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LIBERAL PARTY REJECTS HERUT PROPOSAL FOR JOINT PARLIAMENTARY BLOC

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28: (JTA) -- The Liberal Party today turned down the proposal of the Herut Party for the formation of a Liberal-Herut parliamentary bloc in the next Knesset.

At a meeting that lasted several hours, last night, leaders of the Liberal Party and Liberals elected to the Knesset in the national elections, August 15, voted that formation of a bloc like the one proposed by Herut would be "a betrayal of the voters, who did not give us a mandate to enter into such a partnership."

The vote to reject the Herut offer was almost unanimous. Only Moshe Nissim, a Liberal elected to the Knesset, voted in favor of the Herut proposal. Herut's deputy chairman Arie Ben-Eliezer expressed "disappointment" on behalf of his party, asserting that Herut would continue to strive for formation of such a partnership. Such a bloc, he said, would be "the only alternative to Mapai."

Meanwhile, there was still uncertainty today, even in Mapai Party circles, as to the intentions of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion about the formation of the next Government. Mapai is considering formation of a committee to negotiate with other parties on a possible coalition government. Some Mapai leaders favor returning to the coalition that prevailed in the last Government, but Mr. Ben-Gurion has not yet announced his position.

Religious Party Recommends Mapai Majority in New Cabinet

A suggestion has been made by the National Religious Party that the next coalition be led by a 15-member Cabinet which would include eight portfolios for Mapai, three for the Liberals, two for the religious group, and one each for Mapam and Achdut Avodah.

Mapai Ministers in the outgoing Cabinet, as well as leaders of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, held a meeting here yesterday, but the final decision on plans for formation of the next Government was left to the party secretariat. The prevailing sentiment inside the party seems to be that a wide coalition should be formed, but that a majority of the portfolios be held by members of Mapai.

Observers here feel that Mapai's insistence on a Cabinet majority may rule out a coalition in which both the Liberals and the left-wing parties will serve, due to the difficulties that would be encountered in the apportionment of Ministries. Some feel that the answer may lie in a Cabinet in which Mapai and the Opposition parties would have between them an equal number of portfolios--with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion having the decisive vote.

SHARETT CONDEMNS ZEALOTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST YOUTH IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28: (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency, today condemned the campaign being conducted by ultra-religious zealots against the Agency's youth immigration department. The department, said Mr. Sharett, "has had under its charge for many years the sons and daughters of Orthodox families, and no protest had been voiced against the spirit or the tone of their education in Israel."

Mr. Sharett pointed out that three-fourths of all recently arrived teen-age immigrants have been sent to Orthodox institutions for their education. Some questions still pending, he declared, "continue to be subjected to clarification." He added that a full report on the issue will be made to the next meeting of the Jewish Agency's executive.

Representatives of the Jewish Agency met this morning with religious representatives, including a delegation from the National Religious Party, and discussed ways to end the dispute about the type of religious training being given the young immigrants. The ultra-Orthodox raiders who stormed the Ramat Hadassah youth immigration camp last week charged that the teen-agers were not being properly indoctrinated in Orthodox religious practices.

Representatives of the National Religious Party demanded at this morning's meeting that religious instructors be appointed for the youth immigrants, not only here but also abroad. They also requested that representatives of Israel's Chief Rabbinate be named to a committee to determine the type of education to be given the young immigrants. Another meeting of today's participants has been scheduled for Wednesday.

The ultra-Orthodox Agudath Israel, however, is continuing its agitations on the issue. Last night, Agudah held a mass-meeting here, denouncing the Agency's Youth Aliyah department.

GOLDMANN TO NEGOTIATE WITH SWISS GOVT. ON FUNDS LEFT BY NAZI VICTIMS

GENEVA, Aug. 28: (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann is about to launch negotiations here with Swiss authorities regarding the ultimate release by Swiss banks and other financial institutions of vast sums of money, running into hundreds of millions of dollars, belonging to Jewish victims of Nazism who disappeared in the holocaust after depositing their monies here.

A bill that will make possible the identification of such deposits, now pending in the Swiss Parliament, will soon be adopted to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, Dr. Goldmann predicted here today. Under Swiss law, banks need not reveal the names of accounts deposited under secret code. The new bill would make such identification possible, so that it could be determined who the original depositors were before their annihilation by the Nazis.

The Swiss Government has proposed a bill in Parliament, calling for compensation to relatives of the dead depositors or to other Jewish victims of Nazism from the funds to be unfrozen as a result of the identification of the coded accounts. Swiss banks and other financial institutions have submitted amendments to the measure pending in Parliament.

U.S. JEWISH LEADER FINDS JEWISH LIFE IN SOVIET RUSSIA FADING AWAY

BOSTON, Aug. 28: (JTA) -- Jewish life in the Soviet Union "is in danger of extinction, and appears to be fading away," Louis P. Smith, president of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, reported here today. Mr. Smith had just returned from visits to Russia and Poland. Prior to those visits, he was in Israel as a member of a Jewish leaders' study mission sent by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Mr. Smith said that, in the USSR, "there appeared to be nothing but a community of elderly Jewish men and women, clinging tenaciously to the lone, remaining thread within their reach, Jewish religion." Aside from the synagogue, Mr. Smith reported, "there is no Jewish communal organizations, no Jewish cultural institutions of any sort. All that remains--and it is the only unifying force--is the synagogue. And the synagogue is for the aged.

"I found little to give us any immediate hope of survival of Jewish life as we know it in the free world," he continued. "This is a disturbing situation. Jewish youth in Russia shies away from things Jewish. Far too many intermarry." The Boston leader found that "the Soviet Government still blocks those things which could lead to some revitalized Jewish life." Yiddish books, newspapers or magazines, he declared, are unavailable. "Even prayer books are becoming scarce," he reported.

Having visited both Moscow and Leningrad, Mr. Smith reported that he found "Jewish life in Leningrad as drab as it is in Moscow. The sole rallying force for the Leningrad Jews is also the synagogue. Here, too, there are no Jewish schools, no cultural links with Jewry through the medium of the printed word," he told the Boston Jewish Advocate.

Says Jewish Life in Poland is Active and Alive

By contrast, he reported, he found Jewish life in Poland active and alive. "Warsaw's Jews," he said, "have a devoted group of men who constitute the leaders of the organized Jewish community. The Joint Distribution Committee and ORT are doing an effective job through their social services and education programs. Jewish youth are trained for modern science and technology--skills which they hope will enable them to become self-supporting, and which they hope, some day, to use in other countries, if and when they get out."

As to Israel, Mr. Smith reported he found vast progress there. "Israel," he said, "is alive, moving forward despite the country's border problems." Mr. Smith said that the problem of developing Israel's Negev Desert is still a difficult task. "Water, people and industry are the answers to the transformation of Israel's southland," he stated.

"Jewry in the United States and in Israel must do a great deal of re-thinking of our relationships and our respective responsibilities," Mr. Smith said. "Both the American and the Israel community must develop the Jewish cultural institutions which will insure a continuation of Jewish learning and knowledge for the preservation of Jewish life and Jewish values. Unless we do it in this country and in this community, we are defaulting our position of leadership and responsibility. And unless Israel broadens her cultural and educational programs, it will be in danger of becoming a primitive Levantine state.

"This is a two-way bridge which American Jewry must build cooperatively and firmly with Israel. In this way only can we preserve that which has been wiped out in Eastern Europe and at the same time lend vitality to Jewish living to serve Jews everywhere."

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN COMMUNIST GERMANY SEEK PRAYER BOOKS, BIBLES

LONDON, Aug. 28: (JTA) -- The Agudath Israel world executive here today reported that the Jewish communities at Dresden, Hall, Leipzig and Erfurt--all in Communist East Germany--are continuing their religious practices. However, the report stated, they have requested phylacteries, Hebrew prayer books, and Bibles. Some Jews from the interior of East Germany are reported to have moved recently to East Berlin. There are about 1,800 Jews in East Berlin and East Germany.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASKED TO ERADICATE BIAS IN FEDERALLY SUPPORTED PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28; (JTA) -- Presidential action to eradicate racial and religious discrimination from all programs and activities supported by the Government was urged today in a 61-page documented memorandum submitted to the White House on behalf of the Leadership Conference of Civil Rights which is composed of more than 50 national Jewish and non-Jewish organizations.

The memorandum was presented by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Arnold Aronson, director of program planning and evaluation for the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The NCRAC is composed of six major, national Jewish organizations and more than 50 local Jewish organizations in the United States.

The comprehensive memorandum was prepared in response to an earlier White House request for such a report. Contending that the Federal Government should, in no way, be a party to discrimination, the memorandum called on the President to issue an executive order barring racial discrimination:

1. In the hiring, assignment, appointment or promotion of all personnel by any individual or firm holding Federal contracts or subsidized by the Government;

2. In all institutions, facilities and services maintained or operated directly by the Federal Government, including parks, hospitals, prisons and public housing;

3. In all programs, services or facilities, whether administered by State or local governments, receiving any form of Federal assistance, including slum clearance, urban renewal and mortgage loan insurance programs, off-duty military training programs, health, recreation and research services, airports, hospitals, libraries, schools and colleges.

Paying tribute to actions already taken by President Kennedy and members of his Cabinet, the memorandum expressed the opinion that "the Kennedy Administration has been more active in the defense of civil rights than any previous Administration in a comparable period. "However, the Wilkins-Aronson memorandum continued:

"We cannot fail to observe that the sum total of these actions is dwarfed and, in fact, nullified by the massive involvement of the Federal Government in programs and activities that make it a silent, but nonetheless full, partner in the perpetuation of discriminatory practices."

Among the organizations that are represented in the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, on whose behalf Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Aronson filed the memorandum, are--in addition to the NAACP and NCRAC--the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, National Council of Jewish Women, the Workmen's Circle and the United Hebrew Trades.

U. N. ADOPTS FINAL DRAFT OF CONVENTION ON REDUCTION OF STATELESSNESS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 28. (JTA) -- After more than two years of work, topped by a two-week conference here attended by representatives of 29 nations, the United Nations today adopted a draft convention here for the reduction of statelessness. Israel, which played a leading role in the work, being represented on a committee which drew the convention, was among the 21 members who voted for the final draft.

The new international instrument, entitled Convention on Reduction of Statelessness will be opened for signature at ceremonies here Wednesday afternoon. It was emphasized that the convention will affect only future statelessness, not those who may have been declared stateless until now in their countries of residence. Members of the U. N. Secretariat said that there is no way to estimate how many persons may be affected, but said there are "many."

The first conference on elimination and reduction of future statelessness was held in Geneva two years ago, but failed to agree on a draft when many delegations were dissatisfied with one clause dealing with deprivation of citizenship. The draft adopted today included an amendment proposed by Britain, found satisfactory to the majority of delegations, including Israel's. It restricts somewhat a country's rights to deprive a person of citizenship.

JEWISH NAZI VICTIMS IN U. S. URGE TO PUT ROCKWELL'S PARTY ON SUBVERSIVE LIST

NEW YORK, Aug. 28; (JTA) -- The Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America, Inc., today appealed to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy urging him to place the American Nazi Party on the Attorney General's subversive list. The group also asked for an investigation to determine how the Nazis are getting their financial support.

"We, the remnants of European Jewry who lost our families in concentration camps and gas chambers, know best what Nazism means," the appeal said. "That is why we are writing this letter to tell you that we were astonished and shocked to learn that an organization by the name of American Nazi Party was given a charter to operate in Arlington, Virginia."

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT RECEIVES JEWISH DELEGATION; ENCOURAGES HIAS WORK

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Argentina will continue welcoming Jewish refugees settling in this country, President Arturo Frondizi assured a delegation of top leaders of United Hias Service from Argentina, other Latin American countries, and the United States.

Dr. Hector Ciapuscio, government director of immigration, declared the Argentine Government will encourage the work of Hias and expansion of its services. The government, said Dr. Ciapuscio, will not only aid the settlement of more refugees here, but will also consider the Hias activities as a demonstration of a successful resettlement project.

Among the members of the Hias delegation meeting with President Frondizi were Dr. Isaac Tolchinsky, head of Hias work in Argentina; the Hias directors in Uruguay and Paraguay; James P. Rice, of New York, executive director of United Hias Service, Inc.; Israel Jacobson, until now Latin American representative for Hias, stationed at Rio de Janeiro; and Harold Trobe, until now Hias director for Europe and North Africa. Next week, Mr. Trobe will take over the directorship of the Hias Latin American office, while Mr. Jacobson will assume Mr. Trobe's former post, with headquarters in Paris.

KENNEDY TO NOMINATE PHILADELPHIA JEWISH LEADER TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Abraham L. Freedman, former president of the combined Federation of Jewish Charities and Allied Jewish Appeal, is to be nominated to the United States District Court here by President Kennedy, it was revealed today. Mr. Freedman's nomination to the judgeship has been approved by the Department of Justice.

Mr. Freedman is now on the board of directors and the executive committee of the Federation. He has also served as president of the Jewish Community Relations Council, vice-president of the Philadelphia Commission and the Community Chest, and as a board member of the United Fund, the Home for the Jewish Aged and the Jewish Publication Society. An attorney and former City Solicitor, Mr. Freedman is also a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Exponent, local English-Jewish publication.

U.N. SENDS U.S. EXPERT TO HELP ISRAEL TRAIN SOCIAL WELFARE PERSONNEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 28. (JTA) -- A.C. Abrahamson, Associate professor of social work at the University of Washington at Seattle, has been assigned by the United Nations to assist the Government of Israel in the establishment of an in-service and on-the-job training program for all levels of social welfare personnel in Israel, it was announced here today by the United Nations Technical Assistance program.

According to the announcement, he will assist the Institute for Training in the Israeli Ministry of Social Welfare in formulating and developing long-term staff training programs, and training a corps of staff officers on the techniques of teaching and supervision.

AMERICAN, CANADIAN YOUTHS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TODAY FOR STUDY AND WORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Twenty-two American and Canadian young men and women will leave for Israel tomorrow to participate in the American Work-Study Program sponsored by the Student Zionist Organization under the auspices of the Youth Department of American Zionist Council and the Jewish Agency for Israel. This makes the fourth AWSPI group to leave for Israel in the past two years, bringing the total participants in this educational program to 115.

The group will be housed in the agricultural settlement, Kibbutz Maabarot, where they will be engaged in a half-day work and half-day intensive Hebrew study program. The program provides an opportunity for these youths to spend six months or longer in Israel, gaining an intimate knowledge of the country, its people and its language. Following the six-month kibbutz period, the group participants may return home, or stay to work in a job of their choice.

B'NAI B'RITH TEEN-AGE BOYS AND GIRLS CONCLUDE THEIR CONVENTIONS

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Aleph Zadik Aleph, the B'nai B'rith organization of teen-age boys, closed its 38th annual convention last night, electing Sheldon Zimmerman, a 19-year-old student at the University of Toronto, as president. He is the first Canadian ever to head the organization, which is comprised of 18,000 members.

The 17th annual convention of B'nai B'rith Girls ended here today with the election of Marcia Goren, Houston, Texas, as president for the next twelve months. Miss Goren, 18, is a freshman at the University of Texas and served last year as the organization's vice-president for programming.

JEWS IN BELGIUM MOURN DEATH OF CARDINAL WHO PROTECTED THEM FROM NAZIS

BRUSSELS, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Jews here today mourned the death of Jozef Cardinal van Roey, one of the leading Catholic prelates, known for the aid and protection he gave to Belgian Jews against Nazi persecutions during World War II. He died here at the age of 87.