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KNESSET PASSES WOMEN'S SERVICE BILL; AGUDISTS VOICE DEFIANCE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Agudah parties, through their press, today voiced their determination to continuing fighting the law to conscript religious women for non-military service which was passed by Parliament in the early hours of this morning.

The vote was 57 in favor, 15 against and five abstentions. The deputies of the coalition parties voted for the measure, including the Mizrachi and Poale Mizrachi. Voting against it were the Communists, Herut, Agudath, Poale Agudah and the Sneh faction of the Mapam. The main section of the Mapam Party abstained.

The decision to vote on the conscription measure and its companion piece of legislation, the bill on marriage and divorce, was taken shortly before midnight. The police were ordered to take drastic security precautions against possible demonstrations, but the surprise shift in the voting schedule foiled possible demonstrators.

The marriage and divorce measure, giving the rabbinical courts jurisdiction over these matters and putting the civilian courts in a position to back up the rabbinical rulings, was passed by an overwhelming vote. However, at one time Moshe Sharett, Acting Premier in the absence of David Ben Gurion, warned the Progressives who opposed the bill that if they voted against it the coalition might be smashed. As a result, one Progressive deputy voted against the bill, but Justice Minister Dr. Pinchas Rosen, leader of the party, abstained.

In an attempt to postpone action on the marriage and divorce bill, its opponents introduced 30 amendments.

Sharett Scores Orthodox Anti-Israel Demonstrations in N. Y.

Winding up the debate on the draft bill, Mr. Sharett expressed regret that "certain circles" fighting the bill took their battle overseas to other Jewish communities and turned the fight into a "smear" campaign against Israel, holding demonstrations in front of the Israel consulate in New York. Then, in an attack on the religious elements who claim that conscription of religious women is in violation of the Torah, the Acting Premier demanded to know where in the Torah there was such an injunction.

"Where is the law?" he asked. "If such a law is written somewhere, why is it kept a secret? There is no such law or such ruling or such regulation. The argument that the present law is immoral and indecent is void on any ground -- there is no proof, only suspicions," he charged. "Must the State of Israel be besmirched on

the basis of mere suspicions? And since when are the rabbis the sole guardians of morality and decency?" he continued. "Aren't we all, the entire House elected by the nation, every one of us individually guardians of the same morality?"

The fears of Orthodox Jewry, Mr. Sharett continued, are based on the passing of the present mode of life of a certain section of the population. Israel does not intend to disrupt that mode of life, which is breaking up of itself. The government will, he promised, do its utmost and will make all possible concessions to those who "truly and truthfully" adhere to such a way of life.

Mizrachi and Agudist Leaders Explain Stand on Bill

Minister of Religion Moshe Shapira, leader of the Mizrachi Laborites, explaining the position of the Mizrachi parties, said that they had seen certain "dangers" in the draft bill as it was originally proposed. After consultations with the Chief Rabbinate, he said, they had introduced amendments which would guarantee "purity, decency and honesty" in the implementation of the measure. On this basis they would vote for the bill. Pointing out that the Mizrachi and Poale Mizrachi had fought compulsory conscription of women, he pledged that they would continue the fight by all possible means -- in Parliament and in the Cabinet -- until victory was achieved.

Agudist deputies made fervent "last-minute" appeals against passage of the bill, which they said was "splitting Jewry and driving an arrow into the very heart of Judaism." They rejected the accusations that they had carried on a "smear" campaign against Israel, but nevertheless threatened to continue their campaign "in the state and abroad" until the "ukase" was repealed. They pointed out that religious Jews had stood up to other forms of "compulsion" even going to their deaths in the flames of the Inquisition.

The bill calls for the assignment of women who are exempted from military duty for religious reasons to various social welfare, teaching and agricultural jobs in religious institutions, immigrant villages and agricultural settlements operated by religious movements. When the job to which these women are assigned is away from their homes, they will still be able to travel to their homes each evening after duty hours and sleep at home. The administration of the law is under the Labor Ministry, rather than the Defense Ministry.

Knesset Adopts Bill Permitting Dissection of Bodies

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today recessed after adopting bills establishing a Hebrew Language academy and a bill permitting medical students to dissect bodies to study anatomy, which was vigorously opposed by all religious elements.

The bill on the academy saw the Mapai deputies in a public dispute with Moshe Sharett, Acting Premier and leader of the party in David Ben Gurion's absence. Mr. Sharett insisted on naming the institution Vaad Halashon (Hebrew Language Council) while the other Laborite deputies wanted to name it Hebrew Language Academy.

Mr. Sharett said that academy was a foreign word. The compromise was to provisionally name it the "Highest Institution for the Hebrew Language" and leave the final decision to the body established by the law as the top authority on Hebrew language and grammar.

FORMATION OF AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR ISRAEL URGED AT ZOA CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The establishment of an American Council for Israel "to promote concerted action on the part of all segments of American Jewry and the fostering of settlement in Israel not only from the lands of oppression but from all parts of the free world," was urged today at the 56th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, now taking place here.

The proposal was presented by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who also called for a united front of all American Zionist groups. He also suggested the creation of a joint committee consisting of representatives of the Zionist movement and of Israel "to work steadily and systematically during the coming months, in an effort to reach full agreement on principles and policies and complete coordination of effort in the future with respect to the role and function of world Zionism."

Dr. Neumann said he did not exclude the possibility of the eventual unification of the World Jewish Congress with the World Zionist Organization "which had helped to create it, for today there are no longer overriding considerations requiring the existence of two separate world organizations."

Disturbed by the many conflicting opinions on what the future role and character of the Zionist movement should be, Dr. Neumann told the assembled Zionist leaders from all parts of the country that "only if Israel and the Zionist movement are of one mind, speak with one voice and act in full accord can Zionism regain its full effectiveness."

The strength and importance of the Zionist movement, he pointed out, rested not alone upon its own shoulders, but with the State of Israel, which is in some respects the decisive factor in the Zionist world. "It is essential that full agreement on a common policy and a common approach to Jewry outside of Israel be reached soon and certainly before the next Zionist Congress in 1954."

Non-Zionist Representation in Jewish Agency Favored

Dr. Israel Goldstein, a member of the Jewish Agency executive and chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, called for fuller participation by the Zionist movement in the affairs of the American Jewish community. He placed on the debit side its failure to join "in the effort to safeguard American democracy and world-mindedness against the insidious attempts to undermine both."

The former ZOA president also found the Zionist movement "lagging in the effort being made to organize the American Jewish community on a democratic basis." He warned that failure to throw its full organizational strength into this program can only jeopardize the future of Zionism in this country.

The Zionist leader who is also president of the American Jewish Congress discussed such vital Zionist problem as the future structure of the Jewish Agency, the merger of all Zionist parties into one non-party unity and the influence of Zionism on Jewish education.

He favored the proposal to enlarge the Jewish Agency structure so as to include non-Zionists, who, he said, "have the moral right to be represented and to have

a voice in the Jewish Agency program of immigration and settlement in Israel, in view of their splendid leadership and participation in the fund-raising."

"Their participation in providing the material resources for Israel's needs is an asset which must not be jeopardized by failure to make a reasonable offer of representation. Those who propose this formula assume that purely Zionist tasks such as Zionist education and chalutzist will continue to be the responsibility of the Zionist Organization."

Benjamin G. Browdy, past president of the Zionist Organization of America and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, urged all Zionist members to throw themselves into the work of Jewish education and Jewish community organization - the Jewish schools, Federations, the Welfare Funds and Jewish Community Councils - in all Jewish communities throughout the United States."

Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the ZOA Committee on World Zionist Affairs and a vice-president of the ZOA, emphasized that "the function of the world Zionist movement is to help the Jewish people survive in a modern world where assimilation and foreign totalitarian ideas threaten to capture our youth and our intellectuals."

The speaker further maintained that the Zionist movement can only regain its stature not by seeking structural changes but by reinvigorating its soul." He further felt that "the Zionist movement is struggling because it cannot forget its historic achievement and adapt itself to the realities of the day."

Israel Consul Warns Against Supplying Arms to Arabs

Avraham Harman, Consul General of Israel, addressing the convention maintained that Israel's relations with the Arab countries will be speedily solved "as soon as the illusion is removed that Israel's existence as an integral part of the Middle East can be ignored."

Emphasizing that "we are here to stay," the Israel diplomat said: "We are ready for real peace at all times with our neighbors, but it must be quite clear that real peace means a mutual recognition of each other's existence." He warned that the supply of arms to the Middle East while this atmosphere of conflict exists and the unwillingness of the Arabs to negotiate peace continues would "inevitably result in the stimulation of the existing rancor and in a deflection of attention from the essential problems of the area which are fundamentally economic and social in character."

Lipsky Reports on Anti-Israel Efforts in Washington

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, reported at the convention on the efforts by anti-Israel elements in Washington to change the policy of friendship of the legislative and executive branches of the American Government towards Israel. Pointing out that their efforts had failed, Mr. Lipsky said:

"In spite of dangers overcome, it would be a mistake, however, to sit back and regard the situation with calm feelings and restful satisfaction. Democratic government is an instrument that responds to the will of its people. In the long run, often in a much shorter run, government is bound to reflect public opinion and to be shaped and directed by its pressures.

"It is quite possible by persistent and unscrupulous assault on emotions and self-interest, by use of the new techniques of public relations now being practiced on

radio and television, by occupying important outposts of public communication and using them for sinister purposes, by penetrating avenues of influence closed to us by religious or social barriers, by operating undisturbed among the grass roots of American life -- so to accelerate the burgeoning of prejudices and passion as to cause precipitate change of policy.

"The propaganda which failed of its purpose this year will rally again for another trial of strength at the first opportunity. We must be prepared for it and rally all our friends and the instruments of public opinion that are friendly to us in order to react promptly, intelligently and tactfully to their carefully made plans to impair the status of the State of Israel in the sight of American public opinion and through it radically to influence government," Mr. Lipsky stated.

Today's session also heard reports and recommendations on economic aid to Israel given by American Jewry. Speakers included Abraham Goodman, Rudolf Sonneborn, Benjamin E. Gordon, Max Bressler, Herman L. Weisman and Robert Szold. Reviews on the work of the United Jewish Appeal, Israel bond drive, Jewish National Fund and the organizations engaged in stimulating private investments in Israel were also presented.

ISRAEL CLARIFIES STAND ON KOREAN PEACE PARLEY AT U. N. COMMITTEE

UNITED NATION, N. Y., Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Israel today voted with the majority in the United Nations Political Committee to adopt a resolution backed by the United States and 14 other nations inviting the states whose troops fought under the UN command in Korea to participate in the forthcoming peace conference.

The Jewish State also voted with the Soviet bloc and most of the Arab nations in support of an amendment to the resolution which would have deleted an American proposal that the Soviet Union attend the peace conference "provided the other side desires it." The amendment was defeated.

Finally, the Israel delegation abstained on a vote to invite India to participate in the peace conference. This resolution, offered by Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, passed by a vote of 27 to 21, with eleven abstentions. It may require a two-thirds vote to get through the General Assembly.

Explaining Israel's abstention, Arthur Lourie, head of the delegation in the absence of Ambassador Abba S. Eban, said that his delegation was unable to vote for Indian participation because it could not see the usefulness of India's participation at this stage in the face of opposition by South Korea. At a later stage in the negotiations, when its scope might be broadened to deal with the entire Far East, he said, India's participation would be essential. He termed "unfortunate" a violent attack on India several days ago by Y. T. Poin, South Korean Foreign Minister.

U. S. GOVT. TO SEEK REVOCATION OF "FREIHEIT" EDITOR'S CITIZENSHIP

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Department of Justice announced that it intends to seek the denaturalization of Paul Novick, editor of the Jewish Communist daily newspaper "Freiheit" on the ground that he swore to false statements when he obtained United States citizenship in 1927. Mr. Novick immigrated to this country in 1920. Revocation of his citizenship will be sought through the Federal District Court of New York, the announcement said.

SO. AFRICAN PREMIER FETED BY ZIONISTS; LAUDS ISRAEL'S "RESURRECTION"

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The "resurrection" of Israel is "one of the most important and significant events in modern history," South African Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan declared last night at a banquet given in his honor in Capetown by the South African Zionist Federation. The Zionist movement and leaders paid tribute to Dr. Malan as the first Premier of a foreign country to visit the Jewish State.

Reporting on his visit to Israel last June, the Prime Minister said the psychological and moral effects of the restoration of Israel were profound and that a newborn sense of patriotism, national unity and responsibility had become the driving force in Israel and among Jews of the whole world. Evidence of this drive was to be seen in the self-sacrifice and achievement of the people and particularly in the "nationwide determination to shoulder bravely all the difficulties inherent in the attempt to consolidate widely differing elements into a national unity."

Dr. Malan said his visits to Israel kibbutzim had been unforgettable experiences. He was deeply moved when he related his visits to the Holy Places, and declared: "In spite of past history there evidently exists no antipathy, nor even indifference, on the part of the Jews towards Christianity and its sacred memorials." The Holy Places in Israel are common to both Jews and Christians and are in the "safekeeping of both. Mutual relations could not be better," Dr. Malan added.

Replying to the Prime Minister, S. M. Kuper, chairman of the Zionist Federation, traced the history of friendship between the South African Government and people and the Jewish people and Israel, and pointed out that Dr. Malan's friendship was another link in a long chain. E. Horowitz, chairman of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews, and Israel Minister Cecil Hyman associated themselves with Mr. Kuper's tribute to Dr. Malan.

Other guests at the affair included Deputy Prime Minister Havenga, several Cabinet Ministers, judges, Protestant Church leaders, and leaders in the political and military life of the country.

SWEDISH OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN "ISRAEL DAY" AT STOCKHOLM FAIR

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- High Swedish government officials, headed by Minister of Commerce John Ericsson, today visited the Israeli pavilion at an international fair here. Today was "Israel Day" at the fair.

The Minister and his party were received by Dr. Abraham Nissan, Israel's Minister to Sweden, and was shown around the exhibits which displayed the products of 90 different Israeli firms. Minister Ericsson said he was impressed by the achievements of the Jewish State as reflected by the exhibits.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The sixth annual assembly of the National Jewish Youth Conference, a nationwide youth body sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, will open tomorrow at Cejwin Camps near here. The body represents 11 national Jewish youth organizations and more than 300 Jewish youth and young adult councils with a total membership of nearly 350,000.

The delegates will discuss Jewish education, Jewish culture, the attitude of American Jewish youth to Israel, immigration, support of the United Nations and the strengthening of democracy against communism and other forms of totalitarianism.