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### ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL PROCEED QUIETLY; NETUREI KARTA LEADER ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- On an unusually hot and humid day, Israelis flocked to the country's 2,600 polling places today, using every mode of transportation from camels to airplanes, or walking from their homes to the nearest precinct, to cast their votes in the country's fifth general election. From 14 party lists, Israel was choosing the 120 members of its next Knesset (Parliament).

Voting was very heavy in this city during the early hours this morning, since weather forecasts had predicted the extraordinarily high temperatures. By noon, the crowds at the polling stations had thinned down, but they were expected to become heavier again later in the day. In spite of an election campaign which, except in Tel Aviv, generated little excitement on the whole, it was believed that the total vote would be very heavy, with a very large percentage of Israel's 1,260,000 registered voters exercising their franchise.

The country's police forces were fully mobilized to check for any possible troubles. Police Chief Joseph Nahamias, with a group of aides, set up headquarters in an airplane flying over nearly the entire length and breadth of Israel. But by mid-afternoon there had been no incidents whatever -- except in the Mea Shearim quarter of this city, where the ultra-zealous members of the Neturei Karta have their headquarters.

In Mea Shearim, police detained Rabbi Amram Blau, leader of the Neturei Karta, who was exhorting persons approaching one of the polling precincts not to participate in the "Zionist" elections. Members of Rabbi Blau's group were picketing the polling station. Rabbi Blau said that his followers were taking down the names of Orthodox voters who "dared" to cast their ballots, and that "we may excommunicate them." He was visibly disturbed when his own brother, Abraham Blau, entered the very precinct besieged by the Neturei Karta.

On the other hand, Agudat Israel, a religious party which participates fully in political activity, assigned women and young girls as babysitters and household aides in the quarter where many religious Jews live, so that the Orthodox women could go to the polls.

President and Mrs. Izhak Ben-Zvi were among the early voters here. At 8:30 this morning, the President and his wife walked from their home in the Rehavia quarter to their polling place, nearby, and cast their ballots. As they left the polling place, Mr. Ben-Zvi told the election workers in the precinct: "Good luck and good election."

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion voted at his home kibbutz in the Negev, while Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Herut leader Menahem Beigin voted in this city. Mayor Abba Khoushi of Haifa was among the first voters in his city. A number of the members of Israel's Cabinet voted in their home kibbutzim in various parts of the country. At all army installations, special voting precincts were set up where servicemen and women cast their ballots in double envelopes -- one envelope indicating their home precinct which will receive the ballots by special couriers.

### EICHMANN SAYS HE RECEIVED 'FAIR AND DECENT' TREATMENT IN HIS TRIAL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann said he was "greatly surprised" by the "fair and decent treatment" he received in his four-month long trial in Jerusalem, which was concluded yesterday, according to the chief of his defense, Dr. Robert Servatius.

Dr. Servatius made that statement today, as he was returning to his home in Cologne, Germany. He is not expected here again until November, when the court that tried Eichmann will announce its verdict. On the same plane with Dr. Servatius was an official delegation from the West German Government, which has been observing the trial on behalf of Bonn.

## ANXIETY AMONG ALGERIAN JEWS MOUNTS; COMMUNITY LEADERS LEAVE COUNTRY

PARIS, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Anxiety among the Algerian Jewish community continued to mount today as terrorist activities increased throughout Algeria. A 60-year-old Jew, Elie Cherbit, was in grave condition in a hospital today after being stabbed in the back near his home in Mascara, near Oran. The town's ancient Jewish community is reported seriously concerned with the growing wave of terrorist stabbings.

Jewish emigration from Algeria has been on the increase because of the general tensions there and, specifically, due to attacks or threats against Jews. Benjamin Heller, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Algeria, and Grand Rabbi Isaac Zerbib, of Constantine, have both left, the latter for Israel. Many other rabbis are emigrating to Israel.

Most of the Jews who have left or are leaving Algeria fear attacks by elements of FLN, the Moslem-independence movement. But others are apparently just as concerned with the anti-Semitism known to exist among French Algerians.

In addition to Jewish reactions to attacks and terror, causing the new exodus, Algerian Jews are apprehensive over what may happen to their citizenship status, once a political accommodation is achieved between the French Government and the FLN. The Jews of Algeria, numbering 130,000, enjoy French citizenship, granted to them under the Cremieux Decree in 1870.

Ferhat Abbas, leader of the FLN, had pledged that, under an Arab-controlled, independent Algerian republic, Jews would be given equal rights, along with the Christian minority and the Moslems. However, at the recent Evian peace negotiations between the French and the FLN, the representatives of FLN flatly rejected a policy of granting dual citizenship to any Algerians in the projected republic. Jews in Algeria fear to rely on the good will of the FLN for the safety of their rights as full citizens, without a constitutional guarantee based on a treaty between the FLN and France.

The majority of the Jews who have been leaving Algeria recently are from the smaller towns and from among the poorer classes. However, tensions have mounted now also among professionals, businessmen, and community leaders in the larger centers, Algiers, Oran and Constantine.

## JEWS FAMILY AWARDED \$8,698,244 FOR PROPERTY EXPROPRIATED IN EGYPT

LONDON, Aug 15 (JTA) -- The British Foreign Compensation Commission, after a five-day hearing, awarded 3,106,516 pounds (\$8,698,244) yesterday to the Smouha family for the holdings established by the family in Egypt which was expropriated by Nasser during the 1956 Suez crisis.

The family had filed a claim for 12,000,000 pounds (\$33,600,000) for the property, known as Smouha Island, comprising one-sixth of Alexandria, which had been built up by Joseph Smouha, a one time Manchester businessman, who went to Egypt on a mission for the British Government and remained to create his holdings, all built on land reclaimed by draining two lakes.

Ellis Smouha filed the claim for himself and 13 relatives but about 50 members of the family will benefit from the award. It was brought out at the hearing that the late King Fuad had given the title of "Smouha City" to the property, which includes a racing course, a village, dwellings, offices and motion picture theaters.

When Nasser "nationalized" the area, his government offered only 1,000,000 pounds compensation, contending that the area was only agricultural land. The funds for the award to the Smouha family came from an agreement under which the Nasser regime agreed to pay 27,500,000 pounds (\$75,600,000) for nationalized British property.

Thomas Moore, chairman of the British Community Association of Egypt, said, after the Smouha award was announced that "we have kept a watch on this case. It could be that there are more such claims to be heard." The association looks after the financial interests of several thousand Britons who were dispossessed of their property by Nasser after the Suez incident. Only about 6,000,000 pounds (\$16,800,000) has been paid in compensation to them to date.

## ISRAEL AMBASSADOR HARMAN CONFERS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman today met for approximately three-quarters of an hour with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, and later would say only that it was a general conversation "covering matters of mutual interest." The Ambassador declined to comment more specifically on the meeting. Mr. Harman was accompanied by M. Gazit, Minister of the Israel Embassy here.

## ACTION BY FEDERAL AGENCIES AGAINST FIRMS BOYCOTTING ISRAEL SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- Rep. Alfred Santangelo, New York Democrat, today asked Attorney General Robert Kennedy and the State Department to rule on whether Federal authorities under existing interstate and foreign commerce statutes and Government anti-bias laws could delete from invitations to submit bids those firms that discriminate against the right of free commerce with Israel;

Rep. Santangelo pointed out that the Government in effect "permits companies producing goods in America to deny these American-made products to our friend and ally, Israel." He charged that the Department of Defense with hundreds of bases in the United States and around the world does business with companies that practice a discriminatory selling policy.

"Other federal agencies within the Department of Justice itself, the Federal institutions within the Bureau of Prisons, hospitals under the Veterans Administration, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare permit products of these prejudiced companies to be merchandized in their facilities", he continued; "The Federal maritime commission extends benefits to these firms under our American Merchant Marine steamship subsidy arrangements, and even under our foreign aid program, these companies prosper."

If the Attorney General's interpretations find that the State Department and Federal agencies do not have effective powers to order a ban on companies discriminating against Israel or other democratic countries, recommended legislation should be forthcoming, he urged.

"Our action should set a standard of morality for businessmen who seem to be more interested in the crass dollar than in maintaining friendship of democratic nations, the Congressman said; He explained that this stand was an outgrowth of complaints charging that Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. of Louisville, Ky., and the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd. "are involved in intricate international tactics which ban major cigarette brand shipments to Israel in order to hold the Arab market;"

## ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE SURVEY SHOWS WORLD PRESS BACKED EICHMANN TRIAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said today that favorable world press reaction to the conduct of the Eichmann trial has largely dispelled earlier criticism of the circumstances and legality of Israel's capture of the former Nazi.

The League's conclusion was contained in a survey of press reaction to the Eichmann trial, which closed yesterday in Jerusalem. The survey covered editorial opinion in the United States, Western Europe, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. It was prepared by a team of researchers directed by Arnold Forster, the League's general counsel.

The League said the survey indicates that Israel has succeeded in making "a significant impact on civilized society" by spreading on the court record and establishing "the validity of the criminal charges against the Nazis for their mass murder of Jews."

Noting exceptions to its general conclusions, the League pointed out that press treatment of the trial in the Soviet Union "was slanted to embarrass the Bonn government," in the Arab countries "to whip up hatred of Israel," and in Spain "by the government's past association with the Hitler regime."

The press in the Communist bloc countries, the League declared, unexpectedly revealed "great variations in approach" even though there was "a common line" which attempted to paint Eichmann as a symbol, not only of Hitler's but of Adenauer's Germany. In Poland and Hungary, however, the variation was great enough at times to obliterate the "common line" by stressing the extent of "Jewish martyrdom."

Reviewing 1,033 editorials published in U. S. dailies after the trial began, the report showed that 735 or 73.1% generally expressed themselves in favor of the trial. Two hundred and fifteen or 20.8% thought the trial should take place even though they criticized alleged irregularities. Sixty-three editorials or 6.1% "were opposed to the trial or unconvinced that Israel had a right to hold it." As the trial progressed, the report said negative editorials disappeared and "not a single negative editorial could be found in June or July."

In the Arab League countries the press, as anticipated, was uniformly hostile, ranging from bitter attacks on Ben-Gurion as a Jewish prototype of Adolf Eichmann, to a glorification of the defendant as a Nazi hero.

CONGRESS DISCUSSES CLAUSE ON ARAB BIAS IN DEBATE OF FOREIGN AID BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (JTA) --Rep. Seymour Halpern, whose barring from Saudi Arabia resulted in a strong anti-bias clause in the House foreign aid bill, as contrasted with the weaker Senate version, today said on the House floor in a debate on the pending aid bill that if Congress weakens its anti-bias stand, the Arabs will interpret this as weakness and increase their bigotry, boycott and blockade tactics;

Rep. Halpern said that the State Department requested aid funds from Congress and should heed the sense of Congress by withholding assistance from nations that discriminate. He detailed Arab discrimination affecting himself and Arab tactics generally that led to the stronger wording for which he commended the House Foreign Affairs Committee;

He said that without regard to Administration or party, Congress should insist on the State Department's implementation of foreign aid programs in consonance with the expressed sense of Congress;

Rep. William F. Ryan, New York Democrat, told the House that the State Department should act on the anti-bias and freedom of the seas provisions. Rep. Ryan said that the House should insist upon the strong language in the present House bill in preference to "the watered-down provision in the Senate version";

Rep. Ryan called on the State Department to respect and support the rights of U. S. citizens abroad, regardless of religion. He cited German, Dutch and British resistance to the Arab League boycott and said the United States could not afford to do less in resisting Arab threats. He said "We must be resolute on this issue or fail to live up to our ideals."

WORLD CONFERENCE OF PHYSICIANS OPENS IN ISRAEL; 19 LANDS REPRESENTED

JERUSALEM, Aug 15 (JTA) -- More than 2,000 physicians, including 200 from 19 foreign countries, attended last night the opening session of the Fifth World Conference of Physicians sponsored by the Israel Medical Association.

The conference, which will last 10 days, was opened at the Hebrew University. The delegates will be addressed by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. A medical exhibition and ancient medical books will be displayed at the University campus during the conference. The conference will hear 132 papers on medical research throughout the world.

In his address, the Premier called on Israel's physicians to help "uncover bacteria that cause wars and enmity between nations." He lauded the achievements of Israel's medical workers in bringing the nation to a high health level. He noted that the 1959 United Nations Year Book ranks Israel the fifth nation in the world in terms of life expectancy statistics.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OPENS 60TH ANNUAL CONVENTION; 2,000 ATTEND

BALTIMORE, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- The 60th annual national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. opened here today with 2,000 delegates from 40 states. The convention will last a week and will discuss, among other matters, various problems concerning the fight against religious bias and native Nazism;

President Kennedy, in a message to the convention, said: "Today, those who protect freedom are besieged from many directions, are forced to face many demands. But when Americans see their duty and respond to it, as the Jewish War Veterans have done for well over half a century, then freedom need have no fear";

U. S. FIRM TO EMPLOY ISRAELI PERSONNEL IN ENGINEERING PLANS IN AFRICA

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (JTA) -- The establishment of offices in Israel to handle millions of dollars worth of mechanical engineering and construction contracts throughout Africa, was announced today by Jack Schechter, president of the J. E. Schechter Corporation of Long Island City, New York, a major American firm specializing in air conditioning, ventilation, sanitation, electric power distribution and allied mechanical contracting for industry.

Upon his return from a five-week trip to Israel and several African nations, Mr. Schechter stated that his company, together with industrial contracting interests in Israel, would employ Israeli personnel in key managerial and supervisory positions and utilize some Israel-made products in carrying out a number of major mechanical contracts his firm had obtained in Nigeria and Ghana.

Mr. Schechter said that his company was in the process of obtaining similar contracts in other African states and that the same policy of using Israeli skilled labor and technicians would be followed there.