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JEWS IN TUNISIA ASSURED BY NEW PREMIER OF EQUAL TREATMENT

PARIS, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Jews in Tunisia were assured today by the newly-formed all-Moslem Tunisian Government that there would be no anti-Jewish discrimination in the country when it secures its internal sovereignty from the French Government. It was indicated by members of the Tunisian Cabinet that the Moslem leaders will never forget that Tunisia received its autonomy through the efforts of French Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who is Jewish.

Reports reaching Jewish groups here today from Tunisia say that the new Tunisian Premier, Tahar ben Ammar, told Jewish leaders that they have nothing to fear when the country will cease to be a French Protectorate and will become independent. The Premier emphasized that the rights of all religious minorities in Tunisia will be respected.

Three members of the new Cabinet are leaving this week for Paris to negotiate agreements with the French Government, guaranteeing the rights of French residents in Tunisia--among whom there are about 20,000 Jews. The other 80,000 Jews in Tunisia are natives, and will fall under the general laws of the country after it acquires its internal sovereignty.

"We Consider the Jews Our Brethren," Premier Says

Leaders of Jewish organizations here met today, and will continue to meet tomorrow, to decide on a memorandum to be submitted to the government on the protection of the rights of Tunisian Jews. In the meantime, they were informed today that Zachariah Schuster, representative of the American Jewish Committee, was received yesterday by Premier Ammar in Tunis, who declared that the independent Tunisia will not be a state based on religion, but one in which all will have equal rights and opportunities.

"We have always maintained best relations with our Jewish co-citizens and consider them our brethren," the Premier told the AJC representative. "You can be certain that there will be no religious, economic, social or cultural discrimination against Jews in our country." Premier Ammar will receive Dr. Maurice Perlzweig tomorrow, representative of the World Congress, who arrived here today.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES AMERICAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS IN CAMERA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed American-Israel relations in the light of the recent developments. No details were made public on the discussion.

At the same time, it was announced here today that Schmuel Eliashiv, Ambassador from Israel to the Soviet Union, will present his credentials formally in Moscow tomorrow to Soviet President Klementi Voroshilov. Soviet Ambassador Alexander Abramov is scheduled to present his credentials here tomorrow to President Itzhak Ben Zvi. Both envoys were recently raised from the rank of Minister to Ambassador.

SWISS SHIP WITH MEAT FOR ISRAEL DETAINED BY EGYPT FOR FOUR DAYS

HAIFA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The S.S. "Rann," a vessel sailing under the Swiss flag, reached here today with 500 tons of meat from Ethiopia, after having been detained four days and searched by Egyptian authorities enforcing their illegal blockade at Port Said.

Swiss diplomatic and consular officials at Cairo made strong representations to the Egyptian government as soon as word reached them that the freighter had been interned at Port Said. Following a search of the vessel--which the ship's captain described as "light"--the ship and its cargo were released.

The stopping of the "Rann" was the first Egyptian intervention against free passage of Israel-bound shipping since the initialling of the Suez Canal transfer agreement between Great Britain and Egypt. An Israeli government spokesman declared that this was the eighth Egyptian stoppage of Israel-bound shipping within the last 21 months.

U.S. ASKED TO SECURE ACCESS OF JEWS TO THE WAILING WALL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A plea to the United Nations to enable Jews to approach the Wailing Wall, located in the Jordan-held part of Jerusalem, was voiced here yesterday by leading rabbis following all-day Tisha B'Av prayers at Mt. Zion. For generations, the prayers had been held traditionally at the Wailing Wall.

More than 20,000 Orthodox Jews attended the prayers at Mt. Zion, reciting lamentations over the destruction of the Temple. The plea for free access for Jews to the Wailing Wall was supported today in the Israel press, which carries editorials on this subject.

NEW U.N. PALESTINE TRUCE CHIEF TAKES UP DUTIES THIS WEEK

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Major General E. L. M. Burns of Canada, newly-appointed head of the United Nations truce machinery in Palestine, arrived here today on his way to his new post in Jerusalem. He is scheduled to begin his duties in Jerusalem this week, succeeding Maj. Gen. Van Bennike.

It was learned here today that the Arabs are displeased with the appointment of Gen. Burns as chief supervisor of the UN truce team. Arab diplomats indicated they would rather have had a representative from a "neutral" nation take over Gen. Bennike's post. Because of the recent elevation of the Canadian and Israeli ministries to the level of embassies, the Arab representatives said they feel that Canada is not neutral in the Israeli-Arab disputes.

ISRAEL'S CHIEF OF STAFF ARRIVES IN FRANCE; RECEIVES DECORATION

PARIS, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- General Moshe Dayan, chief of staff of the Israel Army, was formally received today by General Guillaume, chief of staff of the French Army, and decorated as a Commander of the Legion of Honor. Senior officers of the French armed services, as well as representatives of Israel led by Ambassador Jacob Tsur, witnessed the ceremonies.

"France proved her friendship and sympathy for Israel well before the establishment of our State," said Gen. Dayan in thanking Gen. Guillaume for the honors. "This friendship was established during our darkest hours. During the six years since the creation of our State, the bonds of true friendship have been cemented between the great State which is France and our small State--so new, yet so old. It is notable that, on the military side, France contributed to the instruction of our Army, opened its schools to our students, and sent to Israel, at our request, Gen. Berchoux to lecture to our officers."

BRITAIN TO SEEK SOLUTION TO ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM, MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Britain will continue its efforts to resolve the Arab-Israel problem, Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd declared here today in a public statement. He emphasized that there is always the danger of an open Arab-Israel conflict.

The British Government, he said, has no intention of losing interest in the Middle East. He emphasized his belief that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal issue would increase the British influence in the Middle East. He cited the Arab-Israel dispute as the only problem in the area for which Britain will be interested in seeking a solution.

BRITISH COMMANDER OF ARAB LEGION FEARS ATTACKS ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The fear that the National Guard in Jordan may launch a full-scale series of attacks inside Israeli territory is entertained by Lt. Gen. John Baggot Glubb, commanding officer of the Arab Legion, who is known as Glubb Pasha, it is reported today from Amman by the correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.

"If this should happen," the correspondent says, "there is a strong possibility that England may, of her own accord, step out of her role of protector and banker to Jordan. This is exactly the result the Jordanian anti-British bloc wishes to achieve. If England moves out, certainly Gen. Glubb will follow, which will mean the end, at least in the Middle East, of an honorable career. It may well spell the disintegration of the famed Arab Legion."

The Amman correspondent reports that there is much intrigue against Britain in Jordan, and that both England and Glubb Pasha are encountering heavy opposition from an active group within the Jordan Government as a result of a secret agreement signed recently between King Hussein of Jordan and King Ibn Saud Abdul Azziz of Saudi Arabia.

The ruler of Saudi Arabia is reported to have obligated himself under this agreement to match the 11,000,000-pound sterling which Britain is giving to Jordan. Seven and a half million pounds of this total sum goes into maintaining the Arab Legion, the 14,000-man fighting body that General Glubb has built up over a period of two decades. In addition, King Saud agreed to absorb Jordan's surplus wheat and any other agricultural products it may produce.

Saudi Arabia to Finance Jordanian Patrols on Israel Border

The report also reveals that King Saud suggested he would be willing to help support the Jordanian National Guard, which patrols the long Jordan-Israel border. This force is commanded by Lt. Col. Radi Handwai. At the same meeting, King Saud reportedly said that such financial support would be withheld if the National Guard was placed under the command of General Glubb. In turn, General Glubb has long insisted that a move toward such a unified command would be in the best interests of the country.

King Saud, going a big step further, said that perhaps above all, he wanted to see General Glubb removed from his present command. King Hussein I, who is personally very friendly with Glubb Pasha, apparently had no choice but to agree with the full terms of the bargain, the Amman correspondent reports. There is no doubt that the 14,000-man Arab Legion is confused by this unexpected turn of events, which may result in Glubb being ousted from the post he held so long, the correspondent states.

BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT REPORTED WIDESPREAD; EXTENT ANALYZED

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Racial and religious discriminatory practices in employment are widespread throughout the United States, it is asserted in a report by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the coordinating body of national and local Jewish organizations engaged in combatting anti-Semitism and in fighting for civil rights.

"Every study that has been undertaken, whether under public or private auspices, whether of a locality or of an industry, whether of hiring or of upgrading, has established the existence of discrimination against racial, religious and national minorities," the report says. It points out that the extent and areas of discrimination vary with local conditions.

Discrimination tends to vary directly with unemployment, the NCRAC report stresses, but the relative unemployment levels among minorities does not alone necessarily mirror the extent to which the minority is discriminated against. Complaints of discrimination do not represent a reliable index of the scope or seriousness of the problem. To project programs against employment discrimination on the basis of these criteria, therefore, is to approach the problem far too narrowly, the report suggests.

Fear Often Keeps Victims from Complaining

The NCRAC points out that individual job seekers who encounter employment discrimination frequently fail to file complaints because of reluctance to become further involved in what has been a distasteful experience, because of fear of endangering future employment, because of the absence of a well-publicized channel through which complaints may be filed, because they feel that a follow-up will prove futile and, above all, because their primary concern is in getting a job - not in redressing a grievance.

"A firm that is generally suspected of maintaining a discriminatory employment policy may never have a complaint lodged against it, simply because minority group workers have learned on the basis of experience that they have greater likelihood of finding employment by applying elsewhere," the NCRAC emphasizes. "A decline in the number of complaints alleging discrimination can mean a diminution in discriminatory practices. It can also mean merely expanded employment in companies with fair employment policies."

The NCRAC draws attention to the fact that, during the past several years, various aspects of the problem have been subjected to detailed study by both governmental and private agencies. Taken together, those studies constitute an unimpeachable body of objective evidence, the report declares; that evidence is documented in thousands of pages of testimony before committees of both houses of the Congress. It is found in the reports of many agencies of the Federal Government, including the Department of Labor, the Bureau of Census and the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

"Studies by agencies of states in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and municipalities in Cincinnati, Detroit, Minneapolis provide convincing, if dismal, corroborative evidence, declares the NCRAC. Statistics of State employment service operations in California, Maryland, Michigan, and Ohio record the prevalence of discriminatory specifications on job orders in all sections of the country. Responsible private agencies have added to the burden of the evidence, the NCRAC holds.

SLOWNESS OF ADMISSION OF NON-QUOTA IMMIGRANTS CRITICIZED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Representative Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, today took sharp issue with the State Department, whose spokesman declared over the week-end that the slowness of Americans to come forth with job-and-home guarantees has slowed up the possible admission of more non-quota immigrants under President Eisenhower's Refugee Relief Act of 1953. Such guarantees are mandatory under the Act, which was exactly one year old Sunday.

Jobs and homes could be provided expeditiously for the non-quota immigrants, Rep. Celler said, if the United States went back to the previous immigration policies under which 400,000 "Displaced Persons" had been admitted. The previous policy permitted the guarantees to be pledged by organizations, instead of by individuals.

Previously, Rep. Celler pointed out, "assurances were given by such organizations as the Rural Catholic Life Conference, the National Lutheran Conference, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and other religious and welfare organizations. These assurances were carried out. No difficulties ensued. Jobs and homes were provided. It is difficult, if not impossible, to get personal assurances for each refugee, because such assurances put a heavy responsibility on the guarantor.

"At the present snail's pace, it will take years and years for the 214,000 non-quota immigrants envisaged in the Act of 1953 to be admitted into this country. The Act is too restrictive. And under its present administrator, Scott McLeod, the goal of admission of the 214,000 refugees will never be achieved."

Mr. Celler attacked McLeod's "ridiculous attitude" toward security screening, declaring that McLeod, who is the State Department chief of security, "sees subversives under every bed." Rep. Celler said he is preparing an amendment calling for liberalization of the Act. One of the provisions in the amendment, he said, will aim at the ousting of McLeod from his post as administrator of the Act.

AMERICAN RED CROSS HONORS B'NAI B'RITH FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith has been honored by the American Red Cross for its efforts during the past year in obtaining thousands of members for that organization, it was announced today by Sidney G. Kusworm, of Dayton, chairman of the B'nai B'rith National Commission on Americanism and Civic Affairs. The American Red Cross certificate of honor was presented to B'nai B'rith "in grateful recognition of outstanding public service during the 1954 campaign for funds and members."

At the same time, Mr. Kusworm disclosed that the all-year, five-point program of B'nai B'rith, in finding jobs for the physically-handicapped, drew from Maj. Gen. Melvin J. Maas a national commendation "in grateful appreciation of service." General Maas is chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

HEBREW EDUCATION OBLIGATORY FOR ZIONIST OFFICERS IN CHILE

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A resolution ruling that only members who send their children to Hebrew schools may be elected to Zionist offices or related organizations, was adopted here today at the closing session of the 35th Congress of the Chilean Zionist Federation.

Matias Schapiro, well known local leader in cultural and educational activities, was elected president of the federation.