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## REPUBLICAN PLATFORM FAILS TO ADVOCATE DEFENSIVE ARMS FOR ISRAEL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Dissatisfaction with the fact that the Republican Platform Committee failed to advocate the sale of American defensive arms to Israel in its tentative plank proposed yesterday to the Republican National Convention was felt in the ranks of New York delegates here today. However, it was taken for granted that the proposed platform on Israel will be adopted by the full convention.

Unlike the Democratic National Convention, which did promise arms to Israel, the platform of the Republican Convention contains only a pledge to "support the independence of Israel against armed aggression" but avoids any mention of arms for the Jewish State.

The New York Republican delegation had sought the inclusion in the platform of a pledge for defensive arms for Israel, similar to the pledge made in the Democratic platform last week in Chicago, it was learned today. Attorney General Jacob Javits of New York, noted Republican, defended today the proposed Republican platform. However he indicated that it did not go as far as the New York Republican delegation had wanted.

The Republican plank on Israel is a general restatement of previous positions taken on the Israel-Arab issue by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. The text reads as follows:

"We recognize the existence of a major threat to international peace in the Near East. We support a policy of impartial friendship for the peoples of the Arab states and Israel to promote a peaceful settlement of the causes of tension in that area, including the human problem of the Palestine-Arab refugees.

"Progress toward a just settlement of the tragic conflict between the Jewish state and the Arab nations in Palestine was upset by the Soviet bloc sale of arms to Arab countries. But prospects of peace have now been reinforced by the mission to Palestine of the United Nations Secretary General upon the initiative of the United States.

"We regard the preservation of Israel as an important tenet of American foreign policy. We are determined that the integrity of an independent Jewish state shall be maintained. We shall support the independence of Israel against armed aggression. The best hope for peace in the Middle East lies in the United Nations. We pledge our continued efforts to eliminate the obstacles to a lasting peace in this area."

The platform made what might possibly be meant as a reference to Saudi Arabian discrimination against U. S. Jews, but Saudi Arabia was not mentioned by name. The platform said: "We approve appropriate action to oppose the imposition by foreign governments of discrimination against United States citizens, based on their religion or race."

The platform omitted all mention of the Suez situation. Referring to the Middle East, a preamble to the platform said the Republican Administration had "maintained and will maintain friendly relations with all nations in this vital area, seeking to mediate differences among them, and encouraging their legitimate national aspirations."

At a press conference, Mr. Javits expressed hope for avoidance of partisan politics on the Israel arms issue. He said that some people held that the Republican platform stand on Israel was better than any promise of arms; but noted that he did not necessarily share this viewpoint. Mr. Javits was asked if, in a New York Senate race, he would be satisfied to run for the Senate on this plank. He replied that he was not satisfied to run on this plank, or the other party's plank, but rather on principles for which he has stood.

Republican advocates of U. S. arms for Israel have tacitly accepted the decision of the Platform Committee to omit reference to arms and are hailing the platform as the best that could be obtained under the circumstances. While still favoring arms

for Israel, these elements have bowed temporarily to the Administration's rigid stand against mention of arms to the degree that the fight for a more favorable final plank has been virtually abandoned.

No floor fight is therefore anticipated when the Israel portion of the platform is put before the convention tomorrow night. Nor is any important change expected in the present wording.

The New York delegation, which sought arms for Israel, is now stressing the plank's pledge "to support the independence of Israel against armed aggression". A measure of embarrassment exists in Jewish Republican circles because of the contrast between the Republican plank and the one adopted last week by the Democrats in Chicago, openly advocating the supply of American arms to Israel.

#### Democrats Reiterate Pledge to Supply Defensive Arms to Israel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Democratic National Committee today reiterated its party pledge to supply defensive arms to Israel.

The question as to whether the Democrats advocated arms for Israel was raised following press reports in Israel stating that the final party platform omitted the clause pledging arms to the Jewish state. A Democratic Committee spokesman today termed those reports "completely unfounded." He said the Democratic Platform specifically states:

"The Democratic Party will act to redress the dangerous imbalance of arms in the area created by the shipment of Communist arms to Egypt, by selling or supplying defensive weapons to Israel."

#### IRAN REFERS TO EGYPT'S BLOCKADE AGAINST ISRAEL AT LONDON PARLEY

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. A. G. R. Ardalen, Iranian delegation chief to the 22-nation International Conference here on Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal, is the first Moslem or Asian representative to call the attention of the Conference to Egypt's boycott against Israel shipping through the Canal.

Declaring that Iran was "motivated by a sense of the right of nations and international justice," Dr. Ardalen asked the Conference to recall that the Constantinople Convention of 1888 required freedom of passage through the Suez for all shipping, and that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement of 1954 for the evacuation of British forces from the Canal Zone made the same requirement. Then Dr. Ardalen continued:

"In the United Nations, too, whenever the question of the Canal has come up for discussion, the principle of freedom of navigation in respect of this waterway was reaffirmed. As an example, I would cite the resolution of September 1, 1951, in which the Security Council called upon the Egyptian government to terminate restrictions on passage of international commercial shipping and goods through the Suez Canal wherever bound, and to observe international conventions."

In Cairo, Egyptian President Nasser said last night that Egyptian nationalization of the Suez Canal Company had nothing to do with the question of free passage through the waterway. He said Egypt had control of canal security since long before nationalization was effected, and pointed out that the current blockade against Israeli traffic was begun even before the British began evacuating the Suez Canal Zone.

#### ISRAEL TO EXTRACT OIL FROM BITUMINE STONES; NEW INVENTION ANNOUNCED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Two inventions important to Israel's economy--one to increase vastly the yield of oil from bitumine stones in the Dead Sea area, the other to reduce greatly the cost of extracting precious magnesium from Dead Sea minerals--were announced here today. They have been developed by Alexander Zarchin, the engineer who fled a Soviet forced-labor camp in 1951 and who, only a week ago, was announced as the inventor of a method for desalting water.

One of Zarchin's latest inventions, according to the Israeli Inventors Association, will yield as high as 25 per cent oil from millions of tons of bitumine stones. The other Zarchin improvement, concerning magnesium, would reduce the price of this mineral from \$2,000 a ton to about 250 Israeli pounds for the same quantity.

#### MINISTERIAL BODY RECOMMENDS TAX FOR OIL PRODUCTS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A decision to recommend tax for oil products produced in Israel was adopted today by a Ministerial committee set up to deal with economic problems.

#### FIVESYRIANS EXECUTED IN DAMASCUS FOR ALLEGED "SPYING" FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Firing squads in Damascus today executed five Syrians convicted of "spying for Israel". A government spokesman announced the executions. He said a military tribunal imposed the death sentence after finding the five guilty of "spying for the enemy." President Shukri Kuwaty confirmed the sentences.

PACT ON JEWISH COMMUNAL PROPERTY RATIFIED IN BRITISH ZONE IN GERMANY

DUESSELDORF, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A final agreement on the division of pre-Hitler communal property between the re-established Jewish communities in the British Zone of Germany and the Jewish Trust Corporation, the successor organization for heirless Jewish property in the British Zone, has now been formally ratified by both parties, more than a year after it was concluded.

It is expected that a similar agreement pertaining to the American Zone will be ratified early in the Fall. This would bring to a close, since West Berlin arrangements have already been concluded, a long and bitter intra-Jewish dispute.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U. S. WARNED ON SHORTAGE OF EDUCATORS

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The shortage of qualified teachers is the major problem confronting the communities in developing adequate Jewish education programs. Philip W. Lown, president of the American Association for Jewish Education, declared in a statement issued today through the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Mr. Lown warned that the problem is becoming "increasingly grave and complex" as the Jewish school population continues to rise while the number of teachers continues to shrink. "During the past two decades we have witnessed an awakened interest in religion and Jewish education," Mr. Lown reported. "Reform and Conservative, as well as the Orthodox movement, are rapidly increasing their ranks. The number of new temples and synagogues has more than doubled during that period and the number of children attending Jewish schools has similarly grown.

"Yet the supply of educational personnel has not only failed to keep pace with the rising enrollment in the Jewish school, but there are even indications of a decline of interest on the part of Jewish youth to enter Jewish education as a profession." Schools for Jewish educators are "not graduating even one-third of the number of teachers required to meet the growing needs of the Jewish school movement," he added.

Mr. Lown reported that a survey undertaken by the American Association for Jewish Education had revealed that the total annual graduates of Hebrew teachers colleges yielded only 20-25 per cent of the number needed and that the unmet need was filled largely by sub-standard teachers. "Many Jewish communities have spent millions of dollars in recent years to erect up-to-date school buildings, with all the necessary facilities. But what benefits can be derived from these splendid structures if there isn't an adequate supply of qualified teachers?" Mr. Lown strongly urged community leaders to look into the reasons for failure to attract more teachers for Jewish schools and take remedial measures. He listed as some possible causes for the lack of sufficient interest in Jewish education as a career: inadequate remuneration; lack of security, tenure or fringe benefits; insufficient challenge or opportunities for creative expression; and failure of the community to attach the same status and prestige to Jewish educators that are accorded other professions.

As a primary measure to correct the situation the American Association for Jewish Education has called for frank and open meetings in all communities to "bring home to our people the clear and present danger that imperils the future of Jewish life in America." Mr. Lown reported that the Association has also held a series of regional conferences to air the problem on a broader scale and that more are planned. Climaxing the community and regional meetings will be a national conference in Washington, early in November.

B'NAI B'RITH AUTHORIZES CONSTRUCTION OF HILLEL CENTERS FOR STUDENTS

STARLIGHT, PA., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith today authorized construction of two Hillel centers to serve Jewish students of Rutgers University and the University of New Hampshire.

The action, taken by the organization's administrative committee, meeting here, brings to 208 the number of Hillel Foundations and counselorships organized by B'nai B'rith to provide religious, cultural and counseling service to Jewish students on campuses in the United States and Canada. Philip M. Klutznick, president, said that the new buildings when constructed, "will provide expanded facilities in step with the growing number of Jewish undergraduates at both institutions."

Rutgers and its co-education counterpart, Douglass College for Women, have a combined Jewish enrollment of 900 students. A Hillel program has been maintained there since 1939 in rented quarters. The University of New Hampshire at Durham, N. H., has 100 Jewish students who are isolated from Jewish religious and cultural institutions. They are presently serviced by a part-time counselor.

A special grant of \$5,000 was allocated by B'nai B'rith to the American Museum of Immigration for its projected museum to be constructed at the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. This edifice will contain historical material illustrating the contributions of immigrants to this country.

## SO. AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION PROHIBITS SEPARATE PARTY DRIVES

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- After a tense debate lasting into the early hours of the morning, the 25th biennial South African Zionist Conference decided here early today, by a vote of 185 against 63, to amend the South African Zionist Federation's constitution to prohibit separate campaigns for party funds by any group in the Federation. A breach of the new regulation, according to the decision, would be punishable by suspension or expulsion of the offending party.

The decision formalizes a gentlemen's agreement in existence since 1948, whereby the Zionist Federation had agreed to allocate funds to each party from the biennial United Israel Appeal on condition that the parties refrain from separate campaigns. In spite of that gentlemen's agreement, however, it was charged that the Zionist Revisionists have continued to conduct their own fund drives through visits of Heruth leaders from Israel.

After the constitutional amendment had been adopted, a personal assurance was given to the Revisionist delegates by Israel Dunsky, president of the South African Zionist Federation. Appealing for Federation unity, he pledged personally that he would do his utmost to help the Revisionists obtain an adjustment of any legitimate grievance within the Zionist movement, whether the grievance was against the South African movement or against the Jewish Agency for Palestine. He pleaded with the Revisionists to accept the "overwhelming decision" of the Conference.

The conference, which is being attended by Zionist leaders from all parts of South Africa and Rhodesia, was addressed, in addition to Mr. Dunsky, by Itzhak Bavly, Israel's Minister to South Africa, and M. Maisels, president of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies. The latter emphasized the "full mutual understanding and cooperation between the Zionist Federation and the Board of Deputies."

In his keynote address, Mr. Dunsky reviewed the world Jewish scene and the problems facing Zionism today. He stressed the clarification of the Zionist mission by the recent World Zionist Congress, which had characterized that mission as one of ensuring Jewish survival in the widest sense, on two fronts--both in Israel and in other lands.

Turning to local problems, the Zionist leader described South African Zionism's goals as twofold--utmost support for Israel, and the maintenance of united organized communal existence in South Africa. "Above all," he added, "we are concerned with the problem of Hebrew education, which is vital to Jewish survival." He also stressed the importance of the Zionist Federation's efforts to stimulate greater emigration to Israel from South Africa.

## DR. SCHWARTZ ARRIVES IN MEXICO TO LAUNCH ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, arrived here to launch the Fall 1956 campaign for Israel bonds in this country. Mexican Jewry has been active in the Israel bond effort for the past five years.

"The Mexican Jewish community has consistently shown a deep interest in work for the establishment and strengthening of the State of Israel," Dr. Schwartz said. "They have played an important role in the Israel bond campaign. I am confident that the forthcoming drive will produce outstanding results in the mobilization of investment capital through Israel bonds. At this time of continuing difficulty and tension in the Middle East, it is of the utmost importance that Israel be given the means to maintain its economic strength unimpaired."

## LACK OF EDUCATION IS MAJOR FACTOR BEHIND CRIMINALITY IN ISRAEL

GENEVA, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A study of the case histories of 100 young, adult criminals in Israel shows that 26 were practically illiterate, 72 did not complete more than five grades of schooling, while no more than half knew how to read or write the country's language, Hebrew. The report was given here today at the United Nations Conference on Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders by Dr. Zvi Hermon, Israel Commissioner of Prisons.

The Israel prison official found that extreme poverty does not seem to be the chief factor behind the criminality of the sample of 100 studied. At least 75 of the offenders came from homes where the economic situation of the families was "at least adequate." However, lack of education or illiteracy seemed an important factor contributing toward asocial behavior, according to Dr. Hermon. He found further that, of the 100 offenders studied, at least 58 had been delinquents at as early an age as 14.

## CHARLESTON ORTHODOX CONGREGATION CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSARY

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Brith Sholom Beth Israel Congregation will dedicate a new synagogue here, August 30, on the 100th anniversary of the existence of its old synagogue which was dedicated August 30, 1856. Brith Sholom is an Orthodox Congregation.