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## ADMINISTRATION ASKS CONGRESS TO EASE IMMIGRATION; SUBMITS PROPOSALS

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- The Administration announced today that it had prepared a series of legislative amendments to the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act and had transmitted them to the Vice President as presiding officer of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The effect of the amendments would be generally to liberalize the immigration laws and ease the admission of refugees into the United States.

The proposals were drafted by the Department of Justice and transmitted today by Attorney General William P. Rogers. The major change proposed by the Attorney General was in the immigration quota system. The Administration proposals would base immigration quotas on the 1950 census instead of on the census of 1920 as under the existing law. This, it was estimated, would increase the annual quota total by approximately 65,000.

The Administration also proposed a change in the system which would permit the unused quota numbers of one year to be used in the next year. It would also set up separate "quota pools" for Europe, Asia and the Pacific area and unused quota visas would be distributed to persons with preferred status--those having special skills or close relatives in the United States--without regard to their country of birth.

Another major proposal was an amendment which would permit the United States to take an active role in World Refugee Year by opening its gates to refugees. This amendment would empower the Attorney General to parole into the United States refugees from Communist-controlled countries who had fled to non-Communist areas. Under this provision, 10,000 persons could be paroled yearly and, upon proclamation by the President of an extraordinary situation, up to 68,000 could be admitted in one year.

Other amendments submitted by the Attorney General provided for revision of court review procedures in deportation cases; overhaul of the law covering naturalization of aliens in the armed forces and authorization of administrative relief in hardship cases. The amendments generally followed the lines of proposals discussed before the White House conference on refugees last week. The conference, in which representatives of all faiths in the United States participated, approved this program and called for its support.

## PROSPECTS FOR JEWISH IMMIGRATION FROM U. S. DISCUSSED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- The Joint Israel Government-Jewish Agency Coordinating Committee, which met here today under the chairmanship of Premier David Ben Gurion, decided to appoint a joint Government-Agency committee to study the question of immigration from the United States and to prepare proposals for consideration by the parent body.

The coordinating committee is composed of four members of the Israel Cabinet and four members of the Jewish Agency executive. Its session today was devoted almost exclusively to the question of immigration from the United States. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive and president of the World Zionist Organization, described to the meeting prospects for the settlement of American Jews in Israel and suggested the conditions necessary to establishment of a receptive atmosphere.

Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, who is in Israel in connection with the fraternal organization's triennial convention, and Dr. Moshe Davis, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, attended today's meeting as observers.

## ISRAEL PARLIAMENT RESUMES SESSION; FIGHT ON IMMIGRATION LOAN EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament resumed its session today after a six-week Spring recess and prepared immediately for a bitter parliamentary fight on the question of the 40 million pound compulsory loan to help finance settlement of immigrants from Eastern Europe.

On the Knesset agenda for this week are four Opposition bills calling for total deferment of the immigration loan until mass immigration, halted since April, is resumed. The compulsory loan was to have entered into effect this month but the Cabinet deferred the compulsory withholding from wages. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol warned last week that reduction or cancellation of the immigration loan would result in a sharp cut in the Israel development budget.

## B'NAI B'RITH CONVENTION OPENS IN ISRAEL; KLUTZNICK DOUBTS U. S. ALIYAH

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick, president of the B'nai B'rith, keynoted the opening tonight of that organization's first triennial convention outside the United States by reminding 1,300 delegates and thousands of Israeli guests that "the majority of the Jews will continue to live in lands outside Israel. This may be a hard fact for extravagant nationalism to accept," he asserted, "but to blink at it is utter folly."

The B'nai B'rith president warned Israel not to pin false hopes on the possibilities of any large-scale immigration from the United States and other free lands and stressed that "importuning calls for wholesale migration" were not only foredoomed to failure but displayed a negative attitude towards Jewish life abroad.

The five-day convention, held in the huge hall of Jerusalem's Convention Center, was opened with an invocation by Rabbi Yitzchak Nissim, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi, and a welcoming address by President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel. Members of the Government and leaders in all walks of life in Israel were present at the opening session. President Eisenhower sent a cable of greetings to the convention in which he lauded the B'nai B'rith activities.

Mr. Klutznick's presidential address was devoted mainly to the question of relationships between Israel and the Jews in the rest of the world. He pointed out that Jews living in countries unfriendly to them would continue to seek a way to reach Israel and "it is axiomatic that all of us will assist their efforts."

A second category of Jews, he noted, were those living under forms of government that offended their Jewishness and sense of human dignity. From time to time, he said, some of these might escape or be permitted to emigrate. "This prospect is both welcome and burdensome. It is a challenge to Jews everywhere."

He pointed out that four times the number of Jews in Israel live in lands where Jewish life freely flourishes and "anti-Semitism, in the age of today, is a receding factor in their lives." He warned that the relationship of these Jews with Israel was "the key challenge in Jewish life" and advised the Israelis that "these Jews must not be characterized in the Israeli mind as available targets for immigration campaigns nor their reluctance to emigrate be derided."

The American Jewish leader praised Israel's Law of Return as one of "the great moral justifications of her statehood" but he stressed that it would be an "unwise and unproductive venture for Israel to anticipate any disintegration of Jewish life in the free lands as a boon to large-scale Aliyah."

"Importuning calls for wholesale migration," he declared, "are not only foredoomed to failure, but detrimental to Israel as a negative attitude toward Jewish life elsewhere. The Jewish heritage and Judaism itself," he pointed out, "are not coincidental with Israel as a State. Too many Israelis and too many American Jews tend to equate Judaism and Israel."

Mr. Klutznick pleaded with Israelis for the "restoration of dignity to the word 'Diaspora' which is not inherently something greatly inferior." He further called on Israel to recognize the importance of the various religious attitudes of Diaspora Jewry and for "mutual respect for differing religious practices."

Reverting to the subject of relations between American Jewry and Israel, Mr. Klutznick predicted there would be a time when American Jewry's relationship with Israel will be "less in terms of crisis philanthropy." He urged an increased flow of American Jewish capital to Israel and stressed that it was the moral duty of all free Jews to assist Israel absorb its immigrants. He called on all Jews abroad to learn Hebrew which "must be the language of our common cultural attributes."

## B'NAI B'RITH TO RECEIVE \$2,400,000 FOR PROPERTY CONFISCATED BY NAZIS

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith has concluded a lump sum agreement with West Germany to receive \$2,400,000 as restitution for properties confiscated by the Nazis in 1937, Philip M. Klutznick, president, announced here last night.

About half of this sum would be payable immediately. The other half is due in March 1962. The agreement covers only movable properties, including paintings, furnishings, libraries, cash deposits and securities. Fixed properties were returned to B'nai B'rith some years ago, most of them badly wrecked by bombings. The B'nai B'rith Board of Governors endorsed the settlement.

Klutznick also announced that the former B'nai B'rith headquarters building in Berlin had been sold to the city of West Berlin for \$280,000. He said funds received from West Germany, under the new agreement, would probably be used to help re-establish the shattered communal lives of former German B'nai B'rith members now living in Israel, South America and Europe.

# CENTRAL BODY OF BRITISH JEWS REFUSES TO SEND DELEGATION TO MOSCOW

LONDON, May 25. (JTA) -- Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, yesterday rejected a suggestion that the Board send a delegation to the Soviet Union to ascertain the situation of Russian Jewry.

Noting that there was no official Jewish community in the Soviet Union with whom such a Jewish delegation could make contact, he said such a delegation would be of no help and the results of such a visit would adversely affect Russian Jews. At this time, he added, such a delegation would be inadvisable.

The Board also discussed a proposal to convene a world conference on Jewish education at the end of 1959 or early in 1960. Mr. Janner said the British Jewry could not remain aloof from this proposal and that the Board was prepared to submit a draft agenda for such a conference.

# EX-NAZI ADMITS KILLING 500 CAMP INMATES; CONFRONTED BY JEWISH VICTIM

FRANKFURT, May 25. (JTA) -- A former Nazi medical orderly admitted today that he had murdered some 500 concentration camp inmates in Ravensbruck, Mauthausen and Melk. His confession followed a dramatic confrontation by a Jewish inmate--a physician who had been imprisoned at the Mauthausen camp.

The self-confessed slayer was Gottleib Muzikant, 55, who had served in Hitler's S.S. units as a medical orderly. He was arrested on April 30 and had confessed to the murder of 50 prisoners before his confrontation today by Dr. Claus Salomon.

The accuser, who had been imprisoned by the Nazis in 1936 for "political treason," had been transferred from prison to the Auschwitz concentration camp from which he was moved to Mauthausen at the beginning of 1945 where he was put to work as a prisoner-physician. He accused Muzikant of having killed nearly 500 prisoners between February 1945, and the end of the war by giving them lethal injections, by hanging or by throttling his victims to death.

# RACIST GROUPS SEEK TO INCITE ANTI-JEWISH FEELINGS AT LONDON RALLY

LONDON, May 25. (JTA) -- Observers of the "Keep Britain White" rally in Trafalgar Square yesterday commented today on the efforts of the so-called White Defense League and the National Labor Party, organizers of the rally, to use the issue of colored immigration into England as a means of arousing anti-Jewish feeling.

Speakers at the rally, which was attended by 3,000, asserted that the immigration of colored people into Britain from British overseas possessions was due to "Jewish influence." Copies of "Combat," a violently anti-Semitic publication, were distributed by members of the organization. The organization, despite its name, has no connection with the British Labor Party.

Strong police details were on hand at the rally in anticipation of disorders, but there were only a few hundred enthusiastic supporters among the crowd, and a small group of opponents who heckled the speakers with cries of "Fascist" and "Sieg Heil."

# FASCISTS HAMPER SHOWING OF FILM ON NUREMBERG TRIALS IN ROME THEATER

ROME, May 25. (JTA) -- The performance of a documentary film on the Nuremberg trials was temporarily interrupted last night when a group of hoodlums filled the theater with smoke from burning tar. They were believed to be members of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement. They escaped before police arrived.

Rome police last night arrested four neo-Fascists, aged 15 to 25, who tried to exhibit near the Coliseum a large map of territorial conquests of Mussolini. The map bore the slogan: "Long Live the Fascist Empire."

# ITALIAN EDITOR SENTENCED FOR JUSTIFYING USE OF NAZI GAS CHAMBERS

VERONA, Italy, May 25. (JTA) -- A Verona court today imposed a 20-month jail term and a five-year suspension of political rights on Michell Dibella for an article, "Apology for Fascism," which justified the use of Nazi gas chambers.

The article appeared in "Utopia," a magazine Dibella edited for three years. In the article he wrote that "fascism was right and the Nazi gas chambers were necessary institutions to defend peoples worthy of that name."

# MAYOR OF HAIFA ARRIVES IN U.S.; WILL TOUR COUNTRY FOR ISRAEL BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Abba Hushi, Mayor of Haifa, arrived here today for a month-long tour of key cities throughout the United States in behalf of the Israel bond drive. "Increasing exports is the main economic problem confronting Israel," Mr. Hushi said. "With the aid of Israel bonds, we are planning an expansion in industrial and agricultural production which will enable us to triple the present export rate of approximately \$200,000,000 per year."

## GOLDA MEIR ADDRESSES 20,000 AUDIENCE IN ARGENTINA; ASKS FOR AID

BUENOS AIRES, May 25. (JTA) -- More than 20,000 Jews--the largest Jewish audience since the visit of former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett in 1953--assembled in Luna Park here to listen to an address by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who is now visiting Argentina.

Mrs. Meir expressed her thanks to the Argentine Government for the "extraordinary hospitality" extended her since her arrival, terming this a sign of friendship and cooperation between the two Governments. She spoke of the great worries as well as the great achievements of Israel's first decade. She stressed the Jewish people's resilience under the tragic events of the pre-State period.

Terming free immigration "the fundamental fact of our independence," Mrs. Meir described the agricultural, industrial and other advances in Israel, the valor of Israel's soldiers and the friendship and cooperation between Israel and the many nations of Africa and Asia. She appealed to the Jewish people to support faithfully the young Jewish State. Ambassador Aryeh Levavich, who also addressed the meeting, stressed the excellent relations between Israel and Argentina and the warm feelings of Argentine Jewry toward Israel.

## ARGENTINE FEDERATION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES OPENS ANNUAL CONVENTION

BUENOS AIRES, May 25. (JTA) -- More than 300 delegates representing 110 Argentine Jewish communities assembled last night here for the convention of the Argentine Federation of Jewish Communities.

The overflow audience was greeted by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who said that historically the Jewish people have always been organized, even in the smallest possible groups, to maintain Jewish tradition and Jewish education. She warned that only internal forces, not external ones, could break the Jewish people. Today, she said, the Jewish people speak in their relations with other nations, "as equals to equals."

Other speakers were Gregorio Fainguersch, General Secretary of the Buenos Aires Kehilla; Rabbi Avigdor Cyperstein, Chief rabbi of the Kehilla's Rabbinical Court, and Emilio Gutkin, president of the Kehilla.

## JEWISH LEADER TESTIFIES ON HOUSING BIAS AGAINST JEWS IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, May 25. (JTA) -- Testimony detailing discrimination against Jews seeking to buy or rent homes and apartments was presented today before the Committee on Law and Order of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives.

Robert K. Greenfield of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia was heard at the public hearings of the House committee held in Harrisburg to consider the administration-sponsored House bill outlawing housing discrimination because of race, religion or national origin.

While it may be less widespread than with other groups, Mr. Greenfield told the committee that the problem of discrimination against persons of the Jewish faith was "equally pernicious." He told of specific complaints processed by the JCRC in behalf of Jewish inhabitants of Philadelphia and its suburbs. Several of the complaints involved refusal by owners, builders and their rental agents to sell new homes to Jews in new developments on the outskirts of Philadelphia, notably near Media, Wynnewood, Drexel Hill and Cynwyd.

In several cases the rental agents of new apartment houses stated baldly by telephone that no Jews will be accepted as tenants. When approached by the representatives of the JCRC, the rental agents blamed the owners of these new buildings. Two cases involved improper advertisements in Philadelphia newspapers which stated or hinted that the housing accommodations would not be sold or rented to Jews. One complaint was to the effect that a mortgage company was asking questions concerning the religion of the applicant. Still another case involved the refusal to rent an apartment within the City of Philadelphia to a professor at Temple University Medical School because he was Jewish.

## REFORM JUDAISM CAMPAIGN TO END NEXT MONTH WITH \$2,150,000 RAISED

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- The re-election of A. B. Polinsky of San Diego, Cal., and Marvin J. Silberman of White Plains, N. Y. to fourth successive terms as general chairman and associate general chairman of the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, the central agency for support of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, took place here last night at the semi-annual meeting of the Campaign's national board.

Irving S. Schneider of New York, executive vice-chairman of the nationwide religious drive, in reporting on officers and objectives for the 1959-1960 fund-raising effort to be opened on July 1st, told the board that the Combined Campaign has an expectancy of at least \$2,150,000 by the time its current 1958-1959 drive is terminated at the end of June.

In noting that the current drive will exceed last year's results by at least \$100,000, Mr. Schneider emphasized, however, that "the total, even though it represents an all-time fund-raising record for the reform movement, will fall short of the actual financial requirements of both the UAHF and the HUC-JIR." These requirements came to \$2,850,000 for the year ending June 30th.