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## TRUMAN APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO STUDY INEQUITIES OF MCCARRAN LAW

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- President Truman today appointed a special seven-man commission, to be headed by former Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, to study inequities in the McCarran-Walter Omnibus Immigration Act.

Mr. Truman appointed the commission because of his displeasure over the passage of the act over his veto and the failure of Congress to appoint a commission to study immigration problems. He had suggested such a commission in his veto message. "I do not believe the matter should remain where the Congress left it," Mr. Truman said today.

Congress failed to act on the President's request for a commission and today's move was seen as the President's reaction to what he considers the urgent need for a review of the immigration situation. Mr. Truman said that present immigration policies present "serious obstacles" to the solution of the world refugee and over-population problems.

Informed sources believe that President Truman may have had the State Department Visa Division's practice of listing Jews as such on visa applications in mind when he said in his statement that "the problems of immigration policy grows more pressing and the inequities fostered by the new law require careful examination."

The Perlman commission will study immigration policies and report by January 1, 1953 according to the President's directive. Other members of the commission are: Earl G. Harrison, former U. S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, vice-chairman; Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities; Rev. Thaddeus F. Gullixson, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of St. Paul; Clarence E. Pickett, American Friends Service Committee; Adrian S. Fisher, legal adviser to the State Department, and Thomas C. Finucane, chief of the Justice Department's Board of Immigration Appeals.

## FINAL ACTION ON GERMAN-JEWISH REPARATIONS PACTS POSTPONED

THE HAGUE, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The initialing of the German-Israeli and the German-Jewish agreements on reparations, which was set for tomorrow, has been postponed and no new date has been fixed, it was stated here today. The formal signing of the pacts, which was scheduled to take place at Luxembourg between September 8 and 10 has also been postponed indefinitely.

(From Bonn it was reported that the West German Cabinet will meet next Monday to consider the reparations agreements worked out at The Hague by German, Israeli and world Jewish organization delegations. The meeting was postponed from this week in order to permit Finance Minister Fritz Schaefer, who is currently attending a meeting of the World Bank in Mexico City, to be present.)

ALLOCATIONS FROM AMERICAN GRANT-IN-AID ANNOUNCED BY ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The manner of distribution of the latest American grant-in-aid to Israel of \$17,500,000 was officially announced here last night.

Nine million dollars will be allocated for food purchases; \$2,250,000 will be set aside for agricultural development; \$1,500,000 will be used for the purchase of raw materials; \$2,750,000 for fuel, and the remaining \$2,000,000 will be used for communications equipment, housing and health services.

WINTER PLANS FOR IMMIGRANTS LIVING IN TENTS MAPPED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Preparations to provide better accommodations for immigrants living in tents before the winter arrives are now being made by the Jewish Agency, it was reported today at a meeting of the Israel members of the Zionist Actions Committee. The chief obstacle in carrying out the plan is the shortage of funds, it was emphasized.

Avraham Harzfeld, leader of the Mapai, addressing the meeting, called for the dissolution of the immigrant camps in the shortest possible time, regardless of cost. The meeting also discussed the question of the status of the Jewish Agency in connection with the government bill now pending in Parliament. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

Eight new agricultural settlements will be established in various parts of Israel before the High Holidays, the Jewish Agency settlement department announced today.

Seven of the new settlements will be small holders' cooperatives set up by immigrants while the eighth will be established by Histadrut workers from urban areas. Four of the settlements will be affiliated with the labor movement and one each will be affiliated with the Mizrahi laborites, the General Zionists and Havoed Hazioni (workers in the General Zionist movement).

ARAB LEAGUE MEETING TO TEST EGYPT'S STAND ON PEACE WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Informed political circles here believe that the Arab League meeting which opens in Cairo September 10 will be used as a sounding board to test Egypt's attitude toward a peace treaty with Israel.

These sources believe that if Egypt shows no inclination to reach a settlement with the Jewish State, the other Arab countries will demand that Egypt support the projected new and intensified economic campaign against Israel. On the other hand, these sources say, if Egypt indicates that it is considering a peace pact, the others will hurry onto the band wagon in order to obtain whatever benefits they can from a settlement.

ISRAEL AIR FORCE STAGING MANEUVERS; FLEXIBILITY TESTED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Air Force last night staged its annual maneuvers, it was announced here today. The purpose of the exercises, the announcement said, was to test the force's flexibility and to check on air-ground coordination.

## AMERICAN BOND LEADERS IMPRESSED BY ISRAEL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The members of the American bond drive delegation currently visiting Israel are tremendously impressed by the progress made in economic development. In Israel in recent months, Julian Venezki and Joel Gross, leaders of the Israel bond drive in the United States, today told a press conference here.

They cited such developments as the gigantic Kishon and Nathanya projects as evidence that funds raised through the sale of bonds have been spent on "efficient and constructive" projects. The bond campaign leaders, who expect to be back in the United States in time to participate in the bond organization national meeting in Atlantic City September 12, expressed the hope that bond sales will increase this fall and that the entire \$500,000,000 issue will be sold out within three years of its launching.

## ISRAEL'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ANALYZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Yearbook of International Trade Statistics for 1951, which was released here today, shows that Israel's exports multiplied 15 times from 1948 to 1951, while its imports increased six times. However, the country's trade balance continues to be unfavorable as the Yearbook puts the imports at 122,000,000 Israeli pounds and the exports at 16,000,000 Israeli pounds.

As far as exports of individual commodities are concerned, the U.N. report shows that nylon stockings made the greatest gain, rising from 35,000 pairs in 1949 to 385,000 in 1950. The export of polished diamonds also increased from 76,000 carats in 1949 to 119,500 carats in 1950. On the other hand, the export of grapefruit and fruit juices decreased under the period under survey.

Imports of all foodstuffs to Israel, including barley, wheat, frozen and chilled meats, butter, cheese, milk, fish and sugar, increased between 1949 and 1950 which show the rise in the country's population. Most raw material imports went up too, although there was a notable decline in the importation of cotton and cotton goods.

The Yearbook shows that most of Israel's imports came from the United States, while most of its exports went to the United Kingdom. Trade with the Arab countries was virtually non-existent.

## International Monetary Fund Reports on Israel's Currency

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 4. (JTA)-- A description of the new currency exchange rates introduced by the Israel Government last February is contained in the annual report of the International Monetary Fund.

The report, which notes that the new rates were introduced at a time when the free rate on the Israel pound had fallen to 50 cents, makes no comment on the introduction by Israel of multiple exchange rates.

## U.N. ACTS ON PLEA OF VICTIMS OF NAZI "SCIENTIFIC" EXPERIMENTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie has officially informed the Israel Government of all cases of victims of Nazi "scientific" experiments who have requested compensation from the German Government for their sufferings, it was announced here today. The list has been turned over to the West German Government by the U.N.

MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS REPORTEDLY RENEWED IN RUMANIA, HUNGARY

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A large number of Jews have been arrested during the last few days in several Rumanian cities, including Bucharest, Brasov, Cluj and Galatz, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here today. They were removed from their homes to unknown destinations, the reports stated.

The same reports said that Jews were also seized this week in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. The majority of them were employed in government offices, the information received here indicated.

GERMAN PROTESTANT LEADERS ADVOCATE ELIMINATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

STUTTGART, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A number of prominent German Protestant leaders recently participated in a symposium here on the "Jewish problem--an essential problem for the people and the church."

The symposium was held in connection with a nation-wide conference of Protestant church leaders. Various speakers stressed the need to pay the Jews reparations and for the German people to live in such a manner as to "make good the wrongs of the past." Several made specific appeals for the elimination of all aspects of anti-Semitism.

WEST EUROPEAN B'NAI B'RITH LEADERS HOLD FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Ten countries in western Europe were represented at the annual meeting of the European Union of B'nai B'rith, which ended its four-day session here today.

Dr. Edwin Guggenheim, of Zurich, president of the European Union of B'nai B'rith, presided. Other speakers included Dr. Leo Baeck, of London; Chief Rabbi Marcus Melchior, president of the lodge in this city; Leo Fischer, Scandinavian representative on the Union's executive committee; and Maurice Bisgyer, of Washington, D. C., general secretary of B'nai B'rith. Mr. Bisgyer stressed the necessity of using all efforts to increase international peace and understanding.

THIRD OF JEWISH FAMILY HEADS IN LOS ANGELES MANAGE BUSINESSES

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- More than one-third of the heads of Jewish families in Los Angeles work in some capacity as proprietors and managers of businesses, although a roughly comparable figure for the entire population of the city would show only about one-eighth of the total in this field.

According to a survey recently conducted by the Los Angeles Jewish community, the proportion of Jewish heads of families in the professions is about 15 percent, or only slightly higher than the proportion in the general population. A little more than one-fifth of the principal wage earners in Jewish homes make their living as craftsmen and skilled or unskilled workers. The proportion in this category in the general population is about twice as large.

The survey disclosed that about 80 out of every 100 Jewish men in Los Angeles are employed, with less than two percent unemployed and seeking work and eight percent retired. About one in four of the women work, with the largest proportion in the clerical or sales fields. More than a third of the principal Jewish wage earners are in the wholesale or retail industries and a fifth are in manufacturing.

JEWISH STUDENTS TOLD IT IS "TOO EASY" TO BE A JEW IN UNITED STATES

WEST SHOKAN, N. Y., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The seventh annual Hillel Institute for leadership instruction closed its eight-day session here after discussing various problems concerning Jewish life in this country and in Israel. One hundred and forty students who are leaders in the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation units on their respective campuses attended the session.

Dr. Simon Halkin, Professor of Hebrew Literature at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, told the delegates that he was "not sure that the Jewish State will survive" unless there is substantial immigration of Jews from the Western Hemisphere. The million and a half Jews who are living in Israel now are not sufficient to perpetuate the State, he declared.

Asked whether he believed that a full Jewish life was possible in the United States, Prof. Halkin said, "whether you are religious or not, a complete Jewish life cannot be lived outside of Israel," adding that it was "too easy" to be a Jew in America. "All one has to do is to buy a bond or go to the Temple occasionally," he stated.

Rabbi Maurice Pekarsky, director of the newly-established Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University, came from Israel to direct the Institute. The sessions of the Institute were recorded on film by a motion picture crew composed of members of the Cinema Lodge of B'nai B'rith. The films will be released on a nation-wide scale later this year.

AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH URGED TO STRENGTHEN TIE WITH ISRAEL

NARROWSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Over 150,000 young men and women participated in Jewish Youth Week activities organized this year by some 150 youth councils throughout the country, Renee Solomon, chairman of the program of the National Youth Conference, reported to the parley here today. The Conference, which is being attended by delegates from 325 national and local Jewish youth groups, is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

In a message to the Assembly, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban told the delegates: "American Jewish youth is anxious to do its full share in maintaining and strengthening the powerful tie between the American Jews and the people of Israel. Your generation stands ready to accept and preserve the privileges and responsibility that are the proud heritage of the great Jewish community of the United States. It is also anxious to nurture the cultural and spiritual identity between the Jewish community of the United States and that of Israel."

Ludwig Nadelman of Quito, Ecuador, who represented the youth of his city at the parley, declared that "American Jewry exhibits a pattern towards survival and cultural creativity" which is currently lacking among the Jews of South America.

TALMUD COURSES STARTED FOR JEWS IN UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A program of free correspondence courses in Talmud for Jewish men and women on active duty with the American military forces was started by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in cooperation with the World Zionist Organization, it was announced here today.

These courses will be available to those service personnel who are interested in improving their Jewish knowledge, either as individuals or as members of study groups. Lessons in English will be included in the kits for the interested student at regular intervals, and will be constructed so as to encourage the participant to work on his own. An opportunity will also be provided for the recipient to submit his own questions and to receive answers.

## HADASSAH REPORTS ON TRANSFER OF PART OF ITS NETWORK IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Hadassah headquarters here today issued a statement giving details on the transfer of part of its network of preventive medicine establishments in Israel to the Ministry of Health in the Jewish State.

The statement emphasized that during the first year of government operation of these health centers, Hadassah will cover the entire budget; in the following years it will taper off its contributions, underwriting 65 percent of the budget during the second year, 35 percent during the third year, and terminating its financial support in the fourth year.

"This development, which affects a large proportion of its health welfare stations - some of them more than 30 years old - called attention again to Hadassah's policy of turning various projects over to the government when it is assured that government is able to continue their operation and development in the 'quality' tradition of service set by Hadassah in Israel," the statement said. "This transfer of control has already been completed in the field of nutrition education. Hadassah is also gradually returning to government the operation of the recreation and school lunches programs originally established and operated by Hadassah."

Transfer of these health welfare stations will enable Hadassah to intensify its plans for converting a number of its remaining installations in Jerusalem and in the Jerusalem Corridor into community health centers, the statement pointed out. This will be a "pilot-plant" venture in which preventive health and health education is centered around the family unit.

## CANADA IS 40TH COUNTRY TO RATIFY THE GENOCIDE CONVENTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- David M. Johnson, permanent representative of Canada to the United Nations, yesterday deposited his government's ratification of the convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide. Canada is the 40th country to become a party to the convention which outlaws genocide--denial of the right of existence of racial, religious, ethnic or national groups--as a crime under international law.

Instruments of ratification or accession to the convention, which came into force on January 12, 1951, have been deposited by the following states: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Ceylon, China, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Jordan, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Republic of Korea, Laos, Liberia, Monaco, Nicaragua, Norway, Mexico, Panama, Philippine Republic.

## \$2,000,000 DRIVE FOR JEWISH MUSEUM IN PARIS STARTS NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The campaign in this country to raise \$2,000,000 for the Museum of the Unknown Jewish Martyr to be built in Paris in memory of the Jews annihilated by the Nazis in Europe will be launched early next month, it was announced today at a press conference in the Hotel Astor. Rep. Jacob K. Javits was one of the principal speakers at the conference.

## MRS. VERA BRAMSON DEAD; HELPED TO ESTABLISH WORLD ORT UNION

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Mrs. Vera Bramson, widow of Dr. Leon Bramson, who was a member of the first Russian Duma and founder of the World ORT Union for vocational training and economic reconstruction of Jews, died here. Together with her husband she fled the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 to western Europe, where Dr. Bramson became one of the organizers of the World ORT Union. Mrs. Bramson helped establish a women's ORT organization in France. In New York, she helped establish the Bramson ORT Trade School in memory of her husband.