH, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A group of twenty-five tubercular patients maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee here left last night for permanent settlement in Sweden where they will also receive medical care. A number of them are ambulatory patients, but it will take about two years before they can really be started on the road to rehabilitation.

"This warm-hearted and humanitarian action on the part of the Swedish Government - following similar action recently by the Norwegian Government - gives the Joint Distribution Committee hope that the end of the Jewish D. P. problem is foreseeable," Samuel Haber, J. D. C. director for Germany, declared. He pointed out that the Swedish Parliament passed a special law granting admission to the twenty-five Jews.

"While there was nothing wrong with German hospitals in which they had been receiving treatment, the cure in Germany is complicated by psychological and emotional factors," he stated. All twenty-five patients developed tuberculosis in German concentration camps and in forced labor camps. All of them are single, twenty of them having no relatives since all members of their families have been killed by the Nazis.

SEN. NIXON VISITS ISRAEL EXPOSITION; LAUDS JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Senator Richard M. Nixon, Republican nominee for Vice-President, yesterday visited the Israel Exposition here, and stated the exposition was evidence of Israel's growth and its economic soundness.

Senator Nixon inspected the products of Israel's industries, agriculture and natural resources which comprise the exposition, first of its kind in the United States. The visitor was greeted by Harry Seeve, director of the Israel Bond Drive, sponsor of the exposition, and I. L. Kenen, Washington representative of the American Zionist Council.

Expressing profound interest in the mining operations now taking place in Israel's great Negev region, which is represented in one of the larger exhibits, Senator Nixon was impressed with the fact that the exploitation of Israel's natural resources was begun immediately upon establishment of the State. The variety of products appeared to him remarkable for a country only a little over four years old.

"As one of the members of Congress who has supported legislation to grant financial assistance to the State of Israel in the development of its economy, I was extremely pleased to come here today to visit the Israel Exposition and see the products of the State of Israel," he declared. "I was surprised and gratified to see the diversified products coming out of modern Israel."

PROF. MACIVER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GROUP PROTECTING REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The election of Prof. Robert M. Maciver as president of the Union for the Protection of the Human Person by the International Social and Economic Cooperation was announced here today.

The Union is engaged in the defense of rights of refugees, stateless persons, and national minorities. It is affiliated with the non-sectarian Committee for the Defense of Rights of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe which has its headquarters in New York.