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GOLDMANN DISCUSSES RUSSIAN-JEWISH SITUATION WITH SOVIET ENVOY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The position of the Jews in the Soviet Union and the possibilities for them of emigration from Russia were discussed at a private meeting here between Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and head of the Jewish Agency, and the Soviet Ambassador to Israel, Alexander Abramov, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The lengthy meeting was held in Tel Aviv a few days before Dr. Goldmann's departure for Europe. In addition to the emigration question, the two men were understood to have discussed the possibility of establishing an organized Jewish communal life in the Soviet Union with the community enjoying such minority rights as education.

J. W. V. EMPOWERS POLICY UNIT TO DECIDE ON SHELL OIL BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The policy committee of the Jewish War Veterans of America was given full authority by the JWV's 62nd annual convention to decide on a boycott against the Shell Oil Company, it was disclosed today. The convention ended Sunday in Boston.

The resolution authorizing the policy committee to act was adopted at a Friday convention session, according to Benjamin H. Chasin, New York attorney who was elected new national commander and as such automatically becomes head of the policy committee.

Chasin said he would meet with officials at JWV national headquarters in Washington, D.C., Friday to set a date for the next meeting of the policy committee at which the boycott issue will be considered. He said the meeting would be held "in a month or so" probably in New York City.

Boycott Would Be Reply to Arab Boycott

The proposed boycott would be in retaliation for the decision of the British-owned parent company to suspend sales operations in Israel, a move widely interpreted as a British yielding to Arab boycott pressures against Israel.

It was understood a JWV counter-boycott also would be in protest against alleged oil company concessions to Arab League efforts to extend the Arab boycott to American firms either owned by or employing Jews.

Chasin said that the decision on a JWV counter-boycott would depend on getting all pertinent facts on the Shell Company contention that the withdrawal decision in Israel was based entirely on "economic considerations."

The new national commander emphasized that until the JWV was satisfied "as to the real reasons for the company's action" in Israel, no action would be taken on the boycott issue.

Two efforts to obtain the facts directly from the company were reported by Abraham Kraditor of New York, a past national commander and chairman of the JWV Foreign Affairs Committee.

Kraditor said he and other JWV officials met in his Manhattan law office August 14 with a Shell Company representative who promised to provide complete facts within a few days.

At a meeting held in Boston Thursday evening after the regular convention sessions, the Shell official discussed the issues with a group of JWV leaders, Kraditor said, "but we were not satisfied."

He confirmed reports that a number of JWV members had returned Shell credit cards to the company but he emphasized this was a voluntary action on the part of JWV members because the organization still had not acted formally on the issue.

JORDANIANS CONDEMN THREE AS SPIES FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here from Amman today said three Jordanians have been sentenced to death by a special tribunal on charges of giving military secrets to Israel.

UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN GAZA STRIP REDUCED BY 600 MEN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The United Nations Emergency Force in the Gaza Strip is being reduced by 600 men, about one-fifth of its complement, as a result of the decision of the Indonesian Government to withdraw its troops and not replace them. The Indonesian unit will sail from Port Said on September 9, after eight months of service.

Major General E. L. M. Burns, commander of UNEF, who reviewed the Indonesian unit at Rafah this week-end, is to make a survey of the situation and report to UN headquarters whether he needs replacements or whether the forces remaining at his disposal are adequate.

While the original intention was to have the UNEF force responsible for order and security throughout the Gaza Strip, Egyptian police were sent into the zone and took over these functions, leaving UNEF solely as a frontier force patrolling the border between Israel and the Strip.

The UNEF originally mustered 6,000 men. Units of the force remain at Sharm-el-Sheikh on the Gulf of Akaba, occupying the coastal positions given up by the Israel Army.

FESTIVAL TO REVEAL ISRAEL'S GROWTH IN TEN YEARS OF STATEHOOD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- An exhibition portraying Israel's achievements during the first ten years of statehood and forecasting trends for the coming decade will be opened here next June for three months.

Officials said the exhibit would be modeled after the "Festival of Britain" of 1951, with the basic similarity to be reflected in the fact that the exhibit will aim to show all aspects of the first decade of statehood, including the political, economic, immigration, labor security and cultural phases.

The exhibition will cover more than three acres and will involve a budget of 1,500,000 Israeli pounds. The Jerusalem Municipality has planned a number of promotional efforts for the exhibit which will be closed Saturdays in deference to Orthodox opinion.

TWELVE HUNDRED ATHLETES TO COMPETE IN FIFTH MACCABIAH

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Agnes Keleti, the one-time Hungarian Olympic champion who made her home in Germany after winning four gold medals in gymnastics at the Melbourne Olympics, arrived in Israel today as the first foreign participant in the fifth Maccabiah.

More than 600 participants from 25 countries will compete with the same number of Israeli sportsmen in 16 fields of sport, ranging from field and track to tennis, soccer and basketball.

The Fifth Maccabiah will open on September 15 with the blessings of Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog and the traditional lighting of the Maccabiah torch with fire brought from the tomb of the ancient Maccabees at Modin.

Competitions also will be held in rowing and cricket but these will take place outside the official Maccabiah program.

President Ben Zvi will participate in opening ceremonies which will feature gymnastics performances by 250 members of the Maccabi Organization. One hundred pigeons will be released to signalize the opening.

The ten-day event will feature performances by three world champions--Bob Richards of the United States in pole vaulting, Ademar de Silva of Brazil in the hop step and Miss Keleti in gymnastics.

American and British contingents, with 100 representatives each, will be the largest visiting groups. Fifty participants were scheduled from France and South Africa, 20 from Australia, 23 from Holland, 17 from Rhodesia, 11 from India, ten from Chile and many from other countries.

Special events include water polo games, bowling, in which only South Africa, Rhodesia, Australia and Israel have entered competitors, and table tennis in which world champions are scheduled to play.

Twenty-five tents and a central house were being set up for the Maccabiah Village to be placed near the Ramat Gan national park reserved for male participants. Women will be housed by Ramat Gan families.

All participants will be taken on a four-day country-wide sight-seeing tour during which they will seek performances in village squares for Israeli folk dance groups and a variety of other entertainment being organized by the Maccabiah management.

FOURTEEN-WEEK STRIKE IN ATA TEXTILE MILLS IS ENDED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The costly 14-week strike at the Ata Textile company, Israel's largest textile producer, was settled at a midnight session last night in direct negotiations between management and the Histadrut which moved into the deadlock at the insistence of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

The deadlock revolved around the issue of management's insistence on the right to hire and fire for efficiency reasons, a point on which the Haifa Labor Council, negotiating for the strikers, refused to yield. The settlement pact provided, in addition to a wage increase, for dismissals on the basis of the existing agreement between the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association, with a special clause requiring special consideration of specific efficiency problems in each plant.

Not A 'Victory,' Say Histadrut Offices

The Ata management also agreed to establishment of a pension fund for the workers and an annual bonus but rejected a workers' demand for increased company payments into social funds.

Histadrut officials, declining to call the settlement a "victory," said it was the best that could be achieved under existing circumstances. Workers were scheduled to return to their jobs as rapidly as the idle machines could be prepared for resumption of production.

The Histadrut executive took negotiations away from the Haifa Labor Council after Ben Gurion personally intervened with a proposal that both sides accept arbitration, which was accepted by management and rejected by the Labor Council.

The Prime Minister then demanded negotiating authority be taken from the Labor Council, asserting that the violence-marked strike had created a severe shortage of textile yarn and of goods for the general market.

FIVE INJURED IN GAS FIRE AT OIL DRILLING SITE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Natural gas, erupting at a test drill near the Gaza Strip, was accidentally ignited last night, thrusting a 100-foot roaring column of fire into the sky.

Five workers, struggling to save a costly drilling machine, suffered burns of varying severity while Israeli fire-fighting equipment sought vainly to put out the fire which was visible to patrolling troops of the United Nations Emergency Force on the Gaza Strip border.

UNEF troops were seen watching the futile efforts to extinguish the volcanic tower of fire which experts said could burn for several days. Officials at the site said that if the blaze could not be snuffed out, army engineers would be ordered to blow up the well.

The test drill was undertaken in the Beeri area in a hunt for a geologic structure believed to be oil-bearing.

DANISH CABINET MINISTER GREETES JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The 32nd annual congress of the Scandinavian Jewish Youth Federation opened here last night. The conference was greeted by Mrs. Bodil Koch, Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs in the Danish Government, by Otto Levysohn, president of the Copenhagen Jewish Community, and by Harry Beilin, Israel Charge d'Affaires. Dr. Haim Yahlil, Israel Minister to Stockholm, was the principal speaker at the congress today. His subject was the struggle for the survival and unity of Jerusalem.

NINETEEN JEWISH CHAPLAINS INDUCTED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Nineteen Jewish chaplains--one of the largest single groups of new chaplains to be inducted into military service at one time since World War II--entered service this week for orientation and training, Rabbi Morris Lieberman, Baltimore, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, announced today.

Most of the 19 new Jewish chaplains will be ready to officiate at GI services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in September. They were recruited, ecclesiastically endorsed and served by the JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, which represents the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), Rabbinical Assembly of America (Conservative), and Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox).

Of the 19 new chaplains, 14 are at the Army Chaplain School, Ft. Slocum, New Rochelle, N. Y., and four are at the Navy Chaplains School, Newport, R. I. One new Army chaplain has already reported to Ft. Dix, N. J.

SENATE GROUP REPORTS OUT MODIFIED KENNEDY IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee reported favorably today an immigration bill virtually identical with that of Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Immigration Subcommittee. The Senate group did not act on the final section of the bill in which Sen. John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, proposed to permit Egyptian Jews and other refugees to avail themselves of 18,000 unused visas provided under the Watkins Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

The question about such visas and the qualifications for getting them was left open for decision in the Senate-House conference. The Kennedy bill includes nine technical provisions which Rep. Walter had sponsored in the House. Some of them would make possible the reunion of families now separated because of various reasons such as the illness of relatives abroad.

Failure of the House Judiciary Committee to report out legislation regulating the status of parolees in this country and providing for admission of refugees was condemned today in a statement by Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican. He charged that as a result, "we can no longer participate with other nations in any further humanitarian moves to help those escaping from tyranny."

Rep. Keating welcomed the Walter Bill, which was reported out, as "a step in the right direction." He expressed hope that Congress would act to provide "long overdue" amendment of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act when it reconvenes next January. He pointed out that Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee, had agreed to conduct full hearings in January on proposals for amendment of the immigration laws.

An aide of Sen. Kennedy said today that there were "excellent" prospects for enactment of an immigration bill before adjournment this month.

ST. LOUIS SUBURB SEEKS TO REVERSE COURT ORDER ON TEMPLE BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The city attorney of Creve Coeur filed a motion in St. Louis County Court today for a new trial in the application of Temple Israel for a court order requiring the Creve Coeur authorities to permit Temple Israel to build a chapel and religious school in that suburb.

The motion for a new trial preserves the right of appeal to a higher court against the county court verdict directing the authorities of the suburban community to issue the permit.

The county court's decision, based on constitutional grounds, held that Creve Coeur's action in denying the building permit was a violation of the right of freedom of worship guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Catholic and Protestant groups had supported the Temple's suit and the court's decision was widely applauded.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat strongly criticized the intent of the Creve Coeur board of aldermen to appeal the decision. It commented: "The idea had better be abandoned. This suburb's aldermen have already done too much to mar the reputation of their community."

CAMP BRANDEIS HOLDS ANNUAL INSTITUTE FOR JEWS IN SERVICE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The second annual week-end institute for Jewish military personnel from three Western states concluded at the Brandeis Camp in Santa Susana Sunday night. Members of the armed forces who attended, participated in a three-day religious and cultural program which telescoped the customary month-long leadership training program given at the camp to Jewish college youth. More than 6,000 youth have gone through the institute program since the founding of the camp in 1941.

Julius M. Cohen, area director for the Jewish Welfare Board, said that a national religious retreat at the camp is planned for military personnel next year, with servicemen flying in from all over the country.

Commander Elihu Rickel, assistant chaplain, 11th Naval District, San Diego, who was a guest lecturer, praised the Brandeis program for GI's, terming it "ideal in helping contribute to their moral and spiritual growth."

WOMEN LEADERS OF U. J. A. TO SURVEY AGENCY'S OVERSEAS OPERATIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Thirty-three women leaders of various community campaigns across the United States affiliated with the nationwide United Jewish Appeal will leave by Pan American Airlines September 6, on a 17-day survey of UJA-financed welfare, rehabilitation and refugee, rescue and resettlement programs in Europe and Israel, as members of the UJA Women's Division Overseas Survey Mission. The group will make its first stop in Vienna before going to Israel on September 9.