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SENATE UNIT BEGINS "COMPLETE" INQUIRY OF REFUGEE ACT OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- The Senate Sub-Committee on Immigration voted unanimously today to make "a complete and thorough investigation" of the administration of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 following the dismissal of Edward J. Corsi as special adviser to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on migration matters and as expeditor of the refugee aid program.

Senator William Langer, chairman of the sub-committee, announced that it had decided to call any witnesses its members wanted to question, including Mr. Dulles, Mr. Corsi and Scott McLeod, State Department security chief and administrator of the refugee program. The sub-committee called Mr. McLeod to testify immediately and he was questioned in executive session behind closed doors.

Senator Arthur Watkins sought to confine the hearings to refugee act technicalities but Sen. Thomas C. Hennings said the Corsi case would be raised wherever relevant in the course of the hearings. Sen. Langer said the Corsi dismissal would be discussed if any Senator wanted to go into it.

Sen. Langer pointed to Mr. Corsi's charge that only 1,000 refugees had reached these shores under the refugee aid program and said that this fact was "in direct variance with weekly reports furnished the sub-committee by the State Department." He said his sub-committee will seek to establish whether the refugee act "has worked as well as alleged by Secretary Dulles or whether it is a failure as stated by Mr. Corsi."

Second Inquiry Seen; Congressmen Hit Corsi Ouster

While the sub-committee studies the handling of the refugee aid program, it appeared that the Senate Civil Service Committee would look into the ouster of Mr. Corsi in connection with the security charges levelled against the New York immigration expert. Sen. Harley Kilgore, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, expressed himself in favor of liberalization of the Refugee Relief Act and indicated his committee might study this question.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, endorsed demands for a Congressional investigation of the "whole mess" surrounding the Corsi ouster and denounced Mr. McLeod as a "glorified cop" Rep. Kenneth Keating, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said that body should find out "what is behind the Corsi ouster." He called the Corsi dismissal "a very serious matter."

There was no indication, however, that the Corsi case had as yet given rise to a consistent demand for reappraisal of the immigration laws. Although the Administration is committed to revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act, it has not lined up behind a bill introduced by liberal Republicans or a measure introduced by Sen. Herbert H. Lehman aimed at eliminating inequities and injustices in existing immigration legislation.

U. N. HIT FOR HAMPERING WORK OF SUBCOMMISSION ON MINORITIES

GENEVA, April 13. (JTA) -- The work of a United Nations Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities set up in 1946, was described here today as "a frustrating and lamentable tale of neglect and lack of appreciation of the importance of this work." The description was provided by Dr. A. Wahid, Pakistan's representative, speaking to a plenary session of the U. N. Commission on Human Rights.

Dr. Wahid, who blamed the United Nations and U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold for hampering the group's work by withholding technical and financial assistance, said that the activities of the subcommission had now been brought to a virtual standstill, causing serious apprehension in the minds of all those who wanted to see the work of the Commission on Human Rights strengthened.

"The unpredictable play of politics," Dr. Wahid added, "should not be permitted to impede the progress and speed of factual and objective studies relating to discrimination in matters of immigration and emigration."

DUTCH SUPREME COURT BANS NEW NAZI PARTY, IMPRISONS LEADERS

THE HAGUE, April 13. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Supreme Court banned a new Dutch Nazi party today, declaring it to be "treasonable" and sentencing its two leaders to two months' imprisonment each. The party is the NESB, an imitator of the pre-war NSB national Socialist movement.

DUTCH JUDGE FINES, SYMPATHIZES WITH JEW WHO INSULTED NAZI

AMSTERDAM, April 13. (JTA) -- A Dutch magistrate who fined a Jewish musician 17 guilders (\$2.50) for insulting a former Nazi, advised the ex-Nazi plaintiff today that he doubted whether he could maintain a claim for damages to his "honor and good reputation."

In assessing the nominal fine against the Jewish defendant, the magistrate said he had taken into consideration the fact that he had suffered under the Nazi regime and that many of his relatives had been exterminated in Nazi concentration camps.

RUMANIANS MUM ON REPORTED RE-TRIAL OF 62 ZIONIST PRISONERS

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- No confirmation of reports that the Rumanian Supreme Court had ordered retrial of 62 leading Zionists who were sentenced at secret trials last year to terms ranging from four to 20 years' imprisonment has been received here, according to the World Jewish Congress. The reports first reached here about the middle of March.

Both the official Rumanian Agerpress news agency and Rumanian broadcasts have maintained silence on this subject, according to monitoring reports which cover the period up to Passover eve, today's announcement said.

GERMAN PUBLISHERS SPEED FLOW OF BOOKS GLORIFYING NAZI LEADERS

HEIDELBERG, April 13. (JTA) -- The swelling list of memoirs and other literary works glorifying or explaining away the Nazi leaders has been increased with a number of books recently issued by the publishing house of Kurt Vowinkel of this city.

The most recent is the "Experiences and Observations of a War Criminal," by Dr. Julius Lippert, former Mayor of Berlin, sentenced to eight years' imprisonment as a war criminal who served in the top levels of the Nazi occupation machinery in Belgium. Other "authors" published by Vowinkel include: Hans Fritzche, one-time deputy to Joseph Goebbels; Konstantin Hierl, chief of the Nazi "Reich Labor Service;" and Peter Kleist, who "proved" that hardly any Jews were killed by the Nazis.

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO HEAR ISRAEL APPEAL ON BAR BY SPAIN

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- The next session of the International Olympic Committee, which will meet in Paris in June, will consider Israel's appeal against its exclusion by Spain from the forthcoming Mediterranean Regional Olympics, British sportsmen reported today.

These circles noted that the action of the Spanish committee organizing the regional games--to be held at Barcelona--had violated the regulations of the Olympic Games, which bar any discrimination on grounds of race, religion, color or politics. In the event that Spain stands by the exclusion of Israel athletes, the International Olympic Committee can forbid the flying of the Olympic flag or the holding of any other Olympic ceremony at the games.

ISRAEL CITRUS EXPORTS TOP 7,000,000 CASES; BRITAIN TAKES HALF

REHOVOTH, Israel, April 13. (JTA) -- Israel exported more than seven million cases of citrus fruit, despite previous calculations that exports this year would fall below expectations. Announcement of the figures was made here at yesterday's "Citrus Day" celebration by Zvi Isaacson, director of the Citrus Marketing Board. The day was marked with celebrations and the awarding of prizes in various categories of citrus production and marketing.

Twenty countries received the seven million cases, headed by Britain, which took half of all exports, according to Mr. Isaacson. Other figures mentioned by him at the fete, which was jointly sponsored by Israel Minister of Agriculture Peretz Naftali, were that the citrus industry provided 3,500,000 working days annually, and that citrus by-products production had reached new highs--4,000 tons of extracts, 2,000 tons of processed juices, 1,500 tons of natural juices, and thousands of tons of preserves.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration today announced authorizations totalling \$800,000 for Israel to finance purchases of parts for motor vehicles.

BUENOS AIRES, April 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Arieh L. Kubovi, Israel Ambassador to Argentina, who was recently elevated from the rank of Minister, presented his new credentials to President Juan Peron today. Accepting the Ambassador's credentials, Gen. Peron declared that the recent agreement between Israel and the Argentine to elevate their envoys to the rank of Ambassador, is a "sign of solidarity and friendship between the people" of the two countries.

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- The 66th ambulance contributed by the Anglo-Jewish community to the Israel Mogen Dovid Adom--Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross--was dedicated here today. This ambulance is fitted to care for premature babies and emergency maternity cases.

TEL AVIV, April 13. (JTA) -- A World Union of ORT Graduates will be formed in line with a decision adopted here today at the first conference of ORT school graduates in Israel. Present at the parley were Dr. Aron Syngalowski, chairman of the World ORT Union, and Labor Minister Golda Myerson. It was reported that since the State of Israel was established, ORT schools in this country had graduated 3,653 craftsmen in various fields.

BONN, April 13. (JTA) -- For the first time a resident of Israel has been awarded a decoration by the Government of West Germany. The resident, Miss Frieda Kroltzik, 74, is a Christian woman who worked for a Jewish family for 30 years before the Nazis came to power and who helped take care of an aged member of that family even after the Nazis had ordered Miss Kroltzik to quit her job. Members of the family who fled to Palestine have since taken Miss Kroltzik to live with them.

A. D. L. AWARDS "DEMOCRATIC LEGACY" MEDAL TO THREE FOUNDATIONS

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- The Carnegie Corporation and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, the three largest educational philanthropies in the world, were announced today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as 1954-55 winners of its America's Democratic Legacy Award.

The selection was made "in recognition of the far-reaching impact these foundations have had in their encouragement of social, political and economic developments that reinforce democracy under twentieth century conditions," according to Henry Edward Schultz, ADL national chairman.

Formal presentation of the current award will be made May 1 in ceremonies at which Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas will be the principal speaker. Acceptance of the medallion will be by John W. Gardner, president of the Carnegie Corporation; H. Rowan Gaither, president of the Ford Foundation; and Lindsley S. Kimball, vice-president of the Rockefeller Foundation.

The ADL established the award in 1948. This is the first time the recipients are institutions rather than individuals. Among earlier winners were Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Charles E. Wilson, who was chairman of the first President's Committee on Civil Rights.

SALK TO BE HONORED BY EINSTEIN MEDICAL SCHOOL, MT. SINAI HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Jonas Salk, conqueror of polio, will be the first recipient of the Bela Schick Award for an outstanding contribution to pediatrics, sponsored by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. He will also be awarded the Jacoby Medallion of the associated alumni of Mount Sinai Hospital, where he interned.

Dr. Salk was to have received the Schick Award last June at a dinner following the cornerstone laying at the new medical school, but he refused to accept it until results of the tests, then under way, proved the vaccine effective. Dr. Salk once worked under Dr. Schick, when the latter was chairman of the pediatric department at Mount Sinai Hospital and Dr. Salk was a young resident physician. The Schick Award, in a form not yet decided, will probably be given to Dr. Salk next fall. The Jacoby Medallion will be presented to him here Sunday.

The University of Pittsburgh researcher, who received his Jewish education at the Bronx Jewish Center, is a graduate of a Bronx public school and Twonsend Harris High School, which was for "exceptional boys." He graduated from high school at the age of 15, and entered the College of the City of New York. He worked during summer vacations and part-time during the school year.

After graduation from City College he entered New York University's School of Medicine. At N. Y. U. his professor of bacteriology was Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., who prepared the evaluation report of the Salk vaccine released yesterday. Later he worked with Dr. Francis at the University of Michigan where, together, they developed the commercial influenza vaccines now on the market. In 1947, the University of Pittsburgh chose Dr. Salk to start its virus laboratory. His major interest was to find a more effective flu vaccine and he did this, in 1953, even while he was working on the polio vaccine.

YESHIVA SYNAGOGUE UNIT TO TRAIN YOUTH LEADERS

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University's Synagogue Council has initiated a youth leaders training program aimed at bringing Jewish youth into closer contact with the synagogue. In order to provide personnel capable of working with young people, the University's Youth Bureau has organized a series of Youth Leaders Institutes. Institutes have already been held in Philadelphia, Westchester County, Queens and a number of other localities.

COLORADO LEGISLATURE PASSES FEFC MEASURE; GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL SEEN

DENVER, Col., April 13. (JTA) -- Signature by Governor Ed C. Johnson was expected today to a measure putting teeth into Colorado's fair employment practices legislation. The measure won passage after the lower house of the Legislature concurred in two Senate amendments.

The measure incorporated recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Human Relations, the effect of which will be to place the Fair Employment Practice office under the supervision of the Commission. The Commission itself becomes the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Division of the Department of Industrial Relations.

The bill gives the agency authority to initiate complaints, facilitates the filing of bias complaints by aggrieved employes and extends provisions of the act to cover those engaged in any work "financed in part or in whole by money raised by taxation."

The anti-bias legislation does not cover private employment in the State.

F. E. C. BILL PASSES MINNEAPOLIS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 13. (JTA) -- The State Fair Employment Practices Commission bill cleared the House Appropriations Committee this week and is expected to go before the lower house of the Legislature for debate on a special priority order.

The lower house group approved the bill in its original form providing an operating fund for the commission of \$40,000 a year for two years. The Senate appropriations committee, which accepted a companion bill, reduced the budget provision to \$30,000 a year.

BAECK, SHERWOOD, MEANY TO BE HONORED BY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- The 1955 World Brotherhood awards of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America will be presented to American Federation of Labor president George L. Meany, author-playwright Robert E. Sherwood and Rabbi Leo Baeck, former chief rabbi of Berlin, at a dinner here May 1. The awards are made annually to men who have made significant contributions to the cause of human rights and freedom.

The three men to be honored at the fifth annual World Brotherhood Dinner were selected by the Seminary's faculty and board of directors "in appreciation of their great contribution to the concept of human rights and human freedom and to the fine example they have set in their dedication to the cause of human equality and brotherhood."

LECTURE SERIES ON ISRAEL OPENS AT N. Y. U. APRIL 21

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- A series of five free lectures on the topic of "Israel Among the Nations" will be offered by New York University's School of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Culture and Education of the Jewish Agency, beginning April 21. Speakers in the series will be Ludwig Lewisohn, novelist, critic and Brandeis University librarian, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfeld, director of the Agency's Department of Culture and Education, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, a member of the Agency executive, and Avraham Harman, Israel Consul General in New York.

NETHERLANDER GETS FARM IN THANKS FOR SAVING JEWS FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- A new life on a farm in this country opened up for a Dutch grocer and his family when they landed here yesterday. The grocer, Leendert Hordijk, and his family, received a farm in California from Allen H. Rabin, a drug manufacturer, as a "thank you" gesture for their having sheltered, at the risk of their own lives, five Jews during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.