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## CELLER ASSAILS 'UNWARRANTED INTERPRETATION' OF NEW ENTRY LAW

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, (JTA) -- Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee today wrote Secretary of State Dean Acheson that the Department's most recent explanation of its visa policy, which includes the specific identification of Jews as such, is "an unwarranted interpretation" of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

Rep. Celler referred to a letter from Acting Assistant Secretary of State Ben. H. Brown, Jr., to Rep. Frances Bolton. This State Department letter said that each alien shall "be required to state his ethnic classification" in accordance with the McCarran-Walter Act.

The judiciary chairman told Mr. Acheson that he was "disturbed" because the McCarran-Walter law was construed by the Visa Division as demanding the labeling of Jews while no similar requirement is made of other religious faiths. He said he could not understand "why those of the Jewish faith were singled out for such special treatment."

Aliens who fail to provide an "ethnic classification" which satisfies consular authorities "may be arbitrarily denied visas under the new act," Rep. Celler said. He pointed out that "the penalty for not telling the truth is denial of a visa, yet no definition is furnished as to what constitutes the various 'ethnic classifications.' I believe it is incumbent upon your department to submit to the applicant terms which constitute the various 'ethnic classifications,' but under no condition should those terms include the fact of one's religion.

### Issue Never Raised In House Discussion

"It was never stated in any of the discussions of the Judiciary Committee of the House, where all immigration bills originate, nor on the floor of the House, that an application for a visa should include a statement of religion. I have personally participated in discussions on immigration statutes for 30 years and never has anyone voiced a statement that an applicant answering the question of his 'ethnic classification' must state the fact that he is Jewish," Mr. Celler declared.

"It would be most unfortunate if by any stretch of the imagination the regulations would require that the applicants must state their religious affiliation, be they Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, or Moslem, in order to satisfy the requirement presently in the law asking for 'race and ethnic classification.' The regulations accompanying the application should specifically state that no intention of asking anyone to name his religion is implied and that 'ethnic classification' does not refer to the Jewish faith, the Catholic faith, the Moslem faith, the Protestant faith, or any other religious faith. There should be no equivocation or uncertainty as to the explanation of these terms."

ROSENFELD NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TRUMAN IMMIGRATION UNIT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- President Truman's new Commission on Immigration and Naturalization today at its first meeting announced the appointment of Harry N. Rosenfield, of New York, former U. S. Displaced Persons Commissioner, as its executive director. The Commission will probe immigration policy and has been directed by Mr. Truman to look into injustices arising from the McCarran-Walter omnibus immigration act.

The selection of Rosenfield as executive director is seen as a rebuff to Sen. Pat McCarran and Rep. Francis E. Walter, both of whom have been critical of the former D. P. Commissioner. Rosenfield served for four years as a member of the Displaced Persons Commission which terminated its work on August 31.

Announcing the appointment, Commission chairman Philip B. Perlman, former Solicitor General of the United States, said: "The President's Commission is happy to be able to obtain the services of Commissioner Rosenfield as its executive director. His familiarity with this general field and his enviable reputation throughout the country will be of great assistance to the Commission in completing its important work within the short time at its disposal." The Commission must report to Mr. Truman by January 1, 1953.

The Commission's first meeting today was attended by all seven members. President Truman will meet with the members of the Commission at the White House tomorrow.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE CHIEF CONFERS WITH STEVENSON

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, public member of President Truman's National Advisory Board on Mobilization Policy and president of the American Jewish Committee, conferred at the Governor's mansion here yesterday with Gov. Adlai S. Stevenson. Mr. Blaustein said he discussed a number of matters of public interest.

BEN GURION ASKS GOLDMANN TO CONTINUE CONTACT WITH GERMANS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion has requested that Dr. Nahum Goldmann, presiding officer of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, continue his contacts with West German Government officials to facilitate the successful implementation of the reparations pact signed in Luxemburg last week, Dr. Goldmann told newsmen here today before leaving Israel. He was accompanied to the airfield by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

NAGUIB SAYS EGYPT MAKES NO DISTINCTION AMONG CITIZENS

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government makes no distinction among Moslems, Christians or Jews, Gen. Mohammed Naguib, Egyptian Premier and commander of the armed forces, yesterday told the staff of the Jewish Hospital in Alexandria during a visit to the institution, it was reported here today.

"I am proud and happy to see the good deeds you are performing for the poor and the sick without regard to nationality or religion," the General said. Signing the hospital's register at the conclusion of his visit, he wrote that he had found "angels taking care of the sick of all nationalities and religions."

U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL PROPOSES PROGRAM TO COMBAT BIAS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The United Nations Secretary General has formulated a series of proposals to be considered by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities which will meet here September 22. The sub-commission is under instructions from the General Assembly to propose practical steps to continue work for the prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities.

The proposals to be considered by the sub-commission include adoption of a program of specific study of major forms of discrimination as in employment, residence, political rights and immigration; establishment of a special procedure by the General Assembly under which governments would report periodically on observance of the rights set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and authorization to the Secretary General to furnish expert advice to governments on drafting legislation, establishing judicial machinery and developing programs to combat discrimination. The proposal is also made that the Economic and Social Council appeal in a resolution to non-governmental agencies to devote part of their resources to the fight against bias.

BIAS CASE AROUSES JOHANNESBURG JEWISH COMMUNITY

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A blatant case of anti-Semitic discrimination in employment in this city has incensed the Jewish community following its disclosure by the Zionist Record. The paper printed a letter from a local firm turning down a job applicant on the assumption that she was Jewish.

The applicant had been interviewed and verbally accepted for a position with H. W. Wedderburn, Ltd., a scale manufacturing firm, but upon reaching her home found a letter from the firm stating: "Although it was not disclosed at the interview, judging by the references you gave me I assume that you could be Jewish. If my assumption is correct I regret that I must cancel the arrangements made." The letter was signed by H. W. Wedderburn, chairman of the company.

ISRAELI NAMED RAPPORTEUR FOR REFUGEE COMMISSION SESSION

GENEVA, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Menahem Kahany of Israel was elected rapporteur of the second session of the Advisory Committee to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which opened here yesterday. Dr. Kahany was nominated by the Swiss representative and seconded by the delegate of the United Kingdom.

During the general debate on the High Commissioner's report, Dr. Kahany stressed Israel's contribution toward alleviating the world refugee problem by accepting huge numbers of real and potential refugees who might otherwise have become charges on international relief programs.

SOUTH AMERICAN ORT LEADERS CONFER

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Sixty delegates attending the South American conference here of the World ORT Union, heard reports today on the organization's activities throughout the world and in Latin America.

Dr. David Schweitzer, World ORT delegate, reported on the World ORT program while Jacobo Wangrover, president of the Argentine ORT, described its operations in this country.

TO ESTABLISH JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL IN ROME

ROME, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Rome will establish a Jewish high school to complement the existing Jewish elementary school, it was announced today. The community's executive council decided on the measure as a move to check assimilation.

## ARAB LEAGUE HOLDS TO ANTI-ISRAEL COURSE; ACTS TO AID REFUGEES

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Palestine question, and particularly the fate of the Arab refugees, continues to occupy the attention of the Arab League Council meeting in Cairo, the Times of London reports today from the Egyptian capital.

The League continues to maintain its "resistance" to Israel, the Times report states, adding that its decision that the Foreign Ministers should head the Arab delegations to the United Nations is activated by the desire to maintain the campaign against Israel. The League's political committee has recommended that unofficial Arab bodies, as well as official organs, should boycott all regional organizations or conferences in which Israel participates.

The committee will recommend that the Palestine Arab refugees be given employment in any country in which they choose to settle and that the Arab states should pool financial aid to supplement U. N. assistance for the refugees, the Times reports. It adds that while the Arab League will continue to insist upon implementation of U. N. resolutions on the right of the refugees to return to their former homes, it has begun to treat the refugee issue "more realistically." There is an "implied recognition that a refugee will not be able to return to Israel," it says.

## BEN GURION MAKES COALITION PROPOSAL TO GENERAL ZIONISTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion met this week-end with leaders of the General Zionist Party at the home of Dr. Peretz Bernstein, chairman of the General Zionists, it was revealed here today.

The Premier proposed a coalition between the Mapai Party and the General Zionists in the Israel Parliament and in municipal councils throughout the country. A second meeting to continue discussion of the proposal has been fixed, it was learned.

## BROWDY CRITICIZES NEW ADMINISTRATION OF Z. O. A.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Criticism of the new administration of the Zionist Organization of America for allegedly failing to honor commitments and continue projects undertaken by the organization was voiced here by Benjamin G. Browdy, former Z. O. A. president, addressing the annual conference of the Brooklyn Zionist Region.

Mr. Browdy referred to the plans adopted recently by the extraordinary conference of the Z. O. A. and said he missed any "continuity between the work done under the old administration and the work planned by the new administration." He asked what was to be the fate of projects previously launched and of the Z. O. A. commitment to sell a hundred million dollars in Israel bonds.

## REVISIONISTS EXPLAIN STAND ON U.S. FUND-RAISING

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Zionist-Revisionists of America issued a denial here of statements that Revisionist institutions in Israel did not receive funds from the United Jewish Appeal because they had refused to abstain from independent fund-raising campaigns. The statement said that the Revisionists "have announced categorically that they accept the stipulation requiring them to abstain from independent fund raising ventures in America if the U. J. A. agrees to grant them an allocation commensurate with the needs and scope of their pioneering institutions in Israel as was done in 1950-51."

**BEN GURION URGES FULL SUPPORT OF U. J. A. 'S \$35,000,000 CASH DRIVE**

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Jews of America were today urged by Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion to give their fullest support to the United Jewish Appeal's forthcoming three-month nationwide campaign for \$35,000,000 in cash.

In a cabled message to U. J. A. general chairman Edward M. M. Warburg and U. J. A. national cash chairman Jack D. Weiler, who will spark the special drive which begins immediately after the High Holy Days this week-end, the Premier asserted that there has never been a "more crucial moment" in Israel's history and that his country "needs the free gift dollars that come through the United Jewish Appeal" if it is to maintain its steady progress toward economic stability.

"Never since Israel's War of Independence," the Premier declared, "has the significance of a United Jewish Appeal special cash campaign been as great as at this moment." He said that the U. J. A. "has been and continues to be a most vital part of the four-point program of economic aid to Israel."

Mr. Ben Gurion, who last week conferred in Jerusalem with Mr. Weiler to acquaint him with Israel's present difficulties preparatory to the latter's assumption of the direction of the special drive, gave a three-point summary of the new state's immediate need for U. J. A. assistance. The Premier cited Israel's acute need for the mass construction of new housing, its requirements for a sharp increase in agricultural production, and its need for swift development of the rich natural resources recently discovered in the Negev desert.

Mr. Warburg and Mr. Weiler, in communicating the Israel Premier's message to the campaign leaders of the 1,500 communities that will participate in the nationwide drive, declared that "every American Jew who has helped to make possible Israel's initial progress in establishing a democratic system of government and the framework of a modern, free society must resolve during the observance of the High Holy Days this week-end that this support shall be continued and increased. Mr. Ben Gurion and the men and women of Israel are doing the work," they declared. "But we must provide the means."

Mr. Warburg and Mr. Weiler pointed out that the target for the raising of the initial \$25,000,000 cash fund is October 18 and 19, when the United Jewish Appeal will hold a national leadership conference in Washington to mark the high point of the three-month drive and to receive community cash proceeds.

**ISRAEL CONSULS IN U.S., CANADA CONFER ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Plans for cooperation with Jewish communities in cultural and other matters were discussed with other questions at a three-day conference of Israel consuls stationed in the United States and Canada which concluded yesterday at the Embassy of Israel.

The consuls gathered here to talk about cooperation with Jewish communities and also discussed economic and consular questions, public relations and information services.

**Israel Opens Consulate in Havana**

HAVANA, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The first Israel consulate in Cuba was opened here officially this week-end. S. M. Kaplan, leader of the United Zionist Council and editor of the Yiddish newspaper Havaner Leben, was appointed consul general.

TRUMAN, STEVENSON, EISENHOWER GREET JEWS ON ROSH HASHANAH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- President Truman and Presidential candidates Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower today released Rosh Hashanah messages to the Jewish people through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The President's message states:

"To all Americans of the Jewish faith, I extend congratulations on the occasion of the Jewish New Year and cordial good wishes for the year ahead.

"In extending greetings at this time, I am mindful that you have contributed greatly to our general welfare in many ways. I know that all of you are determined to do all that you can to see that our country continues free, strong and prosperous. I am convinced that so long as we maintain our common unity of purpose, our future is secure."

In his message, Gov. Stevenson asserted: "The eyes of many Americans of the Jewish faith are turned toward the Nation of Israel. They may be justly proud, both as citizens of a Democracy and as members of a Great Faith, to see in that homeland an infant nation, struggling through its first breaths of independence, and growing stronger daily. Democracy and freedom are enshrined there. Faith in justice, in human dignity and in Government under law are warmly held there. Above all, a haven for the oppressed and persecuted from many lands is afforded here.

"Nowhere in the world are more generous arms extended to those seeking refuge from tribulation. Free peoples the world over should heed and follow the example of selflessness which the Nation of Israel holds up to them. They should aid and strengthen this Nation just as it is aiding those who come to it for help.

"Here in America we should pay tribute to the spirit which Israel represents not merely by words but by deeds - by strengthening our Democracy; by waging an unceasing battle against discrimination and bigotry; by preserving freedom of thought, freedom of association and freedom to worship as each man pleases."

Greeting the Jewish people, Gen. Eisenhower said: "Whatever our racial origins, the people of America are connected by many bridges. We Americans share one another's experiences of joy and celebration, of distress and anxieties. At this season of the year come the solemn and meaningful days of the Jewish calendar which bear a message of repentance and atonement for all mankind. May that spiritual renewal and resolution for the achievement of good permeate the hearts of all people."

He added that "here in America we have watched the establishment and the development of the modern State of Israel. This, too, is part of the miraculous history of the Jewish people. I look forward confidently to the progress of democracy in Israel, to the stabilization of her economy, and her growing contributions to the free world. I devoutly hope that there will develop a sound and lasting friendship particularly between her and the nations of that region - to the end that all may profit out of close trade, cultural and diplomatic relations. I have looked, and shall continue to look, with a sympathy to the efforts of the State of Israel to achieve objectives vital to world peace and important to the future and destiny of the oppressed of the Jewish people.

"There is growing an ever firmer friendship between America and Israel. It will be an enduring friendship based upon a common role and a mutual concern in the troubled world of our day. Basic to this friendship are the aspirations we share in common with all freedom-loving people, a devotion to freedom, not as a negative or static thing, but as a dynamic force for the betterment of mankind."

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