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U. J. A. NATIONAL PARLEY OPENS IN MIAMI; HEARS REPORT ON RUMANIAN JEWS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A concrete picture of Jewish mass emigration from Rumania and other East European countries to Israel was presented here today by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, following his return from a ten-day visit to Vienna and other cities where he studied the problems involved in the exodus of the Jews.

Rabbi Friedman spoke before a 100-man expanded UJA Campaign Cabinet meeting which marked the first session of the three-day UJA National Inaugural Conference here at the Fountainbleau Hotel. The conference launches the nationwide UJA drive for 1959 in 3,500 communities throughout the country.

"It is not mere talk," he said, "to suppose that this year may see 100,000 Jews going to Israel from Rumania and other East European countries. The movement of nearly 20,000 Jews from Eastern Europe since September has already posed a great financial crisis for the United Jewish Appeal agencies," he reported.

Rabbi Friedman said that "the Rumanian authorities have taken a humanitarian step in permitting the departure of large numbers of Jews. In my opinion," he added, "the action is in response to pleas of tens of thousands of Jews separated by World War II, and by subsequent events, to be reunited with families now in Israel."

Rabbi Friedman noted that the UJA had raised over \$150,000,000 ten years ago to help displaced Jews leave the DP camps. He called for American Jews to raise even more to meet the current crisis. He said 6,000 Jews reached Israel in January, but February may see 10,000 coming. He pointed out that even at the 6,000 monthly rate, the United Jewish Appeal agencies must have between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000 monthly to receive and absorb immigrants.

The services of UJA, he reported, begin the moment the emigrant arrives in Vienna, forlorn and wondering who will meet him. "Hot meals, medical care, pocket money, a place to stay and rest for a day or two, a railroad ticket to Naples where a ship waits to take him to Israel are immediately available," he explained. He said there was no way of knowing exactly how many Jews are registered for emigration from Rumania, which has a Jewish population of 250,000. But "there is reason to believe that as many as 100,000 are already registered."

Tomorrow's session of the conference will be a second expanded Cabinet session. The meeting will take up further ways by which communities can obtain maximum results in this year's UJA drive. The United Jewish Appeal will conduct a two-pronged drive this year. It seeks a \$100,000,000 special fund to resettle new immigrants streaming out of Eastern Europe to Israel and a regular budgetary goal of over \$105,000,000 to meet outstanding needs of earlier immigrants to Israel and for Jews in need in 24 other countries including refugees arriving in the United States.

EISENHOWER URGES CONGRESS TO EMPOWER F. B. I. TO CHECK SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today called on Congress to adopt legislation that would increase the power of the FBI in the bombing of synagogues, churches and schools as part of a general civil rights program designed to make "equal protection of law" reality for all.

In a message to Congress, Mr. Eisenhower urged additional investigative power for the FBI in crimes involving destruction or attempted destruction of buildings including synagogues and Jewish community centers. His proposal would make it a Federal offense to flee from from one state to another to avoid detention or prosecution arising from such bombings.

In explanation of his request for wider FBI authority in bombings, the President said state authorities have been diligent in dealing with these crimes under local laws but some basis for Federal action also is required.

"Such recommendation, when enacted, would make it clear that the FBI has full authority to assist in investigations of crimes involving bombings of schools and churches. At the same time, the legislation would preserve the primary responsibility for law enforcement

in local law enforcement agencies for crimes committed against local property," said Mr. Eisenhower.

The President also said that "two principles basic to our system of government are that the rule of law is supreme, and that every individual regardless of his race, religion or national origin is entitled to the equal protection of the laws. We must continue to seek every practicable means for reinforcing these principles and making them a reality for all."

The President, among other civil rights proposals put forth today, proposed conversion of the present U. S. Committee on Government Contract Compliance into a commission on equal job opportunity on a statutory basis. At present, non-discrimination in employment under government contracts is required only by Presidential Executive orders rather than under specific legislation enacted by Congress.

Congress Gets Bill to Implement Eisenhower's Request

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Attorney General William P. Rogers today sent legislative proposals to the Senate and House to implement President Eisenhower's request for a bill to punish flight to avoid prosecution for bombing educational or religious structures. The bill drafted by the Justice Department said:

"Whoever moves or travels in interstate or foreign commerce with intent either to avoid prosecution, or custody, or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the place from which he flees, for willfully damaging or destroying or attempting to damage or destroy by fire or explosive any building, facility or vehicle which is used primarily for religious purposes or for the purposes of public or private primary, secondary, or higher education, or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding relating to any such offense--shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Violations of this section may be prosecuted in the Federal judicial district in which the original crime was alleged to have been committed or in which the person was held in custody or confinement or in the Federal judicial district in which the person is apprehended."

SENATE GETS BILL TO ABOLISH NATIONAL ORIGINS QUOTA IN IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, today proposed legislation to abolish the national origins quota system under U.S. immigration laws.

"There should be a unified quota system which would allocate visas without regard to national origin, race, creed or color," Sen. Humphrey declared.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT BRINGS CHARGES AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION

LUNEBOURG, Germany, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A request by the German Government aimed at halting the distribution of the anti-Semitic sheet "Der Weg" in this country on the grounds that it glorifies former high-ranking Nazis, slanders West German leaders and in general supports Nazi theories of race and politics, was heard in a court here today.

The publication, originally edited and printed in Buenos Aires and more recently in Vienna, is distributed in West Germany by a retired customs inspector. It has a circulation of 16,000.

The government charged that the monthly insults the Bonn Government, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and President Theodor Heuss. Among the contributors to "Der Weg" are Johannes von Lehrs, education czar of Nazi Germany and instigator of pogroms; ex-General Ernst Remer former Luftwaffe Colonel Ullrich Rudel; the widow of Marshal von Ludendorff, and Sven Heding, a notorious anti-Semitic writer.

GERMAN MERCHANT FACES TRIAL FOR SHOUTING ANTI-JEWISH INSULTS

MUELHEIM, Germany, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A 45-year-old local merchant was today arraigned before a local jury charged with libel and public condonation of murder growing out of an argument in which he shouted anti-Jewish insults.

The merchant, whose name was not made public, called a fellow townsman a "Jewish lout" whom "Adolf forgot to gas." The target of his insults, who was not a Jew, preferred charges against the merchant. Still unable to hold his tongue, the merchant, in court, threatened to run off to Egypt. As a result, he was denied bail and clapped into jail.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DISSOLVES NEO-NAZI ORGANIZATION OF EX-SOLDIERS

VIENNA, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Ministry of the Interior today dissolved a newly-formed neo-Nazi organization. It announced that the chief aim of an organization known as the Patriotic Austrian Soldiers was the revival of the Nazi Party.

ISRAEL BLAMES EGYPT FOR GAZA CLASH; SAYS EGYPTIANS STARTED ATTACK

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Israel sources today blamed the Egyptians for a clash yesterday reported by the United Nations Emergency Force as having resulted in the killing of a Bedouin woman and child.

According to the UNEF report, four armed Israelis were intercepted in Egyptian territory south of Rafah at the southernmost section of the Gaza Strip border. When intercepted, according to the UNEF report, the Israelis said they had lost their way and withdrew across the border. Subsequently, said the UNEF report, the UNEF patrol learned that the Israelis had engaged a Bedouin camp.

Israel sources said that Egyptians had opened an attack on an Israel patrol which was well inside Israel territory, launching an incident in which the Israel patrol chased the Egyptians back into Egyptian territory. The Israel sources said that the Israel patrol then retreated to Israel territory still under Egyptian fire. The Israel sources added they had no information about any casualties resulting from the incident.

The United Arab Republic has lodged a protest with the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission and has called for an emergency commission meeting. The Egyptian press declared today that "Egyptians will not remain with folded hands in view of the Israeli aggression."

Hammaraskjold Says Armistice Body Will Deal with Case

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The United Nations has received a more detailed report on the incident in Egyptian territory regarding yesterday's alleged Israeli attack on a Bedouin camp, and the fresh report "confirms what we said previously," Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold stated here today.

Mr. Hammarskjold made this statement in reply to questions at one of his regularly scheduled press conferences. He said the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission "will have the last word" in regard to the reported incident. "Today's report does not give evidence of infiltration or pursuit, and as long as our people were with the Israeli troops there was no shooting at them," he added, declaring that he would prefer to consider the events reported "as an accident rather than an incident."

The UN chief told correspondents that he did not think any new Security Council resolution is needed to deal with the present situation in the Middle East. He pointed out that he has always stressed here, "as well as in conversation with parties" that no part of the UN peace machinery should be scrapped.

Asked about the current status of the negotiations concerning Israel's insistence that Jordan observe the provisions of a clause in the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement giving Israel access to holy shrines, including the Wailing Wall, Mr. Hammarskjold replied: "I have made certain proposals to both sides, in Jerusalem and Amman. The last word on this matter has not yet been said."

ISRAEL COURTS DEAL WITH THREE ARABS CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- An Israeli district court started hearings today into charges of espionage against a 17-year-old Arab resident of Lydda. The defendant, whose name was withheld, was accused of passing information to Jordan when he infiltrated into Jordan in July, 1958.

A Tel Aviv court meanwhile continued hearings on similar charges against two 30-year-old Arabs of Tirah village. The two Arabs were captured after trying to bring a Tel Aviv girl into their activities, according to the charges, but she informed police. At their instructions, she pretended to cooperate with the two Arabs until they were intercepted and arrested as they sought to cross into Jordan. All names were withheld.

MAPAI RENEWS EFFORTS TO INDUCE SHARETT TO BECOME SPEAKER OF KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- New efforts were made here today to get Moshe Sharett, former Premier and Foreign Minister to accept the post of Speaker of the Knesset. The move to fill the chair began officially right after a memorial session of the Knesset for the late Joseph Sprinzak.

In addition to the Mapai, whose leadership is reportedly pressing Mr. Sharett to take the Speaker's chair, several other parties--including the opposition General Zionists--have indicated that they would vote for him, if he agreed to run. Otherwise, it is likely that each major party will name its own candidate.

At the memorial session for Mr. Sprinzak, 12 deputies representing different parties, including two Israeli Arabs, paid tribute to the late Speaker in a crepe hung House. In attendance, in addition to the deputies, were the President of the Republic, Itzhak Ben Zvi, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, the Chief Rabbis, Justices of the Supreme Court and other leaders of Israel's political, cultural and social life.

SOUTH ENDORSES LABEL A. KATZ FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENCY OF B'NAI B'RITH

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Label A. Katz of New Orleans, nationally known Jewish leader and currently chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission, was unanimously endorsed as a candidate for national president of B'nai B'rith by the executive committee of District Grand Lodge No. 7, which is composed of seven Southern states. The resolution endorsing Mr. Katz' candidacy was adopted by the executive committee at its meeting held in New Orleans. Philip Klutznick, present B'nai B'rith president, has announced that he will not run for another term.

Describing Mr. Katz as "one of the outstanding national leaders on the American Jewish scene today," Robert Banks, B'nai B'rith district president, said that "there are few who possess such rich and varied background of top level experience in Jewish affairs as does Mr. Katz." He cited as evidence Mr. Katz' membership on the National Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, the executive committee of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and national chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission, in which capacity he is serving his fourth term. "It is natural for Mr. Katz to chair the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission," Mr. Banks stated, "for he started his B'nai B'rith career as a teen-ager in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, where he won prominence as a national debater."

Mr. Banks stated that Mr. Katz is recognized as a leader. He pointed to his having been elected for three terms as president of the New Orleans Jewish Welfare Fund, as well as having served as chairman of the Welfare Fund campaign, and to his presently serving as a member of the boards of the New Orleans Jewish Federation, the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, and the United Fund, as well as a member of the Mayor's Committee on Housing Improvement and Rehabilitation. He is a former member of the board of the Jewish Community Center.

AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST ANNOUNCES \$200,000 GIFT TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A gift of \$200,000 to the Hebrew University was announced here today by Charles Charcowsky, American industrialist and philanthropist. The gift to the University, to provide a science center, will come from the Charles Charcowsky Foundation, also announced today.

Mr. Charcowsky, who is active in the United Jewish Appeal and other Jewish projects in this country and Israel, said that he was impressed by the "research work being conducted at this great school of science and the humanities." Mr. Charcowsky came to the United States 53 years ago, an all but penniless immigrant boy.

BOSTON JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES INVESTS CAPITAL FUNDS IN ISRAEL BONDS

BOSTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Associated Jewish Philanthropies of Boston has invested \$100,000 in Israel bonds, it was announced here by Lawrence G. Laskey, New England Israel bond campaign chairman. The purchase was made from capital funds set aside for building purposes of the Boston organization, the oldest Jewish federation in the United States.

Mr. Laskey urged other religious, charitable and educational institutions to follow the example, pointing out that investment of such funds in Israel bonds helps the investing organization at the same time that it aids Israel in strengthening her economic security.

"The organization or institution can receive four percent interest during the period the bonds are held and can regain the principal when funds are needed for building purposes," he said. He emphasized that "payment of 100 percent plus interest is guaranteed," and pointed out that Israel has never defaulted on any obligation.

BOSTON JEWISH COUNCIL DEPLORES INCREASED USE OF PUBLIC CITATIONS

BOSTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Boston today issued a policy statement deploring careless and indiscriminate use of public citations in connection with goodwill and money-raising activities. With Brotherhood Week observance close at hand, the Council voted to appeal to all planning goodwill events to use the utmost discretion in distributing honors.

"We regret to note the strong trend towards using citations as drawing cards for goodwill and money-raising functions in the Boston area," the statement says. "Inherent in this practice are at least three dangers: 1. Men, rather than issues, will become the central theme of such functions; 2. Honors may be awarded to people widely known for political activities rather than to those genuinely and conscientiously interested in specific communal programs, especially strengthening mutual respect; 3. Persons whose past records have actually reflected intolerance may be selected for current awards. For all of the above reasons as well as others, we deplore the increasing use of citations."

HAMMARSKJÖLD PLANS TO TRANSLATE WORKS OF PROF. BUBER INTO SWEDISH

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld disclosed today that he is definitely planning to translate into Swedish several of the essays in the work, "Pointing the Way," of Prof. Martin Buber of the Hebrew University.