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ISRAEL PLANS TO BUILD ITS FIRST ATOMIC PILE WITHIN FOUR YEARS

GENEVA, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Israel will build its first atomic pile within the next four years, Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Israel Foreign Ministry and head of the Israel delegation to the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, declared here today.

With an increasing population and a scarcity of energy resources Israel must find new sources of power, he emphasized. Israel cannot depend on outside fuel sources--as it is now doing in the case of oil imports from the Soviet Union and the British Commonwealth--because in the event of war such outside sources might be cut off and "the country's life would be brought to a halt."

"We must be independent and cannot rely on others. That is why we are making every effort to increase our own energy sources and we hope to have an atomic pile built within the next four years." He said that the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, established in 1951, was chiefly concerned with research.

Asks Geneva Parley for Help to Establish Atom Power Station

GENEVA, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- A plea for greater help from the "know how" nations in the field of atomic energy for peaceful purposes was made today by Israel at the international "atoms-for peace" conference which is taking place here. The appeal indicated that Israel seeks help in establishing an atomic power station. It was made after a report submitted yesterday on Israel's experiments in producing uranium and heavy water.

"Israel is fully aware of the fact that the way from production of uranium and heavy water to an atomic power station is long and arduous," Prof. H. Tabor, member of the Israel delegation at the conference, said. "Her research program is based on the conviction that, ultimately, the nations of the world will join hands in solving the great material problems that confront humanity today, the production of energy and the production of food. Israel looks to this conference for help, through a decision to make available the necessary technical information to those countries which are too small or too poor to secure it by their own efforts."

"Israel could in exchange supply information about the experience it has gained in the methods of production of heavy water and uranium, data which we believe will go a long way towards making atomic energy an universal tool for the betterment of economic conditions and living standards and, therefore, for the achievement of peace in the world," he concluded.

At the same time, a report on measurements on natural water sources as an aid in prospecting for underground sources of uranium was delivered at one of the technical sessions here today by Dr. Saadia Amiel and Dr. Lester Winsberg of Israel. Dr. Amiel is a member of the staff of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, while Dr. Winsberg is a member of the faculty of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, Israel.

JEWS IN CASABLANCA SEEK SHELTER IN SYNAGOGUES; FLEE THEIR HOMES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The synagogues in the new portion of the city of Casablanca, Morocco, are crowded with hundreds of Jewish families who have fled their homes in the old native section under fear of further Moslem attacks, it was reported here today from Orococo. A number of Jews were hurt and many shops destroyed by Moslem nationalist bands who have attacked the Jews on the pretext that they were pro-French.

Meanwhile, the North African Zionist Federation, holding a conference in Marseilles, has appealed to the Jewish Agency to provide for immediate immigration to Israel of at least 5,000 Jews from Morocco and 1,500 from Tunisia.

("Why does the Jewish world keep silent when innocent Jews are being murdered in Morocco, Jewish property plundered and Jewish livelihoods ruined?" Dr. S. Levenberg, representative of the Jewish Agency in England, asked at a Zionist meeting in Brussels. "Both the Moroccan nationalist movement and the French authorities must be made aware of the fact that the Jewish people will not stand idly by watching the physical attacks on their co-religionists," he told the audience.)

ISRAEL DELIVERS TO U. N. CAPTURED MEDICAL SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR ARABS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Israel authorities turned over to the United Nations yesterday 38 cases of medical supplies and other articles destined for the UN relief and rehabilitation program among the Arab refugees in the Gaza strip, it was revealed here today.

The cargo of UN drugs was aboard a Syrian schooner apprehended last week inside Israel territorial waters. The Israelis immediately offered to deliver the cargo by a land route. The crew remains under detention and the vessel is impounded. An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman indicated that they will be used in a new attempt to exchange Arab prisoners for four Israel soldiers captured and imprisoned by the Syrians since last December.

MIZRACHI AND HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI MERGE; WORLD CENTRAL BODY FORMED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi world movements were merged here last night in the final decision of the joint world conference of the two religious Zionist movements.

The 200-odd delegates voted to amalgamate all sections of the movements and re-elected all members of the central committees of each movement to a new amalgamated central committee. In addition, a six-man committee was named to work out the technical aspects of the merger and to make preparations for the next conference of the merged group in two years. At that parley members to the new central committee will be elected on a personal basis, rather than as representatives of the Mizrachi or Hapoel Hamizrachi movements.

A demand that the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency arrange the immediate immigration of 5,000 North African Jews whose lives are in danger was voiced here today by some of the delegates attending the joint conference of the Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi movements.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT ASKED TO ALLOW UNRESTRICTED STUDY OF HEBREW

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Soviet Union to allow unrestricted study of the Hebrew language and culture was voiced here today by delegates attending the second World Congress for Hebrew Culture. The delegates also expressed their regrets that there were no representatives of Russian Jewry at the parley.

Defense Minister David Ben Gurion, major speaker at the day's session, stressed the role of the Bible in Jewish history and urged the implanting of a love of the Bible and of Israel as an assurance that "the future of the nation is safe." Education Minister Ben Zion Dinur also spoke. The delegates continued their explorations into a variety of proposals for spreading Hebrew culture in Jewish communities throughout the world.

JEWS FROM SOVIET UNION AND SATELLITE COUNTRIES ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- A total of 25 Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union and Soviet bloc states arrived in this country in the last two days. In addition, a party of seven Russian nuns arrived to take up residence in Russian Orthodox convents.

Today's party consisted of Jews from Irkutsk, Czernowitz, Vilna and Budapest. Eight came yesterday from Poland. Most of the immigrants are elderly people coming to join members of their families who are already in Israel.

Zigmund Boiman of Budapest told newsmen that about 10,000 Jews live in Budapest. The synagogues are open, he said, but it is difficult to get the necessary ten Jews together to hold prayers. Assimilation is a danger facing the Jewish community, he asserted, and some 60 to 70 percent of the Jews want to leave Hungary for Israel.

Ahron Berinberg, 82-year-old former resident of Irkutsk, said that he had worked until the day he received his exit visa directly from Soviet President Clementi Vorshilov. He and his wife left Irkutsk 20 days ago.

GERMAN COURT NAMES NAZI "RACIAL EXPERT" IN JEWISH PATERNITY CASE

MUNICH, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Bavarian State Council for Freedom and Justice has filed a formal protest with the Ministry of Justice against the action of a German court at Traunstein in designating a leading Nazi "racial specialist" as an official court expert in a disputed paternity case involving a Jew who was formerly a DP.

The Jew denies being the father of the child, for whom is asked to pay support. The court commissioned an "expert opinion on the basis of biological heredity" from Dr. Albert Harrasser, although the latter lives at a considerable distance from Traunstein. Harrasser, a Nazi Party member since 1931, served on the staff of the Nazi "Bureau for Racial Policy" and on the supreme staff of the brownshirted Storm Troops.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF MIDDLE EAST DECLINING, U.S. EXPERT SAYS

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The strategic importance of the Middle East as the geographical center and hub of global communications is declining as a result of technological advances, according to an article in the current issue of Middle Eastern Affairs, publication of the Council for Middle Eastern Affairs.

The article, by J.S. Raleigh, an authority on the Middle East, also doubts the efficacy of the "Northern Tier" concept of regional defense which, the writer says, so far has proven more of a liability than an asset to the free world and to Middle Eastern stability.

Mr. Raleigh points out that the advent of the air age has "caused a sharp decline in the importance of the classical waterways and the strongpoints which guard them," such as the Suez Canal and Aden. Over the region itself, the strategic value of the various air routes and strongpoints has become more elastic, and while the area as a whole remains an essential link in any global air communications network, "its importance is slowly declining with the ever-expanding flying range of both military and transportation planes."

However, Mr. Raleigh continues, "the free world needs the Middle East as a base for its own defense and for a counter-offensive in case of war; and as a territory which, in purely geographical terms, is essential for the containment of Soviet expansion.

The denial of the area to Soviet Russia may well be, in military terms, even more important than its availability to the West," he points out.

Israel's Ability to Defend its Territory Cited in Review

In view of the lack of stable governments, underdeveloped industrial economy, shaky socio-political structures and general backwardness in terms of health, education and modern facilities prevailing in the Middle East, Mr. Raleigh believes that "not one of the countries of the area is capable of defending itself against a serious military attack - let alone an attack by one of the strongest and most ruthless military powers - without very extensive help from the outside."

The only exceptions are Turkey, Israel and, to a degree, Pakistan, the writer says. The latter country, however, belongs rather to southeast Asia than to the Middle East and is more significant in terms of the defense of India. While Turkey and Israel can be relied upon for a spirited defense of their own territory, neither country is in a position to send expeditionary forces outside its own borders.

Mr. Raleigh envisions Israel's contribution to the overall defense of the Middle East as restricted, under present circumstances, "to that of an industrial workshop and repair shop for the free world." The active participation of her armed forces in defense of the territory as a whole, he declares, presupposes a state of peace, cooperation and confidence between herself and her Arab neighbors that does not exist. However, "Israel's importance in terms of geography and communications is great."

APPEAL FOR JEWISH EDUCATION ISSUED BY LEADERS OF MAJOR GROUPS

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Leaders of all major Jewish organizations today issued a call to Jewish parents throughout the United States urging them to enroll their children in Jewish schools beginning with next month, as well as to concentrate on improving the programs offered in Jewish schools. The call was issued through the American Association for Jewish Education.

"As American Jewry enters into its fourth century, it may well raise a series of fundamental questions," the appeal says. "What form is Jewish life here likely to take? What are the essential cultural and religious values that are worth perpetuating and through which we enrich ourselves and the society around us? Does the American cultural pattern encourage and make sufficient provision for the preservation of such values? What is to be our relationship to Israel? How can we develop our mutual contacts so that the basic ideals of Judaism are preserved and strengthened in both Israel and the United States?"

Pointing out that Jewish children must be able to cope effectively with these questions, the appeal says: "Much will obviously depend on the attitudes they develop toward Jewish matters but also on the intelligence and understanding which they can bring to bear on them. Positive attitudes and genuine understanding will in turn depend in great measure on whether or not they receive a Jewish education and also on the adequacy of the Jewish education that is provided. Leading a wholesome well integrated life as affirmative and self-respecting Jews can result only from an education that starts early and continues well into adolescence and adulthood."

EISENHOWER SIGNS BILL GRANTING U.S. GOLD MEDAL TO DR. SALK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower yesterday signed into law the bill awarding Dr. Jonas E. Salk a \$2,500 gold medal for developing the anti-polio vaccine which bears his name.

DR. SCHWARTZ RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; PLANS TO INTENSIFY BOND CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president and executive head of the Israel Bond Organization, returned from Israel yesterday with a pledge of all-out cooperation from the Government of Israel in moving forward on the widest possible scale with the Israel bond campaign in the United States and other parts of the free world.

"There is a unanimous feeling regardless of party that Israel bonds are vital to the sound growth of Israel's economy," Dr. Schwartz said, in commenting on his conversations in Israel with Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, Defense Minister David Ben Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other Israel leaders. He also conferred with President Itzhak Ben Zvi.

"After seeing for myself some of the principal economic enterprises that have been developed with the aid of Israel bond funds, I could fully understand why public opinion in Israel is so strongly impressed with their importance in building up the country," Dr. Schwartz declared.

On his survey tour of Europe and Israel, Dr. Schwartz was accompanied by former New York State Attorney General Nathaniel S. Goldstein and Sidney S. Green, financial adviser to the State of Israel. "Even though we arrived in Israel only several days following the general elections, we found that the number one concern of the people in Israel was economic development," the Israel bond leader said.

"It is interesting to note that so much of the election campaign centered on economic achievement, despite the tense situation with regard to Egypt. This is not only a barometer of sober political action, but of the tremendous strides the young country's economy has made in the past four years with American aid, particularly through Israel bond sales in the United States," Dr. Schwartz added. "The Israelis believe that all other problems will be brought quickly to a solution, if the economic structure is made impenetrable."

In his first overseas trip since assuming the direction of the Israel Bond Organization last May, Dr. Schwartz also held conferences with European leaders on the campaign for the sale of Israel Bonds in Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. The Israel bond campaign will launch its peak activity for 1955 at a National Mobilization Conference which will open in Washington, on Saturday evening, September 10th.

U. N. SELECTS ISRAEL ARTIST TO DESIGN POSTAGE STAMPS FOR 1956

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 10. (JTA) -- For the third time since Israel was admitted to the United Nations, an Israel artist has been honored by the United Nations Postal Administration. The Postal Administration announced today that Willi Wolf Wind, Israel artist now living in the United States, has been selected as a member of a panel of six artists, from as many countries, chosen to draw designs for UN postage stamps to be released in 1956.

The international panel, set up for the first time, has been established "to ensure a wide range of creative talent," the announcement declared. Mr. Wind shares the honors on the panel with Mrs. Dahl Collings, Australian; Leon Helguera, Mexican; Jean Picart le Doux, Frenchman; David Stone Martin, of Chicago, an American; and Hubert Woyty-Wimmer, an Austrian.

One of the previous UN postal honors given to Israelis went to Mr. Wind in 1952, when he was awarded first prize in the Postal Administration's international competition. Last spring, another Israeli, George Hamori, of Tel Aviv, won first prize for designing a stamp commemorating the work of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

WEISGAL ARRIVES IN ARGENTINA; REPORTS ON WEIZMANN INSTITUTE PROGRESS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- San Martin House, construction of which at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel represents a major contribution by Argentine Jewry to science in Israel, will be completed and opened next Spring, Meyer Weisgal, executive vice-chairman of the Weizmann Institute, told a press conference here today. At the interview, following his arrival here yesterday, Mr. Weisgal reported that 60 percent of the staff of the Institute were native Israelis.

Last night, Mr. Weisgal was honored at a banquet tendered by the major Jewish organizations in Argentina. Among the speakers were Pablo Manguel, Argentina's first Ambassador to Israel, and Dr. Ezequiel Jabotinsky, who was recently elevated to the rank of ambassador in Argentina's Foreign Service on instructions from President Peron.