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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES "IDENTITY CARD" ISSUE; FINAL DECISION TODAY

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- A Cabinet discussion today centered about the "identity card" issue which has split the United Religious Party from the remaining parties in the Ben Gurion coalition government. Apparently the Cabinet reached no decision.

Representatives of the coalition will meet tomorrow with representatives of the Religious Party in what is expected to be a decisive session. If they do not patch up differences, the Knesset will hold a full dress debate on the issues which split the Cabinet. At that time, former Minister for Religion Moshe Shapira and former Minister of Posts Joseph Burg are expected to make detailed statements on the reasons for their resignations.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shapira told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there is no prospect in sight for his party's return to the Ben Gurion government unless the Ministry for Interior orders a revision in its latest directives for filling in identity cards. Religious leaders oppose the government's allowing any applicant to be registered as a Jew by nationality upon his assertion that he is a Jew, or the registration of a child of non-Jewish parent or parents on the statement by the parents that the child is a Jew.

Religious Party Prepares for Propaganda in Israel and Abroad

Mr. Shapira insisted that unless these directives go, the Religious Party will remain outside the government. It is understood that party leaders have already discussed plans for their action as an opposition party in the Knesset and for a major propaganda effort in Israel and the Jewish communities of the world to explain their differences with the Ben Gurion government.

Mr. Shapira's statement today that the Ministry of Interior's instructions threaten a division of the Jewish people in and out of Israel, echoed a statement by the Chief Rabbinate's Council during the week-end that the new identity card regulations are in opposition to the laws of the Torah.

The eight-man body--consisting of Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Yitzhak Nissim, the chief rabbis of the principal cities of Israel and two members of the rabbinical high court--charged that the regulations would bring confusion into Jewish family life, encourage mixed marriages abroad, and create in Israel a mixture of races which would not identify themselves with the historic character of the Jewish nation.

A separate statement by Rabbi Nissim challenged both the regulations and Premier Ben Gurion's assertion that a definition of a Jew is contained in Psalm 15. This Psalm, the rabbi insisted, is only a part of the Torah, not the entire Jewish law.

Rabbi Maimon Makes Second Appeal to Ben Gurion; Warns of "War"

During the week-end a new exchange of letters took place between Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Israel's first Minister of Religion, and Premier Ben Gurion. Rabbi Maimon appealed to the Premier not to compel him "to declare war on the leadership of the State, because of its decision."

Rabbi Maimon's second letter, which was given wide publicity by Israel's radio and press, called the readiness of the Ben Gurion Government to accept such Jewish self-identification a decision "fraught with danger to the national existence, unity and integrity." At the same time, it put the aged religious leader in agreement with Mr. Ben Gurion's contention that Israel was never intended to be a theocratic state. Rabbi Maimon referred, however, to a section of the Declaration of Independence which declared that "Israel is a Jewish State, a continuation of our historic people, bound with tradition to our forefathers and with a unique Jewish character."

Rabbi Maimon asserted he doubted whether the government was constitutionally empowered to decide who was a Jew and referred the Premier to high court decisions which, he said, established that this question could be determined only according to Jewish religious law.

Premier Ben Gurion's second letter to Rabbi Maimon stressed the Prime Minister's desire for peaceful relations between government and the religious element in Israel. The letter reportedly did not contain any new suggestions to solve the dispute over which the United Religious party has resigned from the coalition.

SYRIA REFUSES TO GUARANTEE SAFETY OF U.N. SURVEYORS AT LAKE HULEH

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- Refusal of Syrian authorities to guarantee that their troops would not open fire on United Nations observers attempting to establish boundary lines in a border region south of Lake Huleh prevented the beginning of impartial surveying operations today.

The Syrian refusal to cooperate followed on the heels of Israeli compliance earlier this week-end with a request by the UN truce organization that all reclamation activity be halted near Ashmora settlement where Syrian gunners attacked Israeli workers twice last week. However, when Israel learned that Syria would not permit UN surveying, work was resumed with armed guards protecting the laborers.

In the most recent incident, Syrian machine gunners and mortar units opened up on the Israeli settlement after nightfall on Friday. Firing continued for two hours. UN observers then informed Israel that the Syrian officer in command had promised to halt the shooting which did end shortly thereafter. No casualties were reported and the Israelis did not return the fire.

Israel agreed to halt work to permit UN surveyors to make exact measurements to determine whether there was any truth to Syrian claims that part of the land involved was not in Israel territory. It even offered to withdraw its border police to facilitate the investigation.

Israel officials said that the events indicated a standard procedure by the Syrians in which whenever Israel started drainage or land improvement near the Syrian border, the Syrians started shooting while claiming that the affected area was Syrian territory. The next step was for the UN to ask temporary suspension of work pending a survey which usually showed that the Syrian claim was 90 or 100 percent unfounded whereupon work would be resumed--after Israel casualties of wounded and occasionally dead victims of the initial Syrian attacks.

CHURCHILL PLEASSED WITH ISRAEL'S RAPID GROWTH AS MIDDLE EAST STATE

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- "I have been a Zionist for many years, and it is a great pleasure to me to see Israel growing so rapidly and playing a leading part in the affairs of the Middle East only ten years after its birth," Sir Winston Churchill declared at his Chartwell country home.

Sir Winston made this statement at a ceremony at which he presented a golden key of the auditorium which bears his name at the Haifa Technion to British industrialist Isaac Wolfson, Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath and Michael Sobell, president of the British Friends of Technion.

Noting that Israel is "faced with great difficulties," the famous statesman added: "But if you maintain your lead in education and especially in technical education, it will go along well towards improving your position. I am glad that the Technion is taking in students of all nationalities, and I am convinced that it will be a great influence for the development of the Middle East, and in the interest of all the people who dwell there."

Ambassador Elath, who accepted the key, said that "the friendly and generous words" of the British statesman "will be received with gratitude by the people of Israel who so greatly respect and admire him." Mr. Wolfson presented Sir Winston with an album of photographs taken during the opening of the Churchill Auditorium and said he hoped that Sir Winston would be able to visit Israel soon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVES 211,700,000 POUND BUDGET FOR JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- The finance committee of the Zionist Actions Committee, policy-making body of the world Zionist movement between congresses, approved today a 211,700,000 pound budget for the Jewish Agency for the new fiscal year.

The finance committee approved the following departmental budgets included within the overall document: absorption department, 7,500,000 pounds; immigrant housing, 15,000,000; youth immigration, 10,700,000; cultural and educational activities in countries outside Israel, 11,500,000; middle class absorption under the aegis of the economic department, 1,250,000, and Keren Hayesod expenditures, 1,250,000.

The Agency is committed to an expenditure of 42,000,000 pounds for debt repayment this year. The finance committee will continue, at its next meeting, a debate on a proposed settlement budget of 80,000,000 pounds.

U.S. TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH \$6,000,000 IN ADDITIONAL SURPLUS FOOD

WASHINGTON, July 6. (JTA) -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture today confirmed details of a new agreement to supply additional surplus food commodities to Israel totalling \$6,000,000. The supplemental agreement under Public Law 480 provides for financing the sale of \$4,000,000 worth of wheat and corn and grain sorghums including certain ocean transportation costs. Payment will be in Israeli pounds.

MOSCOW RADIO ATTACKS THE BIBLE; SAYS IT IS FULL OF "FABRICATIONS"

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- The Bible was attacked as a means of bringing up slaves not free men in a broadcast by Radio Moscow, which also termed the Bible a "monument of the ancient world, full of contradictions, naive concepts, fabrications and distortions."

The announcer retailed the tribulations of the people of the Bible and then noted that the prophets had promised freedom and happiness when the Messiah came. But, he continued, "the Messiah has not come."

"BUTCHER OF BUCHENWALD" APPEALS AGAINST HIS LIFE TIME IMPRISONMENT

BAYREUTH, Germany, July 6. (JTA) -- An appeal was on file today by Martin Sommer against his conviction in a Bayreuth court to life imprisonment for the murder of 25 inmates of the Buchenwald concentration camp after a trial which was widely covered by the West German press.

Members of the audience in the courtroom were restrained from trying to lynch Sommer after the one-time "Butcher of Buchenwald" pleaded not guilty and told the court that he had never treated anyone brutally and that he had not killed "a human soul" on his own initiative.

The close of the trial Thursday also was marked by a verbal clash between the court president, Dr. Paulus, and a defense attorney when the latter declared that inmates of the concentration camp had been nothing but "a hodge-podge and criminals."

Leading West German newspapers, devoting considerable space to coverage of the case, have pointed out that many guilty members of the Gestapo and the SS were still at large. The German press also drew the moral that young Germans must be brought up to repudiate sadism in every form.

INTERNATIONAL TRACING SERVICE GETS NEW LIST OF 27,000 NAZI CAMP VICTIMS

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- An index containing the names and other details of the history of some 27,000 prisoners at the Mauthausen and associated concentration camps have been made available to the International Tracing Service at Arolsen, Germany, by the General Sikorsky Historical Institute of London. The ITS' attention was drawn to these files by the World Jewish Congress. An estimated 12 percent of the listings in these files were previously unknown to the ITS.

It was reported from Warsaw that the Soviet War Veterans Committee had turned over to the Union of Fighters for Freedom and Democracy, a group representing former Polish underground fighters and inmates of Nazi prison camps, documents concerning the Auschwitz concentration camp. The documents tell the story of the building of crematoria at the camp by German firms and list some 2,000 persons murdered by the Nazis at the camp shortly before its liberation.

MASSACRE OF 60,000 JEWS IN YUGOSLAVIA BY NAZIS RECORDED BY COMMUNITIES

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- The terrible massacre of Jews in Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia--60,000 of a pre-war population of 70,000 were wiped out--has been described for the first time in a well documented volume just published in an English translation.

The book, "The Crimes of the Fascist Occupants and Their Collaborators Against the Jews of Yugoslavia," was compiled by the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia. The Yugoslav Government aided the Federation with the compilation of documentary evidence and with publication.

In documents and photographs, many published for the first time, the book paints a picture of torture and murder of men, women and children. Some of the collaborators held responsible in the crimes are still at large, including Adrijana Artukovic, Minister of Interior in the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, whose extradition is currently being argued in a hearing in Los Angeles.

Hearing on Artukovic Extradiction to Be Resumed in Los Angeles Tomorrow

LOS ANGELES, July 6. (JTA) -- The extradition hearing of Adrijana Artukovic, former Minister of Interior in the Croat puppet government, will resume Tuesday. The defense and attorney for Artukovic will argue the admissibility of documentary evidence meant to buttress the Yugoslav Government's contention that Artukovic was responsible for the murder of Jews, Serbs and other members of minority groups during the Nazi occupation of the country.

The hearing, held before United States Commissioner Theodore Hocke, began June 16 and has already been under way for three weeks. Most of the oral testimony in Artukovic's behalf was by six Yugoslavs now living in the United States, several of them Catholic priests and others former officials in the same Nazi Croat government in which Artukovic served. The chief witness for the Belgrade Government was Kerlo Carin, deputy attorney general of Croatia, who testified that under the Yugoslav criminal code Artukovic's alleged crimes were extraditable.

U. S. AMBASSADOR PRESENTED WITH SCROLL IN ISRAEL ON FOURTH OF JULY

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson was presented with a parchment scroll this week-end as the climax of a Fourth of July celebration at ZOA House here which was attended by 2,000 tourists and Israelis. Ambassador Lawson was honored for "strengthening the friendship and partnership (of the United States) with Israel."

1,100 AMERICANS TO ATTEND JEWISH AGENCY STUDY PROJECTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- More than 1,100 Americans will attend educational and cultural programs in Israel this summer under the auspices of the Jewish Agency. It was announced today by Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the American section of the Agency.

Mrs. Halprin stated that 12 projects from five weeks to a year long had been set up. She said the participants were high school students and adults and included Israeli Government officials, educators and authorities in various fields. "Our primary aim," Mrs. Halprin said, "is to help Americans to gain insight into Israel's social, economic and cultural development."

The Hadassah announced today that 91 members of Junior Hadassah and Young Judeaea, from all parts of the United States, will participate in the 1958 summer-in-Israel institute. Forty-seven members of Young Judeaea departed for Israel by air today and will fly back to the United States on August 27. Forty-four members of Junior Hadassah will leave for Israel by air this week and return to the United States on September 11, after a 15-day crossing on the S.S. Zion. Aboard ship, they will participate in a special leadership training course.

Since 1950, the youth activities department of Hadassah has set aside a sum of money for scholarships for members of Young Judeaea and Junior Hadassah desiring to take part in the Summer-in-Israel institute. In the past eight years, National Hadassah contributed \$75,000 in scholarships toward enabling more than 400 Young Judeaea to attend the Israel Institute. Similarly, National Hadassah contributed during the same period \$40,000 to enable 135 Junior Hadassah members to study at summer-in-Israel institutes.

NEW YORK WOMAN GIVES \$1,000,000 AS GIFT TO PITTSBURGH JEWISH HOSPITAL

PITTSBURGH, July 6. (JTA) -- Montefiore Hospital here announced this week-end a gift of \$1,000,000 from Miss Amy P. Frank, of New York, a former Pittsburgher. This is the largest single gift received by the hospital, the American Jewish Outlook of Pittsburgh reported. It will be used toward the projected construction of a new wing, to be designated as the "Samuel and Ettie Klein Frank Memorial."

The Samuel and Ettie Klein Frank Memorial will house a new emergency ward, laboratories, operating suite, a post-operative recovery suite, central supply department and a pharmacy. Provision will also be made in the upper stories for another 100 beds for patients, with some units devoted to chronic care and rehabilitation. The donor, Miss Amy P. Frank, is the daughter of Samuel Frank, who was born in Pittsburgh. Mr. Frank was a glass manufacturer whose father and uncle were pioneers in the field. Miss Frank's mother, Ettie Klein, was also born in Pittsburgh.

The memorial wing, in accordance with the donor's wishes, is to be dedicated not only in memory of Miss Frank's parents, but also her two brothers and her sister, who were also born in Pittsburgh. Her older brother, Laurence W. Frank, was engaged in the steel business and was one of the founders of the Duquesne Steel Foundry in Coraopolis, later known as the Continental Foundry and Steel Company. Her younger brother, Edgar K. Frank, was a cotton converter in New York, while Gertrude L. Frank, her only sister, also lived in New York until her death last year.

AMERICAN LABOR FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT TECHNION

HAIFA, July 6. (JTA) -- The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, announced the establishment of a scholarship fund in the amount of \$2,000 set up by the board of directors of the Sidney Hillman Foundation in New York. The late Mr. Hillman, who died in 1946, was for many years president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union in the U.S. and one of America's leading labor leaders.

MEXICAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP AWARDS MEDAL TO ISRAEL ATTORNEY GENERAL

MEXICO CITY, July 6. (JTA) -- Israel Attorney General Chaim Cohen was awarded here a medal by the Mexican Committee for Human Rights which is cooperating with the United Nations. The medal was presented to Mr. Cohen, during his visit here, by Luis Garrido, former president of the University of Mexico and chairman of the human rights unit. Israeli and Mexican high officials were present at the ceremony.

S. M. SHAPIRO, CANADIAN JEWISH EDITOR, DEAD; WAS 70 YEARS OLD

TORONTO, July 6. (JTA) -- Samuel Meyer Shapiro, one of the founders of the Canadian Jewish Congress and for many years editor and publisher of the Daily Hebrew Journal here, died today at the age of 70.