



Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXXIX - 44th year

Tuesday, February 20, 1962

No. 36

CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION BARRING PACTS WITH LANDS INSISTING ON BIAS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19: (JTA) -- A resolution expressing "the sense of Congress" that it is unqualifiedly opposed to any agreement made between the United States and a foreign power which includes terms discriminatory to any American citizen because of "race, creed, religion, or color" was introduced today in the House of Representatives.

The bill, sponsored by Democratic Congressman William F. Ryan of New York, calls on the Government to reject any future pacts with nations which insists on inserting such discriminatory provisions in the agreements, similar to the pact with Saudi-Arabia which discriminates distinctly against American Jews. Rep. Ryan said that official American acceptance of terms which restrict "the personal or commercial access or any other rights available to United States citizens generally" is not consistent with American principles.

KNESSET BACKS GOVERNMENT'S DEVALUATION POLICY; REJECTS OPPOSITION MOVE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19: (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today supported the Government's new economic policy by defeating by a vote of 66 to 43 three non-confidence motions introduced separately by the Herut, Mapam and Communist factions in protest against the devaluation of the Israel pound. The Liberal Party abstained on the vote.

Among the supporters of the Government policy were the Achdut Avoda deputies, who went along with their coalition partners. Although Achdut Avoda accepted the new economic measures which devalued the Israeli currency from 1.8 pounds to three pounds to the dollar, the party will still demand special Government action to ease the burden of farmers whose dollar-linked mortgages increased in principal value by 67 percent.

Meanwhile, several thousand workers in large plants in Tel Aviv staged a two-hour demonstration strike today to protest against attempts to postpone paying higher cost-of-living allowances. The left-wing Mapam Party called for a mass demonstration against the new economic policy, on Wednesday. Workers belonging to the dominant labor party Mapai and to the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, did not support today's strike.

The Histadrut Central Committee decided today to wait until March 15, when the February cost-of-living index is published, before deciding whether circumstances warranted demands for an additional cost-of-living allowance.

The Government's first major test in holding the price line following devaluation met with success today when an agreement was concluded between the Manufacturers Association and the Government, providing that the latter would waive any claims to levy surtaxes on all local stocks and consignments en route to Israeli manufacturing firms in cases where credit was obtained before February 9, the day the devaluation was announced.

The manufacturers, for their part, agreed to freeze prices for a period up to six months. Industries or individual firms unable to maintain pre-devaluation prices will automatically be subject to the surtax, according to the agreement. A spokesman for the Manufacturers Association said that subsequent negotiations might find a way to extend the price freeze for an indefinite period "provided services and wages were also kept at the present levels."

Miami Investors Group Pays \$2,000,000 Mortgage at Old Rate

A remaining field of friction, not covered by today's agreement was between the Government and the country's major importing firms. The importers have refused to pay the surtax on goods already in port and refuse to clear them from the dock areas. The Haifa port, as a result, was almost totally blocked today by goods and ships waiting in Haifa Bay for space to unload.

The Port Authority has warned the importers that if the port is not cleared by Wednesday, the goods will be removed to bonded warehouses at the expense of the importers. The latter are demanding the same arrangements granted to the manufacturers--that goods already paid for should be paid at the old exchange rate.

Details regarding concessions that will be made to holders of dollar-linked obligations were being worked out today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Housing Minister Giora

Josephthal for presentation tomorrow to a meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee; The proposal affects only loans financed by the Government in public housing schemes;

One of the first groups to take advantage of a mortgage concession granted by the Government was the Miami Group of investors, which raised \$2,000,000 within a few days to pay off at the pre-devaluation rate 6,000,000 pounds of the 8,000,000 pounds in dollar-linked loans granted by the Government Tourist Development Corporation for the group's hotels in Israel; Y. Federman, head of the Miami group, who left for the United States yesterday, raised the required sum from among the members of the group;

Devaluation Leads to Withdrawal of Certain Postage Stamps

Israeli Postal authorities are planning to issue new denominations of postage stamps in the event any shortages develop from the withdrawal from circulation of several series of stamps following the devaluation of the Israeli pound; The withdrawal was made in order to protect stamp collectors and dealers abroad from any loss ensuing from the new currency exchange rate;

The withdrawal of the stamps from circulation will eventually tend to increase the values of stamp stocks abroad and will compensate for any decreased values due to devaluation; Among the issues taken out of circulation were the Israel Philharmonic Jubilee stamp, a number of afforestation stamps and nine stamps in the landscape series; This left for Post Office use 13 stamps of the Zodiac series;

MOSCOW CEES U.S. - ISRAELI 'PLOT' IN EDWARD KENNEDY'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19: (JTA) -- Moscow Radio's Arab language listeners are being told that the recent visit to Israel by President Kennedy's brother Edward, was part of an American-Israeli "plot" to "infiltrate the young African countries;"

An Arab-language Moscow Radio broadcast, monitored here, said that the younger Kennedy's speech in Jerusalem last week--in which he said that emerging African nations might follow the example set by Israel--was part of a U.S. master plan "to enslave the young African states;" The broadcast charged that Israel's programs of economic aid to African countries is being provided at the behest of the U.S. for "political aims;"

"Washington's calculations include putting the African countries in a state of economic subservience to Israel," said the broadcast; "This is the way American-Israeli cooperation develops in this region;" It is clear why Kennedy praised Israel; It is difficult for the United States to find a more suitable instrument than Israel to carry out its imperialist schemes in Africa; Israel has been named the imperialists' obedient puppet;"

ISRAELI SETTLERS PREVENT POLICE FROM ARRESTING THEIR RABBI

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19: (JTA) -- Attempts by police to arrest the rabbi of Kommemiut settlement, near here, were thwarted today by the settlers who blocked the road to the rabbi's home; Orders for the arrest of the rabbi were countermanded after the Minister for Religious Affairs, Zorach Warhaftig, intervened with the police authorities;

The rabbi was sought in connection with all-out efforts by the police to locate Yossele Schumacher, who was kidnaped from his parents two years ago by his grandfather, Nachman Shtarkes, because the latter feared he would not be brought up in a religious manner; Nine persons were arrested yesterday in various parts of the country in connection with the case;

Those arrested were arraigned in courts in Jerusalem, Ramla, Lydda, Beit Shemesh and at Kommemiut, where the boy was believed to have been held during the first weeks after he was taken from his parents; The nine persons were interrogated by the police in attempts to find the whereabouts of the Schumacher boy and ordered held for 15 days on suspicion of complicity in the kidnaping;

Police continued today searching a number of centers largely populated by religious persons; The grandfather of the kidnaped boy has been in jail for a lengthy period in efforts to get him to reveal the whereabouts of Yossele; Shlomo Shtarkes, the boy's uncle, is presently under detention in England on a request by Israel for his extradition in connection with the case;

HADASSAH HOLDS YOUTH ALIYAH CONFERENCE; REPORTS ON AID TO YOUNGSTERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19: (JTA) -- Youth Aliyah, which is supported partly by Hadassah and Pioneer Women in the United States, has absorbed in Israel 3,500 youngsters from North African and European countries during 1961, it was reported here today at the annual Youth Aliyah conference of the Hadassah attended by more than 200 delegates;

The work of the Youth Aliyah in absorbing Jewish immigrant children in Israel was highly praised at the conference by Leonard W. Mayo, president of the International Union for Child Welfare; Addressing the delegates, Mr. Mayo said: "The record of Youth Aliyah over the last ten years is not only outstanding, it has blazed a trail in creative work for youth; For it is a program adapted to their needs and designed to prepare them for full participation in a new world;"

AUSTRIA TO RATIFY PACT WITH GERMANY ON PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- The agreement between Austria and West Germany, under which the Federal Republic of Germany will contribute \$80,000,000 to help indemnify claimants here for compensation due to victims of Nazism, will be ratified not later than next June, authoritative sources here said today.

The Bonn Government, it was stated, has agreed to pay Austria \$25,200,000 as its first instalment of the payments due. Consequently, payments to Nazi victims here are expected to commence before the end of this year.

SEVEN GERMANS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR KILLING FOUR JEWS IN HUNGARY

STUTTGART, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- Seven Germans convicted of killing four Jews in 1944 in the Hungarian village of Parabuc, were sentenced today to prison terms of up to four-and-a-half years by the Tuebingen jury court.

The murders were disclosed two years ago when one of the defendants was denounced by his father-in-law to police. The victims were killed near the local cemetery on the day when the fascist Arrow Cross took power in Hungary.

Two Germans were sentenced to five months' imprisonment each by a court in Düsseldorf today for having slandered Jews in articles published in the Freisoziale Presse. Erwin Sitter, publisher of the paper, and Theodor Reents, editor, received the jail sentences for the publication of three articles in the paper in which the Jews were blamed for starting the First World War.

A memorial was unveiled in Munich yesterday to Hans and Sophie Scholl, the brother and sister who organized their own small resistance group in Germany to fight the Nazi tyranny during the Second World War.

GERMAN PROTESTANTS CONTRIBUTE \$15,000 FOR ARCHEOLOGY WORK IN ISRAEL

Cologne, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- West German Protestants have contributed a total of 60,000 Deutschmarks (\$15,000) to aid archeological excavations near Shavei Zion, a co-operative settlement in northern Israel, it was reported here today by the Israeli Mission here. The contributions were in response to an appeal by Dr. Heinrich Grueber, the Protestant clergyman who testified against Adolf Eichmann at the latter's recent trial in Jerusalem.

The funds will be used for the excavation and restoration of the one of the oldest churches in the area, probably dating back to the fourth century of the Common Era. Dr. Grueber decided on the appeal during his last visit to Israel when he visited Shavei Zion settlement, whose members are mostly former residents of Rexingen in Wuertemberg.

BOSTON JEWISH HOSPITAL TO START \$2,250,000 RESEARCH PROJECT ON AGING

BOSTON, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- A \$2,250,000 seven-year research program to secure greater understanding of the nature of aging and arteriosclerosis in man was announced here today by Beth Israel Hospital. The program will be coordinated with the Harvard Medical School and will be financed by a grant from the U.S. Public Health Service.

"This is the largest single grant ever made available for the hospital's research effort," Dr. Sidney S. Lee, general director of the Beth Israel Hospital, said today. Director of the project will be Dr. Stanford Wessler, Visiting Physician and Associate in Medical Research at Beth Israel and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard. A Clinical Research Center will be established for the study, which will begin in April. It will be housed in the hospital's north building. Beth Israel is the largest local constituent agency of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston.

38,900 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ADMITTED TO CANADA DURING LAST TEN YEARS

MONTREAL, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- Approximately 38,900 Jewish immigrants came to Canada during the 10-year period 1951-1961, according to figures disclosed here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress. Of the total, the data showed, 32,526 came from overseas, while 6,434 Jews immigrated into Canada from the United States. In 1961, the number of Jewish immigrants who came to Canada via ocean ports was 1,510.

The Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada said today it had submitted to the Quebec Royal Commission on Education a series of recommendations on citizen education with particular reference to the needs of new immigrants.

Dr. Joseph Kage, executive director of the JIAS, said that a major recommendation was that the aim of citizenship education should be development of understanding and acceptance of Canada as a political unit where the concept of "unity in diversity" arose naturally from the fact that Canada "is not a melting pot. Every origin group in Canada is a minority group somewhere in Canada."

The JIAS also recommended a program of language and citizenship instruction, under government auspices, for immigrants, spread over a four-year period, with periodical examinations to test progress.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY RAISES \$13,542,000 AT LAUNCHING OF ENDOWMENT DRIVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- The Brandeis University three-year endowment campaign to raise \$65,100,000 was launched at a dinner here last night with the announcement that advanced gifts totaling \$13,542,023 had already been pledged for the drive.

The advance gifts will underwrite five fully endowed chairs for professors and 131 student scholarships and will pay for the remodeling of four buildings and the construction of ten others at the campus, it was announced by Joseph M. Linsey, national campaign chairman. He said that endowing professorial chairs and the establishment of more scholarships will be the major aim of the fund drive.

\$3,080,000 RAISED AT JOINT PALESTINE APPEAL DINNER IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- A total of 1,100,000 pounds sterling (\$3,080,000) was raised here last night at the annual Joint Palestine Appeal dinner. The leading gifts came from the Sieff and Sachar families, contributing 200,000 pounds (\$560,000); 75,000 pounds (\$210,000) from Sir Isaac Wolfson; and 50,000 pounds (\$140,000) from an anonymous source.

The principal speakers at the event were Major General Chaim Laskov, Israel's former Chief of Staff, who now heads the new Israel Port Authority; and Israel's Ambassador here, Arthur Lourie. Sir Isaac, as chairman of the campaign announced that this year's JPA goal is 3,000,000 pounds (\$8,400,000).

QUEBEC JEWS SEEK RIGHT TO KEEP OWN REGISTERS OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS

QUEBEC CITY, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- Harry Blank, the only Jewish member of the provincial legislative assembly of Quebec, suggested to the Provincial Parliament's Private Committee today that the civil code should be amended to give Jewish religious bodies the same rights to keep registers of births, deaths and marriages as those enjoyed by Catholic and Protestant churches.

Under the code, he pointed out, only Christian churches can keep such registers without the express permission of legislature. The religious institutions of other faiths must obtain such permission through a private bill. It is his opinion that such right should come automatically once a synagogue is incorporated under provincial law.

Synagogues customarily seek incorporation in the Quebec province for the purposes of holding property and running schools. The provision for keeping registers of marriages is considered particularly important in the province since there are no civil marriages in Quebec and Jews are customarily married under Jewish religious law and registered in a synagogue record.

MINNEAPOLIS MAYOR VETOES SUNDAY CLOSING LAW DELETING SATURDAY OPTION

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- Mayor Arthur Naftalin vetoed a Sunday closing law approved by the Minneapolis City Council after a Saturday option clause was removed.

The mayor's veto message called the ordinance "unwarranted interference with the personal freedom of citizens." He termed the deletion of the Saturday option clause as discriminatory. He said that the ordinance sought "to impose by law a pattern of social and economic behavior" which should be decided by the free choice of the people and not by the government.

JEWS IN CANADA HONOR PRIME MINISTER DIFENBAKER; GETS FELLOWSHIP AWARD

MONTREAL, Feb. 19; (JTA) -- Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker was tonight awarded the Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood Award of Merit at the 35th annual Fellowship Dinner Meeting for Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Mr. Diefenbaker, who was cited for his record as "a humanitarian and devotee of Canadian unity," paid tribute to Rabbi Harry J. Stern, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El and to the Congregation, for their interfaith program.

The Prime Minister has also been selected by the Canadian Association for Labor Israel as the recipient of its 1962 Histadrut Humanitarian Award, it was announced here today by Bernard Bloomfield, national president of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel. Mr. Diefenbaker will accept the award in person at the annual Histadrut dinner here April 4.

REFORM TEMPLE PRESENTS LIBRARY ON JUDAISM TO LUTHERAN CHURCH

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 19; (JTA) -- A series of books on various aspects of Jewish life were presented here to the religious school library of Our Savior's Lutheran Church by Temple Sinai, both in Newington. The books are intended for use in the Lutheran religious schools curriculum which includes the study of Judaism.

The gift of Jewish books was given as a token of appreciation by Temple Sinai, which conducted Friday evening services in the Lutheran church before the present Temple building was constructed.