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ACTION ON SAUDI ARABIAN BIAS AGAINST U.S. JEWS DEBATED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- The Senate today rejected an amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill that would have indicated a desire by the Senate to deny aid to nations like Saudi Arabia which discriminate against Americans on a basis of religion.

The amendment was introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, who said "we desecrate the U.S. flag" by flying it over the Dhahran airbase in Saudi Arabia. He said "these discriminators go so far as to go through our army personnel lists and make an investigation as to whether or not a boy sent over there is a Jew."

The Senator held that "we should not stand by and countenance that kind of discrimination against American citizens by pouring American dollars into the country which does it."

The amendment was defeated by a vote of 47 to 43. Senators opposed argued that the United States itself practiced discrimination in its immigration legislation and that the proposed amendment would constitute undue American interference into the domestic affairs of other countries. One objection was a view that the Foreign Aid Bill should not be used "as a vehicle to convert the President of the United States into a spokesman for the morals of all the nations which might be candidates for aid under the Mutual Assistance Act."

Sen. Morse and Sen. Paul Douglas, Illinois Democrat, criticized the Administration for honoring the King of Saudi Arabia at a time when Saudi Arabia was discriminating against Americans of Jewish faith. Sen. Morse recalled the 1956 Lehman Resolution adopted by the Senate expressing the sense of the Senate against discrimination as practiced by Saudi Arabia.

"The sad fact is that the principle of non-discrimination contained in the Lehman Resolution is not being maintained," Sen. Morse said. He felt the time had come "to make clear that we are not going to give aid or assistance to nations which discriminate against any of our citizens because of their race or religion."

Among the Senators of both parties who voted against the Morse Amendment were virtually all the Senators representing Southern states.

JORDAN INVITES ARAB NATIONS TO "SUMMIT PARLEY" ON PALESTINE REFUGEES

LONDON, July 9. (JTA) -- A Jordanian Royal Mission is now on its way to Libya, Tunisia and Morocco, bearing invitations from King Hussein for an Arab "summit conference" to deal with "the Palestine and Refugee Problems," it was reported here today from Amman. The mission has already delivered such invitations to Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Sudan, the report says. Nothing is mentioned about extending such invitations to Iraq and to the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria.

In an interview with foreign correspondents in Amman, King Hussein said that "if the United Arab Republic takes only one step forward toward a rapprochement with Jordan, Jordan will take many steps" between his country and the UAR, but also hopes to promote those relations "to a level not achieved before." At the same time he said that "the closing by the Syrians of their border with Jordan "was not at all encouraging action" on the part of the United Arab Republic.

The Jordanian King told the correspondents that "the first thing that should be done to solve the Palestine question is the restoration of rights to the Palestinian Arab refugees who lost their homeland ten years ago." He said that Jordan was now studying the report and recommendations on the Arab refugees made last month by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and was consulting with other Arab states on the recommendations.

Jordan Bans Book by Premier of India for Favorable Remarks on Israel

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Education Ministry has banned a book by Prime Minister Nehru of India, "Glimpses Into World History," because it has favorable references to Israel, it was learned here today. All copies in circulation were ordered sent to the Ministry.

SECRETARY OF STATE IS OPTIMISTIC ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH NASSER

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Christian A. Herter told a press conference today that the United States was more optimistic in its relations with the United Arab Republic and Iraq.

He said that, from the American point of view, developments in the Middle East were encouraging and that the United States was maintaining an attitude of friendliness.

MIZRACHI WANTS CARETAKER GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL COMPOSED OF ALL PARTIES

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- Leaders of the National Religious Party, composed of the Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, submitted a proposal to President Itzhak Ben Zvi suggesting the formation of a caretaker government comprised of representatives of all political parties, except the Communists.

The leaders of the religious party also told the President that they would agree to advancing the date of the national elections, set for November, on condition that the Parliamentary and municipal elections are held simultaneously. In this, the Mizrachi leaders differ from the Mapai and the Progressives who seek separate elections for the Parliament and for the municipalities.

Today's proposal of the National Religious Party for the formation of a caretaker government until the forthcoming national elections doomed the possibility of the formation of a "minority government," composed of Mapai and Progressives, for which Premier David Ben Gurion has been seeking active or passive support from the religious group. Leaders of the National Religious Party made it clear to Mr. Ben Gurion that they are not anxious "to pull out his chestnuts from the fire" because of his opposition to their stand on the interpretation of the "who is a Jew" issue.

617 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM HEBREW UNIVERSITY; MANY DEGREES IN SCIENCE

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- A total of 617 degrees, the largest number in the history of Hebrew University, was awarded today at the University's 29th graduation ceremony.

Women graduates received 154 of the degrees and women were among the 87 who received Ph.D degrees. This was double the total of doctorates awarded last year. Mrs. Rivka Baumgarten, a mother of two who came to Israel from Vienna, was the first woman to receive a doctorate in nuclear physics from Hebrew University.

Four Arabs were among the graduates. They included two Masters of Jurisprudence, one zoologist and one Bachelor of Arts. There were 66 new doctors, 64 Masters of Science, 127 Bachelors of Science and 22 Masters of Science for the basic medical sciences, a degree conferred for the first time this year. Nathan Kleinberger, a handless veteran of the War of Liberation, completed his examinations orally to graduate as an attorney.

BURMA TO BUY UNIFORMS FROM ISRAEL; PRIVATE FIRM GETS ORDER

TEL AVIV, July 9. (JTA) -- A private firm in Israel has received an order from the Government of Burma for uniforms, belts and other clothing for the Burmese army, it was learned today. No information on the cost of the transaction was available.

A group of eight Burmese technicians and engineers arrived today in Israel for a tour of several months with Israel military industries to study methods of production and repair of such equipment.

JEWISH CONGRESS CASE AGAINST ARAMCO DISCUSSED IN STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- A lengthy discussion of the discrimination by the Arabian American Oil Company against prospective employees of the Jewish faith, now the subject of a case brought by the American Jewish Congress, was held today by Elmer Carter, chairman of the New York Commission Against Discrimination, with Parker T. Hart, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. State Department and legal officers participated in the talks.

Mr. Carter, after the talks, said that he came to Washington to clarify some obscurities that had arisen in the situation. He said he could not comment on the results of his conversation with Mr. Hart because the case initiated by the AJC was now before the New York County Court; pending a decision.

140 DELEGATES FROM U.S. ATTEND WORLD PARLEY ON LIBERAL JUDAISM

LONDON, July 9. (JTA) -- Some 400 delegates and visitors from nearly 20 countries met today at the opening session of a week-long conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. About 140 delegates represented the United States. The American delegation was led by Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh.

JEWISH AGENCY DENIES "HUNDREDS" OF EMIGRANTS ARE STRANDED IN VIENNA

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- Reports that "hundreds" of Jewish emigrants from East European countries are now suffering starvation in Vienna while awaiting entrance visas to Australia and other lands were denied here today by S. Z. Shragai, Jewish Agency executive member in charge of emigration.

Mr. Shragai, who is now visiting the United States, said in a statement that he received a cable from Vienna establishing that there are today no more than 30 persons there living as emigrants in private dwellings and receiving aid from the International Rescue Committee. "More than 6,000 emigrants who passed Vienna at various times, have proceeded from there to Israel, about 800 have emigrated to other countries, and only 30 have now remained in Vienna," Mr. Shragai declared.

Mr. Shragai revealed that his visit to the United States now is connected with the recent decision of the Zionist Actions Committee to admit various organizations into the ranks of the World Zionist Organization. He said he is now conducting negotiations with several American Jewish Orthodox groups to join the World Zionist movement. He is also discussing with Chasidic rabbis in New York the possibility of increasing the emigration of religious Jews from this country to Israel.

SOVIET BARS FENCING OF HUGE GRAVE OF 10,000 JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

TEL AVIV, July 9. (JTA) -- Nearly 15 years after World War II, Soviet Jews were denied permission to fence a huge grave in the Russian Ukraine holding the bodies of some 10,000 Jews slaughtered by the Nazis, emigrants from Russia reported today.

According to the emigrants, in recent years local peasants in the township of Krzemieniec digging in the area have found gold teeth and other valuables. The Nazis dug a huge ditch in the township, threw in the bodies of the victims and covered them loosely with dirt.

Repeated rains have washed away some of the earth covering exposing bones of the victims. Local Jews asked for permission to fence the area and place a monument on it, offering to do it with their own funds. Local Soviet authorities have given evasive replies and the Jewish dead are still being desecrated, the emigrants reported.

GERMAN POLICEMAN RE-ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDERING JEWS UNDER NAZIS

HANAU, Germany, July 9. (JTA) -- A 45-year-old policeman here was re-arrested today on charges of murdering Jews in the Ghetto of Czenstochowa, Poland, during the Nazi regime. He is Gerhard Schlosser, who was released by the court a month ago when he was brought to trial on the murder charges as a co-defendant with Wilhelm Unkelbach, a truck driver engaged in transporting Jewish extermination victims from the Czenstochowa ghetto to the death camps.

Schlosser was released when his joint trial with Unkelbach got under way, the prosecutor telling the court that he had insufficient evidence. Unkelbach was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Today, Schlosser was locked up again, when the prosecutor announced that two witnesses have come forward to prove that Schlosser, too, had murdered Jews at Czenstochowa.

NEW YORK CITY TO ACT ON BAN ON JEWS AND NEGROES BY TENNIS CLUB

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- The New York City Commission on Intergroup Relations opened an effort today to induce the West Side Tennis Club in suburban Forest Hills to end its membership bars against Jews and Negroes. The club is the site of National Championships and Davis Cup competitions.

The Commission said it would act after Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations Under-secretary, disclosed that he had been notified that neither he nor his son, who had applied for admission, could be members. Dr. Bunche said he had been told frankly by club president Wilfred Burglund that the club barred Jews and Negroes as a private organization.

A spokesman for the City Commission said that "We are most surprised and shocked that the West Side Tennis Club operates under these policies in this day and age." He indicated the Commission strategy would be to determine whether New York City gives any kind of support to the club or was involved in any way in its operation. He explained that in such cases, the municipality "would be legally concerned."

He added that, in any case, the Commission intended to meet with club officials "to express the city's feelings that such racial and religious restrictions are in conflict with the policies" of New York City. He said the Commission would try to persuade the club to change its bigoted policies.

The American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee sent telegrams to the U.S. Davis Cup Committee and the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association, urging cancellation of Davis Cup play scheduled for August at the club.

GOLDA MEIR LEAVES PERU FOR VISIT TO GUATEMALA; SIGNS COMMERCIAL PACT

LIMA, Peru, July 9. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister, was en route to Guatemala today after a four-day official visit to Peru during which she signed an Israel-Peru commercial agreement.

The signing took place in the ancient Torretagle Palace, now the Peruvian Foreign Ministry building. Foreign Minister Paul Porras, signing for Peru, called the Jews "a heroic and sacred people." He said he expected the commercial agreement to produce substantial commercial transactions between the two nations "which also will intensify the cultural and technological relations between our peoples, who have so many problems in common."

Mrs. Meir thanked Mr. Porras and said Israel "never signs agreements against anybody but only positive agreements for humanity's ideals." Later Mrs. Meir was received in Lima's ancient town hall in a ceremony attended by Mayor Garcia Ribeiro, Mr. Porras, city councillors and many other Jewish and non-Jewish dignitaries. Mayor Ribeiro presented Mrs. Meir with a silver key replica.

Responding in Hebrew, Mrs. Meir thanked the Government and people of Peru for the honors and friendly reception she had received. She emphasized the historic significance of the fact that for the first time in history, the Hebrew language was being heard in Lima's Town Hall opposite the plaza where during the Inquisition, Jews were burned at the stake.

Mrs. Meir also was received by President Prado and the First Lady. She thanked the President for his anti-Nazi attitude during World War II and Peru's traditional sympathy for Israel. Some 600 persons attended a reception sponsored by the Israel Embassy. Mrs. Meir also was guest of honor at a major banquet sponsored by the Jewish community of Lima. She was accompanied to the airfield for her departure by Foreign Minister Porras and hundreds of other persons.

PHILADELPHIA JEWISH FEDERATION APPROVES PLANS FOR BRANCH SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, July 9. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia approved plans this week for establishment of Jewish branch schools in neighborhoods of concentrated Jewish population where Jewish schools are needed, the Federation Board disclosed today.

The Federation, within the limit of available funds, will back the United Hebrew Schools and Yeshivos in establishing these branches, it was stated. It was pointed out that the Federation "regards the afternoon Hebrew school program of the United Hebrew Schools and Yeshivos as a major educational arms towards the preservation of Jewish traditional values and culture."

The branch schools will be placed with consideration of overall needs of the area and the availability of other schools. Wherever possible, they will operate in rented quarters. In explaining its decision, the board noted that "traditionally, Federation in its devotion to Judaism has always accepted the responsibility for the support of Jewish education in the interest of assuring the continuity of Jewish life."

A report on which Federation action was based, pointed out that while congregational schools had increasingly met Jewish education needs, there were, however, in all areas of Jewish population large numbers of Jewish children receiving no Jewish education. The most complete figures available, those for 1956, showed that at any one time, about 20,000 out of a total Jewish child population of 43,000, or 46 percent, attended some Jewish school.

JEWS IN MEXICO TO GIVE 1,000,000 PESOS FOR ALBERT EINSTEIN SCHOOL

MEXICO CITY, July 9. (JTA) -- A Jewish delegation appeared today before the Mexican Minister of Education Jaime Torres Bodet and conveyed to him a decision of the Jewish Central Comite here to contribute 11,000,000 pesos for the expansion of the Albert Einstein School which has 700 Mexican pupils.

A building for this school was presented eleven years ago by the Jews of Mexico as a gift to the educational authorities here. The expansion of the school will enable the institution to register additional 350 pupils. Max Shein, an American Jewish philanthropist has taken an interest in the school during all the 11 years of its existence. The delegation today was headed by him and by Dr. Sigmund Bibring, president of the Jewish Central Comite.

MONUMENT UNVEILED FOR FIRST PALESTINE JEW SENT BY BRITISH TO GALLOWES

TEL AVIV, July 9. (JTA) -- A monument to the memory of Shlomo Ben Yossef, the first Jew sent to the gallows by British authorities in 1938, was unveiled today on a mountain in Galilee.

Attending the ceremony were Herut members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, headed by Menachem Beigin, many Betar youths, and former members of the underground Irgun of the pre-state period.