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ISRAEL TO ABOLISH EXIT VISAS; MINISTER ANNOUNCES MOVE IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- Moshe Shapira, the Minister of the Interior, announced today in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, that Israeli exit visas will be abolished soon.

He made the announcement in a debate on the budget of his Ministry, explaining he had come to the conclusion that there was no justification for the need to obtain permission to leave Israel under current conditions.

He said that security requirements, involving the control of those eligible for military service to prevent them from departing from Israel, could be met by other means.

STATE DEPT. DECIDES TO IGNORE CONGRESS RECOMMENDATION ON SUEZ ISSUE

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- The State Department today made known that while it disapproves the Arab blockade and boycott affecting Israel, a decision has been made--on advice of United States diplomats in Arab states--for "the avoidance of coercive tactics" to achieve Arab compliance with international law. This was revealed by John S. Hoghland 2nd, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, in a letter to Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican.

Commenting on a Mutual Security amendment adopted last year by the Senate, calling for the linkage of U.S. aid with respect by recipients for freedom of navigation and termination of blockades and boycotts like that enforced by the Arab states against Israel and American shipping trading with Israel, Mr. Hoghland indicated that the State Department had decided not to enforce the amendment. The amendment was not a law but expressed the "sense of the Senate" in calling on the Executive Department to take action.

Mr. Hoghland said that "based on views from our field posts, the Department has so far concluded that efforts to link the Mutual Security Act directly to the Suez transit question would only intensify the very trade and transit restrictions which we all hope may be eliminated, while at the same time playing into the hands of the Communists by exacerbating Middle East tensions."

"It remains our view, unanimously supported by our field posts, that avoidance of coercive tactics in such area disputes is more likely to produce an atmosphere conducive to settlement of the basic problem than would unilateral economic pressure by the United States," the State Department official stressed.

Mr. Hoghland said the Department shared "concern that every effort should be made to ensure that there be no discrimination in the use of the Suez Canal for Israeli commerce." He added that the U.S. would "continue to take all appropriate steps to facilitate a resolution of this complex issue."

Explains U.S. Policy on Nasser's Closing of Suez Canal for Israel

When the State Department notified its diplomats in Arab states of the Senate amendment, "our field posts have stressed that linking the transit and boycott questions directly with assistance under the Mutual Security Act would adversely affect over-all United States interests without advancing the principles and purposes of the amendment," Mr. Hoghland wrote. Notwithstanding these opinions, the State Department "has carefully weighed" how the amendment "might best be applied on each occasion when proposals for significant new assistance were up for consideration," he indicated, adding however, that the Department in each case based its policy on the views of the U.S. diplomats in Arab states and decided not to implement the amendment.

"The United States has consistently supported the principle of freedom of transit through the Suez Canal for all nations, including Israel," the State Department official continued. "This support has been made clear both in public statements and in diplomatic exchanges with the states directly concerned. Accordingly, when the section, which recorded the sense of the Senate to this same effect, was included last year in the Mutual Security Act, as amended, our diplomatic posts throughout the world were promptly informed.

"They were specifically reminded of the Department's long-standing policy in favor of freedom of navigation through international waterways, including in particular the Suez Canal. They were reminded that efforts should continue to be made through every

appropriate means and at every suitable opportunity to make clear the will of the American Government and people. These standing instructions have on appropriate occasions since that time specifically been renewed," the State Department official emphasized.

Senator Keating, commenting on the Department's letter, cited President Kennedy's pledge to implement the amendment and said: "If the President has changed his policy since his announcement last summer, Congress must seek new means to guarantee freedom of the seas when the Mutual Security bill is considered this year.

"We must not let this matter die," Senator Keating continued. He said he was "disappointed to learn the State Department appears determined not to carry out the will of Congress as expressed in the freedom of the seas amendment." He found it "distressing" that the Secretary of State "apparently does not stand back of the explicit written promise made by the President" and called on Mr. Kennedy to insist that the State Department follow his announced policy on this issue.

MAPAI STILL SEEKS TO AVOID ELECTIONS; OFFERS NEW PROPOSAL FOR CABINET

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- Efforts to avoid new elections and to obtain a "narrow coalition" Cabinet under the Premiership of Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, with David Ben-Gurion as Defense Minister, were continued today by Mapai, despite the first reading yesterday by Israel's Parliament on bills to arrange for new elections. The "narrow" Cabinet was to be composed of Mapai, the National Religious party and the Progressive party.

Mapai leaders today asked the other two parties for an answer by Thursday. However, opinion was reported split today in the two parties with regard to the Mapai proposal, which also suggested that the new arrangement be limited to five months, after which Mr. Ben-Gurion would return to the Prime Minister's post.

The executive of the Progressive party was scheduled to meet on the question tomorrow. It was reported today that some leaders of the party favored rejecting the Mapai proposal outright. They contended that a proposed merger with the General Zionists into a new "liberal" non-Socialist party had priority over other issues.

Other Progressive party leaders, including Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen, were reported to favor the Mapai proposal in principle, but were opposed to the temporary nature of the proposed Cabinet. They were also insistent on new negotiations among the partners of the proposed coalition before there could be any change in the Premiership. Similarly, some National Religious party leaders wanted to make agreement to the proposal contingent on the Progressives accepting it.

The Mapai proposal did not represent a unanimous view of party leaders, it was indicated. Several of the younger leaders, including Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, party secretary-general Joseph Almogi, and Knesset member Akiva Govrin, strongly opposed any arrangement which in their view would be tantamount to Mapai "giving up Ben-Gurion." Mr. Almogi was reported to have threatened to resign if such a Cabinet was formed. Mapai ministers however, persisted in seeking combinations and arrangements to make possible a coalition without elections.

STATE OF VIRGINIA GRANTS LEGAL STATUS TO AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

RICHMOND, Va., March 14. (JTA) -- The State of Virginia granted legal status today to the American Nazi party of George Lincoln Rockwell and permitted it to lawfully incorporate as a company to do business in the state. The State Corporation Commission approved an application by Rockwell for a charter. The application bore a swastika and Nazi slogan.

In the application to be recognized as a legal company, the Nazi party stated its aim as "the gaining of political power in the United States by all legal means and elective processes" and the "education of the American public."

Directors of the new Virginia company were listed as Rockwell, chairman, and Seth David Ryan, both of Arlington; and J. V. Kenneth Morgan, of Alexandria. Both Alexandria and Arlington are communities in Northern Virginia adjacent to the District of Columbia. Rockwell made known that the national Nazi headquarters in Virginia was now "legal" and "recognized by the state."

MERGER OF PARTIES IN ISRAEL MAY END RIFT AMONG ZIONISTS IN U. S.

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Hope that the unification of the General Zionists and Progressives in Israel may pave the way to the re-establishment of complete unity among the General Zionists in the United States--and thus end the long-standing rift in American Zionism between those who sympathized with one or the other group in Israel--was expressed here today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

Dr. Neumann issued his statement following a meeting of the executive committee of the Confederation, which sent a cable to Dr. Peretz Bernstein, president of the Organization of General Zionists in Israel, reading: "Congratulations and best wishes for the complete success of your prolonged efforts to achieve unification of the General Zionists and the Progressives. Such unity in Israel will be greeted with profound satisfaction throughout the Zionist world as a most timely and constructive step which will contribute toward the strengthening of the Zionist movement everywhere."

SEVERAL JEWS INJURED, TWO SERIOUSLY, IN TERROR ACT IN ALGIERS

ALGIERS, March 14. (JTA) -- Several Jews were reported today to have been injured, two of them seriously, when a terrorist threw a bomb into a cafe near the Casbah. The cafe is a popular one with Jews.

Many of the victims were taken to the hospital. The condition of the two who were seriously injured was reported grave. The terrorist managed to elude capture.

DR. GOLDMANN HOPES BONN PARLIAMENT WILL IMPROVE INDEMNIFICATION LAW

BONN, March 14. (JTA) -- Fulfilment of West German indemnification commitments are "generally satisfactory" despite weaknesses of the law and deficiencies in administrative practices, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, declared here in a West German television network interview.

He said that while the cost, now estimated at between 18 billion and 20 billion marks, had by far exceeded the original estimates, the Federal Republic has not tried to use the higher cost as an occasion for changing the legislation.

Dr. Goldmann also said that on the initiative of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, basic improvements had been made in the application of the law and he expressed the hope that additional improvements would be adopted during the current session of the West German Parliament.

Declaring that "moral indemnification" was a much more difficult problem in West Germany, the world Jewish leader said that many Germans, "consciously or unconsciously, are closing their eyes to their task, an attitude which I can understand but not condone."

He emphasized, during the television interview, that Israel had a "full moral right to try Adolf Eichmann," the Gestapo leader who will go on trial in Jerusalem April 11 on charges of crimes against the Jewish people and against humanity for his role in directing the murder of 6,000,000 European Jews. Dr. Goldmann said he was convinced that because of the "exceptionally high standards" of Israeli jurisprudence, the trial would "most certainly" be a fair one.

NAZI PHYSICIAN CHARGED WITH KILLING 100 JEWS ON HITLER'S BIRTHDAY

FRANKFURT, March 14, (JTA) -- A witness at the trial of a Nazi camp commandant charged with 297 murders testified in Ansbach yesterday that a camp doctor killed 100 Jewish prisoners in honor of Hitler's 53rd birthday in 1942. Victor Opressnig of Linz, Austria, related the event at the trial of Karl Chmielewski, who had been commandant of Gusen. The name of the doctor was not given.

In West Berlin, a tailor was sentenced to five months imprisonment after telling a policeman he would kill a Jewish restaurant owner "and smash his windows." The tailor, George Lubkowitz, was accused of racial defamation when he told the police: "I am a German. The Jews are getting insolent again." The police were called by the proprietor of the restaurant after Lubkowitz refused to pay his bill of three deutschmarks, about 70 cents.

WEST EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS HOLD PARLEY ON KEY WELFARE PROBLEMS

AMSTERDAM, March 14. (JTA) -- The creation of three commissions to study and act on key welfare problems of Jewish life in Western Europe were announced today at the first meeting of the Standing Conference on European Jewish Community Services here.

The Conference was organized in November 1960, at the annual overseas meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee which was attended by Jewish leaders from 14 West European countries. Astorre Meyer, president of the Milan Jewish Community, presided at the meeting here today.

One of the commissions will deal with personnel. Under the chairmanship of Claude Kelman, vice-president of the United Jewish Welfare Funds of France, the commission will seek to enlist and train personnel for Jewish institutions being rebuilt after the Nazi destruction.

Another commission, headed by Chaim Perelman, head of the Brussels Jewish Community, will deal with community centers and vacation camps. The third commission will be directed by Jules Jefroykin of Paris. It will devote itself to inter-community communication and will publish "Exchange," a quarterly issued in English, French and German by the Standing Conference.

Other organizations represented at the meeting included the Central British Welfare Fund, the Yugoslav Federation of Jewish Communities, the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities, the Swedish Community, the Copenhagen Jewish Community, and the Jewish Social Work Foundation of Amsterdam. Other Jewish communities represented were those of Brussels and West Berlin. Charles Jordan, European director of the JDC, attended the conference.

WORLD BANK AGREES TO GIVE ISRAEL \$35,000,000 LOAN FOR POTASH INDUSTRY

TEL AVIV, March 14. (JTA) -- A five-year plan which will make Israel one of the world's leading producers of potash and bromides was unveiled today by Major General Mordechai Makleff, director-general of the Dead Sea Potash Plant. The World Bank, he said, agreed to lend \$35,000,000 on the condition that the rest of the money could be mobilized from private sources. Accordingly, the company was preparing to float shares for \$15,000,000, he stated.

The plan calls for the building of 178 feet long dams which will turn about 50 square miles into a huge evaporating plant. The project will be completed in three years at the cost of \$50,400,000 and would increase potash production to 400,000 tons annually. At a later stage, a further investment of \$14,000,000 would increase potash production to 900,000 tons. Under the plan, exports in 1967 would soar to \$30,000,000 annually, compared to \$4,500,000 today.

The plan also calls for an increase in bromide production that would make Israel the world's third largest producer and would increase table salt production to 25,000 tons annually. Half of the planned products will be exported via Eilat to Africa and the Far East.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR BRONFMAN \$1,000,000 GIFT

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- President Izhak Ben-Zvi expressed the gratitude of the people of Israel today for the gift of an archaeological museum by the children of Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and chairman of the North American section of the World Jewish Congress.

In a letter to the donors, President Ben-Zvi declared that the gift would help Israel achieve her aspirations as a world cultural center. The gift, one of the largest made to Israel since the founding of the state, consists of erecting a building, which will cost over \$1,000,000, as well as annual grants for the maintenance of the museum and for archaeological research and publications. To be located on a 25-acre site in Jerusalem, the museum will contain various pavilions, galleries, a library and a lecture hall. It will include the Bezalel National Museum, the Shrine of the Book, which houses the original Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Billy Rose Garden of sculptures.

Adjacent to the Hebrew University campus and flanked by the new Kneset building, the site was provided by the Government. The museum is expected to be opened to the public on the 15th anniversary of Israel, to be celebrated in two years. President Ben-Zvi will participate in cornerstone-laying ceremonies to be held on Lag B'Omer, May 3, which will be attended by Mr. Bronfman's sons Charles and Edgar and daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Lambert and Baroness Minda de Gunsburg, the benefactors.

ISRAEL OFFICIAL REPORTS ON ISRAEL-INDIAN RELATIONS; FINDS THEM 'GOOD'

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- The chances of strengthening Israel-Indian cooperation in health, agriculture, development of water resources and other fields were described as "good" today, by Gideon Rafael, assistant director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry. Mr. Rafael recently returned from New Delhi where he held conversations with Krishna Menon and acting Foreign Minister Lakshmi Menon.

Mr. Rafael said that the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries would depend on the development of practical relations. He reported that India promised that the recently opened Arab League office in New Delhi would not be permitted to interfere with Israel-Indian and other Israel-Asian relations. Mr. Rafael pointed out that although the Arab League requested a separate League office, India permitted the opening of the office solely as an adjunct to the Lebanese embassy.

MEXICAN JEWS ESTABLISH \$3,000,000 INVESTMENT COMPANY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- The formation of a \$3,000,000 investment company by a group of Mexican Jews was announced here today. The company, to be known as Fomento, will be financed by 14 participants who will provide half of the capital while the remainder will be raised by means of debentures to be issued in Mexico. The group, headed by Yehezkel Liverand and Avraham Rosenbloom, has already transferred \$500,000 to Israel.

DAVID W. KLAU, PROMINENT JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 66

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for David W. Klau, prominent philanthropist and Jewish communal leader, who died here at the age of 66. Mr. Klau, who was chairman of the executive committee of Montefiore Hospital, had contributed an eight-story, 250-bed wing, known as the Klau pavilion, to the hospital. He was also a vice-chairman of the board of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Mr. Klau was the principal supporter of the archaeological expeditions in Israel's Negev carried out by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the College-Institute. Last year Mr. Klau was one of three contributors who gave \$250,000 each to the Development Fund for American Judaism, the fund-raising arm of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the College-Institute. He was also active in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the U. J. A.