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JE WISH GROUPS URGE SENATE TO BAN FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS COLLEGES

NEW YORK, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations today urged the Senate to limit Federal aid in the Administration college assistance bill to institutions "not under the supervision or control of any religious denomination or sect." The appeal was made as the Senate neared a vote on one portion of the legislation, that dealing with loans for construction of college facilities.

Speaking for the National Community Relations Advisory Council--the coordinating body of six national Jewish organizations and 61 Jewish community councils in cities throughout the United States--Lewis H. Weinstein, NCRAC chairman, made the recommendation in identical telegrams to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, Senate Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen, and Senator Wayne Morse, the Oregon Democrat who is floor manager for the pending legislation. A final Senate vote was expected tonight.

The Senate yesterday approved an amendment sponsored by Senator Morse, limiting aid to purely educational and non-sectarian facilities in beneficiary colleges. He said this would prevent any violation of the doctrine of separation of church and state. Under the Morse amendment, loans would be denied for the building of facilities for religious worship or teaching. A similar amendment was approved by the House of Representatives last week.

The more far-reaching limitation urged by the NCRAC was incorporated in another amendment, pending in the Senate, which was introduced by Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., North Carolina Democrat. His amendment would deny loans for all private or church-sponsored colleges. Some 60 percent of United States institutions of higher learning would be barred under the Ervin amendment. However, it was rated as having little chance of approval. The bill provides \$1,500,000,000 for construction loans to colleges as part of a larger \$2,600,000,000 aid-to-higher-education measure.

Orthodox Jewish Body Abstains from N.C.R.A.C. Recommendation

The NCRAC appeal to the Senate had been authorized by its executive committee at a meeting last Sunday as consistent with the long-standing positions of the NCRAC and its constituent agencies that the preservation of religious freedom required separation of church and state and no use of public funds for advancement of religious purposes.

In commenting on the telegram, Mr. Weinstein observed that the executive committee had reserved for further study the question whether scholarships and certain other indirect forms of Federal aid were consonant with the general position against the use of public funds for the support of institutions under religious control.

He also noted that the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, one of the six national member agencies of the NCRAC, had abstained on the vote in the executive committee. The membership of the NCRAC includes also the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the United Synagogue of America, in addition to 61 Jewish community councils throughout the United States.

KNESSET DEFEATS PROPOSAL TO REDUCE MILITARY SERVICE FOR WOMEN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament defeated today by a vote of 33 to 29 a Herut proposal to reduce the term of compulsory military service for women from two years to one.

The vote followed a statement against the proposal made by Shimon Peres, Deputy Defense Minister, who told the Knesset that 75 percent of the women in service had completed their high school education and were thus able to release for active service men of parallel education serving in technical units.

He said that more than 500 of the women ranked sergeant or higher and that many hundreds were serving in Nahal--a special armed forces unit in which troops perform agricultural duties in border settlements while receiving military training. He also reported that 400 of the women served as teachers in the armed forces, and that thousands of others performed essential duties which otherwise would have required trained personnel who would be a heavy burden on the Israel Treasury.

STRIKING ISRAELI ENGINEERS YIELD TO GOVT.; PERMIT 43 STRIKERS TO WORK

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- The striking Engineers Union yielded today to Government pressure and agreed to order back to work 43 striking members. The Government said were needed to complete urgently needed immigrant housing.

The decision of the union, which called out its 6,000 salaried engineers, chemists, architects and agronomists from their jobs in government and public institutions last January 11, averted implementation of "emergency regulations" which would have forced the required engineers to return to work.

In announcing the decision, the union said that the agreement to permit the 43 strikers to return to work should not be interpreted as "yielding to the threat" of emergency regulations but rather as an indication of the union's readiness to come forward "with goodwill" to seek a solution to the wage impasse.

It was Labor Minister Yigal Allon who worked out the agreement on the 43 engineers. He was next expected to take up the dispute at the Cabinet level for a new effort to end the walkout. Meanwhile the Electric Corporation warned that unless striking engineers returned to work soon to operate the new Haifa power station, there was danger that severe cuts would have to be ordered in the supply of electric current.

CHAGALL'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS DEDICATED IN HADASSAH SYNAGOGUE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Marc Chagall, world famous Jewish painter, today delivered a brief but moving speech at the dedication of his stained glass windows in the synagogue of the Hadassah University Medical Center here. He said he felt that the tragic and heroic resistance movements in the Warsaw Ghetto and in the Israel War of Independence, had found expression in the windows.

The dedication was the highlight of the Golden Jubilee celebration of Hadassah, held at the synagogue in Ein Karem. Education Minister Abba Eban addressed the gathering on behalf of the Israel Government. Attending the ceremony were also Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, diplomats, Members of Parliament, members of the Jubilee Mission of Hadassah, and others.

Speakers described the windows, which have already become famous in the art world, as "the most precious jewels in the crown of modern Jerusalem." The artist thanked Hadassah for the opportunity to create the windows. Other addresses were made by Dr. Miriam Freund, honorary Hadassah president, and Joseph Neufel, the center architect.

U.S. REPORT THAT RUSSIA MAY RESUME SALE OF OIL TO ISRAEL DOUBTED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Official Israeli sources were reported today to be skeptical about reports emanating from New York that the Soviet Union might resume the sale of oil to Israel. The Soviet Union is known to have surpluses of crude oil. It stopped oil deliveries to Israel and the purchase of Israeli citrus fruit following the 1956 Sinai campaign.

An announcement today that two members of the Israel Citrus Board would leave for Moscow aroused speculation in Israel about the possibilities of renewed citrus exports from Israel to the Soviet Union. While the marketing board members are going purely as tourists, it was assumed they would try to initiate talks in Moscow on the resumption of Israeli citrus sales.

AMPAL HOLDS 20TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN ISRAEL; REPORTS PROGRESS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- The American-Israel Corporation, AMPAL, has sold \$56,000,000 worth of its stock in its 20 years of existence and has paid out \$5,500,000 in dividends, it was reported here today at the 20th anniversary meeting of the AMPAL board.

Abraham Dickenstein, AMPAL president, also told the board that \$1,000,000 in dividends was paid last year and that the corporation had never lost a cent in its investments in Israel. Thirty-five board members and officials of the executive of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, and directors of the Bank Hapoalim also attended the meeting. They heard a report on Israel-United States trade relations from Israel's Commerce Minister Pinhas Sapir.

A working session at the Bank Hapoalim was attended by members of the AMPAL board from the United States, Canada and Mexico who heard a report on the Israel Stock Exchange. The AMPAL group made a visit today to the Heletz oil field and other enterprises in which AMPAL has invested its funds.

ISRAEL INCREASES TAX ON TICKETS FOR TRAVEL TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Israelis buying tickets for travel abroad will be taxed 100 percent of the price of the ticket plus 150 pounds (\$84), according to an amendment to the Foreign Travel Law passed today by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. Until now, the tax ceiling on travel was 100 percent of the value of the ticket.

SWISS CONSUL WHO RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE JEWS HONORED IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Charles Lutz, a wartime Consul General for Switzerland in Budapest, who risked his life to save thousands of Jews from the Nazi gas chambers, was honored here for his services to Hungarian Jewry.

His services were lauded by representatives of the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency at a dinner given in his honor. Attending the event were Moshe Bartur, Israel's permanent representative to the European office of the United Nations in Geneva; Charles H. Jordan, JDC director general; Eban Laor, Jewish Agency representative for Europe; and Tibor Rosenbaum, director of Helvis.

As Swiss Consul General, Mr. Lutz issued from 1943 to 1945 protective letters to thousands of Jews, thus delaying their deportation by Gestapo Colonel Adolf Eichmann until they were liberated by the Allied forces. When all diplomatic and Consular missions, except Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish Consul General, left Budapest, Mr. Lutz remained. At the risk of his life, he waived diplomatic regulations to save the lives of Hungarian Jews. A sum of money was contributed in his name to be used to aid rescue activities for Jews throughout the world.

HEADS OF AMERICAN FIRMS PREDICT SUCCESSFUL TRADE YEAR FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- The American Israel Chamber of Commerce today made public the views on American-Israel economic ties in 1962 advanced by heads of American firms doing business with Israel.

David Karr, president of Fairbanks Whitney Corporation, forecast that "in 1962 Israel will make great strides in developing low cost solar energy to provide cheap power for the still dark sections of the world; in the field of water desalination, 1962 will see the installation of the first low cost concepts using the freezing method."

John M. Will, president of American Export Lines, stressed the developments in transporting liquid bulk cargoes and of refrigerator space "to enhance the possibility of citrus fruit exports to the United States." The extensive developments in Israeli shipping, to culminate in the construction of Zim's \$20,000,000 luxury liner Shalom, are reviewed by Gottlieb Hammer, president of American-Israeli Shipping Company.

"An upsurge of the investors' confidence" is noted by Joseph Meyerhoff, president of Palestine Economic Corporation, and Samuel Rothberg, president of Israel Investors Corporation. H.F. Roderick, president of Miles Chemical Company, viewed 1962 as "a year of singularly great significance," when its \$2,000,000 citric acid plant in Haifa will be complete. "A continuation of the present trend"--"intensification of substantial investments in Israel" are forecast by the U.S. heads of the two Israeli banks that have been licensed to operate branches in New York--R. Recanati of the Israel Discount Bank and Gideon Strauss of Bank Leumi Le Israel.

NEUMANN REPORTS ON JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who returned yesterday from Israel, reported today that the plenary sessions of the Agency's executive which were held in Jerusalem last week were "most fruitful."

"Top priority," he said, "was given to a thoroughgoing review of the status of Jewish communities in a number of countries where their position has become precarious, and to adjusting the new budget of the Jewish Agency for the next fiscal year in the light of substantially increased immigration."

"A third important subject was the strengthening of the Zionist movement in the United States, to the consideration of which, two full sessions were devoted; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president, and Moshe Sharett, chairman of the executive, were authorized to conduct exploratory conversations with all American Zionist groups on the basis of certain recommendations they had submitted to the World Zionist executive," Dr. Neumann revealed.

BEN-GURION INDICATES CONCILIATION WITH PROF. BUBER; VISITS HIS HOME

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion seems to have patched up his political differences with Professor Martin Buber. For the first time since Professor Buber had criticized Mr. Ben-Gurion publicly over the Pinhas Lavon affair--the issue which caused the last Government to quit and brought about new elections--Mr. Ben-Gurion attended a meeting of the Classics Translation Projects Committee, held in Professor Buber's home.

The Premier had resigned from that committee, which is headed by Professor Buber, after the famous philosopher had made some remarks about the Premier which Mr. Ben-Gurion considered "insulting." At the meeting, the committee decided to proceed with further translation into Hebrew of significant classics, including works by Alfred North Whitehead and Henry David Thoreau.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT DECLARES BAN ON SUNDAY SALES UNCONSTITUTIONAL

CHICAGO, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- A ruling by the Illinois Supreme Court holding unconstitutional a law banning automobile sales on Sunday was hailed today by the Greater Chicago Council of the American Jewish Congress as "a victory for religious liberty and separation of church and state."

Elmer Gertz, president of the Council, noted that the American Jewish Congress had opposed passage of the measure by the 1961 Illinois legislature and had called on Governor Kerner to veto it. He said that while the court had invalidated the law because it discriminated against the Sunday sale of automobiles while permitting other items to be sold on that day, "the American Jewish Congress opposed the measure on other grounds as well--namely, that such a law unfairly penalizes Orthodox Jews and other Sabbatarians who, because of their religious beliefs, must close their businesses on a day other than Sunday."

JEWISH DOCTOR DISCOVERS EFFECTIVE DRUG AGAINST TRUE VIRUS DISEASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- A Jewish research expert reported yesterday he had discovered what may be the first effective drug treatment for a true virus disease.

Dr. Herbert E. Kaufman, head of ophthalmology at the University of Florida, reported on his findings at an international symposium here on virus research. He reported on his research on two drugs which were found to be potent against an eye infection caused by the herpes simplex virus.

Dr. Kaufman said he had used the two drugs in the treatment of infections caused by the virus in the corneas of rabbits and later of a central group of human patients, in cooperation with specialists of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary of Boston. Without treatment, only one in ten such infections ends without leaving serious damage to the cornea.

BOSTON JEWISH LEADERS TAKE OUT GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR C.J.P.

BOSTON, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Trustees of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston this week put into effect a new--and historic--\$900,000 group life insurance program in behalf of the CJP Endowment Fund.

The plan involves insurance in amounts varying from \$2,500 to \$15,000 taken out by the trustees enrolled in the program. The CJP Endowment Fund is named beneficiary. The plan is the first group life insurance program of its type in Massachusetts and is believed to be unique in the country as well, where the proceeds of the group insurance go to the benefit of a philanthropic institution. More than 120 trustees have already enrolled in the program.

Louis P. Smith, president of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, hailed the plan as "an historic achievement of both immediate and long-range benefit" to the work of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies. "This represents a solemn recognition on the part of the CJP trustees on the importance of developing an adequate endowment fund over and above the initial contribution to the annual campaign to enable the CJP to meet unexpected demands in the future and to help guarantee that its work will continue through emergencies as well as to supplement annual budgets," Mr. Smith said.

B'NAI B'RITH VOTES 'BROTHERHOOD AWARD' TO ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

NEW YORK, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- A Roman Catholic priest was voted today as the recipient of the Brotherhood Award of a B'nai B'rith lodge in Canarsie, a section in Brooklyn. The award, to be given by the lodge at a meeting scheduled for February 22, has been voted to Msgr. Vincent O. Genova, pastor of the Holy Family Church in Canarsie.

The award was voted to Msgr. Genova because, last fall, he made available for general community use a large plot of land donated to his parish for an athletic field. "Brotherhood," said Msgr. Genova, "is a conscious movement of adults--children accept each other at face value." Children from families of all faiths in the area, including many Jewish homes, use the playing field.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND TO GET \$100,000 BEQUEATHED BY CHICAGO DRUGGIST

CHICAGO, Feb. 6; (JTA) -- Samuel Krupkin, an obscure druggist, who lived in a small one-room apartment near his store, bequeathed the major portion of his estate amounting to more than \$175,000 to the Jewish National Fund, it was reported here today by the Sentinel, English-Jewish publication.

According to the terms of Mr. Krupkin's will, the JNF was to receive two-thirds of the remainder of his estate after bequests amounting to \$26,000 had been paid to various charities. The value of that portion of the estate left to the JNF has been estimated to total more than \$100,000 and may possibly amount to more than \$140,000. Mr. Krupkin, who was brought to this country when he was a young child, had no known relatives at the time of his death.