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### ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN ISRAEL BEGINS TO STIR INTEREST; ISSUES AIED

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- With the national elections in Israel only two weeks away, interest in the election campaign is beginning to mount, and the Government-owned radio station Kol Israel is now giving time to the competing political parties to present their views over the air. Major parties battling for ballots will be given a 10-minute period for electioneering on certain nights, while the smaller parties will be allocated five-minute segments each.

Premier David Ben-Gurion, as leader of the dominant Mapai Party, was the first to be accorded time by Kol Israel. In his broadcast he stressed the plan of the Mapai Party which calls for electoral reform, a change in proportional representation. The present election system, he said, causes fragmentation, and results in governmental instability.

Speaking for Mapam, Yaacov Hazan told the electorate that there are advantages in a "neutralist" policy for Israel. He said that such a policy would enable Israel to obtain aid as well as immigrants from both the West and the East. Achdut Avodah leader Israel Bar-Yehuda urged in his broadcast that Israel should initiate peace talks with the Arab states without any prior conditions.

Peretz Bernstein delivered the address for the new Liberal Party. He charged that growing State control in the economic field is hindering Israel's development. Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, speaking for the Religious Party, condemned "excessive secularism" in Israel, declaring these tendencies have made inroads into Sabbath observance.

On behalf of Herut, Arie Ben-Eliezer denounced the Mapai's insistence on the "invincibility" of Mr. Ben-Gurion as the country's leader. Mr. Ben-Eliezer reminded the listeners that Mr. Ben-Gurion was chairman of the Jewish Agency during World War II, when the Nazi holocaust resulted in the loss of 6,000,000 Jewish lives.

### Mapai Adopts Election Platform: Outlines Views On Arabs

The Mapai Central Committee this week-end unanimously adopted an eight-point election platform containing the following pledges:

1. To increase immigration, and absorption of the immigrants as the foremost task of the State today.
2. To assure a democratic regime, individual freedom, equality in rights and duties of all citizens.
3. To encourage all kinds of investment -private, corporate, and cooperative.
4. To extend settlement on land, and cooperation, in order to foster the creation of a new society where the exploitation of men would be unknown.
5. To populate the Negev and Galilee, and deplete thickly populated areas in the cities and the coastal plain.
6. To extend educational opportunities and facilities.
7. To base Israel's foreign policy on the will for peace and cooperation with all nations; for an Israel-Arab pact based on mutual independence, with the army serving as a guarantee for peace.
8. To develop science, research, literature and arts.

Speaking in the ensuing debate, Deputy Minister of Education Mr. Ami Assaf, said that Mapai should stress the party's desire for continued coalition government. Miss Esther Herlitz said the demand for direct Israel-Arab negotiations should also find its way into the platform.

Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen, addressing an election campaign meeting yesterday on behalf of the Liberal Party, charged that the firing of the Shavit rocket has been "ill-timed." He also charged that "like many other important matters" the firing of the rocket had not been brought before the Cabinet in good time for a considered decision.

### 1,000,000TH IMMIGRANT ENTERS ISRAEL SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The 1,000,000th immigrant to enter Israel since the establishment of the State in 1948, arrived here today.

The announcement by the Jewish Agency executive and the Ministry of the Interior that the number of Israel's new arrivals passed the 1,000,000-mark, declared that the immigrants came from 79 countries on all continents.

A total of 450,000 immigrants came from Europe; 280,000 from Asia; 250,000 from Africa and 20,000 from the Americas, Australia and New Zealand, the announcement said.

### FIRST ISRAELI SUBMARINE CREWS GRADUATE; SUBMARINES TO HAVE TORAHS

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- Israel's submarine flotilla participated in dual ceremonies here today marking the graduation from training courses of the first submarine crews and the presentation of a Torah scroll to each of the two Israeli undersea vessels, and the setting up of the first underwater synagogues.

The scrolls, which were presented to the submarine crews by President Izhak Ben-Zvi, were carried aboard the vessels by Aluf Yochai Bin-Nun, commander of the Israel Navy and Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Chief Chaplain of the Armed Forces, while Navy personnel in gleaming white uniforms held aloft a red canopy. The traditional whistle welcomed the party aboard. The scrolls were then placed in special compartments aboard the submarines which will serve as synagogues.

### JEWISH FAMILY IN LONDON FILES \$35,000,000 PROPERTY CLAIM AGAINST EGYPT

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- An Anglo-Jewish family whose properties in Egypt were expropriated by the Egyptian Government during the 1956 Suez campaign was disclosed today to have filed a claim for compensation of 12,500,000 pounds sterling (\$35,000,000).

The claim was filed by Ellis Smouha with the Foreign Claims Commission which makes payments in such cases from the 27,500,000 pounds sterling (\$77,000,000) which Egypt paid to Britain in settlement of all claims by British nationals for property in Egypt.

Mr. Smouha told the commission that his father, a Manchester resident, went to Egypt on a mission for the British Government in 1917. At the end of World War I, he began to acquire property in Alexandria which eventually became "Smouha City," a name bestowed by the late King Fouad who once said that the elder Smouha was the only foreigner who brought his money with him to Egypt and did good for the country.

Ellis Smouha said it had been his father's intention to sell the property gradually over a number of years and thus provide a satisfactory income for all members of his family. However, he added, the family had come to the conclusion, even before 1956, that it would soon become impossible for foreigners, particularly for Jews, to live comfortably and without worry in Egypt.

He said this conclusion was reached despite the fact that his father was "held in very high esteem by all elements of the population and the Government." The family made a small start toward transferring their property but lost everything as a result of the expropriation. The claimant said that nothing had been returned to the family, not even the income from the property collected by the Egyptian Government over the years.

### ROCKWELL APPEARS BEFORE ARLINGTON BOARD; TOLD TO DISBAND HIS GROUP

ARLINGTON, Va., July 31. (JTA) -- Arlington police today impounded George Rockwell's Nazi party "hate bus," decorated with swastika emblems, and arrested its driver.

The driver was Ralph Perry Forbes, 21, who told police his occupation was a "professional Nazi" and that he lived as a "stormtrooper" at Rockwell's headquarters barracks. He was charged with having no Virginia driver's permit. The vehicle was seized for lacking proper Virginia registration papers and an Arlington County license.

Arlington police meanwhile revealed that the bus is registered in the name Schuyler Ferris, who holds a strategic job in the U.S. Army Map Service. Defense Department officials said they are investigating Mr. Ferris' association with Rockwell.

Meanwhile, Rockwell appeared before the Arlington County Board in an explosive hearing, after the board read a resolution from the Arlington chapter of the U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars urging strong legal actions to curb the local "Nazi activities."

Rockwell asked and was granted 10 minutes to present a defense of his activities before the board. But when he began a tirade justifying Nazism, board member Thomas Richards said the board had done itself "a disservice by giving Rockwell a forum." Mr. Richards told Rockwell and the squad of "stormtroopers" that accompanied him that "democracy is the only reason you are tolerated" and suggested that the Nazis "disband this organization and crawl back into the holes where you belong." Board member Ralph Kaul denounced Rockwell. Commonwealth Attorney William Hassan looked the Nazi in the face and called him a "faker."

# HISTORIAN ASSAILS CHURCH 'SILENCE' DURING NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- An American church historian told an international conference of church historians now being held in Bielfeld, Germany, that the German Evangelical Church as a whole maintained silence at the time of Nazi persecution of Jews, Reuter's news agency reported today from Germany.

The historian, Dr. Otto Elias, told the second international conference on the history of church struggle that when the German Evangelical Church did raise its voice, it was not loud enough. He noted that the Confessional Church, a breakaway group from the official Evangelical Church, had done much for Jewish persons during the period of persecution, and its efforts, he said were more effective than either the Vatican or the Red Cross.

Dr. Elias was particularly critical of church leaders who failed to intervene decisively and opportunely on behalf of the Jews. He said there had been no official word of protest when a boycott of Jewish businesses was begun in 1933 or on the infamous "crystal night" pogrom in November, 1938. Dr. Elias said individual members of the Evangelical Church had raised their voices in protest in contrast.

## U.S. CATHOLICS DENY CHURCH IN GERMANY CONDONED NAZI ACTS AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- The National Catholic Welfare Conference today took issue with assertions that the Catholic church was condoning Nazi action against Jews. "Far from condoning the outrages against the Jews under Nazi Germany, the Catholic church took a strong part against such acts," a statement disseminated by the NCWC Bureau of Information said.

Emphasizing that "Catholic groups were among the few agencies that opposed the Nazis' efforts to exterminate Jews," the Bureau of Information statement declared:

"Chief among these opposing groups was the relief organization set up for the purpose by the late Bishop Konrad von Preysing of Berlin. Headed by Viktor Engelhardt, it included Catholic workers of Jewish parentage. The relief agency provided Catholics and non-Catholics of Jewish descent with funds and gave them clothing and other necessary supplies. Through underground contacts with Nazi government officials the agency warned of impending measures against Jews. When efforts to hide Jews and their families or to help them flee the country failed, agency members visited their homes to give moral and spiritual comfort, and priests were notified to enable them to give the sacraments secretly to Catholic Jews."

The statement stressed that the agency obtained emigration visas for thousands of Jews when emigration was still possible. "Brazil made 3,000 entry permits available to Jews through the Holy See, but the project was thwarted when the Nazis stopped all Jewish departures," the statement said. "Earlier many Jewish children were sent to England through the agency's contacts. Switzerland and Sweden were among other countries that cooperated."

"Frequently Jews drafted for forced labor in war industries got better jobs through the agency's efforts, in plants where the owners or foremen were known to be humane persons," the statement continued. "The agency also obtained positions for Jews in which they could be classified as indispensable for the war effort. These relief measures were personally supervised by Bishop (later Cardinal) von Preysing. Moreover, he refused to approve the segregation of Catholic Jews from other Catholics in public or private worship or in dispensation of the sacraments. Often he confirmed individual Jewish Catholics in his own home and aided many with private funds."

The statement pointed out that among Bishop Preysing's closest associates was Msgr. Lichtenberg who later was put in a concentration camp where he died of ill treatment. Another was Gertrud Luckner, also arrested and tortured in a concentration camp. She is now on the staff of the Central Association of German Catholic Charities in Freiburg-im-Breisgau. Recently she was honored by the Israeli government for saving many lives," the statement said. It noted that the Jewish community of Berlin acknowledged Cardinal von Preysing in a memorial resolution as "a protector and bulwark, a true friend of humanity."

## BILL TO DISSOLVE NEO-FASCIST MOVEMENT IS BACKED BY ITALIAN JURISTS

FLORENCE, July 31. (JTA) -- A resolution supporting a bill pending in Parliament for the last year, calling for the dissolution of the neo-fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano, was adopted here last night at a meeting called to analyze the resurgence of fascist movements in Italy.

Mayor Giorgio La Pira was chairman of the meeting, which was attended by a number of magistrates, other jurists, members of Parliament and members of university faculties. The bill, introduced by Sen. Ferruccio Parri, calls for dissolution of the neo-fascist movement on the grounds that it violates the Italian Constitution which prohibits "the reorganization of the disbanded Fascist Party in any form."

## NON-ADMISSION OF U.S. JEWS TO JORDAN AFFECTS 'ADOPTION' OF BETHLEHEM

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31. (JTA) -- A plan proposed by the Mayor of Burlingame that the California town "adopt" Bethlehem, Jordan as a "sister city" because of its Christian significance was disclosed today to have been postponed after a Burlingame rabbi and members of his congregation vigorously opposed the idea because American Jews are not admitted to Jordan.

The Burlingame City Council decided to take no action on the proposal until it learned more about such projects in seminars to be held during the meeting here this fall of California municipalities. Burlingame is a town of 20,000 just south of San Francisco.

The idea was suggested by Mayor Andrew Byrd after he became acquainted with Ayoub Mussalam, Mayor of Bethlehem, when both attended a recent international conference in Washington, D.C. The Bethlehem mayor subsequently visited Burlingame to push the proposal.

Among those protesting the idea was Rabbi Gerald Raiskin of the Peninsula Temple Sholom, who twice preached against it in sermons at his synagogue. He and members of his congregation presented documentary evidence to the city council that American citizens of the Jewish faith were not permitted to enter Jordan. A letter from the American Express office in San Francisco also was cited saying that the agency could not process for travel in Jordan anyone of the Jewish faith.

Rabbi Raiskin suggested that if the town insisted on adopting a Middle East city, it should perhaps choose Nazareth, in Israel, asserting that Jesus Christ was better identified with Nazareth than with Bethlehem. "We may want Nazareth and it sounds good," one council member commented, "but how do we know Nazareth wants us?"

## RESTORATION OF ANCIENT 'RASHI SYNAGOGUE' NEARING COMPLETION IN GERMANY

WORMS, July 31. (JTA) -- Reconstruction of the Rashi Synagogue, the house of worship and study founded in the eleventh century by the famed Biblical and Talmudic commentator Rabbi Shlomo Ben-Yitzhak, will be completed this fall, it was announced here today by Worms Municipality, which is carrying out the project jointly with the Rhineland-Pfalz state government.

The cost of reconstruction of the historic building, which was destroyed by the Nazis on the infamous Crystal Night in November 1938, is estimated at 300,000 deutschemarks (\$75,000). Most of the valuable ritual objects housed in the synagogue were saved by Christian friends of the Jewish community.

The Worms Municipality also announced completion of the renovation of the old Jewish cemetery in the city. The burial ground was badly damaged in a bombing attack during the Second World War.

## \$500,000 CENTER DEDICATED IN ISRAEL; PATTERNED AFTER U.S. YESHIVOT

REHOVOT, July 31. (JTA) -- A new \$500,000 academic center at Yeshivat Hadarom was dedicated here today in the presence of Government officials, religious leaders and the delegates who attended the conference of the Rabbinical Council of America which concluded in Jerusalem this weekend.

Construction of the center, which replaces temporary quarters used by the religious academic institution, was financed by private subscriptions from Orthodox congregations and individual donations. Founded 10 years ago along the pattern of American yeshivot, Yeshivat Hadarom has already graduated a number of Israelis who teach religious and secular studies in institutions throughout the country.

## ISRAEL REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION IN PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 31. (JTA) -- Israel will be represented by a dozen art works at the 1961 International Exhibition of Contemporary Painting and Sculpture to be opened here on October 26, it was announced today.

The exhibit, which is the forty-second of Pittsburgh's famed Internationals, was inaugurated by Andrew Carnegie in 1896, and serves to introduce the talents of new artists and sculptors to collectors and museum officials. More than 28 countries will participate in the exhibit.

The Pittsburgh International, now held every three years, is the only exhibition of its kind in the United States. Comprising about four hundred paintings and sculptures, it ranks in importance with the Biennale of Venice, the Bienal of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and the Documenta of Kassel, Germany.

Previous to the opening of the exhibition, an international Jury of Award will meet in Pittsburgh to determine the prize winners, whose names and works will be published on October 27th. More than twelve thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded.