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ELECTION CAMPAIGN OFF TO VIGOROUS START IN ISRAEL; VOTING DUE AUGUST 15

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- With the Knesset (Parliament) adjourned, and general elections scheduled for August 15, Israel's political parties opened their election campaign this weekend, although most parties have not yet announced their lists of candidates. Virtually every settlement, town and village in the country held election rallies on Friday night and yesterday, while tonight every auditorium and many makeshift gathering places in every city in Israel was the scene of one rally or another.

The only party that has its election list ready is the Communist, which has announced exactly the same candidates it ran in the previous national elections. Mapai, Herut, Ahdut Avodah and Mapam are completing their lists. The newly formed Liberal Party is making up a list representing both major components of that group, the former General Zionists and Progressives. The religious groups have not yet decided on a list, and it is believed that efforts to unite the various religious parties on one ticket may not materialize. Five groups of small community parties, composed mainly of Sephardi and Yemenite Israelis, are negotiating in an effort to compose a single list. None of these groups was able to garner enough votes for any seats in the last Knesset.

The usual election campaign fireworks were already creating considerable excitement today. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, as leader of the dominant Mapai Party, was being accused at some of the rallies of having undertaken his recent trip to the West for "Mapai political propaganda" purposes. Mr. Ben-Gurion, on the other hand, told a closed meeting of poets and other writers that he found foreigners "see more light in Israel, while our own press and writings see only the black side."

Every facet of recent Israeli history is being dragged into the campaign--including the Eichmann trial and "L'affaire Lavon." So far, only one incident has marred the campaign. At Amishav, a village inhabited by new immigrants, a meeting scheduled by Mapai had to be called off when youngsters smashed the speaker's platform and threatened the Mapai speaker.

RUSSIAN ARTISTS HAILED IN ISRAEL; GOVT. OFFICIALS GUESTS OF SOVIET ENVOY

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- Two Soviet artists--pianist Lev Vlasenko and violinist Mikhail Veinman--received a tremendous ovation here last night from an enthusiastic audience which filled the 3,000-seat Mann Auditorium for a concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz and other high Government officials were guests of Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov at the first in a series of performances by the Soviet artists.

At a reception after the concert, Mr. Vlasenko replied to greetings by Tel Aviv Mayor Mordechai Namir by speaking of the need for "shalom" (peace) between all nations. His remarks were translated from the Russian into Hebrew by Foreign Minister Meir.

PRAVDA THREATENS USSR MAY RECONSIDER 'SUBSTANTIAL' AID TO U.A.R.

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union may "reconsider" its policy of giving "substantial" aid to the United Arab Republic, according to a threat yesterday in Pravda, the official organ of the Soviet Communist party.

The Pravda article appealed to Cairo propagandists to halt their current anti-Soviet agitation, which, it said, harmed only Arab national interests and played into the hands of the "Western imperialists."

ISRAEL CABINET NAMES COMMITTEE TO DRAFT POLICY AGAINST RESALE OF ARMS

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- A five-member Ministerial Committee to draft a new arms sale policy for the Israeli Government, so as to prevent foreign governments purchasing Israeli arms from using these weapons to help maintain colonial regimes, was named here today by Israel's Cabinet.

The issue grew out of recent unfounded reports--denied both here and at Bonn--that West Germany had sold to Portugal some of the "Uzi" submachineguns bought here by Germany. Portugal had allegedly used these Israeli weapons to help suppress the independence movement in Angola, Africa. The new committee, proposed by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, consists of Finance Minister Levi Eshkol as chairman, and includes Foreign Minister Golda Meir; Minister of the Interior Moshe Shapira; Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Minister of Transport and Communications; and Minister of Health Israel Barzilai.

SHARETT ACCUSES BRITISH OF BLOCKING JEWISH RESCUE PLANS IN WORLD WAR II

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- The man who negotiated directly with the British authorities during World War II to permit Palestine Jews to aid their brethren in Nazi-held Europe has accused the British Middle East Command of blocking the Jewish rescue plans.

Former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, who was wartime political secretary of the Jewish Agency, told a meeting here that when he went to British Headquarters in Cairo with proposals to drop Jewish parachutists behind the German lines to organize resistance, the plan met with the strongest opposition.

Mr. Sharett's disclosures were made at a memorial meeting for Hanna Senesh, a Jewish parachutist who was dropped into Hungary in British uniform, captured by the Nazis, tortured and executed. His disclosures were confirmed by Brigadier Israel Galili, wartime Haganah commander, who had the men ready to be dropped behind the German lines.

Mr. Sharett declared it was not true that the Yishuv (the Palestine Jewish Community) had done nothing to save European Jewry. "There was a fire of desperate wrath," he exclaimed, "which burst forth trying to breaking through the barriers. But there were powerful forces which blocked our access to the other side of the barrier. ? He declared that, on some occasions, the British "misled us."

ISRAEL BUILDING SUPER-SHERMAN TANKS, MORTAR CARRIERS, MOBILE EQUIPMENT

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- Israeli military workshops have inaugurated assembly-line production of super-Sherman army tanks, made of old Sherman tanks purchased from scrap depots, it was announced here today after Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, in his capacity of Defense Minister, visited an ordnance depot somewhere in Israel, where he watched six super-Shermans go down the assembly line.

The renovated super-Shermans, now added to Israel's armored corps, have greater fire power and higher maneuverability than the old Sherman tanks. They have double-chained chassis, and reinforced turrets.

At the same time, it was announced, Israel's army workshops are turning out 100-millimeter mortar carriers and half-tracks which enable the firing of heavy mortars from a mobile base, without the need of unlimbering the firing apparatus from the base. Several European armies, it was said, have requested that the Israel Government furnish them with details of the construction of this type of half-track.

ISRAEL'S WINTER TOURISM INCREASES, FOREIGN CURRENCY RECEIPTS ALSO RISE

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- More than 60,000 tourists visited Israel during the first five months of this year, representing a 20 percent increase over the number of visitors during the same period last year, according to figures released here today. Foreign currency income during the first quarter totaled \$6,500,000, compared with \$4,500,000 in the same period last year.

Tourism figures for the past winter showed a 50 percent increase over the previous winter, as a result of a successful drive to encourage tourism during the usually slack season.

FRENCH UNIT OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS STUDIES SITUATION OF ALGERIAN JEWS

PARIS, June 18. (JTA) -- Leaders of the French Federation of the World Jewish Congress met here today for a two-day series of conferences to analyze and discuss the present situation and the future of Algerian Jews. The principal aim is to attempt to help Algerian Jewry in mapping its actions in the near future, as a result of the negotiations between France and leaders of the Algerian Moslem independence movement in regard to the future of Algeria. Among the participants in the conferences are Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, and Walter Eytan, Israeli Ambassador to France.

Jacques Lazarus, World Jewish Congress representative in Algiers, is here to report to the federation about the current situation in Algeria, while other reports will deal with the Franco-Algerian negotiations at Evian. After the conference, it is believed, Dr. Goldmann will meet with Louis Joxe, French Minister for Algerian Affairs, who is this country's chief negotiator at the Evian talks, to review the future prospects of the Algerian Jewish community.

JEW KILLED BY MOSLEMS IN MOROCCO, OTHERS SUFFER FROM RECENT ATTACKS

PARIS, June 18. (JTA) -- The murder by strangulation in Casablanca of a 50-year-old Jewish taxicab driver, Maklouf Dhriqui, by two Moslems, was reported here today. He was strangled by a leather belt. The general view among Jewish leaders in Casablanca was that the murder was the work of anti-Semites. The victim was a friend of the vice-president of the Em Habonim Fund, which helps needy Jewish children. No trace has been reported of the killers.

The murder followed the earlier killing of a young Jew in a Moslem cinema. He received two knife wounds and in that case too, there were no arrests. Last week a Jewish tradesman in Casablanca was stabbed by a Moslem from whom he sought payment of a debt.

JEWISH AGENCY ALLOCATES \$39, 000, 000 FOR 1961-62, TERMS FUNDS INADEQUATE

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Allocations totaling more than \$39,000,000 for immigration and rehabilitation programs in Israel, for the fiscal year 1961-62, were approved this weekend by the board of directors of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. a major beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal. The funds, it was announced, will be used for transportation, reception, absorption, housing, agricultural settlement, the care and training of youth, institutions of higher learning and research debt service and debt liquidation.

Major categories of allocations approved by the Agency's board were close to \$9,000,000 for immigration, initial absorption and emergency employment; more than \$11,000,000 for agricultural settlement; \$2,500,000 for immigrant housing; \$1,500,000 for youth services and educational programs; and \$6,500,000 for debt liquidation.

The allocations, determined by a line-by-line review of a budget of needs totaling close to \$60,000,000, were based on recommendations submitted by Dr. Isador Lubin, the Agency's consultant for programs in Israel, and on a year-round study of the operational and fiscal problems of immigrant rehabilitation programs in Israel conducted by the board since the Agency's reorganization in April 1960.

Dr. Lubin, who presented his first summary report last fall after a two-month stay in Israel, will continue to submit to the board his analyses of specific areas of activities throughout the year. He will soon leave for Israel to supervise the establishment of the Agency's Jerusalem office, and to gather information for a further study of budgetary requirements to be considered at a meeting of the board early in the fall.

Dr. Lubin stressed that his recommendations for the allocations were based on the board's decision to keep within the limits of estimated available cash, but held that these funds were inadequate to meet basic needs. He warned that, unless additional funds, above the allocated \$39,000,000 were forthcoming in the future, rising immigration figures might make it impossible for the Jewish Agency in Israel to provide even the most elementary services for new arrivals.

Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Agency's board, expressed deep concern over the long-range effect of totally inadequate allocations. He said that, "while other sources such as the philanthropic campaigns outside the U.S., and allocations from German reparation funds, may bridge part of the gap between our allocations and the rock bottom needs of immigration and rehabilitation programs in Israel, we are creating a financial vacuum which will haunt us in the months to come."

Stone Warns of 'Catastrophic Situation' If Funds Fail to Meet Needs

Mr. Stone urged American Jewry to redouble its efforts on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, so that "our share in this great humanitarian program will more than adequately reflect the full sense of responsibility and the economic resources of the world's largest Jewish community." "While our cash allocations have fallen far below the minimum needs submitted to the National Conference of the UJA last December," he stated, "rising immigration statistics foreshadow an increased demand on basic services far beyond what was envisaged even a few months ago." He added that, if the Agency found itself caught between declining income and rising needs, "we may be faced with a catastrophic situation."

Mr. Stone added that, at the time of the reorganization of the Agency, the board had resolved to adhere to two basic policies: to keep allocations within the limits of currently available funds, and to stabilize and gradually reduce the Agency's debt. He pointed out that the recent \$65,000,000 debt liquidation loan was designed to implement these policies by making possible the orderly liquidation of the Agency's indebtedness in the U.S. within an estimated 10-year period, and that the line-by-line review of budgetary needs on a yearly basis would assure the most effective use of available cash resources.

"However," he added, "in the last analysis, it is not this board but the American Jewish community, expressing itself with greater generosity which alone can assure the full implementation of these policies, without resulting injustices to Israel's newcomers."

In addition to financing initial financing absorption services for immigrants in 1961-62, the Agency must also provide funds for present programs being provided to earlier immigrants, he said. Most pressing among these programs is the consolidation of hundreds of new immigrant villages with a population of some 130,000 persons, which will require additional funds estimated at around \$200,000,000 to be invested within the next few years.

Other present programs include maintenance and training of some 12,000 immigrant youngsters, the resettlement of some 40,000 hard-core cases still in transition settlements, and arrangements for permanent care of thousands of social cases. Out of close to 1,000,000 immigrants who arrived in Israel since May 15, 1948, 250,000 are still dependent on services financed through UJA funds, Mr. Stone said.

173 AMERICAN JEWISH ATHLETES APPROVED FOR SIXTH MACCABIAH IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The United States Maccabiah Committee reported today that 173 American Jewish athletes had been approved as candidates for the American team to be sent to the Sixth Maccabiah Games in Israel next August. The approved candidates come from 26 states and the District of Columbia.

BRITISH, AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANIES CONTINUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL MARKET

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Informed sources said today they had no information to substantiate reports that British-American Tobacco and Brown & Williamson Company had changed their policy on the sale of tobacco products to Israel. They said that, in conformity with the Arab boycott, both companies still refused to sell Lucky Strike cigarettes to Israel. Brown & Williamson manufacture the cigarette under license from the British firm.

British-American Tobacco took the position some years ago that, since it had been given a choice by the Arabs of the Arab market or the Israeli market, "good business" required it to choose the Arab market, which was many times greater.

COMMUNITY LEADERS OFF ON SECOND CJFWF MISSION TO EUROPE, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Fifteen Jewish community leaders from various sections of the United States, representing the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, left here last night for a tour of European centers and of Israel, to confer with other leaders and inspect health, welfare and educational installations assisted by their community campaigns in this country.

In London, first stop for the delegation, the community leaders will meet with leaders of the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, and other Jewish communal organizations. In Paris, the delegation will visit facilities supported by American Jewish philanthropic funds, and confer with leaders of Fonds Social Juif Unifie, the central French Jewish welfare organization, and of the Standing Conference of European Communal Services, an organization representing more than 100 communities in 11 European countries. The meetings have been arranged in cooperation with the Joint Distribution Committee, with whose leaders the delegation will also confer.

Arriving in Israel on June 25 for two weeks of intensive talks with officials and welfare leaders, the American delegation will examine developments since the first Council study mission in 1958.

The discussions with Israeli leaders will include shifts in American responsibility for health and welfare services in Israel to match changing needs, relation of American philanthropic funds to other forms of aid, and changes in agricultural, housing and educational needs. The conversations will also include basic economic developments underlying the need for assistance, prospects for greater self-support through voluntary financing in Israel, the JDC Malben program, and coordination of welfare services.

Between sessions, the American communal leaders will visit various installations and facilities to view at first hand the operation of welfare services assisted by their community campaigns. The European discussions will center around evolving community organizations and their progress towards self-support. Members of the delegation will report their findings at the Council's General Assembly in Dallas in November.

Included in the group, which comprises the second overseas delegation sponsored by the CJFWF, were Irving Kane of Cleveland, president of the Council; Philip Bernstein, of New York; Mat M. Cuba, of Atlanta; S. P. Goldberg, New York; K. S. Goldenberg, St. Paul; Donald B. Hurwitz, Philadelphia; Lawrence E. Irell, Los Angeles; Irving Levick, Buffalo; Louis P. Smith, Boston; Isidore Sobeloff, Detroit; Michael A. Stavitsky, Newark; and Henry L. Zucker, Cleveland. Three members of the group will join the others in Israel. They are Bernard P. Popkind, of New Haven; and Morris W. Satinsky and Sol Satinsky, both of Philadelphia.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ADVOCATES FEDERAL INTERGROUP UNIT

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- Establishment of a Federal bureau of intergroup relations for the express purpose of meeting "the human needs of urban dwellers" was advocated here this weekend by the American Jewish Committee. The proposal was made in testimony submitted to the House Committee on Government Operations, which is considering a bill authorizing the establishment of a Cabinet department on urban affairs and housing.

In a statement submitted on behalf of the AJC by Louis Caplan, of Pittsburgh, chairman of the American Jewish Committee's executive board, the proposal for the formation of the new Cabinet-rank department was approved. But, Mr. Caplan warned, the House proposal "unfortunately fails to take into account the human relations problem inherent in our industrial society." For that reason, he proposed an amendment to the measure pending in Congress, providing "expressly" for a bureau of intergroup relations in the newly envisaged department.

80 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS RECEIVE DEGREES FROM HUC-JIR

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Eighty religious school principals and teachers graduated by the School of Education of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion received certification yesterday at graduation exercises at the New York campus of the College-Institute. Degrees were also conferred on a number of graduates of the School of Sacred Music.