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JEWISH GROUPS LAUD REPORT OF TRUMAN'S COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Six major national Jewish organizations, joined by 28 local Jewish councils throughout the country, hailed the major recommendations in the report of the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization as "a splendid formulation of the principles on which a genuinely American immigration policy should rest."

They expressed gratification that the Commission's recommendations incorporated concepts advocated by spokesmen for the three major religious faiths as well as by labor and civic organizations. Quoting the Commission report, the Jewish groups said that the U.S. immigration law "should be completely rewritten." They called attention to a statement by President-elect Eisenhower, during the presidential campaign, in which he also declared that the law should be rewritten, and said that the recommendations of the Commission seemed to accord with Mr. Eisenhower's views.

National organizations subscribing to the statement include the American Jewish Congress, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., the Synagogue Council of America and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The Synagogue Council is the coordinating agency for the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform wings of American Judaism. The statement was released by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body in the Jewish community relations field.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, issued an additional statement on behalf of his organization declaring that the Commission's findings "confirm our reading of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act as a noxious mixture of racism, fear and plain ignorance." The report, he said, "clears away the obfuscations behind which the proponents of the McCarran-Walter Act have sought to conceal and disguise their motives."

American Jewish Committee, A. D. L. Welcome Recommendations

The American Jewish Committee, in a statement, declared: "The spirit of the report of the President's Commission marks a welcome return to sanity in American immigration policy. In particular, the A. J. C. welcomes the recommendations of the Commission that the discriminatory and outmoded national origins quota system be abolished and replaced by a unified quota system. The Commission is to be congratulated for exhibiting a wisdom and tolerance in the true tradition of America."

The Anti-Defamation League, hailing the report, stated: "While this report will be placed before the Congress for legislative action by President Truman, it is the incoming Republican administration and Congress which will have the final decision to make. We are confident that the decision will be in line with the principles laid down by the report."

ISRAEL APPEALS TO WESTERN POWERS AGAINST ARMING ARABS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Western Powers, by supplying arms to the Arab states, are "inevitably" forcing Israel into a ruinous arms race which is a threat to peace, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman declared here yesterday. This charge was made in reply to a British Foreign Office statement insisting on Britain's right to supply the Arab states and Israel with jet planes and other armaments.

The Israeli spokesman, who pointed out that the Western Powers are specifically pledged to prevent an arms race, in the tripartite declaration of May 1951, demanded that these powers suspend arms deliveries to the Arab states until the latter change their hostile attitude toward the Jewish State. If arms must be supplied to states in the Middle East, he added, they should be provided on the realistic basis that the Arab states are all allied against Israel. He also questioned whether the delivery of arms to the Arabs was a "safe investment."

Since the Western Powers deny Egypt's claims to belligerency against Israel, they must either prevail upon Egypt to give up that status or must "draw the logical conclusions" from the situation and hold back arms, the Israeli spokesman continued. The present situation is "paradoxical," he asserted, since the Arabs refuse to make peace with Israel or to shoulder responsibility for regional defense and yet the West is supplying them with weapons. These arms are intended for use against Israel, not for regional defense, the spokesman charged, and they represent a threat to her security and to world peace.

Turning to the specific British statement on arms for the Arabs, the spokesman rejected the British explanation that weapons were being supplied to Egypt under an Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1935. Firstly, the Israeli spokesman stressed, the Egyptians have denounced the treaty; secondly, the British themselves cut off the supply of arms to Egypt last year during the Anglo-Egyptian crisis, when delivery was not to Britain's interests. This proved that Britain feels that it need not supply arms under treaties where considerations of peace and stability make such deliveries inadvisable, he said.

The spokesman also pointed out that while Britain has agreements to supply arms with Egypt, Jordan and Iraq, it has no such pacts with Syria and Lebanon, but the latter states are reported to have received jet planes from Britain.

British Zionists Urge Britain to Halt Delivery of Arms

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The British Zionist Federation today called on the British Government to "arrest the arms race in the Middle East" by halting the delivery of jet planes and other heavy arms to the Arab states. At the same time, the Zionists, in a statement issued by the honorary officers of the federation, thanked the British delegation at the United Nations for supporting a U. N. resolution which would have appealed to Israel and the Arab states to enter into direct peace negotiations.

The Zionist statement underlined the fact that the weapons supplied the Arab states could more easily be put to use in aggression against Israel than in regional defense. It pointed up the fact that the Arabs have not forsaken their hostility toward the Jewish state, nor have they espoused the cause of democracy in the Middle East. An arms race in the Middle East would endanger Israel's economic progress and would constitute a threat to regional and world peace, it added.

U.S. ZIONISTS PROTEST TO STATE DEPT. ON SENDING ARMS TO ARAB

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council has sharply protested against contemplated arms shipments to Egypt and other Arab states by the United States and the United Kingdom. In a letter to Secretary of State Dean Acheson made public today, Louis Lipsky, Council chairman, urged that no arms be sent to Egypt until the Naguib regime had given an undertaking that it is ready to abandon its blockade and war, enter into peace negotiations with Israel, and assume the obligations envisaged in the Mutual Security Act.

The Council pointed out that in recent weeks Arab hostility against Israel had mounted. It cited the Arab League's attempt to blackmail Western Germany into repudiating its reparations agreement with Israel, the extension of the Suez blockade under General Naguib's direction, and the bitter opposition of the Arab representatives during the United Nations debates on the proposal calling for direct Israel-Arab negotiations.

"They make no secret of their determination to bring their war against Israel ultimately to a successful conclusion, whether by bombs or by blockade," Mr. Lipsky wrote. "What guaranty is there that the Arab states, given renewed superiority in weapons, will not promptly renew their war? If our government, in conjunction with its two chief allies, has sufficient influence and authority to prevent such an outbreak, then why does it not use that influence to bring about the peace and regional cooperation which the Middle East so urgently needs?"

The Council stressed that the Arab states remain opportunistically neutral as between Communism and democracy, since "in their brief but revealing history the Arab states have taken their stand in international conflict on the side of the winner only after victory became certain. Those who are moved by expediency are immobilized by uncertainty."

Mr. Lipsky warned that the premature allocation of arms to the Arab states without any commitment on their part would prove to be the first of many wasted installment payments for a non-existent consideration. "On the other hand," he pointed out, "there is no doubt as to where Israel stands. We remain convinced that the purposes and principles of our Mutual Security Program will be faithfully implemented if Israel, a potential situation of strength, is made stronger. And we are equally convinced that that program will be undermined if Israel is relatively weakened and its hostile and undemocratic neighbors are strengthened."

MEAT FOR ISRAEL PASSES SUEZ CANAL UNMOLESTED BY EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1 (JTA) -- A consignment of 150 tons of frozen meat and 15,000 cans of meat today passed through the Suez Canal unmolested by the Egyptian authorities, it was announced here today.

The shipment was aboard the Norwegian freighter Rimfrost, the same vessel which in October when it attempted to carry a similar cargo to Haifa. At that time the Egyptians seized the cargo and released the vessel.

The Israelis have been pressing for international action to halt the Egyptian blockade since the seizure of the last meat cargo. They placed the Suez blockade on the recent United Nations General Assembly agenda, removing it only after a full-scale debate on the Palestine issue was held over a previous Arab-proffered agenda item. Since then, the Israelis have been seeking intervention through diplomatic channels.

PREMIER BEN GURION ASKS AMERICAN STUDENTS TO REMAIN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, appearing as an unexpected guest at a reception for 25 American theological students who are returning to the United States after completing a 30-day course of study, spent two hours yesterday in a give-and-take discussion with the students on various Israeli and world Jewish problems. The American students fired questions at him ranging from the position of Orthodox Jews in Israel to Israeli foreign affairs.

The Premier appealed to the students to remain in Israel, asserting that American Jewish youth had an "historic opportunity" in Israel at this time; an opportunity which would never be repeated. He said that they could help inculcate the Jewish spirit in new immigrants.

A party of 25 Hebrew teachers have arrived in Israel from Argentina. They will take intensive courses on Jewish and Israeli problems. The courses are offered by the Jewish Agency as part of its world-wide educational program.

SHARETT HEADS ISRAEL SOCIALIST DELEGATION TO BURMA PARLEY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A Mapai delegation left here this morning for Rangoon, Burma, to attend a conference of Asiatic Socialist parties, which opens January 15. Israel's Minister, Moshe Sharett, who will head the delegation, will leave during the week-end.

Before the departure of the delegation, one member, Reuben Barakat, said that Israel will raise the question of coordinating the activities of the continent's Socialist parties, particularly in peace activities. He said that the conference would be asked to work for peace in the Middle East.

ISRAEL'S CABINET WILL ENDURE UNTIL 1955, NEUMANN BELIEVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The belief that the present coalition government in Israel "will endure until the next parliamentary elections" scheduled for 1955 was expressed here yesterday at a press conference by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, upon his return from Israel. "I also believe that the national coalition will usher in a new era," he stated. "We may now expect a quickened pace, if not immediate relief, towards the rational solution of many of Israel's pressing problems."

"The people have become painfully aware of Israel's present dependence upon financial support from abroad and are anxious to move as swiftly as possible towards economic independence and self-sufficiency," Dr. Neumann reported. "They are pinning their hopes increasingly upon a large influx of private capital as permanent investment on a business basis and it is generally expected that the inclusion of liberal and conservative elements in the Government will strengthen the confidence of potential investors."

The large measure of unity achieved in Israel will, Dr. Neumann believes, also be reflected in the American Zionist movement and lead to more harmonious cooperation among the major Zionist groups in this country and within the Zionist Organization of America. "The situation calls for a cessation of interparty strife and a firmer coalition of American Zionist forces," he said. "I favor a strengthening of the American Zionist Council, representing all groups, and a broadening of its scope, provided this is done gradually and by stages and without any infringement of the autonomy of the existing organizations," he declared.

MASS DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM HUNGARIAN CITY REPORTED

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The wholesale deportation of Jews from Szeged, second largest city in Hungary, was reported here today by the London Daily Telegraph in a dispatch from Yugoslavia. Szeged is located just across the border from Yugoslavia.

The report says that Jews fit for work have been sent to slave labor camps in Russia where they "face slow mass extinction." The others are said to have been dispatched to concentration and labor camps in the eastern districts of Hungary, near Russia.

JEWISH COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES TO GET GERMAN COMPENSATION

FRANKFURT, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The provincial government of Baden-Wuerttemberg has approved a proposal that it should indemnify former Jewish officials and employees of Jewish communal institutions whose assets were seized by the Nazis. Payments will commence soon and will be maintained until Federal indemnification and compensation laws come into force.

The former synagogue of Orb, in southwest Germany, one of the few synagogues in Germany to survive the wave of vandalism and destruction that swept the country on Nov. 10, 1938, will be used as a Protestant church, it was made known here. It was the wish of the former Jewish community in Orb that the building be used for religious rather than commercial purposes.

Benno Martin, former Nazi police chief who was acquitted of complicity in the deportation of Bavarian Jews to death camps during the war, will stand trial again, it was announced here. This will be the third time that Martin will be tried on the same charges.

FIVE SYNAGOGUES DEFACED BY "TAR BOMBS" IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Five synagogues were defaced today by "tar bombs" scattered on their walls and doors by unidentified persons. The police immediately launched an investigation and stationed guards near all synagogues to prevent further attacks.

The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, in a statement on the attacks, pointed out that they violate the guarantees of the Argentine constitution prohibiting racial and religious discrimination. Di Yiddishe Zeitung, local Jewish newspaper, commented that such attacks have not occurred for a long time.

CONNECTICUT COLLEGES DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWISH APPLICANTS

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Jewish applicants for admission to college are "still" discriminated against in colleges in New England, outside of Connecticut, and in the Middle Atlantic states, the Connecticut Commission on Civil Rights has reported here on the basis of a preliminary study of college admissions practices.

Rabbi Morris Silverman of Hartford, commission chairman, said there was "no evidence of discrimination on the basis of race, religion or national origin against applicants from Connecticut high schools to any type of four-year college within Connecticut." The report said the study "indicates that Jewish applicants do not have equal opportunity for admission to colleges of their first choice outside the state." In 1949 a similar study had found "inequality" in admissions to Connecticut colleges and universities and also to outside institutions.

ISRAEL OFFERS LOWER PRICES TO AMERICAN TOURISTS IN 1953

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Improved facilities and lower prices are among the inducements offered to tourists visiting Israel in 1953, it was announced here today by Amos Iron, director of the State of Israel Tourist Center.

In a statement issued through the economic department of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Iron said: "Israel is looking forward to welcoming a record number of tourists during the coming year. As a result of the recently introduced reduction of the official tourist rate of exchange and the freezing of hotel rates until October 1953, the cost of traveling in Israel will compare favorably with that in European countries."

The over-all cost of a trip to Israel will be reduced still further by the introduction, as of April 1, 1953, of tourist rates for flights between Europe and Israel. As a result of these savings, an all-expense two-week visit to Israel, including transportation by air from New York, will become available for less than \$1,000, Mr. Iron pointed out. Discounts and other concessions are available to the tourist who purchases "Service for Tourists in Israel" letters of credit. These serve as both currency and ration coupons.

GOLDWASSER TO EXPLORE INVESTMENT PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- I. Edwin Goldwasser, noted Jewish communal leader and prominent financial authority, left for Israel to study investment possibilities there and to seek opportunities for large-scale private finance operations in the Jewish State.

Invited by the Israel Government, Mr. Goldwasser will meet in Israel with leaders of the government as well as with heads of private enterprises. Mr. Goldwasser, who is treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal and a leading figure in the Joint Distribution Committee and in the Israel bond drive, said prior to his departure that he looks upon this invitation "not only as a great compliment but as a call to probably the most important duty that can be laid upon any Jew at possibly the most important stage in the economic development of the State of Israel."

MRS. ROOSEVELT RECEIVES GIFT FROM CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Moshe Kol, Jewish Agency member and Youth Aliyah director, has presented Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt with an album prepared by the children of Israel and the Youth Aliyah as a gift for her. Mrs. Roosevelt is a world patron of the Israeli youth movement.

Mr. Kol, who was a luncheon guest of Mrs. Roosevelt, informed her that Youth Aliyah has brought 60,000 children and youth from 70 different countries to Israel. It currently is responsible for some 13,500 children and youth and is expanding its program to accommodate an additional 500 each month. Major support for the program is provided by the Hadassah.

RABBI MURDERED IN BOSTON; BEATEN AND ROBBED IN PARK

BOSTON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Jacob Zuber, 54-year-old assistant rabbi at Congregation Beth Hamidrash Hagodol in Roxbury, died here this morning from a beating suffered last night when he was robbed in a park near his home. The police are seeking his murderers. Rabbi Zuber came to this country five years ago from Sweden, where he lived for 17 years.