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### KNESSET ADJOURNS; PASSES PORT AUTHORITY BILL; ABOLISHES EXIT VISAS

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- The fourth session of Israel's fourth Parliament--its life cut to less than half of its legal tenure by the Government crisis and resignation of last January--was adjourned today with attention of its members focused on campaigning for the general elections August 15.

The session concluded with the passing of legislation abolishing exit visas for Israelis and permanent residents and a law turning over the Government-owned ports of Haifa, and Tel Aviv to a public authority. The ending of the requirement for exit visas will take effect next October 15, according to the new law.

The port authority law which was passed today also met with the wishes of the World Bank which promised a loan of \$27,500,000 conditioned on relaxation of Government control of the ports. The law provides that each port will have a degree of autonomy and each will determine its own budget to be self-supporting. The overall port authority will be operated by a council of 11 to 13 members with a majority of public figures and a minority of Government civil servants.

The World Bank loan is aimed particularly at development of a deep sea port at Ashdod which is scheduled to become a major port. The Government will name the chairman of the port authority. General Haim Laskov, immediate past Chief of Staff, is a candidate for the post.

Other bills approved included one setting up an Academy of Arts and Sciences modeled after the French Academy, a law granting pension rights to prison guards, a measure to overhaul completely the Israeli Bar and its governing bodies, and technical measures concerning the August 15 elections.

Speaker Kaddish Luz extended good wishes to all deputies and outlined the progress made during the fourth Knesset. He announced a contract for work on a permanent building for the Knesset which will be awarded next week. The new building will be financed from a bequest from the late James Rothschild and will be completed within 30 months.

The Speaker expressed the hope that the campaigning for the Fifth Knesset would find a "golden middle" between public responsibility and party differences and that the Fifth Knesset would exist through its full four-year tenure. The final session was attended by most members of the Cabinet, including Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

### Army Booklet on Israel's Elections Provokes Debate in Knesset

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- An election atmosphere emerged suddenly in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, in a brawling debate over an army booklet on the meaning of the elections which opposition parties charged contained propaganda for Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's Mapai party.

The booklet was issued by the Israel General Staff to brief troops on the background and significance of the general elections scheduled for August 15. Distribution of the booklet was halted several days ago after the Central Elections Committee advised the Army that even if the booklet did not contain any propaganda, the suspicion warranted its cancellation.

The Prime Minister, replying to motions for debate on the charge, said he had found nothing wrong with the booklet but had ordered a stop to its distribution anyway. His reply was frequently drowned out by shouted exchanges between deputies of the Mapai party and of opposition parties.

### Elections Campaign for New Knesset Starts Officially Tomorrow

TEL AVIV, June 14. (JTA) -- The scramble for voter support by Israel's political parties for the August 15 elections for a new Parliament will get underway officially on Friday when the parties will plaster Israel's public display boards with thousands of leaflets and posters.

For two months, the country's nine parties will hammer away at the electorate, with special attention to independent and uncommitted voters. One of the features will be the first campaign by the new Liberal party, formed by an amalgamation of the General Zionists and the Progressives.

## ONLY CABINET CAN DECIDE ON ADMISSION OF ARAB REFUGEES, GOLDA MEIR SAYS

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- The only authority which can decide whether Israel should admit a portion of the Arab refugees is the Israel Cabinet and no such decision has been made yet by the Cabinet, Foreign Minister Golda Meir told a press conference here today. She was replying to a question by a correspondent about possible changes in Israel's position on the refugee question.

Mrs. Meir reiterated Israel's view that, not the refugee question, but the refusal by the Arabs to recognize Israel's existence is the key problem. "No gimmicks can alter this fact," the Foreign Minister added.

Reporting on her recent tour of the Scandinavian countries, Mrs. Meir stressed the extreme warmth and friendship of all Scandinavian countries toward Israel. The Foreign Minister described the quiet pride of the Scandinavians when, during the Eichmann trial, witnesses and documents retold the successful efforts on the part of the Scandinavian countries to rescue Jews threatened with annihilation at the hands of the Nazis.

## ISRAEL MINISTER PREDICTS \$500,000,000 IN NEW FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- Additional foreign investments, totaling \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000 in the next five years, were predicted today by Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, on his return from a tour of Europe and North America.

Among the future projects he listed by the Minister were a \$12,000,000 expansion in the Rogosin synthetic fiber plant at Ashdod; an increase in the investment capital of the Sam Rothberg Investment Corporation by the addition of \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 to the present capital; an increase in American investments in Frutarom of \$3,500,000.

Also a \$10,000,000 investment over a three-year period by the British Wolfson-Clore-Meyer Corporation, anticipated sale of \$10,000,000 worth of stock of the Israel Industrial Development Bank in the United States and a doubling of the present 1,000,000-pound sterling (\$2,800,000) investment of the Anglo-Israel Securities.

## HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARS TESTIMONY ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

WASHINGTON, June 14. (JTA) -- Even though the Arab-Israel issue "continues to plague the area and threaten peace," a "relative calm" currently exists in the Near East, Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, testified today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The testimony was delivered behind closed doors in an executive session. Mr. Talbot later disclosed elements of his testimony. He appeared before the committee in support of the Administration's new request for \$4.8 billion in foreign aid funds.

Mr. Talbot told the committee that there are fewer Arab-Israel border incidents and other manifestations of tension. But, he pointed out, "these conditions of relative peace have not obscured our recognition of the underlying problems which stand in the way of an Arab-Israel peace, nor lessened our determination to be helpful in achieving progress on these problems."

Mr. Talbot said he was pleased by some developments in the United Arab Republic, especially in the deterioration of UAR-Soviet relations. He felt the United States must take advantage of the opportunity to improve American-Arab relations. He said also that there have been "marked improvement in relations among the Arab countries."

## 14 ISRAELIS PARTICIPATE IN WORLD PARLEY OF MAYORS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, June 14. (JTA) -- A 14-member Israeli delegation headed by Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom of Jerusalem has arrived in Washington to participate in the world conference of local governments that commenced here today.

The Israeli delegation constitutes the connecting link between the present conference and the 15th Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) which was held in Israel last year. The IULA flag is being transmitted by the Israeli delegation from last year's host city, Tel Aviv, to Washington, D.C., the 1961 host city. The Israel delegation includes the Mayor of Nazareth, Seif El-Din Zuabi, an Israeli Arab.

## YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEZREEL VALLEY STARTED

TEL AVIV, June 14. (JTA) -- A year-long celebration began tonight throughout the Jezreel Valley in northern Israel to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Jewish colonization of the malaria-infested swampland and its development into Israel's breadbasket.

President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, both of whom were among the first settlers in the Valley, were guests of honor tonight at the Kibbutz Merhavia, the first Jewish settlement in the Valley. The kibbutz was founded by veterans of the Hashomer movement. Exactly 150 years ago, the first furrow was plowed by Jewish settlers inland acquired by the Jewish National Fund. Two of the settlements, Ein Harod and Nahalal will mark their fortieth anniversaries.

### GERMANY TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO AUSTRIA FOR NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, June 14. (JTA) -- West Germany will make advance payments on the \$80,000,000 it has agreed to contribute to an Austrian fund for compensation of victims of the Nazi period in Austria, it was reported here today. This will make it possible for Austria to make its first payments this fall, the report said.

Political and racial persecutees of the Nazi regime in Austria will receive a total of \$25,000,000 from the German contribution, it was reported. A similar sum has been allocated for compensation for social security funds confiscated by the Nazis. A total of \$30,000,000 will go to former German citizens who fled to Austria after the war from countries taken over by the Communist regimes.

The agreement for the West German contribution was reached Monday night in talks at Bad Kreuzbach between officials of the two Governments. Austrian victims of nazism have waited more than 16 years on their claims for compensation.

### REMOVAL OF JEWISH OFFICIALS FROM HIGH POSTS CONTINUES IN MOROCCO

PARIS, June 14. (JTA) -- The removal of another Jew from a high post in the Moroccan Government was reported here today from Morocco. M. Zaoui was dismissed without any reason being given from his post as director of the Conservation Fonciere in the Moroccan Finance Ministry.

His dismissal was followed by a campaign against him in the extremist Moslem journal, Al Oumal, which has accused him of Zionist affiliations. Earlier this year, Meyer Tole-dano was removed from this post as judicial counselor to the Moroccan Foreign Ministry.

In another development, uneasiness was reported developing among Moroccan Jews after further study of the 17 articles of the new "Fundamental Law" signed by King Hassan on June 2. One particularly disturbing article is number 15, which stresses that Morocco will not only remain faithful to the Arab League under King Hassan but will strengthen its attachment to the League. It was noted that Moroccan journals have been urging full Moroccan collaboration in all plans of the League.

While the new law does not nullify the relations of equality of rights of Jews and Moslems in Morocco, it does not use the term "Jew" at all. Articles one and two of the law, in fact, stress that Morocco is an Arab and Moslem country and that Islam is the official religion of the state.

### ROCKWELL, NINE AIDES SENTENCED IN NEW ORLEANS FOR PICKETING 'EXODUS'

NEW ORLEANS, June 14. (JTA) -- American Nazi Party leader George Rockwell and nine of his "stormtroopers" were found guilty last night of unduly alarming the public and of conspiring to breach the peace while picketing a local theater here last month during a showing of the film "Exodus." The ten Nazis were given varying jail terms.

Rockwell, who was sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$100, was released under a \$1,000 bond to appear in court in his home town of Arlington, Va., to answer charges of failing to pay alimony. Three of Rockwell's "lieutenants," including Seth D. Ryan, secretary of the party, were given 45-day jail sentences and fined \$75 each. The other six were sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$50 each.

### \$750,000 RAISED FOR U. J. A. AT UNITED HIAS DINNER; ROSENWALD HONORED

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- William Rosenwald, American Jewish leader, was honored tonight by the United Hias Service for nearly 30 years of leadership in refugee resettlement work at a testimonial dinner in the Hotel Pierre here. The 300 guests announced \$750,000 in contributions to the United Jewish Appeal.

Speakers included Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, Edwin Rosenberg, chairman of the organization's national council and of the executive committee of New York U. J. A., and Dr. Ruth Gruber, author. The dinner was presided over by Herbert C. Kranzer, a vice-president of the United Hias Service.

Mr. Gurfein reported that United Hias Service, which conducts a globe-girdling program of migration and resettlement activities, has seen a great expansion of its work this year. In the first five months of 1961, he said, "UHS helped bring 2,363 Jewish immigrants to lands of permanent resettlement in the Western world." This pace of activity is 60 percent above that of last year and stands out as the highest for any similar period since the exodus of Hungarian and Egyptian refugees in 1957 and 1958. Services rendered to Jewish refugees from Cuba have been an important factor in the increase, Mr. Gurfein stated.

Mr. Rosenwald praised the work of United Hias Service and called for support for its objectives, especially "in the field of liberalized immigration legislation for our own United States." He urged upon the guests active participation and generous contributions to the current UJA campaign.

As a memento of the dinner in his honor, Mr. Rosenwald was presented with a Bible printed in Israel and bound in silver by Israeli craftsmen. It is inscribed: "In grateful tribute to William Rosenwald, for his noble endeavors and inspired leadership in behalf of persecuted and homeless Jews throughout the world."

## \$6,000,000 BUDGET APPROVED FOR ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

HAIFA, June 14. (JTA) -- The Board of Governors of the Israel Institute of Technology closed a week-long session yesterday by approving an operating budget of 10,700,000 pounds (\$5,992,000) for the Institute for the year.

The board also reiterated its request that the Government allocation be increased so that the Institute could fulfil the tasks "imposed on it by the growing needs of the State in technology and scientific development."

A resolution was passed aimed at speeding up completion of the new Technion city campus on Mount Carmel. The board also recommended creation of a training school for technicians which would establish standards for training of technicians throughout Israel.

## ISADORE HAMLIN NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JEWISH AGENCY IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- The American section of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel announced today the appointment of Isadore Hamlin as executive director. Mr. Hamlin has been associated with the Jewish Agency for 15 years, having served as press officer in the Washington, D.C. office and as administrative director in the New York office.

The American section of the Jewish Agency executive, which is part of the world Jewish Agency executive with headquarters in Jerusalem, is conducting a variety of activities. They include, among others, the advising of persons interested in settling in Israel, helping professional and technical personnel who wish to take jobs there, sponsoring summer institutes and seminars for students and teachers in Israel and other exchange programs.

## 62 AMERICAN STUDENTS LEAVE U.S. FOR WORK IN ISRAELI KIBBUTZIM

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Sixty-two American students from all parts of the United States left today to work in various Israeli kibbutzim for the summer under the aegis of the Jewish Agency.

This group is the first of a new Israel summer work project called "Summer in Kibbutz." It is one of numerous projects sponsored by the Jewish Agency in cooperation with various departments of the American Zionist Council, under which over 1,000 young people from the United States will spend this summer in Israel.

Under the "Summer in Kibbutz" program students, ranging in age from 19 to 23, will spend 10 weeks in the following kibbutzim: Sasa, Hagoshrim, Kfar Hanassi and Lavi.

## SOVIET ARTISTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL FOR CONCERTS; FIRST GROUP FROM U.S.S.R.

TEL AVIV, June 14. (JTA) -- Three Soviet artists arrived in Israel yesterday for a series of performances and began rehearsals today with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for a recital here Saturday night for which all 3,000 seats have been sold. The performers--Lev Vlasenko and Maria Karandasheva, pianists; and Mikhail Veinman, a violinist--are the first to visit Israel from the Soviet Union.

At the airport to welcome the visiting artists were Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov, heading a delegation of Russian embassy officials; and members of the Israel-Russia Friendship League.

## SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH FEDERATION ANNOUNCES MERGER OF TWO AGENCIES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14. (JTA) -- The San Francisco Jewish Welfare Federation announced today a merger of two of its major agencies to provide more effective case work services to families and individuals.

Dr. David Crystal, executive director of the Family Service Agency, said the Jewish Committee for Personal Service had been merged with the family agency. The JCPS will become the Department of Mental Health Services for the family agency.

## RABBI JULIUS MARK ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Julius Mark, of Temple Emanu-El, New York, was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America here tonight at the final plenary session of the program year held at the Olcott Hotel.

The Synagogue Council of America is the national coordinating agency of the rabbinic and congregational organizations of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewry. It comprises the Rabbinical Assembly of America, United Synagogue of America, Rabbinical Council of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.