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U. N. ASSEMBLY OPENS TODAY; WILL DISCUSS ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly opens its seventh regular session here tomorrow with the Arab-Israel issue as one of the question on the agenda and with the possibility that Israel may be elected to a vice-presidency of the Assembly.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, permanent head of the Israel delegation at the United Nations, returned to the United States today after visiting Tel Aviv where he consulted with top government leaders on major issues which will arise at the U. N. General Assembly. It is expected that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett may come to the United States in November to participate in some of the deliberations of the Assembly.

Originally, the Arab-Israel issue was not included on the agenda prepared for the Assembly. However, at the last moment, just before expiration of the 30-day deadline for submitting items, the six Arab states represented at the U. N. asked that the question of the "Conciliation Commission for Palestine and its work in the light of the resolution of the United Nations" be discussed at the Assembly. Ambassador Eban then requested that the violations by the Arab states of the armistice agreements concluded with Israel be taken up.

American Ambassador Ernest Gross, one of the U. S. delegates at the United Nations, indicated to correspondents here that the U. S. Government will make every effort possible to bring about an Arab-Israel peace. He lauded Israel's decision to unfreeze Arab blocked accounts in Israel and said that the step greatly encourages the U. N. Palestine Conciliation Committee in its work of bringing the Arabs and Israel closer to an agreement.

ISRAEL NAMES BODY TO EFFECT REPARATIONS PACT WITH GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today named a special Ministerial committee to carry out the Israeli share in the German reparations program as well as to assume the management of the "purchasing company" which will handle the procurement of supplies in Germany under the terms of the reparations payments.

The company will be headed by Dr. George Josephthal, one of the leaders of the Israel delegation to the reparations negotiations at The Hague. Its European director will be Dr. F. Shinnar, Foreign Ministry advisor, while the director of its Israel office will be Hillel Dan, an official of Sotel Boneh, the Histadrut construction co-operative. It is planned to establish the European director's office in Cologne and the Israel director's in Jerusalem. The names of the members of the public advisory commission to the purchasing company and the experts to plan its purchases will be announced later.

ISRAELI ARABS CAUGHT CONDUCTING ILLEGAL MILITARY EXERCISES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- A party of 49 Israeli Arabs caught participating in military exercises this week-end were today remanded to jail for eight days by a magistrate in Acre.

The 49 were arrested by an Israeli military police patrol, whose leader testified in court that when the Arabs spied the patrol they attempted to hide. The police apparently spent several days watching the party, which includes men and boys ranging in age from 14 to 40, before arresting the Arabs.

In court today, the defendants' attorney pleaded that they were all scouts and were engaging in an activity permitted under regulations issued by the Israeli military governor.

BEN GURION DISCUSSES MIZRACHI PARTICIPATION IN ISRAEL CABINET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today had a "personal" talk with Rabbi Mordecai Nurock, Mizrahi leader, on the Mizrahi's participation in the Cabinet and on the appointment of a successor to David Zvi Pinkas, the late Mizrahi Minister of Communications.

During the discussion, Mr. Ben Gurion said that the religious party is not entitled to a ministerial post on the basis of size--it has only two deputies in the Knesset--but that it is desirable to give the party a seat on the Cabinet because of its past contributions to the Zionist movement and the state. He also hinted that he would prefer that the Mizrahi Minister be Dr. Nurock, but this must be decided by the Mizrahi central committee.

The Mizrahi organization has asked for the Ministry of Communications to restore the status quo which existed before Pinkas' death, but there seems to be little likelihood of this. The Mizrahi refuses to accept the Welfare Ministry because it wants to leave the door open for the return of the Agudah parties, which held that post before walking out of the Cabinet. The only other post of interest for the Mizrahi is the Ministry of Religion, but that is held by Poale Mizrahi leader Moshe Shapiro, who is unlikely to surrender it.

Meanwhile, the Premier is scheduled to meet with Progressive Party leaders tomorrow. The party's political committee will decide whether or not to join the Cabinet after hearing a report Wednesday of the results of the meeting tomorrow between Ben Gurion and its leaders.

ISRAEL'S FUTURE LIES IN RENEWED MASS IMMIGRATION, LEADER SAYS

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- "Israel's future lies in renewed large mass immigration," Mayor Oved Ben-Ami of Nathanya declared at a press conference here today. He stressed the urgent need for the absorption of recent newcomers and pointed out that the full utilization of the manpower and skills of the immigrants will increase Israel's productivity and enable the state to expand its export trade.

The Israel mayor, who arrived here to begin a five-week tour of 25 major American cities in connection with the United Jewish Appeal's current emergency effort to raise \$35,000,000 in cash, said that 50 percent of the immigrants who came to Israel since 1948 have been absorbed "in suitable housing, in agricultural settlements, cities and towns and industries." He disclosed, however, that there are still 250,000 men, women and children living in camps, barracks, tents and temporary shelters. "Israel cannot afford to leave these people in this condition indefinitely," he stated.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT ORGAN DEFENDS RECENT NAZI AMNESTY LAWS

VIENNA, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- An indication that the Austrian Government has not dropped its intention of pushing Nazi amnesty legislation through the Allied Council was given today by the "Wiener Zeitung," official newspaper of the Austrian Government, which defended government espousal of the legislation as justified.

It advanced the following reasons for adoption of the legislation: 1. That there is no official Nazi movement remaining in Austria and that there is no tendency in Austria toward neo-Nazi activity; 2. That Parliament in voting for the legislation expressed the will of the Austrian people; 3. That the policy expressed in the laws is in general accord with the international trend toward "moderation and peace."

On the other hand, "Der Geistig Schaffende," organ of the Catholic People's Party, largest in the government coalition, publishes an article complaining that under the amnesty legislation, which was vetoed once by the Allied Council, the victims of the Nazis will be forced to fight for equal rights with former Nazi members.

The publication charges that former members of the Austrian civil service ousted by the Nazis who have been restored to government jobs suffered loss of rank, being given the position they would have held by 1945. The Nazi members of the civil service, the article underlines, have continued to achieve promotions based on seniority and have actually moved far ahead of their victims.

BRITISH MUSICIANS REJECT FUND WITH ANTI-JEWISH CONDITIONS

LONDON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The Royal Society of Musicians has turned down participation in a pension fund for indigent professional musicians because the donor specified that such aid could not be given to Jewish musicians, it was learned here today.

The fund of 22,000 pounds (\$61,600) was contributed by the estate of the late John Archibald to the Agnes Baker Fund for Musicians. Although the Royal Society refused to participate in the fund because its prohibition against Jews violated the society's constitution, the London Orchestral Sick Fund has appointed three trustees to administer the fund. Some of the London group's members have expressed opposition to the move.

AMSTERDAM PLANS TO DEMOLISH ANCIENT JEWISH SECTION OF CITY

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Modern-day bulldozers and steamrollers may soon demolish much of an ancient quarter of this city which dates back nearly three centuries and where until seventy-five years ago practically the entire Jewish population of Amsterdam lived, if plans proposed by the city fathers are approved.

In its place will rise a new, replanned community. But in the midst of the projected 20th century surroundings the house where the great artist Rembrandt lived and painted will remain untouched. Although city officials have agreed to preserve the Rembrandt house, there has been no decision on the preservation of two early 18th century synagogues whose future has been a bone of contention between the city and the Jewish community for many years.

AGENT OF GERMAN NEO-NAZI PARTY ACTIVE IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The existence in the United States of an agent working for the Socialist Reich Party, a Nazi-line political group in Germany, was discovered today following a statement issued yesterday by the American Jewish Committee charging that the Socialist Reich Party has not disbanded as party officials announced last month.

The American representative of this party, it was established by the A. J. C., is Harold Keith Thompson Jr., 30, an American-born Yale graduate and a Navy veteran. He has registered with the Department of Justice as American agent for the neo-Nazi group, which is considered the post-war successor of Hitler's Nazi Party. He has not notified the government agency that the party which he represents was supposed to have disbanded.

In a statement to the press Mr. Thompson "explained" that since the reported dissolution of the party he has been unable to communicate with its leaders, Dr. Fritz Doris, member of the West German Parliament and a former Nazi, and Maj. Gen. Otto Ernst Remer, who smashed the 1944 plot against Hitler in Berlin. "I believe they are in custody," Mr. Thompson said. "I certainly do not propose to desert these gentlemen. I admire the fight they have made for civil liberties."

The agent of the Neo-Nazi group revealed he has informed the American Government that he proposes to continue his work and would like to know whether he must register as agent for any other foreign group. He described the conviction and imprisonment of Hitler's leaders as illegal and immoral, and added that if Hitler were alive and in prison "I would work for his freedom, too."

Mr. Thompson said he knew of no evidence of the existence in Hitler Germany of crematoria or of the mass killing of Jews, Poles or others. "I concede there may have been excesses, as there always are in wartime, but those excesses were brought about by the treasonable activities of Jewish groups against the German state," he said. "Hitler's program was an expression of the justness of Germany's desire for its full sovereignty and the realization of its historical claims for territories which had been taken away."

LEADING U. S. SCIENTISTS ASSAIL MCCARRAN IMMIGRATION ACT

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Leading American scientists, including Dr. Albert Einstein and four other Nobel Prize winners, have bitterly criticized the McCarran Immigration and Internal Security Acts, as well as the visa policy of the State Department.

The scientists published their protests in the October issue of "The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists," which appeared today. In an editorial it points out that "through the two McCarran Acts--the Security Act of 1950, and the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952--and their excessively rigid, indiscriminate application by the State Department, the United States Government and the American people are undoing with one hand what they are so laboriously and expensively accomplishing with the other."

Revealing that 26 famous scientists were denied visas to either attend scientific meetings in the United States or to accept teaching posts in this country, the scientists condemned the two McCarran Acts for stifling scientific and intellectual freedom. The other four Nobel Prize winners who assailed the McCarran restrictions are: Dr. Arthur H. Compton, chancellor of Washington University; Dr. Harold C. Urey and Dr. James Franck, both of the University of Chicago; and Dr. William P. Murphy, a physician, who won his prize in medicine.

JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS SUPREME COURT TO OUTLAW RACIAL SEGREGATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today received a request from the American Jewish Congress that it outlaw racial segregation in all public schools throughout the country.

The Jewish organization's brief attacked the doctrine, upheld in decisions since 1896, that such segregation does not necessarily violate the Constitution so long as separate facilities for Negroes and whites are substantially equal.

The brief was filed in connection with a Kansas case challenging constitutionality of the system in elementary school grades in Topeka. The Supreme Court had planned this week to hear arguments on the Kansas case as well as similar ones in Virginia and South Carolina. It postponed arguments until the week of December 8 and it indicated it would hear a District of Columbia test case at the same time.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE FRATERNITY TO PLEDGE JEW DESPITE CHARTER BAN

BOSTON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The Williams College chapter of Phi Delta Theta has announced its intention of pledging a Jewish student despite a clause in the national fraternity's constitution banning Jews as members, it was revealed this week-end by the William College Record, undergraduate newspaper.

The student paper quoted officials of the chapter as stating that they intend to "fight for what is right" and as reporting that letters explaining the chapter's opposition to the restrictive clause in the constitution were being sent to every Williams College alumnus of the fraternity. The national fraternity tried unsuccessfully last summer to change the national constitution to eliminate the ban on Jews.

REP. CELLER ELECTED HEAD OF AMERICAN RED MOGEN DOVID

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the American Red Mogen Dovid for Israel, the organization announced today. Congressman Celler held the same post in 1948 when Israel was fighting against seven invading Arab armies.

Rep. Celler called on Americans of "every race and religion" to help the Red Mogen Dovid in its program of dealing with Israel's medical emergency, and pledged to do his utmost to secure recognition of the organization by the International Red Cross, which last July ignored the latest Red Mogen Dovid bid for membership because the organization refused to give up the Star of David as its symbol.

SO. AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER TO STUDY AMERICAN COMMUNITY PATTERNS

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Gustav Saron, general secretary of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, left for New York today to study the activities of American Jewish organizations. He intends to remain in the United States for about three months during which he will visit various communities and Jewish centers for the purpose of surveying their work, budgeting techniques and organizational patterns with the object of seeing how South African Jewry could adapt the patterns and methods in use in the United States.

PAINTING BY ISRAELI ARTIST PRESENTED TO MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR

BOSTON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- A committee of prominent American Jewish leaders this week-end presented Massachusetts Gov. Paul A. Dever with a scene of Israel painted by Miron Sima, Israeli artist. The presentation was made in connection with the forthcoming celebration of the 3,000th anniversary of the city of Jerusalem. Fred Monosson and Mark Bortman were among the delegation members.