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## STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES POLICY OF IDENTIFYING JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Eight national Jewish agencies issued a statement today announcing receipt of assurances from the State Department that "existing State Department policy does not require questioning of applicants for visas as to whether they are Jewish" and that "where consular officials inquire if applicants are Jewish, they do so without authority and in violation of State Department policy."

The State Department has asked, according to the statement, "that all such violations which come to our attention be called to the attention of the department so that they may be promptly corrected."

The statement was based on a communication from Herve J. L'Heureux, chief of the Visa Division, who said that application forms under the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act will not contain a list of races and ethnic classifications, and that it will be left to each individual applicant to state what he considers to be his race and ethnic classification in the blank space provided for that purpose.

(Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, in a letter yesterday to Secretary of State Dean Acheson, warned that aliens failing to provide an "ethnic classification" satisfactory to consular authorities "may be arbitrarily denied visas under the new act.")

## Groups to Confer on New Procedures

The eight organizations - the American Jewish Congress, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, National Council of Jewish Women, United Service for New Americans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Community Relations Advisory Council - announced that a committee representing them would "confer with appropriate government officials to insure that the new regulations and instructions now being drafted will in no way require applicants to give information which may facilitate religious discrimination."

In his letter, Mr. L'Heureux denied that his division had issued instructions requiring consuls "to ascertain whether or not visa applicants are of 'Jewish' or 'Hebrew' origin" and declared that under current instructions "no alien is to be asked whether he belongs to any particular race." It is, he said, up to each alien to "state in his visa application the race to which he considers himself to belong."

No instructions have been sent to the Foreign Service concerning race and ethnic classifications under the Immigration and Nationality Act, and none are contemplated "until after the lists being prepared by the Bureau of the Budget Sub-committee have been approved by the Immigration Sub-committee of Congress," he declared.

## TRUMAN CALLS FOR FIGHT AGAINST MCCARRAN ACT INEQUITIES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- President Truman told the National Conference on Citizenship today that he considers the McCarran Walter Omnibus Immigration Act "unfair" in some respects "and, in others, inadequate to meet the problems our country faces today."

He asked delegates to the conference and the organizations they represent to do all they could to help his new commission on immigration and naturalization "in the important work it is undertaking." Mr. Truman said that "we expect our citizens to put aside these old nationalistic or racial feuds. They have no place here. We welcome you not to a narrow nationalism but to a great community based on a set of universal truths."

"We believe that all men have the same rights," the President said, "and that these rights must be respected. We ask you to join with us in working to put into effect our basic ideals of tolerance and friendship and equality."

### Commission Sets Hearings Throughout Country

Philip B. Perlman, chairman of the president's new Commission on Immigration and Naturalization, announced today following a meeting with Mr. Truman at the White House, that hearings will be held by the commission throughout the country to look into what the President described as "the inequities fostered by the new law."

Mr. Truman assured members of the commission, which held its first meeting yesterday, of his deep interest. He expressed hope for a report including recommendations which would prove of value. The entire commission met with Mr. Truman this afternoon and plans for the commission's "whistle stop" undertaking, among other questions, were discussed.

Hearings will be conducted by the commission in New York City beginning Sept. 30 and will continue through Oct. 1. Other hearings include Boston, Oct. 2; Cleveland, Oct. 6; Detroit, Oct. 7; Chicago, Oct. 8 and 9; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Oct. 10; St. Louis, Oct. 11; San Francisco, Oct. 14; Los Angeles, Oct. 15, and Atlanta, Oct. 17. Hearings will be held later in Washington.

Organizations wishing to submit testimony have been asked to communicate with Harry Rosenfield, executive director of the commission. The commission will report its findings to the President before Jan. 1, 1953.

(The new commission "will accomplish little more than meet, study the immigration problem, issue a lengthy report and then cease to exist, without any Congressional action being taken on its recommendations," the New York World-Telegram said today in a Washington dispatch. The dispatch cited the failure of previous Truman commissions, notably the Commission on Civil Rights, to accomplish legislative ends and said that "at this stage, there is little indication that the commission's efforts will lead to any substantial change in the McCarran Act.")

### SINGER GIGLI AND DAUGHTER AID ROME JEWISH ORPHANS

ROME, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Beniamino Gigli, world-famed tenor, and his daughter, Rina Gigli, a soprano, gave a concert here in the Basilica di Massenzio for the benefit of the Rome Jewish Orphanage. Sig. Gigli also made a substantial contribution to the funds of the home. Vice Mayor Giovanni Andreoli of Rome attended the affair.

### ISRAEL'S BRITISH OIL PURCHASES TO REACH 35 MILLION DOLLARS

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The State of Israel will make oil purchases from the Royal Dutch Shell group here to the extent of 12,500,000 pounds (\$35,000,000) during the next 18 months, the financial editor of the London Evening Standard reported today.

Payment will be made from West Germany's sterling credits held in the European Payment Union, he declared, under provisions in the German-Israel reparations pact calling for provision of sterling credits for this purpose.

Israel's monthly oil expenditures here are estimated at between 700,000 and 800,000 pounds sterling. Israel has already received assignment of credits from Germany for its first oil purchases under the agreement.

### Poles Denounce German-Israel Reparations Facts

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The German reparations agreements were denounced today in Yiddish-language broadcasts from Warsaw as "shameful negotiations for reparations between the Ben Gurion Government, a reactionary clique which calls itself the World Jewish Congress, and the neo-Nazi government of Bonn." The Communist commentator said that the Germans had no intentions of ever paying these reparations.

### CZECHS REPLY TO ISRAEL NOTE ON OREN CASE; REPLY "UNSATISFACTORY"

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry yesterday received a memorandum from the Czechoslovak Government replying to a note handed Prague officials last June 11th, concerning the arrest of Mordechai Oren, Israeli Mapam leader, in Czechoslovakia last year.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman today announced that the Israel Government considered the Czechoslovak reply "unsatisfactory" and would continue its activities in the Oren case.

Oren was arrested in Prague where he went after a visit to East Berlin as a delegate of his party to a Communist-sponsored peace meeting. It was several months before the Prague authorities admitted his arrest on charges of "anti-state activities."

### PROPOSES 'REMEMBRANCE DAY' FOR JEWS OF GERMANY

BERLIN, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Special services commemorating the victims of the Nazi regime will be held in Berlin's synagogues next Sunday. Meanwhile, Heinz Gallnski, chairman of the Berlin Jewish community, has proposed the establishment of a "remembrance day" for the Jewish victims which could be observed nationally.

The "peace with Israel campaign" has transmitted 30,000 deutschmarks which it raised throughout Germany to the Jewish National Fund. The first grant made by the "campaign" was of 10,000 marks to the Jewish Welfare Board of Germany.

### GERMAN STATE HONORS JEWISH LAWYER FOR ANTI-NAZISM

STUTTGART, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Benno Ostertag, a Jewish lawyer of this city, has been awarded the Order of the Grand German Service Cross on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The award was made by the provincial government of Wuerttemberg-Baden for the risks Dr. Ostertag ran in fighting for the interests of the Jewish citizens of Stuttgart during the Nazi regime.

ISRAEL'S GREA TEST SHORTAGE IS IN SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Israel's greatest shortage today is in scientific personnel, Dr. Joseph Gillis, Academic Secretary of the Weizmann Institute, told a meeting here sponsored by the Jewish Agency's personnel recruitment department.

Dr. Gillis estimated that Israel had one trained scientist to every 2,500 inhabitants, as compared to one for every 800 in Britain and an even higher proportion in the United States. He reported that there was a need for highly skilled and trained physicists, electronics experts and research experts in marketing and efficiency studies.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The State Department announced that Israel had become a member of the international convention for safety of life at sea.

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Barclay's Bank reported in its economic review that a Waterman fountain pen factory would be established in Tel Aviv within six months.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Zim, Israel merchant marine enterprise, announced a net profit of 181,000 pounds for 1951. Its report noted that Israel's merchant fleet had benefitted from the general upswing in the maritime trade, despite the loss of immigrant traffic.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, has ended its two-year boycott of the Socialist International. It walked out of the organization two years ago in protest against admission of the German Social Democrats.

ROME, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The publication "Fisherman's Journal" currently reports that numbers of Italian fishermen are to settle in Israel to engage in fishing there. A group of fishermen from Venice is to leave soon for Haifa and will settle along the coast with the aid of the Israel Government, the journal said. A second group will follow from Sardinia.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A survey team reported today the discovery of sweet water in a portion of the Southern Negev previously considered to be waterless. The find is regarded here as most important for the future development and settlement of Israel's arid region.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A special "miners' town" for workers in the new mines in the Negev and at the potash works on the Dead Sea, will be erected near S'dom next spring, it was announced here today. The first section of the town, which is located some 30 miles from Beersheba, will contain 300 housing units.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Amos Kinan and Shaltiel Ben Yair, who were charged with placing a bomb outside the home of the late Minister of Communications, David Z. Pinkas, have been freed by the Tel Aviv District Court because of lack of evidence.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Latin American Jewish leaders, meeting here with representatives of the Israel bond organization, have agreed on plans for expanding the Israel bond drive in Latin America, it was announced today.

ACTING PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL GREETES JEWS OF WORLD ON ROSH HASHANAH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A Rosh Hashanah message to the Jews of Israel and of the entire world, summing up the achievements of the Jewish State in the year 5712 and expressing hopes for peace and progress in 5713, was issued here today by Joseph Sprinzak, acting President of Israel, in behalf of President Weizmann and himself.

"We have again this year made further sure advances towards the consolidation of our democratic state, in the discovery and development of its latent resources and in settling in the Jewish homeland large numbers of immigrants," Mr. Sprinzak declared. He stressed Israel's hopes for peace in its area and for the entire world, adding that "today, as in the past, our hand is still extended in peace to our neighbors."

To Jews abroad, the Acting President said: "From Zion we send greetings to our Jewish brethren wherever they may be. May they derive comfort and encouragement in the existence of the State of Israel. May the hands of all those who help in the upbuilding of the State from afar, and those who desire to become part of it, be strengthened."

Holiday Message of World Zionist Executive

The World Zionist Executive, in its holiday message, stated that in the past year "our liberated country has revealed its store of blessings and our young state has carried the burden of growth and consolidation with courage and steadfastness. It has guarded its security despite the dangers that have lurked on every side, and has endeavored to maintain and improve its legislative and administrative instruments."

After summing up the achievements of the Jewish State in the past year, the Zionist Executive warned: "But the road facing us is still long and is not yet paved. The peace of the world is still in the balance. Our state has not yet established peaceful relations with the neighboring countries. There are still many thousands of immigrants who have not yet secured a roof or succeeded in taking root. Our country is still struggling hard for economic independence, and social rifts continue deep and threatening."

In its prayers for the New Year, the Zionist Executive said: "May the coming year bring the movement nearer to the achievement of its aspiration: to stand at the head of the entire people yearning for life and creativeness; to guide it through the vast changes now taking place in its history; to educate the young generation to have their roots in the heritage of their fathers and to gird themselves to secure their future; to strengthen the consciousness of national unity among the masses; to increase the immigration potential from all parts of the Diaspora, and to weld a Zionist organization which embraces all parties and institutions into a fortress of strength for the young state."

In a special order of the day for Rosh Hashanah, Israel Army Chief of Staff Gen. Yigal Yadin reminded Israeli servicemen and women that their intensive training last year had helped in shaping the Army's various units and improving their calibre to the high point demonstrated in the recent maneuvers. He also extended greetings to the sick and wounded in the Army and urged the troops to remember the heroes who died in the war of liberation.

150,000 U.S. JEWISH SERVICEMEN TO ATTEND ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Jewish seamen and marines participating in NATO exercises in the North Sea and in the U.S. Marine Corps' operation in the Caribbean Sea will be among the 150,000 Jews in the U.S. Armed Forces who will assemble for Rosh Hashanah services conducted by Jewish chaplains on four continents this Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday. Services on shipboard and in the 600 camps, hospitals and veterans institutions in the U.S. and in many countries throughout the world were arranged by the National Jewish Welfare Board, through its Armed Services Committee.

In New York, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society will conduct two sets of services--one at the synagogue at the HIAS shelter for several hundred recent immigrants including some temporary residents at the shelter, and the other on Ellis Island where a number of Jewish immigrants are being held pending completion of government formalities.

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York has made arrangements for High Holiday services in hospitals, community centers, homes for the aged and other welfare institutions affiliated with the Federation. It will also provide service for Jewish inmates of prisons and jails and for children in child care institutions. More than 500 deaf persons from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, upper New York State and New York City are expected to attend two lip-reading and sign language services sponsored by the Federation-affiliated Jewish Society for the Deaf.

Vice President Alben W. Barkley and Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman will head a long list of American notables who will visit synagogues during Rosh Hashanah in behalf of the Israel bond drive. In New York over 100 synagogues plan to promote bond sales during the holidays.

Some 650 Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative synagogues in the metropolitan New York area have scheduled appeals from their pulpits for support of the United Jewish Appeal during the holidays. The New York U.J.A. has received a cable from Israeli Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog appealing to New York Jews to increase their support of the U.J.A.

The Zionist Organization of America plans to hold rallies in its 800 districts throughout the country during the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur rededicating its membership to a program of economic and cultural aid to Israel and to strengthening the organization.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY OPENS FIFTH ACADEMIC YEAR

WALTHAM, Mass., Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Brandeis University opened its fifth academic year yesterday with the largest enrollment in its history. The student body numbers 750 including a freshman class of 281. Eighteen new teachers raise the faculty to 87.

ISRAEL FEINBERG, LABOR LEADER, DIES IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Israel Feinberg, a pioneer in the Jewish labor movement and vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, died here last night at the age of 66, after having been in ill-health for many months.

A native of Russia, Mr. Feinberg won distinction by organizing Jewish tailors in England before emigrating to the United States in 1912. He was associated with the New York Joint Cloak Board for 40 years and had served as its general manager until early this year. He negotiated what was described as the first trade union retirement fund obtained through collective bargaining.

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