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REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION ADOPTS STAND ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES

CHICAGO, July 25. (JTA) -- The 1960 Republican Platform Committee today released a foreign policy plank, as approved by the 103-member platform committee, pledging that "in the Middle East, we shall continue to support the integrity and independence of all the states of that area including Israel and the Arab states."

The platform said: "With specific reference to Israel and the Arab nations we shall encourage in every feasible manner an early resolution of differences between them, an equitable solution of the refugee problem, an end to transit and trade restrictions, the cessation of discrimination against Americans on the basis of religious beliefs, and progress toward peaceful relations which will render unnecessary the continuation of the current wasteful and dangerous arms race."

Senator John Sherman Cooper, Kentucky Republican, and former U. S. diplomat who served abroad on State Department assignments, headed the subcommittee which drafted the foreign policy plank.

Observers here compared the 1960 Republican Platform on the Middle East with that adopted by the Republican National Convention in 1956 and expressed the opinion that the Middle Eastern plank now is much more restrained than the one of four years ago. The 1956 plank had criticized the sale of arms by the Soviet Bloc to Arab countries and pledged support to Israel against armed aggression.

Weak Spots in Republican Plank on Middle East Analyzed

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- The Middle East plank of the Republican platform was considered by political observers here as being worded in a cautious way aimed to avoid any embarrassment to the present administration and its policies. A similar trend can be detected in other planks which do not meet Vice President Nixon's views on record or the statements by Mr. Nixon and Mr. Rockefeller - in cases where these statements tend to differ from the policies of the administration.

It was also pointed out the Middle East plank, along with other foreign policy planks, was framed in close cooperation with State Department officials who were dispatched to Chicago for this purpose. Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, William B. Macomber heads the team.

The Middle East plank touches on all the major issues of concern to Israel and other Middle Eastern countries and no attempt was made to disregard them. However, the wording is much less specific than it was in the Republican plank four years ago and much less specific than the recently adopted Middle East plank in the Democratic platform. It does not pledge continued economic aid but the platform pledges continued foreign aid in its general part.

It was also pointed out that while the plank is concerned with the arms race in the Middle East it does not pledge, as the plank of the Democrats, to try to remedy the imbalance of arms in the area which was created by Soviet shipments to Arab countries. Similarly, the Republican plank promises to work for an end of "transit and trade restrictions" but does not mention the Suez Canal by name.

Other problems affecting the area are treated in the same way. Reference is made to the refugee problem and an effort to find an "equitable solution" is pledged - but there is no specification of what might constitute such a solution, while the Democratic plank states frankly that it would be the resettlement of refugees in countries "where there is room and opportunity." The Republican plank also omits the call for direct talks between Israel and the Arab states which was incorporated in the rival party's plank.

ISRAEL SEEKS IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA; STARTS TALKS

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- Political circles here maintained the guarded hope today that the expulsion of Israel Ambassador Arielev Levavi from Buenos Aires marked the end of the dispute between Argentina and Israel over the capture of Adolf Eichmann and that a slow improvement in relations between the two countries could be initiated.

The cautious optimism, which followed a cabinet meeting yesterday in which Foreign Minister Golda Meir reported on the latest developments in the Argentine-Israel dispute,

is based on the fact that talks are now underway in Buenos Aires between Shabtai Rosenne, legal adviser to the Foreign Ministry here and Argentine Government officials. Mr. Rosenne, who arrived in Buenos Aires last week-end, is reportedly trying to negotiate a formula acceptable to both sides.

Israel is reconciled to the fact, however, that even if agreement is reached on a mutually acceptable formula, several months are likely to elapse before the cordial relations are resumed.

COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS BAR ISRAELI OFFICIAL SEEKING DATA ON EICHMANN

TEL AVIV, July 25. (JTA) -- Israel Police Commander Avraham Selinger has been denied permission to visit a number of East European countries in connection with his search for evidence against Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi officer who directed the extermination of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe.

Commander Selinger, who heads the Israel police unit charged with investigating Eichmann's war crimes, returned here today from visits to France, England and the Netherlands where he said he found "valuable material," mostly original documents relating to Eichmann's role in the mass killing of European Jewry.

The Israel police official revealed that he had asked for permission to visit several countries in East Europe, but could not obtain the necessary visas. He did not specify which East European countries he sought to enter.

Commander Selinger said that during his stay in Holland, a hotel at which he stayed was threatened with bombing.

EICHMANN TRIAL WILL COST 2,000,000 POUNDS; MAY NOT START BEFORE APRIL

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- The trial in Israel of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who directed the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe, is unlikely to begin before April 1961, it was reported here today. It is estimated that the trial will cost the Israel Government 2,000,000 pounds (\$1,120,000).

Early next year, the Government plans to register foreign correspondents intending to cover the trial, to assure proper courtroom facilities and ample hotel accommodations for the foreign press.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet empowered Minister of Justice Pinhas Rösén today to formulate an amendment to the Advocates Ordinance to permit non-Israeli attorneys to defend non-Israeli persons accused of certain crimes.

The amendment, which will be submitted for approval to the Knesset before the House adjourns for the summer recess, will enable Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, now awaiting trial in Israel, to obtain the services of Cologne attorney Robert Servatius as defense counsel.

MEDICAL TEAM OF 15 LEAVES ISRAEL FOR CONGO TO AID IN CURRENT EMERGENCY

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- A fifteen member volunteer medical team left last night for the Congo, the Foreign Ministry announced today. The group was seen off at the airport by Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister.

The team, headed by Avner Goor, chief sanitary engineer and epidemiologist of the Health Ministry, includes pediatricians, surgeons, gynecologists, an anesthetist, pharmacist, and laboratory technician, nurses and operating theatre attendants.

The team was also accompanied by Dr. R. Greshbin, chairman of the Israel Medical Association and director of the Rambam Hospital in Haifa. Dr. Greshbin will advise the Congolese government on general medical matters and health organization in the current Congolese emergency.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO VISIT ISRAEL; WILL ALSO PAY VISIT TO CAIRO

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson will pay a four day visit on August 12, it was announced today by the Secretary's office.

The Secretary and Mrs. Benson will leave for Europe at the end of this month. Their itinerary includes Brussels, Bonn, Rotterdam and Paris. They will also put in a two day visit in Cairo and proceed from there to Israel via Jordan. Mr. Benson is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Ben-Gurion and Israeli leaders.

WEST GERMAN "FREEDOM PRIZE" AWARDED TO LONDON JEWISH PUBLISHER

FRANKFURT, July 25. (JTA) -- Officials of the Frankfurt book fair announced today that the West German "Freedom Prize" had been awarded to British Jewish publisher Victor Gollancz. The prize is awarded annually to the man of letters who has done most for the cause of peace in the previous year.

20,000 JEWS ARE 'ATTACHED' TO THE SYNAGOGUE IN MOSCOW, SOVIET REPORTS

LONDON, July 25, (JTA) -- About 20,000 people are "attached" to the Moscow Central Synagogue, the largest in the Soviet Union, according to information disseminated here today by the Soviet embassy. Weekday congregations total about 500, with up to 1,500 on the Sabbath, the Soviet Information Bulletin said.

GERMAN YOUTH FLOODED WITH LITERATURE HAILING 'HEROIC DEEDS' OF NAZIS

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- A report from Bonn published in the press here today said that a dangerous new "master myth" was being built up again in millions of West German teenagers. This was being done by a flood of lurid blood and iron military thrillers telling them of the "heroic deeds" of the Nazis in the last war, the report stressed.

Details of some of the books were sent during the weekend to British MPs and trade union officials together with a warning that the books were cultivating a new "war psychology among West German youth."

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH LEADERS LEAVE FOR GERMANY ON EXCHANGE PROGRAM

NEW YORK, July 25, (JTA)-- An exchange program between West Germany and an American Jewish organization - the first of its kind - was initiated here today as a ten-man group from B'nai B'rith and the Anti-Defamation League left Idlewild Airport for Bonn.

The group of human rights experts and youth leaders will tour major West German cities as guests of the Bonn government to study human relations problems at the grass roots levels. They will participate in seminars and meet with government and civic officials and youth and community leaders in Bonn, Dusseldorf, Hamburg, Berlin, Munich and other cities. German communal and youth leaders will come to the United States at a later date. These visits will set the pattern for further exchanges.

Alexander F. Miller ADL national director of community services, headed the American group. The B'nai B'rith youth leaders in the group include Dr. Max Baer, national director of B'nai B'rith Youth Services; Harold Mondschein, Southern California regional director of the youth services; Sherwin M. Goldman, past international secretary of AZA, B'nai B'rith teen-age organization; Rabbi Harry Kaplan, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Ohio State University; and Rabbi Maurice Pekarsky, director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Chicago.

Before taking off, the group participated in a two-day seminar on current German political, social and human relations problems led by West German Consul General Dr. Federer and Benjamin R. Epstein, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League.

The program was announced last month, following prior consultations with American State Department officials, by Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, and Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League. They pointed out that "this is the first time an American Jewish agency has embarked on an exchange program with West Germany."

NEW PRE-SHECHITA METHOD IN CANADA ASSURES FREE PRACTICE OF SHECHITA

MONTREAL, July 25, (JTA) -- Efforts by the Canadian Jewish Congress to assure the free practice of shechita in Canada have been brought to a successful conclusion following the approval today by two of the top rabbinic authorities in the United States of a new method of handling animals prior to shechita.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Boston and Rabbi Eliezer Silver of Cincinnati, Ohio, gave their full approval to a new method of restraining animals for slaughter which was developed by the Canada Packers of Toronto to comply with new regulations on humane slaughter which come into effect on December 1, 1960.

The new handling process utilizes a restraining pen into which cattle is directed from a chute and in which the animal is confined on both sides while standing on its feet. The new restraining process received the official approval of the Department of Agriculture as complying with the new regulations.

The method also received the approval of the general manager of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals who expressed confidence that the Society and the provincial animal welfare movement would readily accept the process as "fully complying with the requirements of humane slaughter."

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STUDIES ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- The activities of the American Nazi party headed by George Rockwell are "under study," the Justice Department assured Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee today.

The assurance came after Mr. Held had written the Attorney General that the American Nazi party's activities commanded expeditious investigation and labeling as subversive.

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CHILD WELFARE TO HOLD SEMINARS IN ISRAEL

LISBON, July 25. (JTA) -- The General Council of the International Union for Child Welfare, which concluded its session here, voted to hold in Israel a Seminar for educators and social workers for African and Asian countries in the spring of 1961. One seminar program will involve a month of studies on child welfare programs and two months of practical work in Youth Aliyah institutions.

The decision to hold the seminar in Israel was opposed only by the Lebanese delegation. Israel at the same time was elected to the executive board of the organization, a decision which led the Lebanese delegate to declare that his country would have to reconsider its relationship to the International Union.

Moshe Kol, world chairman for Youth Aliyah, represented Israel and the organization at the conference. The achievements of Youth Aliyah proved to be of great interest to other delegations.

GUIDANCE BUREAU FOR STUDENTS FROM ABROAD TO BE OPENED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry of Agriculture and the Jewish Agency settlement department have jointly established a guidance bureau for students from abroad, it was announced here today.

The bureau also will supervise the training of Israel experts who will be assigned as instructors in other countries. The new bureau was made necessary by the increasing number of Asians and Africans coming to study agriculture in Israel and by the increasing number of Israeli experts going to other countries as agricultural advisers. They need special training before going abroad.

A special three-month Hebrew course for 40 American and Canadian students who arrived for a year of study at the Hebrew University was opened today by the Jewish Agency. This was the fifth such seminar from which 160 such students have previously been graduated.

BILL URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF EINSTEIN MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- Considerable public interest has been demonstrated here in connection with a bill authorizing the establishment of a memorial to Albert Einstein in the District of Columbia. Senators Javits and Humphrey were the sponsors of the bill which was read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

The design, by sculptor Robert Berks, shows the seated figure of Albert Einstein on a semi-circular bench, looking down into a reflecting pool which mirrors the heavens.

BEN-ZVI, BEN-GURION EULOGIZE JABOTINSKY ON ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- President Izhak Ben-Zvi paid warm tribute to the memory of Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder of the Zionist Revisionist movement, at a meeting at the President's residence yesterday called to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the death of the Revisionist leader. Among those who attended the meeting were Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Cabinet Ministers, Herut members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament and leaders of the Revisionist movement.

President Ben-Zvi told the gathering that Jabotinsky's writings, translations and speeches, which infused Russian Jewish youth with Zionism, were known to him long before he had ever met the Revisionist leader.

Premier Ben-Gurion, whose attendance at the meeting was regarded as a sign of conciliation between two Zionist points of view which had been at odds for nearly 40 years, said that his would be "subjective impressions of the tragic Zionist figure." Declaring that he never felt any animosity toward Jabotinsky, the Premier told the meeting "I understood his point of view, although I did not agree with him."

Mrs. Ben-Zvi urged the gathering that the unifying features of Jabotinsky's life be recalled. Others paying tribute were Knesset Deputy Arieh Altman, Professor Eri Jabotinsky, only son of the late Zionist leader and Menahem Arber, former commander of Etzel, the Revisionist underground organization in Palestine during the British Mandate.

BARUCH OSTROVSKY, MAYOR OF RAANANA, DEAD; EMIGRATED FROM U.S. IN 1930

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- Word was received here today of the death last week in Tel Aviv of Baruch Ostrovsky, educator, journalist and Mayor of Raanana, Israel. He was 70 years of age. Mr. Ostrovsky was one of the founders of Raanana, a town near the coast northeast of Tel Aviv.

Born in Russia, Mr. Ostrovsky came to the United States when he was 18 years of age and subsequently served here as principal of the Workmen's Circle High School. He settled in Palestine in 1930 and was named chairman of the Raanana Local Council the following year. He served in this post without remuneration until his death.