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SENATE BODY IN HEATED DEBATE ON ARABIAN BIGOTRY AGAINST U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- A heated debate over the Morse amendment, which aims at protecting American Jews against Saudi Arabian bigotry, flared up today at a hearing of the Senate Appropriations Committee, when Senator Gordon Allott, of Colorado, defended the "right" of Saudi Arabia to have Jews in the U.S. armed services barred from serving at the American air base in Dhahran.

The amendment, introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, urged that no United States aid fund should go to nations discriminating against Americans on the basis of their race or religion. The amendment is linked to the pending Mutual Security appropriation bill.

Senator Allott questioned whether the United States should "interfere" with convictions held by Saudi Arabia, stating that for "6,000 years" there has been a bitter fight between Jews and Arabs. He said he thought the proposed Morse amendment would place President Eisenhower in a "hopeless situation" and "almost certainly lead to trouble." He also voiced disagreement with a recent anti-bias ruling by Judge Henry Epstein, of the New York State Supreme Court, against ARAMCO, the Arabian-American Oil Company.

Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, defended the amendment put forward by Sen. Morse. He said the Morse amendment would merely express the desire of the Congress that foreign nations receiving American Government aid treat alike all American citizens of whatever faith.

Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, said Sen. Allott was mistaken in stating there were thousands of years of bitter antagonism separating Jews and Moslems as a justification for the Saudi position. Sen. Javits recalled that Jewish-Moslem tension was mainly recent and a result of the Palestine issue. He cited a long history, including many cases of good relations, between the two groups.

It was pointed out by Sen. Javits that the Morse amendment would not make it mandatory for the President to withhold Mutual Security funds from Saudi Arabia, even if that country persisted in its anti-Jewish policies. Sen. Javits characterized the amendment as merely expressing the "wish" of Congress.

Senator Javits testified before the committee previously today that "there is no end to the evil consequences which result from temporizing with efforts by foreign governments to cause us to discriminate among American citizens." He termed the extent of Arab discrimination against Jewish Americans "shocking," and an affront to the national dignity of the United States.

Senator Javits urged adoption of the Morse proposal in a move to end Arab attempts to force the U.S. Government to discriminate among American citizens on a religious basis. He cited particularly the barring of U.S. Air Force personnel of Jewish faith from duty at the Dhahran Airbase.

State Department Criticized for Agreeing to Anti-Jewish Screening

Senator Morse told the committee his amendment should be linked to pending Mutual Security legislation, because "we are discussing a measure to strengthen the United States and the free world." He expressed disappointment that the Dhahran Airbase agreement was renewed by the Administration in 1957, and King Saud honored here, despite the 1956 platform declarations of both political parties. He thought the Administration should have insisted on removing "these offensive anti-Jewish screening procedures."

The Oregonian said the action of the Administration was "expediency, nothing more nor less." According to the Senator, the Administration also went along with the abridgment of rights of Jewish Americans in the United States, in certain cases arising from Saudi pressure.

Senator Morse urged that the two entities, "Aramco and the United States," should not be confused. He said their interests were not identical. He told the committee that "when we retreat from the principle of equal citizenship for all of our citizens because of pressure

from a foreign monarch who threatens to deny us airbase accommodations unless we surrender to expediency, we lose prestige and respect all over the world."

Emphasizing that the Congress was obligated to resist foreign attempts to create religious distinction between Americans, Sen. Morse drew attention to the fact that the statement of purpose contained in the Mutual Security Bill before Congress called for "a worldwide atmosphere of expanded freedom." He said that, if we believe that ideal to be true, "we should not allow a single American dollar to be used to subsidize policies which mock that high purpose."

Aramco, said Sen. Morse, has been told it cannot violate New York laws at the behest of Saudi Arabia. He thought it indicated that Congress tell the State Department "it must not underwrite discriminatory practices against American citizens by any foreign government."

Committee Chairman Carl Hayden, Arizona Democrat, assured Sen. Morse his amendment would receive consideration. To date, 21 Senators have agreed to join with Sen. Morse in support of the amendment. If the Appropriations Committee decides to incorporate it into the pending bill, however, it would not be necessary to offer the amendment to the floor. But this is doubtful, as Sen. Allott's remarks today suggested opposition within the committee.

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, a member of the Appropriations Committee, announced that he supported the idea of the suggested amendment. The Massachusetts Republican said he hoped he could be helpful in working out wording in the committee that covers the intent and is at the same time "administratively practical." Sen. Saltonstall is the ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

COMING YEARS "CRUCIAL" FOR ISRAEL, DR. GOLDMANN TELLS W. J. C. ASSEMBLY

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Hope that representatives of Soviet Jewry will actively participate in the next Assembly of the World Jewish Congress--four years from now--was expressed last night by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in his speech closing the ten-day Assembly held here. Dr. Goldmann was re-elected by the Assembly as president of the World Jewish Congress for another term.

"The coming years," Dr. Goldmann said in closing the gathering which was attended by more than 300 leading Jews from about 40 countries, "are going to be crucial for the Jewish people in Israel." He explained that the problems which face the Jewish world cannot be separated from what happens in the world at large. He said that a relaxation of world tension can bring about peace in the Middle East and a renewed prosperity for Israel. On the other hand, increased world tension could worsen the situation, he declared.

The Assembly named a special commission for the establishment of a "Dr. Nahum Goldmann Institute for Diaspora Studies in Israel." Samuel Bronfman, of Canada, was named chairman of this commission. A 75-man executive of the World Jewish Congress was elected, including 16 members from the United States, and 15 from Israel.

The Assembly passed a resolution expressing the hope that the East German Government will change its attitude and meet Jewish material claims. Also noted with concern was the fact that Nazis occupied important positions in the public life of the Communist-ruled part of Germany.

A resolution dealing with the Middle East noted "the tragedy of the Arab refugees who are being exploited by the Arab states in order to keep alive the hatred against Israel and maintaining an atmosphere of warfare in the Middle East." The resolution praised the Israel Government "for doing its utmost to alleviate the sufferings of the Arab refugees."

Still another resolution called on all governments concerned to see to it that Jewish refugees from Egypt do not suffer discrimination, requesting that these refugees from Egypt obtain just compensation from Egypt.

Elected along with Dr. Goldmann were Rabbi Israel Goldstein, of New York, as honorary vice president; Samuel Bronfman, of Canada, as chairman of the Western Hemisphere region; Israel Sieff, of London, as chairman of the European region; Arie Tartakower, as chairman for the Israel branch of the WJC. Ira Guilden was elected treasurer, and Shad Polier, of New York, chairman of the budget committee.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ELATH PRESENTED; WILL BECOME TOURIST RESORT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- A plan for development of the City of Elath into a metropolis with a population of 60,000 permanent residents, flanked by two major tourist resort areas, was submitted to the Ministry of the Interior's Town Planning Committee, today.

The plan is based on blueprints drawn by one of the foremost town planners in the world, Prof. Luigi Piccinato, of Italy. It envisages Elath proper as a city filling three functions: 1. As Israel's enlarged port on the Gulf of Akaba; 2. As the administrative seat for the Southern Negev area; and 3. As a trade and industrial center.

The tourist areas will occupy the two main beaches, to the southwest and to the northeast of the city proper. One of these areas will be set aside for motels, the other mainly for hotels. Canals are to be built, leading circulating seawater to artificial lagoons that will serve as swimming pools in the tourist areas.

COMMUNIST PARTY IN RUMANIA ASKED TO INTERVENE FOR JEWISH EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- An impassioned plea to the Communist leaders in Rumania to intervene with the Bucharest Government for the renewal of Jewish emigration to Israel, in order to reunite families torn apart, was cabled today by the Rumanian Settlers Association. The appeal was addressed to Gheorghu Dej, secretary general of the ruling Rumanian Workers Party.

The decision to send such an appeal was taken at a public meeting held in Tel Aviv under the auspices of the Association. Present at the meeting were young men and women in Israel less than one year, separated from their spouses who were to follow them but were prevented from doing so after the sudden stoppage of Jewish emigration from Rumania. Speakers at the meeting urged the audience not to give up hope that the personal tragedies of separated families would be solved.

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS DROPPED AGAINST PHYSICIAN OF BUCHENWALD CAMP

STUTTART, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Criminal proceedings will be dropped for lack of evidence against Dr. Hans Muller, who has been accused of having experimented with tattooing skins of Jews while he was head of the "pathological section" of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Dr. Muller turned himself over to the Stuttgart District Court almost a year ago, asking that the criminal charges against him be investigated. He insisted that his work as a pathologist at Buchenwald did not involve any criminal activity. Today, the prosecutor representing the District Court, announced that, so far, no direct evidence linking the physician with criminal activity has been obtained.

August Kolb, former Nazi leader at the infamous Sachsenhausen concentration camp, under arrest on charges of murdering and torturing prisoners, was released today in bail of 15,000 Deutschmarks. He has been imprisoned in the Nurnberg-Fuerth jail since January. The District Court here granted the man's release on bail, ruling that he is "too old and sick to try to escape." Kolb is 65.

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE INTENSIFIES LOAN AID IN 19 COUNTRIES

GENEVA, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- An increased demand from new Jewish immigrants in Latin America and Australia for loans to help them establish themselves in their new homes has brought to an alltime peak the number of loans made by domestic loan organizations supported by the Joint Distribution Committee, it was reported today by the JDC overseas headquarters here.

The report says that during 1958, JDC-supported loan institutions made loans valued at a total of \$4,836,124 in 19 countries, including Latin America and Australia. These figures do not include loans to handicapped heads of immigrant families in Israel, where more than 7,000 JDC loans have been issued since 1950 through Malben.

A breakdown indicating the effectiveness of the loans in the countries outside of Israel showed that 68 percent of the loans have been "completely effective" in aiding the borrowers toward obtaining homes or establishing self-support; 12 percent more were listed as "partially successful"; 15 percent were still to be fully evaluated; and only five percent were listed as "failures."

AMPAL AND AFFILIATE CORPORATION TO ISSUE NEW DEBENTURES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Encouraged by Israel's expanding economy and greatly liberalized policy toward foreign private investment, Ampal--American Israel Corporation--the largest group of American private investors in Israel agricultural and industrial projects, today filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a five percent five-year Sinking Fund debenture, and for a six percent ten-year Sinking Fund debenture. Both issues total six million dollars.

The Israel Development Corporation, a regulated investment company affiliated with Ampal, is also planning to increase its capitalization from 12 to 20 million dollars. The new capital derived from the sale of these securities will be invested by the group in diverse industrial projects, primarily in the manufacture of glass, plywood, industrial ceramics, steel and pipes. Additional investments in oil exploration and in the new 257 mile oil pipeline are being contemplated by the group.

During the first six months of 1959, the Ampal has executed new loans and investments for close to \$20,000,000--compared with about \$17,000,000--during the same period of the preceding year. The Ampal group's total outstanding balances of investments in and loans to Israel as of July 1959 amount to nearly \$34,000,000 as against approximately \$31,000,000 at the beginning of the year. Paid-up capital of the Ampal and outstanding balances on account of long-term debenture bonds sold to the public was increased 24 to 26 million dollars during these six months.

CINCINNATI JEWISH WELFARE FUND REPORTS RISE IN 1959 CAMPAIGN

CINCINNATI, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- More than \$1,200,000--an increase of eight percent over last year--has been pledged in the 1959 Jewish Welfare Fund campaign here, it was reported today by Albert J. Butchkes, campaign chairman.

PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR SIGNS "BLUE LAW"; OBSERVING JEWS NOT EXEMPT

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Signature by Gov. David L. Lawrence yesterday put on the Pennsylvania statute books a Sunday "Blue Law" which makes no provisions for exemption for businessmen observing a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath.

The new law provides fines and jail sentences for Sunday retail sale of most items except foodstuffs, drugs, novelties and souvenirs. Under the new law, the fine for a first offense is increased from four dollars to \$100. A second offense is punishable by a fine of \$200 or 30 days in jail.

The legislature rejected an amendment to the bill offered by Rep. Maurice Goldstein which would have exempted from the law those who observe the Sabbath on a day other than Sunday.

The American Jewish Outlook of Pittsburgh sharply criticized the legislature for this action, declaring that "our legislators have not met the issue in a constitutional or democratic manner. Until they do this, the issue will not be settled. Both religious and economic values suffer in the meantime."

HEAD OF CHICAGO ANTI-BIAS BODY RESIDES IN BUILDING PRACTICING BIAS

CHICAGO, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The head of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, who is also the chairman of the Illinois Committee for Equal Job Opportunities, along with a Methodist Bishop and the Turkish Consul General, live in a luxury Shore cooperative apartment house which has not welcomed Jewish residents for at least 15 years, the Chicago Jewish Sentinel reports in its current issue.

The paper quoted the president of the cooperative, at 1120 N. Lake Shore Drive, as declaring that he "doesn't know" that his building is restricted, but it added that "long-term residents confirmed that only non-Jews have been permitted to live in the building for at least 15 years."

The paper reported that "residents include Methodist Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Illinois and Attorney Augustine J. Bowe, a vice president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, past president of the Chicago Bar Association, and chairman of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations and of the Illinois Committee for Equal Job Opportunities."

MANITOBA PREMIER PAYS TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN JEWRY AT ASSEMBLY SESSION

WINNIPEG, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Premier Duff Roblin of Manitoba and the leaders of the two opposition parties participated in a tribute to the Jews of Canada at a session of the Legislative Assembly in connection with the bicentenary celebration of Jewish settlement in Canada.

The Provincial Prime Minister paid tribute to the "very impressive contribution that the people of the Jewish faith have made throughout the length and breadth of Canada, to the development and growth of our nation." He added that he spoke for the House when he said that "we in this Legislature rejoice with them in their anniversary, and have pleasure in taking this opportunity in conveying to them our hearty appreciation of what they have done in the building of the Canadian nation, and our very best wishes for what they will be undertaking in the days to come."

D. L. Campbell, leader of the opposition, and R. Paulley, House leader of the CCF, also spoke on the Jewish contribution to the upbuilding of Canada. Two Jewish members of the Legislature, M. A. Gray and D. Orlikow, responded.

UNITED JEWISH FUND IN COLUMBUS MERGES WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Fund and the Jewish Community Council have voted to merge into a new organization to combine the activities of both. The new community organization will be known as the United Jewish Fund and Council.

The constitution of the new body was approved at a joint meeting of the boards of the two organizations. New officers and a board of trustees will be elected at a later date.

The merger was supported by Richard Abel, president of the Jewish Community Council, and Herbert Levy, president of the United Jewish Fund. They agreed that the merger was another step in the community's growth and, by bringing together the functions of both organizations under one roof, would help achieve maximum results in the community endeavor.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS TO PUBLISH HISTORY OF JEWS IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today announced that its research director Louis Rosenberg will write a History of the Jewish Communities in Canada, 1891-1959. This book, the first to cover the more recent period of Canadian Jewish history, will be one of the major publications in honor of the Bicentenary of Canadian Jewry which is being commemorated this year.