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KNESSET PRESIDIUUM REJECTS PLEA ON DRAFTING OF ORTHODOX WOMEN

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The presidium of the Israel Parliament today refused to receive a delegation of religious women with a memorandum opposing the National Service Bill which provides that girls exempted from military service because of religious convictions should be conscripted for service in immigrant work villages and in social welfare institutions.

The bill, which was approved early this week by the Cabinet over the opposition of two religious members, is expected to be introduced by Premier David Ben Gurion in Parliament next Monday. The coalition parties today decided not to postpone presentation of the bill. Under the provisions of the bill, Orthodox girls between 18 and 26 years of age will have to serve for a period of two years.

The Neturei Karta, an extremist Orthodox group, today decided to excommunicate Premier Ben Gurion, should the bill be presented to Parliament. They announced that an excommunication ceremony--modeled after the medieval "Cherem"--will take place on Monday with the lighting of black candles, the blowing of the Shofar and the recitation of special prayers. "Nothing will stop us in this struggle; we are ready for the greatest sacrifices," a spokesman of the extremist group told the press.

The Parliamentary faction of the Poale Mizrahi Party met last night to consider the decision of the coalition parties to go ahead with their plans to bring the National Service Bill up for debate next week. The Mizrahi laborite deputies decided to call a meeting of their party's central committee for tomorrow to consider the coalition's move.

London Chief Rabbi Backs Israel Rabbinate on National Service Issue

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Dr. Israel Brodie of England today sent a cable to the Chief Rabbinate of Israel declaring that "many rabbis" in England will support the stand taken by the Chief Rabbis of Israel on the National Service Bill for Women.

"I am gravely perturbed by the reports of the strife regarding the draft of the bill for national conscription of women," the cable said. "I wish to express sympathy and support of your stand. I speak in the name of many rabbis in this country, including Haham Gaon and the London Beth Din (Rabbinical Court) who pray for unity, peace and security in the Holy Land."

The world executive of Agudas Israel today announced that a delegation of rabbis will visit Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath here "to discuss the situation which has arisen in Israel in relation to the proposed conscription of Jewish religious women for national service."

16,400 UNEMPLOYED REPORTED IN ISRAEL; MOST OF THEM ARE UNSKILLED

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The number of unemployed in Israel reached 16,400 last week, the government Statistical Department announced today. Nearly 2,500 of the unemployed are women and another 10,450 are unskilled laborers.

KNESSET PUTS SEAL OF APPROVAL ON TRANSFER OF FOREIGN MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today put its seal of approval on the transfer of the Foreign Ministry from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv when the members of the Kneset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee visited the Ministry and were guided about the buildings by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

Several foreign missions in Israel, meanwhile, have acknowledged receipt of the Ministry's notification of the transfer. The Greek envoy was the first foreign diplomat to visit the new offices and the Netherlands representative is expected to call later this week. The Yugoslav legation will be moved to Jerusalem when the Minister returns from a visit to Belgrade, it was learned today.

KNESSET GETS BILL ON ESTABLISHMENT OF HEBREW LANGUAGE ACADEMY

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- Education Minister Ben Zion Dinur today introduced in the Kneset a bill to establish a Hebrew Language Academy consisting of outstanding experts on the Hebrew language.

The bill provides for their election for a life term to a body of between 15 and 23 members, with three members from abroad. The Academy's rulings on Hebrew grammar would set standards for the schools, government offices and the army.

SUMMER COURSES FOR AMERICAN JEWISH STUDENTS OPENED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- Summer courses for several hundred Jewish students from the United States were opened here today under the joint sponsorship of the Jewish Agency and a number of Israel institutions. The first group of 170 students who attended today's opening ceremony will be joined later this summer by 240 more youths due to arrive from New York.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, welcomed the students and expressed hope that at least some of them will remain in Israel. He emphasized that the young Jewish state needs not only financial and economic support but also manpower to help build the country.

Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency executive, told the audience that 70 American Jewish boys and girls are now completing the ten-month courses in Israel settlements launched by the Agency. He appealed to the students to "learn Israel's way of life so that when they return home, they should be Israel's emissaries in the circles whence they come."

U.S. LEADERS OF ISRAEL BOND DRIVE CONFER WITH ISRAELI MINISTERS

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- Henry Montor and Julian Venezky, top officials of the Israel bond drive organization in the United States, arrived in Jerusalem. They met this afternoon with Premier David Ben Gurion, Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol and other members of the Cabinet with whom they discussed the future activities of the bond sales organizations.

ISRAEL STUDIES POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING SHIPS FROM GERMANY

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The possibility of obtaining several ships from Germany under the terms of the reparations pact are being investigated, Joseph Saphir, Minister of Communications, today told a meeting of the Israel Economic Advisory Council.

In a report to the Council, the Minister stated that the Kishon project - the enlarging of the port area adjoining Haifa - provides for the establishment of a "free area" and the establishment of a "free port" at a later time. He stated that the planned consolidation of the Jaffa and Tel Aviv ports will result in a great financial saving for the government.

Mr. Saphir reported that Israel now owns 31 merchant vessels which carry a considerable portion of the passenger and cargo traffic to and from the Jewish State. He disclosed that improvements are planned on the nationalized railroad system to improve public accommodations and attract more business, particularly on the long-distance routes.

NAZIS INTERNED BY ALLIES DEMAND "INDEMNIFICATION" AS "VICTIMS"

FRANKFURT, July 15. (JTA) -- In mass meetings held at the site of postwar internment camps in Lower Saxony and in Hesse, thousands of Germans who were interned there by the Allies shortly after the war as particularly dangerous or high-ranking Nazis have demanded "indemnification" for their "illegal detention." Resolutions were adopted which called for compensation "along the same lines as that granted to former concentration camp inmates."

At the meetings the German Party, a member of Chancellor Adenauer's governmental coalition, distributed electioneering handbills soliciting the support of the ex-internees. The Hesse rally, held at Schwarzenborn, was addressed by the chairman of the German Party for Hesse, Dr. Schranz, the former Nazi mayor of Offenbach who polled almost a quarter of the vote there in the last local elections.

At Oerkpe in Lower Saxony, the featured speaker was Dr. Emil Ehrich, former personal aide to Heinrich Hellwege, a member of the Bonn cabinet, and at present chief organizer for the German Party in Lower Saxony.

TWO GERMANS FACE TRIAL IN BERLIN FOR BEATING JEW TO DEATH

BERLIN, July 15. (JTA) -- A German Court here has begun to try Willie Boehme and Erwin Benkendorf, two former officials of the Nazi Party, for beating to death a 52-year-old Jewish tailor in Berlin in 1944.

Two years ago, the pair was found guilty of the crime by a court operating under Allied regulations. Boehme was sentenced to 12 years and Benkendorf to 15 years. Subsequently, the West German constitutional court at Karlsruhe ruled that the Allied laws on crimes against humanity were invalid and ordered a new trial under German law.

The West Berlin Post Office Department today issued a six-pfennig stamp with the portrait of Walther Rathenau, the brilliant Jewish industrialist and thinker who served as German Foreign Minister in 1922, until he was assassinated on a Berlin Street by German fascists.

FIVE PRIESTS ARRESTED IN "FINALY AFFAIR" RELEASED IN BAYONNE

PARIS, July 15. (JTA) -- The five priests arrested in Bayonne yesterday on charges of kidnapping and removing from France the Finaly children were released today. Mrs. Hedwig Rossner, the children's aunt and their legal guardian, is believed to be prepared to withdraw any complaints against anyone who participated in the affair.

Meanwhile, Father Chaillet, the French Catholic priest who negotiated with the Jewish community the agreement calling for the return of the boys and which guaranteed that no one would be prosecuted for his part in the incident, today said that the "untimely arrest" of the priests would only add fuel to the already heated situation. He declared that Mrs. Rossner had informed him that she wanted to put an end to all criminal proceedings.

In another statement, Eugene Weil, the Jewish leader who helped draw up the agreement for the return of the children and on whose estate the children are now living with their aunt and uncle, today attacked members of the Finaly Defense Committee for calling for prosecution of those who perpetrated the kidnapping. He insisted that prosecution is "absolutely contrary to the desires of the Rossner family" and efforts to prosecute anyone who participated in the affair would receive no support from the family.

EISENHOWER'S APPEAL FAILS TO SECURE ACTION ON BILL FOR DP ENTRY

WASHINGTON, July 15. (JTA) -- Two separate appeals from President Eisenhower have failed to budge the Administration's special quota immigration bill out of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees.

Mr. Eisenhower has requested that 240,000 Iron Curtain refugees and other Europeans be admitted to the United States in the next two years but Congressional committees have shown a reluctance to act on his proposals. The President repeated his request this week to his regular weekly conference of legislative leaders and to two key members of the stalemated Senate Judiciary Committee, Senators Arthur V. Watkins and Pat McCarran.

Congressional leaders confidently predicted the legislation will be approved during this session, however, and efforts are being made to work out a compromise. Sen. McCarran and other Senators have maintained that admission of additional immigrants would open the nation's doors to "subversives."

NO REDUCTIONS FOR ISRAEL EXPECTED IN CONGRESS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, July 15. (JTA) -- Congress will begin work next week on a Mutual Security Appropriations Bill which includes approximately the same amount of aid for Israel as contained in last year's legislation.

An authorization bill favoring Israel has already been acted upon by Congress but the appropriations bill is necessary to actually make the authorized funds available. Israel is to get somewhere between \$65,000,000 and \$70,000,000 in economic aid, \$1,500,000 in Point Four funds, and will share in \$50,000,000 of military funds earmarked for Israel and the Arab states to be dispensed at the discretion of the President.

As Congress prepares to debate the appropriation measure, reductions of a billion or more dollars have been suggested. It is impossible to tell at this point whether such cuts would involve the proposed sums for Israel because the reductions may be selective in nature rather than across-the-board. Selective cuts may be applied against areas outside of the Near East without reducing the amount for Israel.

PRESIDENT OF U. A. H. C. REPORTS ON ISRAEL; URGES GREATER AID

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- "The dangers facing Israel are graver than most people realize," Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told a press conference here today following his return from the Jewish State where he had led a pilgrimage of 30 American Reform Jewish leaders.

Dr. Eisendrath warned that the survival of Israel will require greater aid than it is now receiving. "The shortage of food and vital raw materials plus the never-ceasing menace of her neighbors seriously impair the very future of Israel," he reported. "The single most important factor in the survival of Israel is the remarkable spirit of determination which characterizes its people," he emphasized.

The leader of American Reform Jewry said that Israel's chief desire is peace. He took issue with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles who reported that the Arab nations fear aggression from Israel. The contrary, he said, is the case - it is Israel which fears a "second round" initiated by the Arabs.

Expressing hope that a Middle East defense pact will include Israel, Dr. Eisendrath warned Americans "not to mistake the real nature of the Israel problem." Israel, he declared, is not only safeguarding Jews, but the cause of democracy. "Its preservation is as vital as the preservation of South Korea," he pointed out. "Its fall would be as catastrophic as the fall of Greece, Turkey or Italy."

INDIANAPOLIS JEWS TO FIGHT FOR RIGHT TO BUILD TEMPLE IN SUBURB

INDIANAPOLIS, July 15. (JTA) -- The Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation will appeal to the courts if necessary against threatened condemnation by the town of Meridian Hills of a 22-acre tract on the outskirts of the suburb acquired by the congregation as the site for a new one million dollar temple.

Following a public meeting in Meridian Hills to hear objections to the condemnation plan and use of the land for a sewage disposal plant and new town hall, the three township trustees reserved their decision. The town board announced the condemnation plan after the congregation had challenged its refusal to permit construction of a temple. The congregation offered to give the town four or five acres necessary for the plant.

Meridian Hills, a town of 800, where every home costs \$30,000 or more, has displayed equal opposition to plans for Protestant or Catholic churches within its limits. In previously denied zoning permits for a Presbyterian and a Baptist church and when a Catholic church posted a sign on the contemplated site for a new church, it was forced to remove it.

JEWISH DOCTORS HONORED IN ARGENTINA FOR FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS

BUENOS AIRES, July 15. (JTA) -- Two Jewish doctors were today honored for their work in the battle against tuberculosis in the past ten years. Drs. Daniel Schiffrin and Gregorio Sirlin were honored by the director and staff of the Tornu Polyclinic Hospital here.

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