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JEWISH AGENCY OPENS PLENARY SESSION; HEARS REPORT ON UJA CAMPAIGN

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- The plenary session of the Jewish Agency opened here today under the chairmanship of Berl Locker, Jerusalem chairman of the Agency's executive, who welcomed the American members of the executive as well as a number of American Jewish leaders who were invited to participate in the session.

The opening session was devoted to a review on the work of the United Jewish Appeal in America presented by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, UJA executive vice-chairman. Dr. Schwartz reported that despite certain doubts, the UJA campaign will raise about seven percent more this year than last year.

Dr. Schwartz predicted that the UJA will collect about \$75,000,000 this year, of which the Jewish Agency and the Malben work sponsored by the Joint Distribution Committee in Israel will receive \$60,000,000. Dr. Schwartz said that all those active in the UJA campaign are interested in establishing normal relations between American Jewry and those enterprises which are jointly working for Israel.

The opening session also discussed a financial report submitted by Dr. G. Josephstal, treasurer of the Agency's executive. Discussion on this report coincided with a statement made at a press conference today by Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol in which he revealed that Israel's balance for 1952-53 shows a surplus of 24,000 pounds of income over expenditure.

"Vigorously we entered into the struggle for our economic independence and now we are marching forward to our economic consolidation," Mr. Eshkol said. Summing up Israel's balances for the five years since the establishment of the state, the Finance Minister stated that the total deficit for the above period amounts to 636,000 pounds. The deficit, he said, reached a peak of 7,000,000 pounds which, however, was covered by surplus from previous years as well as from income during the current years.

TWO-HOUR "WARNING STRIKE" OF CIVIL SERVANTS BREAKS OUT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- A two-hour "warning strike" of civil servants broke out this morning throughout the country in protest against irregular payment of salaries. A similar strike broke out simultaneously at the Haifa port paralyzing for two hours the work of customs officials as well as regular work in the harbor.

The strike was unauthorized by the Civil Servants Association. Dr. Shlomo Joseph Burg, Minister of Posts, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He said he was informed to this effect by the Association. He expects the Association to take steps to punish those responsible for the interruption of the work. The central committee of the Histadruth, Israel's Federation of Labor, similarly refused to authorize the strike.

ISRAEL MINISTER REGRETS DUMPING OF 200 TONS OF TOMATOES

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- Israel's Minister of Agriculture, Peretz Naphtali, today expressed regret in Parliament over the fact that Israeli growers have dumped 200 tons of tomatoes rather than accept low prices for them from cannery tomatoes.

While promising to prevent such occurrences, the Minister said he did not consider the event as "shattering Israel's political and economic structure." The Minister made his statement in reply to an interpellation as to why the tomatoes were dumped at a time when the country needs vegetables so badly. The dumping of the tomatoes took place near Haifa and ended when the Marketers Equalization Fund reached an agreement with the growers under which tomatoes will henceforth be sold to canneries at 65 Israel pounds per ton.

FIRST OIL BORING STARTED IN ISRAEL BY CANADIAN COMPANY

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- Oil boring, the first to be started in Israel, was begun today in the Negev by the Continental Oil Company of Canada. Two directors of the company arrived to supervise the operation.

The ceremony was blessed by Chief Rabbi Dr. Herzog. "There should be no accidents in the work, no casualties among the workers and the boring should be successful," the Chief Rabbi said.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT URGED TO SELL GERMAN EQUIPMENT ON CREDIT

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- The sale on credit to Israel firms of industrial equipment and industrial raw material imported by the Israel Government as part of the German reparations was recommended today by the Economic Advisory Council here.

The Council took the stand that since the government does not intend to print more money, the shortage of means of payment will hinder industrial production and must be met by expanding credit. However, under the present conditions, the Israel banks have almost reached the limits of the credit they are able to provide, the Council pointed out.

The Economic Advisory Council also decided to call the government's urgent attention to the vital need for additional capital in industry, implementation of items in the Development Budget dealing with industry, and the necessity to prevent the growth of a "black market" in credits.

ARABS IRKED OVER NEHRU'S STATEMENT ON INDIA'S STAND ON ISRAEL

LONDON, July 1. (JTA) -- An announcement that India will definitely not withdraw its recognition from Israel, today drew severe criticism by leaders of the Arab League in Cairo who declared that "the Arab feelings have been badly hurt by this statement." The statement was made by Premier Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru of India.

A report from Cairo received here quoted Ahmed Shukairy, Assistant Secretary of the Arab League, as expressing "regret" that Israel is still permitted to continue its existence. He said he hoped that "the renaissance which began in Arab countries would make possible in the near future the return of Palestine to its rightful owners."

"BIG THREE" FOREIGN MINISTERS PARLEY TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, July 1. (JTA) -- Problems involving Israel and the Arab states in connection with the arming of the Middle East against Communism will be discussed at the forthcoming "Big Three" Foreign Ministers conference about July 10, it is expected here.

JEWISH EXPERTS COMPLETE PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS TO AUSTRIA

VIENNA, July 1. (JTA) -- Jewish experts conferring with Austrian officials on Jewish claims against Austria today practically completed their work of presenting the Jewish demands in detail. It is now for the Austrian Government to indicate as to whether it is prepared to meet these demands.

The general impression prevailing here is that certain high officials, including Chancellor Julius Raab, are inclined to arrive at a settlement of the Jewish claims. However, this feeling is not equally shared by all members of the government. The Socialist groups, it is believed, have not as yet determined their attitude towards the Jewish demands. These demands include, in addition to the claim for heirless Jewish property, also a request for improving the legislation in Austria for compensation to individual Jews who suffered under the Nazi regime.

GERMAN PARLIAMENT EXPECTED TO PASS INDEMNIFICATION LAW THIS WEEK

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- Hope that the German Parliament in Bonn will pass in its final reading this week the bill to indemnify victims of the Nazi regime was expressed here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann. The bill has passed the first reading in the Bonn Parliament practically unanimously.

"Once the Upper House ratifies it, the bill will become a law from which tens of thousands Jewish and non-Jewish victims of Nazi persecution will begin to benefit greatly," Dr. Goldmann said. "It is most gratifying that all government parties, with the exception of the Communist, voted in favor of the bill. Special credit is due to the government of the German Federal Republic which, under the leadership of Chancellor Adenauer, has seen to it that the bill is prepared in time for this last session of the present Parliament to deal with it."

Dr. Goldmann also praised the German Social Democratic Party which, although in opposition to the government, and not fully satisfied with many parts of the indemnification bill, has withdrawn all its amendments and decided to support the bill as presented, in order to make it technically possible for the Parliament to pass the measure before its adjournment early in July.

"This unprecedented step," Dr. Goldmann said, "is an indication of the deep interest which the Social Democrats have already taken in the matter of restitution and indemnification for victims of Nazi persecution."

ALLIED LAW ON RESTITUTION COURT FOR BERLIN BECOMES EFFECTIVE

BERLIN, July 1. (JTA) -- A law issued by the three Western Allies to set up a Supreme Restitution Court in Berlin, with jurisdiction over the three Western sectors of this city, goes into effect today.

The court will consist of seven judges, one of whom will be an American, one a Briton and one a Frenchman. The novel and distinguishing feature of this court will be the presence on the bench of three German judges appointed by the Berlin City government, and of a "neutral" presiding judge selected jointly by the Western Allied Kommandatura and the Berlin City government. So far, supreme restitution tribunals in the U.S. and British zones have been staffed by American or British judges alone.

Two-year appointments to the new judgeships will be made in the course of the month, so that the court can begin to function in August. No final decision as to the nationality of the presiding judge has as yet been arrived at, but it is learned that he is likely to be recruited from Switzerland.

VINDICATED JEWISH PROFESSOR IN MOSCOW NAMED TO SOVIET COUNCIL

LONDON, July 1. (JTA) -- Professor M. S. Vovsy, one of the 15 physicians who were arrested in Moscow early this year on charges of plotting the deaths of high Communist officials, was appointed yesterday to a new Soviet Health Council, advisory body to the Ministry of Health, it was reported here today from Moscow. Prof. Vovsky and the other doctors were released after the death of Joseph Stalin when the accusations against them were declared false.

The London Daily Telegraph said today that the reports that Moscow may soon take steps to resume diplomatic relations with Israel are receiving increased currency. "Some say that the Russians have already approached the Israel Government through an East European capital," the London paper stated.

WASHINGTON HOTEL BARS MEETING OF ANTI-SEMITIC ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, July 1. (JTA) -- Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of the anti-Semitic "Christian Nationalist Crusade" now holding a national gathering here, today revealed that the Willard Hotel, where the gathering was originally scheduled to be held, cancelled the arrangement. He said that the cancellation took place because "the Jews" put pressure on the hotel.

The gathering, which is now taking place in Smith's hotel suite at the Congressional Hotel, has drawn no more than 25 followers from anti-Jewish groups from all parts of the country. It has as its goal to seek Congressional action for the removal of the United States from the United Nations because of "the Jews and foreign elements" in that body.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DENOUNCES HARAP'S VIEWS ON JEWS

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today addressed a communication to the House Committee on un-American Activities repudiating Louis Harap, editor of a leftist English-Jewish publication, who told the Committee that Jews are better off in the Soviet Union than in the United States. Declaring that Harap "employed Communist propaganda," Mr. Irving M. Engel, chairman of the executive committee of the AJC, stated in his communication:

"Louis Harap speaks only for himself and for Communists. He is no more a spokesman for the religious group he seeks to exploit than for the democracy he professes to support, for Judaism and Communism are utterly incompatible. His injection of the false charge of anti-Semitism into your Committee's investigation for Communism is a studied Communist maneuver in the long-standing attempt to besmirch American treatment of its religious and racial groups while praising the Soviet Union. As such, this maneuver should be exposed as a brazen design to hide from the world Communism's long-standing campaign against minority groups, their religions and cultures."

NCRAC ADMITS TWO COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS; HAS 30 GROUPS

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council today approved applications of the Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council and of the Elizabeth Jewish Council for admission.

This brings to 30 the number of local, state and regional councils in the NCRAC, the coordinating body of Jewish groups engaged in fighting anti-Semitism in this country. The Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council is a statewide organization representing Jewish communities with a total population of about 75,000 Jews. The Elizabeth Council is the central agency of the Elizabeth Jewish community and represents 43 local organizations.

BOSTON JEWISH COUNCIL APPEALS FOR REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

BOSTON, July 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council here adopted a resolution emphasizing that while President Eisenhower's proposal for admission of 240,000 refugees to the United States within two years shows interest in the plight of Europe's displaced persons, "this proposal does not come to grips with the basic inequities" of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

Continuing, the resolution maintained that the present Act still had imbedded in it "the national origins quota system, a racist doctrine. We appeal to our Representatives and Senators to substitute for this outmoded criterion a flexible immigration provision allocating opportunities for admission without regard to the accident of place of birth. We hail the establishment of the Massachusetts Committee for Revision of the McCarran-Walter Act and join with our fellow Americans in this united effort to achieve a thorough rewriting of the existing iniquitous law."

The Jewish Community Council also adopted a resolution dealing with teen-age physical attacks on Jews in the Boston area. "As a member agency of that body, said the resolution, "we stand ready to cooperate with the Greater Boston Council for Youth towards the ends of eliminating incidents of a racist nature and assisting the young people of this area in their endeavor to build constructive lives free of misunderstanding, prejudice and hostility."

A resolution on civil liberties aligned the Community Council "with all our energy in defending American security against threats of attack by enemies from without and subversion of American strength from within." Asserting that it will continue to combat Communism "with every means at our disposal," the Council declared it is also determined to oppose those who, "under the guise of anti-Communism and denunciation, innuendo and false suspicions, would create disunity and distrust and attempt to destroy our civil liberties."

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR ACTS AGAINST RESORTS PRACTICING BIGOTRY

MINNEAPOLIS, July 1. (JTA) -- Gov. C. Elmer Anderson acted today to deprive a number of Minnesota summer resorts of the facilities of the State Tourist Bureau offices because they practiced racial or religious prejudice.

Acting on a complaint from the Anti-Defamation League, the Minnesota governor instructed the director of the Minnesota Department of Business Development to remove discriminatory literature from the offices of the tourist bureau. The department director also notified resort agencies, the governor announced, "that the State will not be party to distribution of any literature which make a point of religious or racial prejudices in any form."

The governor's action was taken under the equal rights law covering public places of accommodation in Minnesota. In a letter to the Anti-Defamation League, Gov. Anderson said: "I am convinced that we must prevent these infections from becoming major ills if we are to have a strong democracy." He declared that "racial or religious discrimination in any form is contrary to the declared policy of the State."

NEW JERSEY RABBINICAL COUNCIL ASKS PROBE OF MCCARTHY COMMITTEE

BELMAR, N. J., July 1. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for an independent commission "to review the findings of Senator Joseph McCarthy's investigating committee and to report to the American people objectively," was adopted by the Rabbinical Council of New Jersey at its annual convention here.