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STAND OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION ON MIDDLE EAST EVOKES SATISFACTION

WASHINGTON, July 13. (JTA) -- The Middle East plank of the Democratic platform prompted favorable comment today in circles friendly to Israel. Jewish spokesmen also voiced satisfaction over the constructive approach evidenced in the plank.

A Zionist spokesman said the Democratic Platform left no doubt of that party's position and called the Middle East plank "a blueprint for peace." He predicted that the Republicans may take a similar stand in Chicago.

Against the background of mounting distorted Arab propaganda on the refugee question it was encouraging that the Democratic platform adhered to its 1956 position and frankly calls for resettlement of the Arab refugees in countries where there is room and opportunity for them, it was pointed out.

The position of the platform on the imbalance of arms in the Middle East created by Soviet shipments to that area was considered somewhat more explicit in 1956 than it is this year. The spirit, it, however, is the same. The wording on discrimination, on the other hand, is stronger in the new platform, it was stressed.

ISRAEL'S ATTORNEY GENERAL NAMED CHIEF PROSECUTOR FOR EICHMANN TRIAL

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- Gideon Hausner, Israel's new Attorney General, will act as chief prosecutor in the trial of Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's specialist in the mass murder of European Jewry, it was disclosed today.

Police officials meanwhile indicated that the investigation of the Nazi and collection of material in preparation for the trial may last longer than had originally been anticipated, possibly as much as a year.

In the meantime, the Israel Ministry of Justice is drafting an amendment to the Lawyers Ordinance to make it possible for non-Israeli attorneys to defend Eichmann in an Israel court.

Under present law, only locally registered attorneys can appear in Israel courts. Foreign attorneys can appear only as aides to Israel lawyers or as "friends of the court." In the latter role, the court recognizes the counsel as working without remuneration. Such a development was considered unlikely to happen in the trial of Eichmann.

Yugoslavian Authorities Uncover Evidence Against Eichmann

BELGRADE, July 13. (JTA) -- Yugoslav officials disclosed today that evidence directly implicating Adolf Eichmann in the deportation and extermination of Yugoslavian Jews during the Nazi regime had been uncovered in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, which was the seat of the Croatian, pro-Nazi Ustachi movement.

(Dragoje Djuric, retiring Yugoslav Minister to Israel, making his farewell visits in Jerusalem yesterday, expressed satisfaction that Yugoslavia had been first to support Israel's contention that it had the right to put Eichmann on trial for war crimes.)

The Yugoslav authorities did not describe the nature of the evidence found against Eichmann and did not indicate whether it involved his relations with the Ustachi, whose forces were responsible for the deaths of thousands of Jews, Serbians and others, or his relations with Haj Amin el-Husseini, one-time Mufti of Jerusalem. Eichmann acted as intermediary between the Nazi regime and el-Husseini in the negotiations that led to the formation by el-Husseini of a Moslem Brigade to fight with the Nazis against the Allies. The unit was based in Croatia.

CONGO JEWS REACH BELGIUM ON U.S. ARMY PLANE; LEFT ALL POSSESSIONS

BRUSSELS, July 13. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish residents from violence-wrecked Leopoldville in the Republic of Congo arrived here by air today from Brazzaville aboard a United States Army plane.

They included an Israeli family of six persons, a Tunisian woman and a French woman. They had fled to Brazzaville from Leopoldville leaving all their possessions behind.

They reported that 5,000 of Leopoldville's 10,000 white residents had sought refuge in Brazzaville and described the situation as one of complete chaos. The Jewish community of Leopoldville joined with the rest of the whites in the trek to Brazzaville as refugees.

BENJAMIN MINTZ, LEADER OF AGUDAH LABOR PARTY, TO JOIN ISRAEL CABINET

JERUSALEM, July 13, (JTA) -- Entrance of the ultra-Orthodox Poalei Agudat Israel into the present Israel coalition government, which has been approved in principle, may be delayed slightly pending settlement of the long-standing teachers dispute, it was reported today.

It was understood that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion wanted to present to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, all of his Cabinet choices at one time. These will include Benjamin Mintz, representing Poalei Agudat Israel, and the new Minister of Education, replacing Zalman Aranne who resigned in a dispute with his own party, the Mapai, on the issue of recognition of a new teachers union independent of the general teachers union affiliated with the Histadrut.

The replacement for Mr. Aranne was presumed to be Abba Eban, former Israel Ambassador to the United States, who is now a Minister Without Portfolio. The Prime Minister stepped into the teachers' dispute when Mr. Aranne indicated his intention to quit his Cabinet post. Mr. Ben-Gurion reportedly wanted the teachers' dispute settled to enable the new Minister of Education to begin his duties with a minimum of difficulties.

CHAOTIC SITUATION DEVELOPS OVER ELECTION OF CHIEF RABBIS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 13, (JTA) -- The chaotic situation which has developed over the election of new Chief Rabbis for Israel took an unusual turn today when the chairman of the nominations board announced that one phase of the dispute had been directed to a secular authority, the Israel Attorney General, for clarification.

Rabbi Yehudah Leib Maimon, the chairman, made the announcement at a meeting of the board which was boycotted by three of the four appointees from the Supreme Religious Council. The four representatives named by Rabbi Yaacov Toledano's Ministry for Religious Affairs were present, as was Rabbi Amram Aburavia, an appointee of the Supreme Religious Council whose accreditation had been withdrawn by the Council because he ignored a directive to boycott last week's inaugural meeting of the nominations board.

The board appealed for cooperation of all factions to ensure a "fair and proper atmosphere" for the election of an Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi and a Sephardi Chief Rabbi. The election had been scheduled last week for August 26 after months of maneuvering and squabbling. The Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi's post has been vacant since the death a year ago of Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog.

The board also asked non-intervention by "outside factors" an abstention from "incitement which might aggravate the situation." Rabbi Maimon then announced that application had been made to the Attorney General's office for a ruling on the status of Rabbi Aburavia as a member of the nominations board. He also disclosed that the next meeting of the board would be held after the expected ruling by the Attorney General.

In another phase of the dispute, a spokesman for Sephardi Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim said that the rabbinate would not submit a list of practicing rabbis requested by the nominations board, for the Chief Rabbinate elections.

The nominations board requires such a list for selection of 42 of the 70 electors for the Chief Rabbis' posts. Twenty-eight other electors are laymen. The possibility of a boycott of the elections by the Supreme Council was raised by the non-cooperation announcement regarding the list of rabbis.

Still another complication was the indication by Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, the religious parties, which had opposed Rabbi Toledano's appointment to the Religious Affairs Ministry, that they would support Rabbi Nissim if he boycotted the elections.

ISRAEL MINISTER FINED FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT; DRIVING LICENSE SUSPENDED

JERUSALEM, July 13, (JTA) -- Moshe Dayan, Israeli Minister of Agriculture and former Chief of Staff was fined 120 pounds today and his driving license suspended for three months in a two-year-old traffic accident.

The official was tried in magistrate's court after waiving Parliamentary immunity. He had been accused of causing an accident by failing to obey a stop sign at a crossroad, and colliding with a bus.

CANADA PLANS TO GIVE \$1,000,000 GIFT IN FLOUR FOR ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 13, (JTA) -- The Canadian Government plans to make a special World Refugee Year gift of \$1,000,000 worth of flour to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Middle East, it was reported here today.

The Canadian gift will total about 11,300 long tons of flour, which will meet the relief agency's needs for flour for a little more than a month. Savings resulting from the gift will be applied to the agency's vocational training of Arab refugees and related activities.

UNRWA has appealed for at least \$4,000,000 from World Refugee Year funds to make possible a substantial expansion of its vocational training and self-help programs.

COMMONS DISCUSSES ACTION ON ANTI-SEMITIC LETTER TO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The British House of Commons decided today that an anti-Semitic letter sent to a Laborite MP was a breach of privilege of the House. It sent the matter to a committee to study what action should be taken against the sender, Colin Jordan, head of the fascist British National Party.

MP Charles Pannell reported he had received the letter after he had sent notice to the Postmaster General on July 6 that leaflets of the fascist group had been left in telephone booths in Leeds.

The letter said in part: "You would do well to take into account the possibility that in the resurgence of the Britain of tomorrow that the Jews and your fellow renegades will face trial for complicity in a colored invasion and Jewish control of our land."

The Speaker ruled that the letter constituted a prima facie case of breach of privilege of the House. MP Pannell asked the House to approve a motion that the letter constituted a gross breach of privilege. He said approval of such a motion would serve notice that the House would act if there was continuance of the complaint.

R. A. Butler, the Leader of the House, said his first reaction had been to support Pannell's motion for gross breach but that sufficient questions had been raised to make him doubt the advisability of summary action. Pannell's motion was voted down and the question referred to the Committee of Privileges.

PROTESTANTS IN ITALY SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO JEWISH SCHOOLS

TURIN, July 13. (JTA) -- About 30 percent of the pupils at the Turin Jewish school belong to the Waldensian evangelical church, Europe's oldest Protestant group, it was disclosed today in statistics on pupil enrollment.

Parents of the children prefer the Jewish school to Turin public schools because they dislike the Catholic confessional phases of Italian public school procedures and because they like the Biblical teaching provided by the Jewish schools. Turin Jews are reported to look benevolently on the large proportion of Protestant pupils in their school.

JEWISH LEADERS IN ITALY CONFER ON FATE OF SHRINKING COMMUNITIES

TURIN, July 13. (JTA) -- The problem of maintaining Jewish communal life in once large and now shrunken Jewish communities was the theme of a meeting sponsored by the Jewish community of Turin and the Department of Culture of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities.

Many small Jewish communities, threatened with gradual disappearance as a result of the destructive upheavals of the Hitler era and World War II, sent representatives to the parley. Plans were developed to coordinate activities so that Jewish cultural and religious life may be continued in smaller centers which lack even a resident rabbi.

BRAZILIAN SENATE URGED TO EASE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST NATURALIZED CITIZENS

BRASILIA, July 13. (JTA) -- Senator Gilberto Marinho proposed today the enactment of a measure aimed at easing Constitutional restrictions against naturalized Brazilian citizens.

Under present law, naturalized Brazilians are not permitted to serve as judges or members of Parliament, nor are they allowed to publish newspapers or teach Portuguese in elementary schools. The law also forbids Brazilian consular or diplomatic officials to marry naturalized citizens.

Senator Marino told the Senate that the restrictions, which affect about a million naturalized citizens including several thousand Jews, serve only to reduce such persons to the status of "a periah." He said it would be better to do away with naturalization completely rather than keep such restrictions on the books.

A petition signed by 200 Brazilian legislators calling for the removal of restrictions on naturalized citizens had been submitted to the Parliament last year. It was referred to a Parliamentary committee but was not acted upon since.

DEPT. OF JUSTICE URGED TO DECLARE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY SUBVERSIVE

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Hope that the American Nazi Party will be branded by the United States Department of Justice as a subversive organization was expressed today in a communication addressed to the Department by Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Mr. Held pointed out that evidence that the American Nazi Party, led by George L. Rockwell, is "foreign dominated" is easily available and in fact openly avowed by the organization.

"The American Nazi party does not deny its affinities to German nazism. It wears the uniform designed by the Nazis. It condemns American democratic ideologies in the same tone and with the same alphabet employed by the Nazis. It uses the same salute as the Nazis, and its official insignia is the one designed by the Nazis. We do not know what other evidence is necessary," the JLC leader stressed in his letter to the Department of Justice.

JEV ELECTED AS MAYOR IN CALIFORNIA TOWN; RECEIVES LARGE PLURALITY

FONTANA, Calif., July 13. (JTA) -- This city of 15,000, the home of the Kaiser Steel Works, has elected a Jew as mayor for a four-year term by the largest plurality in its history.

The new Mayor, Nathan Simon, came to Fontana from New Jersey in 1944 and established a hardware store which has become the largest in the city. Both the Mayor and his wife are active in the 100-member Fontana Jewish community.

KUWAIT WARNS JEWS IN U.S. TO CEASE DOING BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL

PHILADELPHIA, July 13. (JTA) -- Officials of an American firm specializing in the sale of Israeli imports disclosed today receipt of a letter from the Government of Kuwait warning the firm to cease doing business with Israel or face an Arab boycott.

Isadore Serot, president of the Israeli Art-Craft Importing Company, said the firm had never had any dealings with Arab states and had no intention of doing so. It was not clear how the Kuwait Government obtained the name of the Philadelphia firm.

The letter, in the form of a questionnaire, asked that after the required information was filled in, that the form be "duly signed by the competent governmental authorities." Whether this meant Arabian or American authorities was uncertain.

The letter said that "any foreign company having certain definite relations with Israel is blacklisted in all the Arab countries." It added that "before any measure is taken against your company, we find it convenient to kindly request you to clarify the nature of your company's relations with Israel."

Jewish organizations in Philadelphia began an inquiry to learn whether any United States Government officials had been asked to sign such a "declaration" as was listed in the letter.

ROGOSIN REPORTS ON 'WONDERFUL PROGRESS' OF HIS RAYON PLANT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Israel Rogosin, president of Rogosin Industries Ltd., largest private American investment venture in Israel, reported at the annual meeting of his stockholders at the Statler Hilton hotel today that the company had made "wonderful progress" during the past year, and that "profits for the coming year are going to be greatly enhanced."

The first dividend of \$1.00 per share was paid on May 1. During the past year, 3,000,000 pounds of rayon tire cord fabric had been manufactured at the Ashdod plant in Israel, Mr. Rogosin told his audience. This amount, he said, would be doubled during the current year. In addition, this year Rogosin Industries would make 2,000,000 pounds of textile yarn (rayon and rayon combinations) and 2,300,000 pounds of nylon.

Mr. Rogosin reported that machinery to produce polypropylene in Israel was being installed now and that by January 1, 1961, manufacture of this most advanced man-made fiber would begin at an annual production rate of 2,300,000 pounds. He related to his audience the contents of a letter he had recently received from a well-known biblical archaeologist who advised him of the discovery by a French professor of a group of clay tablets dating to the 14th Century B.C.E. which dealt with the maritime trade in the Mediterranean at that time. Among the products mentioned are "Textiles of Ashdod."

AMERICAN PROFESSOR TO ADVISE BAERWALD SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN ISRAEL

MADISON, Wis., July 13. (JTA) -- University of Wisconsin professor of social work Alfred Kadushin will act as consultant on curriculum development to the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for the academic year 1960-61. It was announced here today. He will begin his duties in Israel September 1.

The Paul Baerwald School was originally organized by the Joint Distribution Committee in Paris after World War II. Its original purpose was to train Jewish social workers for the jobs of relief and rehabilitation of survivors of Jewish communities throughout Europe. At present, the school has been re-organized as an academic unit of the Hebrew University due to the need for social workers shifting to the State of Israel to which many of the survivors have immigrated. The school is supported jointly by the Hebrew University and the Israeli Ministry of Social Welfare, with some support from the Joint Distribution Committee.

MEXICAN JEWRY OBSERVES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF DR. THEODOR HERZL

MEXICO CITY, July 13. (JTA) -- A celebration marking the opening of Herzl Year, in observance of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, was held here at the Jewish Sport Center under the sponsorship of the Zionist Federation of Mexico.

Israel's Ambassador to Mexico, Mordechai Schneerson, represented his country at the observance. Events and activities planned for the Herzl centenary here include the publication in Hebrew and Yiddish of books and pamphlets on the life and writings of Herzl.