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BILL TO LIBERALIZE IMMIGRATION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE AND SENATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Opponents of the McCarran-Walter Act today introduced a sweeping new immigration program in Congress to wipe out the "cruelty and inequity" of the existing law. The new legislation would implement the recommendations of the Perlman Commission which was appointed by former President Harry S. Truman to recommend changes in the controversial act which was forced through Congress despite a Presidential veto.

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman introduced the bill today along with Senators Hubert H. Humphrey, Wayne Morse, Tom Pastore, Theodore F. Green, James E. Murray, John F. Kennedy, and Warren Magnuson. In the House of Representatives, 24 members joined simultaneously in a similar move.

The bill envisions a basic new approach to immigration problems. It would do away with the so-called "national origins quota system." It would admit, without regard to race, religion, or national origin, all those who would make desirable citizens.

Sponsors of the Omnibus Immigration Bill issued a statement describing eight months of intensive drafting work which went into the measure. They said it carries out the pledges made last year by the spokesmen of both major political parties, to remove the inequities and discriminations from our basic immigration and naturalization laws.

Seeks to Correct Major Defects of the McCarran-Walter Act

The major defects in the McCarran-Walter Act which would be corrected by the new law include the national origins quota system with its discriminatory and racist features; the confused and overlapping administrative procedures which assign the Departments of Justice and State virtually duplicate jurisdiction over immigration; lack of adequate appeals and review procedures, and harsh, inconsistent and ambiguous standards of eligibility for admission.

Correction is sought also in the contradictory and inequitable standards of justice for aliens residing in the United States; absence of statutes of limitation on deportation; "blunderbuss" security provisions; "entrapment" provisions contained in the McCarran-Walter Act to trick persons into jeopardy of denaturalization and deportation proceedings; discrimination between native born and naturalized citizens, and manifold grounds not only for revocation of citizenship acquired by naturalization, but for deprivation of citizenship acquired by birth.

Its sponsors stated that the new law contains safeguards against abuses "either by aliens or by over-zealous bureaucrats." The new law, they said, would abolish features of the McCarran-Walter Act "which have earned us so much ill-will from our friends and allies."

ODAY; ATTACKS "IRON CURTAIN" COUNTRIES

The negative attitude displayed by the Soviet Union and appeal for indemnification for huge losses suffered by Jews during the Nazi occupation is cited as "grounds" by the Jewish Congress in a report disseminated here today.

In connection with the Third Plenary Assembly of the Jewish Congress opens here tomorrow to discuss problems concerning the Jewish world. About 275 delegates from Jewish communities will attend the parley which will continue for a full week.

In Soviet-controlled territories where the Nazis inflicted material losses and murdered millions of Jews, although peace treaties between the Allies and successor states of Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria obligate the latter to compensate victims of persecution for the purpose of rehabilitating survivors, no single act has been done by these states to

"which was the first target of the Nazi attack and the victims for Nazi gas chambers, has not only failed to return the vast heirless property of the Polish-Jewish community but has itself nationalized such property."

The report criticizes the Soviet Government's agreement with Israel and world Jewish organizations for the crimes committed by the Nazis against Jews and calls for a response to all requests that Soviet-held Eastern Germany be held responsible for the total German liability for reparations to the victims of the Nazi Third Reich, "the report states.

The report continues, "to get Eastern Germany to fulfill its legal and moral obligations is one of Jewish frustration and Communist Jewish rights."

Formation of International Jewish Organization

In connection with Jews in other lands, the report emphasizes that the Jewish struggle is cultural and psychological rather than political. "While it is a member of the United Nations the Government of Israel should protect Jewish rights and call for protection of Jews, it should be the duty of every State is a natural protector and an obvious political obligation to protect the liberties and interests wherever and whenever these are threatened," the report declares.

The report stresses the fundamental importance to world Jewry of the establishment of a new pattern of current Jewish political affairs remains the same, the report points out. "The world is still confronted with the violation of human rights and inroads on liberties of Jews."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting president of the World Jewish Congress, announced the formation of an international Jewish organization in which representatives from throughout the world should participate.

He said, "will seek to enlarge representation within the Jewish community stretching out a hand of fellowship to those Jewries cut off from us, as well as to those Jewish organizations and organizations for whose reason still stand outside our ranks."

SENATE APPROVES \$135,000,000 ECONOMIC AID FOR ISRAEL AND ARAB

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Senate approved and sent to the White House today a Mutual Security Bill which provides \$135,000,000 in economic assistance for the Arab-Israel area. Israel is expected to share equally with the Arabs in the Near Eastern sum and receive approximately the same amount of assistance provided in last year's program.

The Senate completed action on the measure today by an affirmative vote. The amount for Israel and the Arabs was contained in the general bill for economic and military assistance for the year that began July 1. Included in the bill is \$30,000,000 in military funds potentially available, subject to the discretion of President Eisenhower, to Israel and the Arab states.

ISRAEL'S DEVELOPMENT BUDGET OF £145,000,000 PRESENTED TO KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Israel's 145,000,000 pound development budget was introduced in Parliament today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol who outlined the country's economic achievements and emphasized the progress made during the year in industry and agriculture.

"We have already passed half way to our economic independence," he said. "The second half of the way is more difficult and we will have to tighten our belts to make headway."

The economic policy of the Israel government aimed at liquidating inflation and stabilizing the economy of the state, the minister declared. "We achieved our objectives to a great extent by easing new emissions, limiting credits, balancing the budget, and introducing a dollar-rate nearer to the market's reality. Also a decrease in imports, increase in exports and stabilization of prices."

Pointing out that the investments made "are already beginning to show results," Mr. Eshkol said: "The tent has already disappeared from Israel's horizon. Building schemes are providing dwellings for tens of thousands of old residents as well as for newcomers. However, because of lack of foreign currency, building activities in the country will have to be curtailed. On the other hand, the government will increase expenditure on enterprises which bring immediate results. The first line are agriculture and irrigation."

Mr. Eshkol reported that as a result of the progress made in agriculture Israel has become virtually self-sufficient in vegetables and other agricultural products except wheat. It has also reached a point of "modest self-supply," in eggs and milk. At the same time, he said, the export of citrus has increased.

"No less striking is our industrial development," Mr. Eshkol continued. "Our industrial output last year reached 200,000,000 pounds, which is one-fourth of our national income. A total of 288 new enterprises has been established during the year with an investment of 20,000,000 pounds and 31,000,000 dollars. Nevertheless, we are still in the first stages of our industrial development. Our industrial exports amounted to 10,000,000 pounds in 1952."

The minister expressed hope that foreign investors would be interested in the government is now developing for establishment of a chain of chemical industries which, he said, will bring millions of dollars profit annually. He also revealed that oil drilling "has entered its practical stage," in Israel, and that the first drill will be started next month.



COMPROMISE ON CONSCRIPTION OF GIRLS

A) -- Leaders of the Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi-ly approached the Chief Rabbinate here to inquire under would be ready to change its opposition to the National s the conscription of religious girls for non-military leaders of the Mapai, leading pro-government party, they are ready to make.

Hapoel Hamizrachi, the Orthodox Laborite group, is could be entrusted with the responsibility for the e Israel Minister for Religious Affairs is Moshe Hapoel Hamizrachi. This stand is not shared by the srael organization which is opposed to the National ances.

Minister Shapiro explained the position of his party, the first reading of the measure. He called on the nment in order to more effectively fight moves aimed the same time, he appealed to the Mapai Party, Cabinet, not to act in such fashion as to injure the ox Jews.

ng, including representatives from the Hapoel nts, spoke in favor of the government's draft of hey had always recognized the role of women in dded that the government bill does "honor" to Israeli

ut 25 Orthodox Jews today continued to picket the against Israel's National Service Bill. They said onsulate during the entire week in the hope that the el Government.)

ISRAEL'S CAPITAL, LONDON TIMES SAYS

"The emotional hold which Jerusalem has over Jew- ity the only possible capital for Israel," the Times ay commenting on the transfer of Israel's Foreign lem.

oth Israel and Jordan, the two countries between w divided, are willing to give Christian pilgrims Holy Places. "Indeed, they are willing to allow vision over the actual Holy Places, if the United this neither can go," the article states.

tations to re-examine its position with regard to of the existing facts." It says that there is a grow- the United Nations would be fulfilled by setting up sion and custodianship of the Holy Places without er international sovereignty."

PLANS TO EASE UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG ARABS

-- The Israel Government allocated 60,000 pounds ry, it was announced today by Minister of Labor e spent on public works to be carried out in Arab-

CANADA REFUSES TO BAN ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE FROM THE MAIL

MONTREAL, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The withdrawal of mailing facilities from distributors of anti-Semitic propaganda, as suggested by the Canadian Jewish Congress, would be impracticable, according to a reply received by Congress from the Postmaster General of Canada.

"I thoroughly disapprove of attacks against racial groups," the Postmaster General wrote. "But while the material in question is strongly anti-Jewish in character, I do not believe any useful purpose would be served by withdrawing mailing facilities from the distributors unless the literature is declared, by a competent Canadian Court, to contravene the provisions of the Canadian Criminal Code.

"Even if I, as Postmaster General, declared the material to be non-mailable, I am sure, appreciate that it would be impracticable for the postal service to fully enforce the prohibition if the publishers wish to continue to distribute their material. They would merely have to enclose the items in sealed covers and drop them in street letter boxes or other post office receptacles and we would have no way of knowing of such distribution until delivery was made and the addresses of the complainants were known to the Department.

"In my opinion, the best course to pursue is for you to submit the material to the Attorney General of the province in which the items are being printed and distributed. If the Attorney General concerned is of the opinion that the literature is illegal under the Criminal Code, definite and effective action can be taken by the courts with a view to preventing any further printing of such material.

The representations of the Canadian Jewish Congress against the use of the mail for spreading of anti-Semitic propaganda were made on June 10 after many complaints were received that anti-Semitic literature was being distributed in various parts of the country.

ANCIENT BIBLICAL SCROLLS MAY BE DESTROYED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- For the lack of about \$30,000, there is danger that some of the earliest Biblical Scrolls--discovered on the banks of the Dead Sea last year--may be destroyed or lost, it was stated here today by G. Lankester Harding, director of Antiquities in Jordan, at a meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund. He told of Arab tribes stripping bare caves containing a wealth of Biblical manuscripts, the existence of which was not previously suspected.

Coins found in a settlement in the area were dated 10 A. D. and evidence that the occupation ended about 70 A. D., Mr. Harding stated. The amount of material discovered was amazing, he said. "Most of what's been written about Palestine is going to have to be revised considerably in view of the recent discovery."

The problem of sorting and identifying the material would be great, Mr. Harding said. He reported that he prepared plans for taking to Jerusalem, for one year, an international group of scholars for this work. The Jordanian government of the area, he stated, had already paid 15,000 pounds for the purchase of the greater part of the manuscripts but money for the rest had still to be raised. At the moment, Mr. Harding said, he has no idea how this will be done.

Z. O. A. PRESIDENT MOURNS DEATH OF SENATOR TAFT

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today issued a statement mourning the death of Senator Robert A. Taft. "The Zionist movement has lost a dear friend and courageous champion," he said. "Senator Taft identified himself with Zionist aspirations early in his career and fought consistently for the establishment of the Jewish State ever since. He seemed to some that this was a lost cause. He was truly a friend in need -- a comrade in moments of adversity and a wise counselor in times of success. His name will be forever remembered by a grateful people."