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U.S. GOVERNMENT URGED TO INSIST ON AN ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- There will be no lasting peace in the Middle East so long as the Western Powers, including the United States, fail to make insistence on an Arab-Israel peace the cornerstone "for any program or policy" in that part of the world, Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland tonight declared here at the closing session of the 40th annual convention of Hadassah.

Governor McKeldin warned that Communism will make political capital by fishing in the "troubled waters" of the Middle East "as long as these countries remain at war, whether it be a declared war or a tolerated series of outbreaks in violation of a truce."

Urging the delegates "not to become discouraged by talk of a so-called new policy of 'impartiality' in our State Department," Gov. McKeldin said: "There may be some who have been urging this policy as a cloak for an unfriendly attitude towards Israel and out of sinister and evil motives. I have every confidence, however, that our Secretary of State has the highest motives and the interest of what he conceives to be the security of our country. Granting that, however, does not deprive anyone of the right or the duty, as Americans, to differ with that policy and to state his position honestly, clearly and effectively."

Criticizing the proposed grant of American military supplies to the Arab states, Gov. McKeldin said: "If Communism spreads into the Arab countries, it will not be by force of invading armies, but by the exploitation of the abysmal degradation and poverty of the Arab masses. In sending arms to the feudal masters, are we identifying ourselves with the status quo of economic serfdom?"

"Israel is the only truly democratic state, the one island of freedom in that vast area of medieval absolutism," Gov. McKeldin stressed. "Its people have a burning passion for liberty and freedom. That freedom was not given to them, because freedom is not a gift. Freedom must be won and this the Israelis did with their blood and their lives. For our own security, should we not assure the security of the one natural ally we have in that part of the world?"

Hadassah Adopts \$9,000,000 Budget; Mrs. Shulman Re-Elected President

A \$9,000,000 budget was adopted for 1954-55, including \$2,300,000 for Youth Aliyah; \$3,000,000 for the Hadassah Medical Organization; \$1,000,000 for the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, in Israel; \$700,000 for the Jewish National Fund; and \$600,000 for vocational education work in Israel.

Mrs. Herman Shulman, of Stamford, Conn., was re-elected for a second term as national president of the organization. Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, of New York, was re-elected treasurer; Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, of New York, was chosen national secretary; Mrs. Joseph Rasch was elected national recording secretary; and Mrs. Raphael Tourover was chosen for another term as Washington representative for Hadassah.

LEBANESE VESSEL INTERCEPTED IN ISRAELI WATERS; BROUGHT TO HAIFA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A Lebanese vessel with 34 persons aboard, en route from Egyptian-held Gaza to Beirut, was intercepted by an Israeli coastal patrol ship today in Israeli waters. The Lebanese ship was taken to Haifa.

ISRAEL'S MILITARY MANEUVERS PROVE SETTLERS OF AID TO ARMY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The first phase of Israel's military summer maneuvers, in the Judean hills, was ended today after three days of war games during which an "enemy" force of "Greens" fought against agricultural settlers, factory workers, office personnel and students defending the outskirts of a well-populated center.

The central area commander, Col. Zvi Ayalon, said the training and organization of the border villagers and land settlers proved extremely valuable, and gave great aid to the Army's regular troops. Both morale and efficiency of the civilian defenders and reserves proved that the country can depend on them in case of military crisis, Col. Ayalon declared.

Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon, evaluating this first phase of the military exercises scheduled for this summer, said he was very much impressed with the growth of the settlers' potential as a first line of national defense. The potential increased considerably in the last three years, the Defense Minister declared.

YIDDISH NOT A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN ISRAEL, PREMIER SAYS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Yiddish language is not considered a foreign tongue here, and will not be so considered, Prime Minister Moshe Sharett declared today. Recently, there had been a proposal for introduction of a bill in the Israeli Parliament, labelling Yiddish a foreign language.

While thus refusing to back those who would "outlaw" Yiddish, however, Mr. Sharett made a plea for strengthening and expanding the understanding of the Hebrew language in Israel. Such acceptance of Hebrew is incumbent, he said, even on the Yiddish-language newspapers and writers, because the Hebrew language must be employed as one of the main channels for integration of newly-arrived immigrants into the life of this country.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF EDUCATION LEAVES FOR UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Prof. Ben Zion Dinur, Minister of Education, left for the United States today to spend several weeks there in connection with some important historical research. During Prof. Dinur's absence, Prime Minister Moshe Sharett will act as Minister of Education.

BLAUSTEIN PRESENTS SUGGESTIONS ON MIDDLE EAST TO STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, conferred here today with Deputy Under-Secretary of State Robert Murphy on the Middle East situation. Mr. Blaustein offered suggestions for Egypt to lift the Suez Canal blockade against Israel and regarding the allocation of arms, if any, to be furnished in the Middle East.

GEN. KLEIN NAMED CONSULTANT TO SENATE APPROPRIATIONS BODY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Brig. General Julius Klein, of Chicago, past national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., was named today as a special consultant to the Senate appropriations subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

JEWISH STUDENTS IN GERMANY URGED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

FRANKFURT, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Jewish students at German universities are under a moral obligation to complete their studies in Israel, or to settle there as soon as they have earned their German degree, the fourth annual conference of Jewish Student Associations in Germany was told by Dr. Uri Naor, press attache of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany.

In a keynote address that was the high point of the conference, the speaker referred to the recent decision of the World Zionist executive to adopt a new policy by authorizing the establishment of a Zionist Organization for Germany. The right thus accorded to the Jews in this country implied the duty of emigration to Israel, especially for the youth and the young academic generation, Dr. Naor emphasized.

The conference, which in a resolution affirmed the obligation of emigration, was held in a picturesque small town on the Main river, as part of the annual summer camp arranged by the Coordinating Committee of Jewish Student Associations in Germany. Other speakers were Chief Rabbi Dr. Bloch, of Baden-Wuerttemberg, and Dean Hermann Maas, the high Protestant-ecclesiastical dignitary who is one of the Jewish people's most warm-hearted friends.

At seven German universities, chapters with a combined membership of some 200 now exist, it was disclosed. The great majority outside of West Berlin is made up of former DP's born in Eastern Europe who intend to emigrate from Germany.

Georg Majewski, chairman of the Coordinating Committee, reported that their quarterly, "Baderech," had reached a circulation of 1,000. He expressed thanks to the Central Welfare Agency of the Jews in Germany for the support extended to them, and noted that seven members were presently in Israel upon the invitation of the local Center of the World Union of Jewish Students, with which the Coordinating Committee is affiliated. Double that number are participating in a seminar held in the south of France by the French Union of Jewish Students.

"WORLD BROTHERHOOD" ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A German national section of "World Brotherhood" was established here in the presence of Willard Johnson, director of the organization's European Division, with the aim of fostering good human relations irrespective of race, creed and nationality.

"World Brotherhood," an offshoot of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in the United States, already has seven national sections in Europe, where they serve a purpose similar to that of the NCCJ. In Germany, however, the Societies for Christian-Jewish Cooperation are keeping aloof. They believe that the struggle against anti-Semitism is in itself so pressing a task in this country that the energies of their small but devoted band of adherents should not be diverted to more ambitious projects.

Herman Ebeling, a German-born New Yorker, who has represented "World Brotherhood" in Germany for the past three years, will be executive director of the new group during its initial period. Professor Ferdinand Friedensburg, parliamentary delegate of the Christian Democratic Union, and former Deputy Lord Mayor of Berlin, was named chairman.

The board comprises such well-known personalities as Hermann J. Abs, prominent banker and head of the German delegation to the London Debts Conference; Heinz Nordhoff, manager of the Volkswagen automobile plant; Carlo Schmid, the Social Democratic leader who is Deputy speaker of the Bundestag; and Hermann Schaefer, Federal Minister Without Portfolio. The two Jewish board members are Karl Marx, Duesseldorf publisher; and Dr. Alfred Mayer, Wiesbaden attorney.

HIAS-USNA MERGER EFFECTED; SINGLE MIGRATION AGENCY ESTABLISHED

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Close to two years of negotiations and planning for the establishment of a single Jewish national and international migration agency was culminated today with the consolidation of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, United Service for New Americans, and the migration services of the Joint Distribution Committee into a new agency called "United Hias Service."

Ben Touster, last president of HIAS, who has been elected first president of United Hias Service, announced the consummation of the consolidation at a press conference held today. The new single agency is expected to give better and more expeditious service to migrants, and to eliminate duplication and overlapping in the field of Jewish migration.

Merger of the Jewish migration services, performed on a global scale, was prompted by Jewish communities throughout the world. Agreement on proposals for the merger was first announced on January 28 of this year, at a press conference held in the New York offices of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which was chaired by Edwin Rosenberg, Jewish communal leader who initiated the merger negotiations in September, 1952.

The budget of HIAS, which for 1954 was set at \$2,000,000, is being covered by contributions from its vast membership and by grants from Jewish welfare funds throughout the United States and abroad. The approximately \$600,000 budget of USNA, and the estimated \$1,500,000 budget for the JDC migration services this year, are covered by allocations from the United Jewish Appeal. Beginning with 1955, however, United Hias Service will raise its funds independently through contributions from individuals and allocations from Jewish federations and welfare funds.

At the first meeting of the United Hias Service board of directors, which is composed of 39 former HIAS directors, and a similar number designated by USNA, Arthur Greenleigh, former USNA executive director, was appointed executive director, to head the operations of the new agency in all parts of the world. Walter H. Bieringer was elected chairman of the executive committee.

Mr. Touster told the press conference today that there is no change in policy on the part of the combined organization with regard to operations in Israel, and none is contemplated. The organization has offices in Tel Aviv and Haifa for which it feels the need is justified.

The board of the new organization, it was disclosed, will give immediate consideration to the North African situation and the emigration requirements there. Mr. Greenleigh will leave for North Africa in about two weeks' time, it was stated, for a survey of the situation, particularly in Morocco.

In response to questions, it was stated that between 12,000 and 15,000 Jewish refugees could be expected to enter the United States under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 during the three-year period, provided that existing obstacles are removed.

BIERINGER TO BECOME CHAIRMAN OF MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION

BOSTON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Gov. Christian A. Herter has invited Walter H. Bieringer to become chairman of the Massachusetts Refugee Commission being set up in response to President Eisenhower's request to the governors of all states to aid in the settlement of refugees under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Mr. Bieringer, president of the United Service for New Americans for the past four years, and chairman of the executive committee of the newly-formed United Hias Service, has served in a similar capacity as head of the state's refugee body in the past two State administrations.

EISENHOWER GREETES INTERNATIONAL B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH CONVENTION

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The contribution made by the B'nai B'rith youth organizations to the development of "able Americans" was lauded by President Eisenhower in a message to the 31st International Convention of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, which opened here today.

The 200 delegates of the B'nai B'rith organization of teen-age boys will meet for seven days to discuss Jewish contributions to world civilization, the meaning of Jewish traditions to Jewish youth in contemporary life, and other subjects of interest to American Jewish youth. The AZA has a membership of 12,400 in the United States and Canada. It maintains chapters also in Mexico, Israel, Britain and Australia.

President Eisenhower, in his message to the convention, said: "The long list of distinguished alumni of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization bears testimony to the value of its educational programs. I am sure your program has contributed to the development of these unusually able Americans and to the success and well-being of the many thousands of young people who form your alumni." The President's message also carried special greetings to AZA's sister organization, B'nai B'rith Girls, which last week marked its 10th anniversary in a convention here.

PROF. EINSTEIN TO BE HOST TO CONFERENCE ON HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein will be host to an extraordinary conference of Jewish community leaders and scholars in this country who will hold a two-day conference to consider the financial crisis facing the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, according to an announcement today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Chief item on the agenda of the two-day meeting will be an effort to find ways of building a new campus for the University. The University's original campus, on Mt. Scopus, has been blockaded by troops of the Arab Legion in Jerusalem since the outbreak of Arab-Israeli hostilities seven years ago.

The conference will convene in New York on September 18, and will move the following day to Princeton, N. J., where Prof. Einstein, as host of the conference, will join the scholars and community leaders discussing the Hebrew University's crisis.

Among the noted scholars scheduled to address the conference will be the well-known botanist, Prof. Michael Evenari, formerly of Harvard University, who is now vice-president of the Hebrew University; and Prof. Benjamin Akzin, dean of the University's Law School. The conferees will also include Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the Hebrew University's board of governors and president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; James Marshall, former president of the New York City Board of Education, and chairman of the board of the American Friends; and Joseph M. Mazer, New York Philanthropist, who is associate chairman of the board of American Friends.

BIALYSTOK JEWS CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SETTLEMENT IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A national convention of the Bialystok Jews in America, which will mark the hundredth anniversary of the first Bialystok Jew in this country, as well as the 35th anniversary of the Bialystoker Center and Home for the Aged in this city, will take place in New York next month, it was announced today by David Sohn, executive director of the institution.

There are 50,000 Jews from Bialystok in the United States, Mr. Sohn said. A special pageant is being prepared tracing the life of the Bialystok Jews in this country, and their contribution to America, from the arrival of the first immigrant from that city, Simcha Sfass, to the arrival of refugees from World War II.

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