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RELIGIOUS ISRAELIS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST CONSCRIPTION OF WOMEN

TEL AVIV, July 19. (JTA) -- A demonstration of religious Jews against the government bill calling for national non-military service for Orthodox women exempted from military service because of their religious convictions, was held here today. A similar demonstration is being organized in Jerusalem Wednesday, when the bill is scheduled to be introduced in Parliament.

A statement issued here last night by Ish Hazon, spiritual leader of the Orthodox Agudist groups in Israel, said that the introduction of national service for religious girls is prohibited in the name of the Torah. Under the national service bill, girls between 18 and 26 years of age claiming exemption from military service on religious grounds would have to do other forms of national service for a period of two years.

(In New York today, the presidium of the Agudath Israel of America sent cables to Israeli President Ben Zvi and Premier David Ben Gurion demanding that the bill for national service for religious women be withdrawn by the government. The cables warned that "flaunting the rabbinic authorities" in this matter will result in "serious worldwide repercussions affecting future relations of Jewry with Israel.")

The Mizrahi Laborite Party, an Orthodox group, at a meeting last night, failed to take action on the government's bill calling for national non-military service for Orthodox women excused from military service.

Three different positions were voiced at the conference: 1. Support of the government's measure; 2. Opposition to the bill, and 3. Abstention on the bill when it comes up for a vote in Parliament. Those who favor abstention assert that when the party joined the government coalition it agreed to abstain on such a measure and cannot now vote against it. It is assumed that with this division within the party, its deputies in the Knesset will abstain.

ISRAEL AFFECTED BY CUT IN U.S. FINANCIAL AID TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, July 19. (JTA) -- Israel will be affected adversely by cuts in the foreign aid budget made yesterday by the House Appropriations Committee which reduced the \$5,100,000,000 Mutual Security program to \$4,443,000,000 and rescinded some \$400,000,000 in funds left over from previous foreign aid programs.

Further efforts will be made to cut the foreign aid program when it comes before the House Tuesday, it was learned today, but Administration leaders in the House are confident that they can fight off new raids. However, it is unlikely that

to restore the cuts made in the Appropriations Commit-

exactly how the economic aid program for Israel will be the Middle East and Israel appropriation was cut 20,000,000. On the basis of the past distribution of cuts this sum will be taken from Israel's grant.

projects were hacked drastically because substantial appropriations were never used. In this category the Near cut from a requested \$42,000,000 to \$24,000,000. The for the Arab states and Israel was left untouched.

indicated that Israel will receive a substantial portion for it and the Arab states. However, it is ex- receive the major portion of military assistance funds.

YOUTHS IN ISRAEL ESCAPES FROM PRISON

July 19. (JTA) -- In one of the most widespread manhunt police were still searching today for Shimon Behar, one of alleged terrorists on trial in a military court here, who escaped in the early hours of Friday morning from his cell by cutting

among the defendants occurred here. They had been of Israel newspapers, from which all mention of their by policemen noticed on Friday that the defendants were bers. A clash occurred when the defendants refused to the military policemen.

with police witnesses presenting technical evidence.

INTERNATIONALIZATION OF HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM

(JTA) -- Israel's readiness to accept international super-Jerusalem was re-emphasized here today by Foreign Minister Golda Meir in addressing a luncheon of the Israeli Journalists Asso-

that as far as the Israel Government was concerned, all the Holy Places in the city would in no way inter- fere. Referring to the situation on the Israel-Jordan border, she expressed the hope that the Jordan Government would not allow the border situation to be to its detriment,

last week-end submitted a protest to the United Nations over Israel's transfer of its Foreign Office from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, calling the move as a violation of U.N. resolutions on the city and asked that their protest be circulated to all member states and to the Palestine Conciliation Commission.)

VACATION; SHARETT REPLACES HIM AS PREMIER

(JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today approved a vacation for David Ben-Gurion. It was decided that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett would replace him as Premier and Minister Pinhas Lavon as Defense Minister.

FIRST REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS PLAN

JERUSALEM, July 19. (JTA) -- Preparations for the first representative assembly of American Zionists are under way, it was reported at a press conference today by I. Klinov, Jewish Agency spokesman. "This may herald a new era among American Zionist groups," he stated.

Summarizing the recent deliberations of the enlarged plenary session of the Jewish Agency here, Mr. Klinov enumerated several problems confronting the movement, the most important of which, he said, is the enlargement of the movement and the future structure of the World Zionist Organization.

Mr. Klinov emphasized that the three principal addresses delivered at the session by Premier David Ben Gurion, Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Spivak, and Jewish Agency chairman Dr. Nahum Goldmann -- all agreed on the need for organizing for work for Israel all sections of Jewry, whether they are organized in the Zionist movement or are outside it, without weakening the Zionist Organization proper.

"Nobody demanded disbandment of the Zionist parties," he continued. "On the contrary, everyone agreed that the Zionist parties had done a lot to organize and assist Israel, but now the time has come to give expression to the views of those who do not care for any party, but are just interested in aiding Israel. The main organizational problem is how to build a Zionist Organization in which to place both for the Zionist parties and individuals."

The Jewish Agency spokesman said that the session also discussed problems of treatment for Israel delegates, and took up the question of whether an Israel delegate should be considered a double Shekel-holder or a single Shekel-holder, like Jewish Agency representatives in Israel. No decision was taken on these questions, but the deliberations will be the basis for discussion at the Zionist Actions Committee meeting, to be held in Jerusalem, he declared.

It was also reported that since the death of Dr. Hayim Greenberg in 1957, the Jewish Agency's Cultural Department has been without a chairman. The department has unanimously invited Dr. Zalman Shazar to take up the vacant post, but has not yet reached a decision.

SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER REPORTS ON HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, July 19. (JTA) -- South African Prime Minister Dr. Hendrik Verwoerd last night spoke of his experiences during his recent trip to Israel, saying that he had seen in Israel "what love for one's country" could accomplish. He spoke at a reception in honor of his Cabinet given by the Nationalist Party of South Africa.

The Prime Minister reported that Jewish immigrants, arriving in Israel, "went down and kissed the soil of their country," which they had got back after years of exile. "It was similar wonders that his party sought to work in South Africa."

35 OFFICERS OF U. S. AIR FORCE ARRIVE FOR VACATION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 19. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog welcomed 35 American Jewish flying officers and chaplains stationed in Germany, who have come here for a two-week vacation in two U. S. Army planes. The group includes Truman Landon, Deputy Commander in Chief of the U. S. Air Forces in Europe.

REJECTS NEW LAW FOR COMPENSATION TO JEWS

The government-sponsored bill to indemnify individual Jews demanded by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims was passed two weeks ago by the Bundestag, West Germany's lower house, and this week-end by the Bundesrat, the Upper House.

The bill, passed by 38 delegates from nine constituent states in the Bundestag, added three separate changes in the text of the bill. The proposed amendments dealt with the sharing of costs between the states. The indemnification program is expected to last for the next ten years.

The bill requires that the Federal Government defray all expenditures incurred by victims of Nazism and half of all other payments. The Bundestag pensions provided for in the bill become effective in January of this year.

Both houses will meet Thursday in an attempt to work out a compromise. If the houses will be dissolved at the end of the month, after the next session, the fate of the measure hangs by a thread.

Reaction in U.S. Express "Deep Disappointment"

A) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Nazism, on behalf of the major Jewish organizations in the free world, expressed "deep disappointment" over the failure of the Upper House of the German Bundestag at its recent session to pass the new law for compensation to victims of Nazism.

In contrast to the overwhelming approval given to this law by the German Parliament on July 2nd, "the Conference declared that it was a major obligation which the German Government has assumed with the world Jewish organizations signed in Luxembourg in 1948."

The statement continued, "calls upon both houses of the German Bundestag to bring about the final passage of this law as soon as possible in the next elections."

GERMAN GOODS TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL THIS WEEK

-- The first shipment of German goods furnished under the reparations agreement is expected to leave here in an Israel freighter this week, the director of the Israel Purchasing Mission here, said today. The public opinion in Israel is growing more favorable towards Germany as it has become clear that the Federal Republic means to honor the reparations agreement.

Looking to the future rather than to the past. The revolt in the Soviet zone of Germany has, in the public opinion, become one of the things that happened there after 1938, the

MCCARRAN THREATENS TO DELAY CONGRESS ADJOURNMENT OVER

WASHINGTON, July 19. (JTA) -- Sen. Pat McCarran, bitter foe of Eisenhower's legislation to admit 240,000 over-quota refugee immigrants this year, this week-end threatened to delay the adjournment of Congress, for July 31, if the measure is brought to the Senate floor. The bill is expected to come to the floor late this week.

Earlier, the Senate Judiciary bill reported out the measure in an amended form. In the compromise form in which the bill was passed, it reduces the number of immigrants from 240,000 to 220,000 and provides for two new categories of immigrants to be included: 4,000 orphans, and 5,000 persons who can enter the country legally but fear to return to their homelands in the Communist bloc of Europe.

REFORM JUDAISM'S 1952-53 DRIVE BRINGS \$1, 371, 791 IN CASH

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- The 1952-53 combined campaign for the Reform Judaism raised a total of \$1, 371, 791 in cash by June 30, the end of the drive's fiscal year, it was announced today by Dr. Hollender, general chairman of the campaign.

The total represents an increase of 12 percent over last year's final total of \$1, 222, 104. In the four-year period since an intensive fund-raising campaign was inaugurated to meet the maintenance needs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the campaign has virtually doubled its income, Dr. Hollender said.

Dr. Hollender reported substantial increases in all categories of gifts. Individual gifts of \$5,000 each setting the pace for the nation. The combined campaign receives its maintenance income from individual gifts, congregational contributions and community welfare fund grants. An analysis of the campaign shows marked increases in individual gifts and congregational dues.

SHAPIRO FOUNDATION GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO 62 STUDENTS

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- Sixty-two scholarships averaging \$200 each have been awarded by the Shapiro Foundation to students in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, David L. Cole, president of the Foundation, announced this week-end.

The foundation has awarded 1,045 scholarships since it was established by Benjamin and Max Shapiro, brothers who were textile factors. Some of this year's winners were receiving the scholarships, awarded on the basis of academic and scholastic ability, for a second, third and fourth time, while 32 winners were receiving their first award.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN ARGENTINA HONOR ISRAEL MINISTER

BUENOS AIRES, July 19. (JTA) -- The DAIA and the United Israel Appeal in Argentina today honored Yaacov Tsur, Israel Minister who is being sent to the Israel legation in Paris. At a reception for him attended by 1,000 volunteers for the appeal, it was announced that in honor of Minister Tsur the campaign had managed to raise 75 percent of the annual goal within two and one-half months after the drive began. The campaign was inaugurated by Israel Minister Moshe Sharett when he visited Argentina last Spring.