



Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Reproduction only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXIII No. 165 - 38th year - Monday, August 27, 1956

MOROCCO PERMITS 5,000 JEWS IN CAMPS TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Moroccan Government has agreed to permit the emigration of some 5,000 Moroccan Jews who have been held in a transit camp near Mazagan since early June, when the authorities blocked their scheduled departure for Israel.

The first groups have already left Morocco for Israel, after weeks of harrowing difficulties and suffering in the overcrowded transit camp. The 5,000 Jews who will be permitted to leave this country had sold their homes and other possessions, and had begun to move from the interior to Casablanca before the Moroccan authorities, on June 11, closed down Cadima, the Jewish organization arranging their emigration. With no place to which to return, they crowded into the transit camp and waited pending the outcome of negotiations for their release.

(In Montreal, the Canadian Jewish Congress disclosed that the Canadian immigration authorities have received definite and detailed instructions to proceed with the processing of applications for admission to Canada from Morocco and Tunisia which the Congress had presented to the Deputy Minister with request for immediate action.)

ISRAEL SEES EGYPT REAFFIRMING 'BELLIGERENCY' TO JUSTIFY BLOCKADE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman accused Egypt today of a calculated move to warn the Western Powers that it intends to maintain its belligerency claim as an excuse to continue the barring of the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping.

The Foreign Ministry statement was provoked by an expression of Egypt's intentions voiced at Geneva by Wing Commander Ali Sabri, head of the political department in Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser's office. Sabri was Nasser's observer at the recent 22-nation conference in London on the Suez Canal.

En route to Cairo to report to Nasser, Ali Sabri declared in an interview that "Israeli ships will never pass through the (Suez) Canal." He insisted that Egypt had the right to bar Israeli shipping.

Sabri's statement, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said, was "an unvarnished expression of Egypt's policy of aggression which is the primary cause of the threat to the peace in the Middle East."

He challenged the Egyptian justification of its policy on the grounds that Egypt considers itself in a state of war with Israel, pointing out that Egypt had signed an armistice agreement with Israel and that the United Nations Security Council had ruled that no state of war exists and had consequently ordered Egypt to discontinue the blockade of Israel.

End of Israel Blockade Seen As Vital Component Of Western Plan

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Observers here awaiting the next developments in the Suez Canal situation following conclusion of the 22-nation conference expressed belief today that lifting of the Egyptian blockade of Israeli shipping is an integral part of the majority plan which the five-man committee representing the parley is to submit to Egyptian President Nasser. The majority plan, it is pointed out, not only reiterates the principle of the Constantinople Convention of 1888, but also stresses the principle of "insulating the operation of the Canal from the influence of the politics of any nation."

Observers of the conference said today that the Western case, presented in the universal interest of all maritime nations, would be severely damaged if it did not cite the blockade as a blatant abuse of the international waterway by Egypt. Increasing recognition is being given here to the fact that no revision of the Canal regime can endure unless this precedent is removed.

Observers here feel that the conference strongly reaffirmed the principle of unimpeded navigation without discrimination of flag. The attitude of various delegates suggested they had become increasingly conscious of the blockade problem as part and parcel of the general issue.

ZOA COUNCIL CALLS FOR NEW MIDDLE EAST POLICY, URGES ARMS FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The National Zionist Administrative Council, ruling body of the "Zionist Organization of America," appealed to the Government today, "at the eleventh hour," to rectify past blunders and adopt a new policy in the Middle East. At the same time, the council urged President Eisenhower to authorize the immediate shipment of arms required by Israel and initiate discussions with the Israel Government for negotiation of a mutual security pact.

A resolution adopted by the special all-day session, after considerable debate, expressed grave concern "over the severe diplomatic and political defeats" suffered by this country and the West generally in the Middle East. It described the "steady deterioration of the American position in that crucial area as the inevitable result of the self-defeating policy pursued by our government in recent years." It termed the Suez Canal crisis "tragic vindication" of criticism of American policy which the State Department ignored.

The resolution welcomed the Democratic and Republican Party platform statements on Israel and noted "with satisfaction the forthright and unequivocal call of the Democratic Party for the supply of defensive arms to Israel and the pledge of the Republican Party to stand by Israel against armed aggression."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and chairman of the ZOA national executive committee, told the session that the seizure of the Suez Canal was the "sickening climax" of a policy of failure to protect Israel's rights. He denounced "pro-Arab and pro-Nasser apologists" in the American foreign service for seeking to build up Egyptian dictator Nasser in the public mind as "a pacific and constructive statesman, with pro-Western sympathies."

Mortimer May, president of the ZOA, called the Suez Canal situation "the almost inevitable outcome" of Western appeasement of the Egyptian dictator. He referred to recent "hopeful developments" but said "while we hope it indicates a new and wiser policy is about to be inaugurated, we have no such assurances."

AGRON BEATS BACK TWO NON-CONFIDENCE MOVES IN JERUSALEM COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Mayor Gershon Agron beat back two attempts in the Jerusalem Municipal Council tonight to force his resignation and counterattacked his former coalition partners now seeking his ouster by formally declaring that he cannot cooperate with his two Deputy Mayors, members of the Religious Bloc. His own party, Mapai, immediately introduced a motion to elect a new Council executive.

A non-confidence motion introduced by the Herut members of the Council failed when the Religious Bloc failed to support it. The Religious Bloc then introduced its own non-confidence motion but it failed when Herut refused to support it.

Mayor Agron came under fire from his Religious Bloc partners in the coalition that rules the Council when a majority, over the opposition of the Religious Bloc, voted to grant a building permit to the School of Archeology to be constructed here by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The school will have provisions for Reform services in the school library.

The Council postponed a vote on Mapai's non-confidence motion in the two Deputy Mayors, but voted to opt three additional members to the Council executive: Dr. Jacoby, a Progressive; Mrs. Ashbel, of Wizo, and R. Kalentar, Hapoel Hamizrachi, who refused to follow the party in this issue and announced support of Mayor Agron.

The Council is expected to unseat the two Deputy Mayors at its next session and to replace them by two of the newly opted members.

TWO ISRAELIS WOUNDED IN CLASH WITH EGYPTIANS ON GAZA STRIP

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Two Israeli soldiers were wounded in an hour-long battle with Egyptians along the Gaza strip border in the Kissufim area this week-end. The clash began when an Egyptian group penetrated Israel territory. An Israel patrol approaching this group was brought under heavy machine gun and mortar fire from Egyptian positions across the border. The Israelis returned heavy fire, forcing the Egyptians to retreat, but the exchange across the lines continued for some time.

RECOMMEND LOWER INCOME TAXES FOR SETTLERS IN NEGEV, BORDER AREAS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Income tax exemptions for persons taking up residence in the Negev area, in various new developments, and in frontier settlements were recommended here today by the Finance Ministry.

Those taking up residence in all such areas, the Ministry recommended, would pay no taxes on the first 400 pounds of income monthly; would pay lower property taxes, and would be free of various other government excise levies. The benefits would include also persons serving the "exempt" areas, such as teachers, doctors and social workers.

STEVENSON CRITICIZES REPUBLICAN STAND ON MIDDLE EAST

LIBERTYVILLE, Ill. Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic presidential candidate, sharply criticized the Republican Party's platform plank on the Middle East today. He asserted that "it ignores the Suez crisis; it ignores the smoldering fires of hatred and mistrust that menace the peace in the Middle East."

An "analysis" of the Republican platform plank, made by the Democratic National Committee, accused the Republicans of inconsistency. It said that "although the G. O. P. platform says that progress toward a just settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict 'was upset by the Soviet bloc sale of arms to the Arab countries,' it recommends no steps to redress the imbalance, merely says 'the best hope for peace in the Middle East lies in the United Nations.'"

The statement then pointed out that the Democratic plank promised defensive arms to Israel and other steps, including security guarantees, to deter aggression.

WELFARE OFFICIAL REPORTS JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROBLEM IN ISRAEL

FALLBURG, N. Y. Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Israel is "plagued" by a juvenile delinquency problem similar in many ways to the one experienced in American cities, Dr. I. Solomon Rosenberg, Israel Deputy Minister of Welfare, told the Greater New York Miz-rachi Council, meeting here this weekend in conjunction with the Miz-rachi national executive committee.

The great influx of immigrants in recent years, causing vast environmental changes, plus the fact that high school education is not free in Israel, are among the causes underlying juvenile delinquency in Israel, Dr. Rosenberg declared.

However, he said, delinquency develops more slowly in families with strong religious background, such as the Yemenite immigrants whose "background is among the most primitive and integration into modern Israeli society most difficult."

Introduction of Reform Judaism in Israel, the welfare official declared, would weaken the unifying religious traditions existing among the immigrants "by accentuating a feeling of difference among them; would serve to tear them asunder and permit accentuation of social, cultural, physical and educational differences which exist."

SOVIET OFFICIAL PLEDGES TEACHING OF HEBREW IN SOVIET SCHOOLS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A high Soviet official has pledged in writing that the Hebrew language would be taught to children in the Soviet schools whenever ten parents request such instruction, Prof. Abraham I. Katsh, chairman of the Department of Hebrew Culture and Education at New York University, declared here today.

Dr. Katsh stopped here en route home from a nine-day visit to the USSR. The promise to permit teaching of Hebrew was given him in writing by Alexander Arsenyev, deputy minister of Education in the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, largest republic in the Soviet Union. Mr. Arsenyev promised further, Dr. Katsh declared, that, later, facilities will be established in the Russian public schools for further Hebrew studies in literature and history. According to the NYU professor, Hebrew has not been taught in the Soviet Union since 1947, except to carefully selected specialists.

Dr. Katsh reported also that he negotiated an agreement, in the USSR, for the exchange between Russian scientific institutions and those in other countries of micro-film reproductions of Hebraica manuscripts.

The New York educator said he had found about 200 Jews in the Moscow synagogue when he visited it. He was told by Soviet authorities that there are about 3,000,000 Jews living in the USSR now. Jews to whom he spoke, in Yiddish, told Dr. Katsh, he reported, that conditions "improved considerably" for them after the death of Joseph Stalin.

SOUTH AFRICA BARS 'PROTOCOLS' AND OTHER ANTI-SEMITIC WORKS

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A number of anti-Semitic books and pamphlets are included in the consolidated list of publications, the distribution of which is prohibited in the Union of South Africa. The new, consolidated list appeared today in the Official Gazette.

Publications banned here include the forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," Henry Ford's "The International Jew," and various pamphlets issued by "The Britons," an anti-Semitic group in England. One of the pamphlets blacklisted here was an attack on Kol Nidre as "an immoral prayer." Another, "The World's Enemies" is an attack on the Jewish people.

Publication of the blacklist in the Official Gazette does not represent a new action by the Union Government but merely a consolidation of various Government orders of recent months into one comprehensive list.

NCRAC REPORTS ON SPECIAL JEWISH ISSUES IN MAJOR PARTY PLATFORMS

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A report on the platform planks adopted by the Democratic and Republican national conventions bearing on issues of special interest to the Jewish community was issued today by the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The purpose of the report was to review recommendations made on these issues by the Jewish agencies, and to compare them with the planks actually adopted by the convention. The report does not analyze or appraise the planks adopted.

The report sets out the full text of the planks proposed to the conventions by the Jewish organizations - dealing with Arab discriminations against American Jews, civil rights and immigration. In adjoining columns, for easy comparison, are the planks on these subjects actually adopted by the two conventions.

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, in letters to the chairman of the Democratic and Republican National Committees, thanked them for endorsing a tri-faith appeal against resort to bigotry in the impending election campaign.

Zionist Labor Group Endorses Democratic Candidates

The Labor Zionist Organization of America - Poale Zion announced today that it had decided to call on all Labor Zionists to vote for the Democratic Party candidates, Adlai E. Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver. The organization's executive body declared that, as between the major candidates, Gov. Stevenson more closely "represents the best traditions of American democracy."

The group's announcement pointed out that it has been a 50-year policy of the organization to endorse liberal candidates for national office. It is the first national Jewish body to align itself in the forthcoming elections.

URGES EDUCATION, NOT ADVERTISING, TO FURTHER JEWISH CULTURE

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 26. (JTA) -- "Public relations" in the cause of Jewish culture should use the methods of education, rather than of advertising, Judah J. Shapiro, national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, declared here this weekend. Mr. Shapiro defined the needs of Hillel Foundation work in this period before the annual meeting here of the Hillel Directors Conference.

"We should turn to methods that can only mean an interpretation of an uncompromising commitment to Jewish life," Mr. Shapiro declared, "not a program that attempts to satisfy standards on the basis of the lowest common denominator in the community. In our work, we must aspire to make certain that, whatever the Jewish conviction of the individual, it is supported by Jewish knowledge and understanding."

SCHWARTZ REPORTS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR BONDS IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice President of the Israel Bond Organization, returned from Mexico after a two-week visit during which he participated in the launching of the Fall, 1956 campaign for Israel bonds in that country. He said that "the enthusiastic response of the Mexican community during the opening days of the campaign is an indication that this year's drive will produce outstanding results in Israel bond sales. The men and women with whom I met are keenly aware of the difficult position in which Israel finds herself as a result of continuing tensions in the Middle East."

DR. SIMON LEAVES FOR TEACHING POST IN LOS ANGELES UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernst Simon, professor of education at the Hebrew University here, left for the United States today to serve at the University of Judaism, at Los Angeles. Dr. Simon is on sabbatical leave from the Hebrew University.

TO PUBLISH THREE MONOGRAPHS ON WORK OF NAHUM SOKOLOW

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Three volumes of the work of the late Zionist leader Nahum Sokolow will be published by the Zionist Library, it was announced here this week-end. Dr. Sokolow served as president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in 1931-35. The first of the volumes, sponsored by the Zionist Organization, will appear next summer. N. Kressel is editing the three volumes which will be monographs on Sokolow's life, on his Zionist and on his literary activities.

BEN ZVI LEADS TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR I JEWISH LEGION COMMANDER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel, who served as a private in the "First Judean" battalion of the Jewish Legion in Palestine during the First World War, paid tribute yesterday to his former commander.

The President, in the presence of diplomatic representatives of the Commonwealth nations, participated in the dedication of a tombstone on the grave of Lieut. Col. Eliezar Margolin, who commanded the 39th Battalion. Mr. Ben Zvi spoke of the significant role of Col. Margolin and of his personal valor in defense of the Jews of Tel Aviv when Arab mobs attacked the all-Jewish city during the 1921 riots.