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ISRAEL CABINET ADOPTS PLAN TO POSTPONE IDENTITY ISSUE FOR ONE YEAR

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today adopted a compromise proposal which, it is hoped, would lead to the return into the Government of themembers of the National Religious Party who resigned from the Cabinet because of differences of opinion on the definition of who is Jewish in the identity card for Israel citizens issued by the Ministry of Interior.

The proposal, which will be presented by Premier David Ben Gurion to the resigned religious members of his Cabinet for acceptance, provides that the entire identity card issue should be referred to a specially appointed public committee comprised of legal and rabbinical experts, as well as of sociologists and men of academic learning.

It is assumed that the committee would be occupied with the question of defining who is Jewish at least until August, 1959, when new elections are to take place. In the interim, the present coalition Cabinet will be restored by the return of the resigned Orthodox members.

In adopting the proposal, the Cabinet today met with strong opposition on the part of its leftist members. However, the proposal was approved, and it was decided that the Cabinet should reconvene on Tuesday, giving Premier Ben Gurion two days' time to secure the acceptance of the compromise by the religious leaders. In the meantime, the Parliamentary debate on the resignations of the religious members from the Cabinet will resume tomorrow.

RUSSIA REPORTED ADOPTING TOUGHER POLICY ON REPATRIATION OF POLISH JEWS

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government is now adopting a tougher policy with regard to permitting Polish Jews to return to Poland, it is reported here by the Jewish Observer in a special supplement surveying the life of the Jews in countries belonging to the Soviet bloc.

Special difficulties are being imposed on Jews who seek repatriation to Poland, evidently because many of the Jews hope ultimately to emigrate from Poland to Israel. Russian officials are demanding from Jews seeking repatriation various documents which are difficult, if not impossible, to obtain. Few or no documents of the kind are demanded from members of non-Jewish minority groups seeking repatriation.

Jewish would-be repatriates are being asked why they did not leave the Soviet Union when they were permitted to do so in 1946. There are indications that the Polish Consulate in Moscow is being subjected to Soviet government pressure, being urged to abstain from intervening on behalf of the Jewish applicants for repatriation.

As a result of the tougher Soviet policy, repatriation of Jews to Poland has slowed down to a trickle of not more than about 300 a month, according to the survey, while the flow of non-Jewish repatriates has remained at a much higher, constant figure.

(The reduction of the number of Jewish employees in Soviet factories and the practice of a "numerous clausus" admitting Jewish students to Soviet universities was reported here today by Leon Crystal, staff member of the Jewish Daily Forward, who returned from a short trip to Russia and Rumania. He said he found more religious freedom in Rumania than in the Soviet Union.)

The Manchester Guardian's Warsaw correspondent declared in a dispatch yesterday that, in his opinion, the Polish government's expulsion last week of Israeli diplomat Jacob Barmor "is believed to reflect the changing atmosphere in the country, conditioned by directives from Moscow."

According to the Manchester Guardian correspondent, it is feared by diplomats in Warsaw that the new policy of the Gomulka government, under Soviet pressure, may affect the recently improved relations between Poland and Israel. The Warsaw-Jerusalem rapprochement had resulted in greater trade between the two countries, freedom for Polish Jews to emigrate to Israel, and a limited tourist traffic from Poland to Israel.

BUCHENWALD CAMP PHYSICIAN WHO MURDERED JEWS CAPTURED IN CAIRO

MUNICH, July 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Eisele, former Buchenwald concentration camp physician who fled to Cairo last week when it was revealed that he was responsible for murdering at least 200 Jews during the Nazi reign, was arrested by Interpol police in Cairo yesterday, according to word received here today.

Meanwhile, Max von Decker, Bavarian State Prosecutor, has been suspended from office as a result of Dr. Eisele's escape from Germany. Minister of Justice Willi Ankermueller, who suspended von Decker, announced that Dr. Eisele's arrest in Cairo had been requested by the Federal Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Government authorities believe it is possible that the United Arab Republic may consent to Dr. Eisele's extradition.

A German News Agency correspondent in Cairo, who interviewed the physician before the arrest, reported Dr. Eisele disclaimed the accusations against him. The doctor was quoted as saying "I never killed a human being in all my life" and as declaring that he left Germany because "the political atmosphere is such that it would have been impossible for me to get a fair trial."

Before his arrest, according to information received here, Dr. Eisele made contact in Cairo with Johannes von Leera, a former Nazi propaganda writer who had himself converted to Mohammedanism and is reportedly propaganda chief to Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Minister of Justice Ankermueller conceded today that, in his opinion, the judiciary department, and not the police, was responsible for Eisele's escape. Dr. Ankermueller called the Eisele case "the most unfortunate failure and the greatest scandal in the German judiciary since the war."

The Minister said that, when he looked into von Decker's dossier, following his suspension, on Friday, he made the "startling discovery" that von Decker had been a member of the Nazi Party since 1931. Von Decker was reinstated to office, the Justice Minister found, because he had held no office in the Nazi Party and because persons who had been persecuted by the Nazis had vouched for him.

Von Decker's dossier showed that, in 1954, he had shunted aside charges of perjury against Dr. Eisele when the physician denied charges showing he had injected hundreds of Buchenwald prisoners with poison. At that time, Dr. Eisele was accused of having shown, at Buchenwald, "a sheer lust to kill." But von Decker's department did not press prosecution against the physician.

NAZI OFFICER ADMITS PARTICIPATION IN KILLING 813 LITHUANIAN JEWS

ULM, Germany, July 13. (JTA) -- A one-time Nazi police officer, Wilhelm Gehrke, testified here yesterday in the trial of ten Gestapo officers that he himself took part in the execution of at least 813 Jewish women and children.

Gehrke, recently extradited from Sweden, appeared as a prosecution witness against former Tilsit Gestapo Chief Hans Joachim Boehme, Criminal Kommissar Hains, and eight other Gestapo officers. The group, composing a special Nazi extermination squad, had been ordered to conduct mass executions of Jews in Lithuania, near the old German border, shortly after Hitler's armies invaded Russia in 1941. The ten men are accused of having massacred more than 5,000 Jews, including many women and children.

After detailing the executions in which he had taken part--at Haydekrug, Garsden, Georgenburg and Wirballen--Gehrke fainted. He had wept throughout his recital on the witness stand.

Gehrke testified that, after the massacre of Jews in Georgenburg, Boehme ordered him to "chase" more Jews out of their homes for slaughter, because "the number killed was too small." After the massacres, he said under oath, the extermination squad held a banquet at a nearby Lithuanian inn, paying for food and cognac with money taken from the victims.

A 67-year-old Lithuanian woman, Mrs. Ona Rudaitis, also testified yesterday, declaring she saw the squad shooting Jewish women and children in a pasture near her home at Wirballen. Gestapo chief Boehme, who has been contending that he was in charge only of exterminating people who might hamper the Nazi army's occupation, finally admitted on the stand that he may have ordered executions "without knowing that women and children" were among the victims.

JORDAN RETURNS TWO KIDNAPPED ISRAELI YOUTHS; DELIVERED TO BORDER

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- Jordan today returned to Israel a young Israeli boy and a girl who were kidnapped from a beach at Elath a fortnight ago.

The youngsters, clad only in bathing suits, had been captured by a group of Jordanians who penetrated 100 yards into Israeli territory. They were brought back to this city at noon today via the Mandelbaum Gate.

TWO JEWS NAMED ON COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE AFFAIRS OF ALGIERS

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- Two Jews, Maurice Belicha and Elie Benchetrit, are among the members of a special commission appointed to administer the affairs of the City of Algiers, according to a report received here today by the World Jewish Congress. M. Belicha was formerly president of the Jewish Consistory in Algiers.

The commission, appointed after the resignation of Algiers Mayor Jacques Chevalier, is composed of an equal number of French Moslems and Algerians "of French descent." M. Belicha and M. Benchetrit are counted as representatives of the "French descent" group.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT ASSURES JEWISH DELEGATION OF COMPLETE EQUALITY

BUENOS AIRES, July 13. (JTA) -- The assurance that the Government of Argentina is "determined" not to tolerate any discrimination" against any group of Argentine citizens was given here by President Frondizi receiving a delegation of the World Jewish Congress.

President Frondizi stressed that complete freedom and equality is being enjoyed by all citizens in the country without difference of religion. "We are grateful to our citizens of the Jewish religion who are fully cooperating with the government," he declared. As it is known, there are Jewish governors in our country, Jewish members of parliament and Jewish high officials in the ranks of my government," he pointed out.

"I understand the sympathy of the Jewish community in Argentina for Israel and the solidarity which it shows with Israel," the President continued. "Nobody can forget his father," he said, referring to the aid being given by Argentine Jewry to Israel.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, who headed the delegation, thanked President Frondizi on behalf of the World Jewish Congress for the hospitality of the Argentine people and for the Presidential message sent to the opening of the World Jewish Congress conference here. Dr. Goldstein said the activities of the Argentine Government were followed with interest and good will abroad and expressed the conviction that the good relations between Argentina and the United States would become still closer and more effective.

Other members of the delegation included Aryeh Tartakower, Moises Goldmann, member of the executive of the WJC, Mark Turkow, WJC representative, Dr. Abraham Mibashan, president of the DAIA, Hirsch Triwaks, DAIA secretary, Emilio Gutkin, president of the Kehilla, and Gregorio Fainguersch, Kehilla secretary.

RABBINICAL CONVENTION DECIDES TO PROMOTE JUDAISM AMONG STUDENTS

MIAMI BEACH, July 13. (JTA) -- With a decision to inaugurate a comprehensive program for promotion of Orthodox Judaism among college youth in this country, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, Orthodox group, concluded its 22nd annual, four-day convention here last night.

The convention adopted a number of resolutions, among them one calling on the United States Government to guarantee Israel's security as a bastion of democracy in the Middle East, another appealing to the government of the Soviet Union to extend "full religious freedom and unfettered rights of emigration" to the 3,000,000 Jews in the USSR. Rabbi Emanuel E. Rackman, Far Rockaway, N.Y., was elected president, succeeding Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman.

In a joint statement, the outgoing and incoming presidents announced plans for establishing a "Beth Din," or central rabbinical court, in this country. The court will deal with domestic relations problems, such as marriage and divorce. It will serve as a "clearing house" in such affairs, the joint statement declared, and will concern itself, among other matters, with family status and mixed marriages.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, president of the Synagogue Council of America, coordinating body of the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative religious movements, told the closing session that "Sunday closing laws have become a major bone of contention" between Catholics and Jews. He warned that unless some formula was devised "for safeguarding the religious liberty of Sabbath-observing Jews, this issue will become increasingly volatile in communities all across the nation."

Dwelling on Israel and Middle East issues, Rabbi Adams declared that the "Protestant community approaches this area with an institutional and theological set of concepts which conflict at almost every point with the Jewish approach." He added that the "Catholic community, in addition to its special theological and geopolitical orientation, focuses on such issues as the internationalization of Jerusalem, thus leading to an added dimension of misunderstanding between Catholics and Jews."

In calling for a meeting of leaders of the three faiths to deal with these issues, Rabbi Adams pleaded for a "moratorium" on dissension among religions in the United States in order to meet holy obligations in the nuclear age."

VAN CLIBURN, AMERICAN PRIZE-WINNING PIANIST, WANTS TO PERFORM IN ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, July 13. (JTA) -- Van Cliburn, the 23-year-old American pianist who recently won first prize in a competition in Moscow, declared here today he was "dying to go to Israel. He expressed a hope that he would be invited to perform in Israel."

BRITISH DEPUTY FINDS SIGNS OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE SOUTH IN U.S.

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- Sir Leslie Plummer, member of the British Parliament, reporting on a recent visit to the United States, told a meeting of the Labor Zionists here today that during his visit to the South in the United States, he was disturbed to find "many active signs" of anti-Semitism. He added that while such activities were being combatted, he felt it was not wise to underestimate the "menace" which this condition represented.

Sir Leslie said he was greatly impressed by the "particularly generous way" in which American Jewry has helped Israel. He reported he found that leaders in all phases of life in the United States were favorably disposed toward Israel and that Israel's representatives there were doing "a magnificent job" in forming favoring public opinion toward the Jewish State.

U. J. A. LEADER REPORTS ON ISRAEL'S GRAPPLING WITH IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Back from a six-week visit to Israel, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, today reported that Israel's people are grappling with an immigrant absorption crisis "far beyond their own capacities to solve" and called on American Jews for a "dynamic effort" to meet this top-priority humanitarian responsibility.

"With new immigration continuing in an unbroken stream," Rabbi Friedman stressed, "the 'old' immigration of 1955-58 still requires vast sums for its full absorption. Thus, Israel's people are now faced with tremendous unsolved problems in housing, education and employment. The solution of these problems demands from both the people of Israel and the Jews of America 'as dynamic an effort as they produced at more dangerous moments in Israel's history.'"

The UJA leader pointed out that despite the dramatic expansion of housing construction in recent years, more than 100,000 people were still living in the huts and wooden shacks of temporary settlements and in other sub-standard housing. "Israel's people are determined to eliminate this problem and 25,000 housing units must be constructed to reach this goal," he said, disclosing that the first 7,000 units were recently commissioned as the initial step towards this end. "Another urgent need is to help scores of immigrant farm settlements which are struggling toward economic viability but which still are short of needed equipment, livestock and irrigation facilities," he declared.

HADASSAH REPORTS RAISING ITS \$9,000,000 QUOTA IN NINE MONTHS

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Although the recession has made it difficult for many organizations to meet their budgets and commitments, Hadassah has fulfilled its twelve-month quota of more than \$9,000,000 in nine months, it was reported today by Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, national treasurer of Hadassah in a special report to the organization's National Board.

This sum, the report indicated, includes the following contributions: \$3,300,000 for Hadassah's medical work; \$1,000,000 for the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center now being built near Jerusalem and \$2,100,000 for Youth Aliyah, which conducts a program for relief and rehabilitation of immigrant Jewish children in Israel. Also \$640,000 for Hadassah's vocational education program; \$800,000 for Jewish National Fund; \$45,000 for Hadassah supplies and \$120,000 for Hadassah's youth work in the U.S. Special gifts totalled \$110,000. In addition, Hadassah received \$102,000 from wills and bequests.

PEARL FRANKLIN, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH, DIES IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 13. (JTA) -- Miss Pearl Franklin, former vice president of Hadassah and a delegate to six World Zionist Congresses, died here at the age of 73. She had been a member of the Hadassah national board for 33 years.

Born in Huntington, Ind., she graduated from the University of Chicago and from Kent College of Law and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1917. She later retired and taught at the Wright Junior College from 1935 till 1951. She was the author of a book "Introduction to Social Science" and was a member of the American Zionist Council in Chicago since 1948, and an executive member of the American Association of the United Nations since 1949.

MONITOR RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF "MONITOR ASSOCIATES"; ALKOW CHOSEN

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Henry Monitor, president and founder of Henry Monitor Associates, Inc., member firm of the New York Stock Exchange, has resigned as president and has arranged to dispose of his interest in the firm. It was announced today.

At the same time, it was announced that Jacob M. Alkow, formerly vice president, has been elected president of the firm. It is contemplated that the name of the firm will be changed in the near future.

\$1,000,000 REFORM TEMPLE TO BE BUILT IN COLUMBUS; GROUND BROKEN

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 13. (JTA) -- Ground-breaking ceremonies were held today for a \$1,000,000 house of worship for Temple Israel. The new building, which will include a number of schoolrooms, will be ready for occupancy in September, 1959.