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C. R. A. C. STARTS FOUR-DAY MEETING TODAY ON ISSUES CONCERNING U.S. JEWRY

CINCINNATI, June 20. (JTA) -- Major issues concerning American Jewry will be discussed at the four-day annual plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which opens here tomorrow at the Terrace-Hilton Hotel. The Council represents national Jewish religious and civic bodies, and 62 Jewish community councils.

The 150 delegates attending the session will hear Jewish leaders present their views on the future of the Jewish community on the American scene, and on the means of preserving Jewish identity while achieving integration with the American milieu. On the opening day, the delegates will discuss analytical appraisal of "shared time," a proposal for the sharing of school time of children between the public school and the parochial school.

The implications for the Jewish community of the United States Supreme Court ruling on legislative reapportionment will be a major item of consideration at the plenary session. Views on de facto public school segregation in the North will also be discussed.

The impact of the radical right is a major item on the agenda. The session will act on statements on censorship, the right-wing, federal aid to education, Sunday closing, peace in the Middle East, immigration, and Jews in the Soviet Union.

Four workshops will deal with: civil liberties and Jewish security, religious liberty, inter-religious relations, equal rights and opportunities, and community relations. Subjects of developments in the Middle East. A greeting from the Cincinnati community will be delivered by Cincinnati Mayor Walton H. Bachrach.

The six national organizations affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council are: American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the United Synagogue of America.

ISRAEL EXPECTS OFFICIAL U.S. CLARIFICATION OF TEXTILE RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- Israeli officials were reported today to be awaiting official communication from U.S. authorities before determining the full impact of the passing of the cotton textile import bill passed by Congress which is now in the White House for signature. The measure is designed to curtail import quotas to non-members of the 1961 Genoa cotton textile agreement. Israel is not a member of the agreement.

Under terms of the bill, the President would have authority to order reductions in imports of cotton textiles from foreign nations in the interest of protecting the U.S. textile industry. Quotas would be set on the basis of last year's imports but would also be subject to modification at Presidential discretion.

This latter clause is keeping alive Israeli hopes that the restrictions imposed on Israel will be tempered somewhat. The Israel Embassy here has been making representations to Administration officials regarding the serious effect a sharp curtailment of Israel cotton imports would have on Israel's domestic economy. These meetings, reportedly, have provided some encouragement that the restrictions on Israeli imports will be less sharp than might be expected.

An Embassy official pointed out that Israel's behavior in the months preceding passage of the bill is one of the highly favorable factors on its side. He said that Israel had induced its exporters that the law was imminent, and despite its imminence, had cooperated fully with the U.S. desire to keep imports at a minimum. Israel, he said, made every effort to ship as much goods as possible during the period of negotiations in order to meet the deadline.

As an example of this exemplary attitude, he pointed out that currently waiting in New York harbor are about 400 tons of yarn for which orders in the United States have already been placed. The shipment has temporarily been embargoed by order of the Israel Government, pending final word from Washington on the full effect of the law. The spokesman contrasted Israel's self-restraint with Egypt which, he said, has been shipping large quantities of textiles to the U.S. for several months in anticipation of the ban.

A stringent quota, or a total ban, the spokesman said, would have a serious effect on Israel's textile industry and its employment picture. He said that Israel's cotton exports

to the United States now makes up between 25 and 40 percent of the industry's total output. The quotas are expected to extend only to carded yarns, but there is a possibility that they could also be applied to actual specific manufactured products. The self-embargoed shipment now waiting in the Haifa port consists of carded yarns.

More definite word on how the quota might affect Israel was expected sometime early next week.

BONN ASKS SYRIA TO EXTRADITE EICHMANN'S AIDE FOR TRIAL IN GERMANY

BONN, June 20. (JTA) -- A request for the extradition of Alois Brunner, a war-time aide of Adolf Eichmann, for crimes against European Jews, has been made to Syria, the West German Government announced yesterday.

The West German Foreign Ministry said the request was made to Syria because it was "believed" that the former chief of the Jewish emigration department of the Nazi Government is now in Syria.

ISRAELI SCIENTISTS TO PROCEED TO MOSCOW FOR CANCER RESEARCH CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- A group of Israeli scientists will participate in the eighth Congress of Cancer Research, to be held in Moscow next month, it was announced here today. Among the Israelis will be members of the faculties and research specialists from the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute of Science, as well as a number of physicians engaged in this country in clinical research on cancer.

Another Israeli-USSR liaison was announced today when Dr. Zvi Harkavi, director of the Central Rabbinical Library of Israel, returned from a visit, lasting several weeks, to the leading libraries of Moscow and Leningrad. Rabbi Harkavi announced he had obtained an agreement with the Leningrad Library, permitting Israeli researchers to receive photostatic copies of Hebrew manuscripts there.

He said that the library in Leningrad has 12,000 Hebrew manuscripts and 20,000 Jewish books. Moscow's Lenin Library, he said, has 60,000 Jewish books, including thousands of works published in Israel.

ISRAEL'S JUSTICE MINISTER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL IN NEW DISAGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- Justice Minister Dov Joseph and Attorney General Gideon Hausner were unable to agree today on the composition of a committee of jurists to give an opinion on a dispute over status between the two officials.

The Cabinet approved last Sunday a plan for such a committee to provide a ruling to end a deadlock over the Attorney General's insistence on continuation of the arrangement under which the Attorney General has sole authority over the opening or closing of official Governmental legal proceedings. Dr. Joseph contends that the Attorney General must be subordinate to the Justice Ministry.

The Attorney General contended that the proposed judicial committee be composed only of three Supreme Court jurists. It was reported that at a meeting with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion yesterday, Mr. Hausner said that if his view was rejected, he would resign.

Dr. Joseph, who is supported on the matter by the Prime Minister, argued that a ruling by a committee made up solely of Supreme Court justices would be tantamount to a Supreme Court ruling and that the judiciary would thus be involved in an issue affecting the executive branch of the Government. He pointed out that the Israel Supreme Court has no authority over the executive branch and all legislative matters are the exclusive domain of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Dr. Joseph proposed a committee of one or two justices plus one or two prominent jurists from lower courts. The Cabinet required that the two officials agree on the make-up of the judicial committee. The issue came up in the Knesset debate yesterday during discussion of the Justice Ministry budget. Most deputies favored preservation of the status quo on the Attorney General's status.

ISRAEL PLANS PRIORITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- A commission to secure priorities of materials and manpower for the construction of housing for new immigrants, was established here today after consultations between Yosef Almogi, Acting Minister for Housing, and public and private construction interests.

The commission is expected to recommend a complete halt of public building construction and the cancelation of all but the most essential building permits granted by municipalities and local councils in order to give top priority to the needs of the mounting immigration during the past few months and the scheduled flow of newcomers during the coming months.

CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS BACKS SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

MINNEAPOLIS, June 20. (JTA) -- The Reform rabbis of the United States and Canada strengthened today their platform upholding the separation of church and state with adoption of a policy statement opposing the use of public school property by religious groups during school hours, the placing of religious symbols on public school buildings and grounds, and the practice in many public schools of granting "released time" for religious instruction.

This was the main action at the morning session today of the 73rd annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. More than 500 of the CCAR's 800 members are attending the convention which will continue through Saturday.

Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer of Larchmont, N. Y., moved the policy statement's adoption as chairman of the CCAR Committee on Church and State. The statement included a review of important cases pending in the nation's highest federal and state courts. Rabbi Kertzer termed the past year "a prelude to historic legal decisions" which he told the rabbis would probably be handed down later this year. Most of the cases mentioned by Rabbi Kertzer involved Bible reading and prayer in the public schools.

The policy statement included a section which goes much beyond the stand of any other American Jewish organization on a program which has come into prominence in recent months and is known as "shared time," Rabbi Kertzer said. The statement cautions against this program. The shared time proposal involves the joint use by parochial and public schools of tax-supported educational facilities.

Rabbi Kertzer pointed out that under the shared time proposal, denominational schools would be relieved of building physical education and manual training facilities since these would be used in common with the public schools for the teaching of "so-called secular subjects." The policy statement called on all Reform rabbis to "urge their school communities to undertake further studies before launching shared time programs."

The convention heard also from Rabbi Sidney L. Regner of New York, CCAR executive vice-president, who reported that the CCAR membership stood at just under 850. The session also heard presentations today by Rabbi Leon Fram of Detroit and Rabbi Levi A. Olan of Dallas, who emphasized in respective papers that Judaism was both a "missionary" and "liberal" faith.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS OPENS FOUR-DAY NATIONAL CONVENTION TODAY

TORONTO, June 20. (JTA) -- Decisions on issues affecting every major aspect of Jewish life in Canada will be adopted at the 13th plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress which opens here tomorrow. Some 700 delegates from every Jewish community, large and small, across Canada will take part in this decisive national convention which will last four days.

Resolutions already submitted strongly indicate that "a great deal of controversy will be engendered about problems and issues of Jewish education, community relations and possibly even foreign affairs," Congress officials said today. Other areas of community concern that are expected to evoke delegate interest include religious welfare, community services, immigration, overseas needs, fund-raising, youth, adult education, cultural activities, relationships with world Jewry and Israel.

One of the liveliest sessions at the convention is expected to be the "general debate" tomorrow, which will be led off by keynote speaker Saul Hayes, CJC executive vice-president, with an address on "New Needs and New Perspectives." Close to two hours have been reserved out of this session for participation by delegates from the floor.

Expected to draw one of the largest attendances during the convention will be the banquet Thursday night, at which Governor General and Madame Vanier will be honored guests, with the former officially opening the plenary session, and Samuel Bronfman, retiring CJC president, giving the presidential address.

Election of a new president to succeed Mr. Bronfman, who announced two weeks ago he would not accept a nomination for re-election after nearly a quarter century's service in the office, will take place Sunday morning.

ISRAEL SENDS RICE AND SUGAR TO FAMINE-STRICKEN PEOPLE OF DAHOMEY

TEL AVIV, June 20. (JTA) -- A shipment consisting of 400 tons of rice and sugar as loaded aboard the Israeli freighter Alon at Haifa today as a gift from Israel to the famine-stricken people of Dahomey. The African republic's Ambassador here, Jean Baptiste Mockey, attended a ceremony aboard the ship, formally accepting the gift on behalf of his government.

At the Wingate Sports Center at Nathanya, today, 22 young Africans from seven countries received teachers' certificates as graduates of a physical education course in this country. They studied here for 10 months.

L.A. PINCUS, JEWISH AGENCY TREASURER, ARRIVES IN U.S. FOR URGENT TALKS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- L.A. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, arrived here yesterday for a brief visit. Mr. Pincus is conducting urgent consultations with the American branch of the Agency executive and the administration of the United Jewish Appeal on problems of the UJA campaign in relation to the unabated wave of immigration to Israel.

U.S. JEWS AND CHRISTIANS TO HOLD JOINT CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND RACE

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- A national conference to bring to bear the moral force of the church and synagogue on the problem of racial segregation in the United States was announced today in a joint statement of organizations representing Catholics, Protestants and Jews. The conference will be held in Chicago next January 14-17.

Announcement of the conference, which the sponsors said was the first such meeting across major religious lines, was made by the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches, the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Council, and the Social Action Commission of the Synagogue Council of America. The latter organization represents the congregational and rabbinic associations of the three branches of American Judaism.

The sponsors said that 600 clerical and lay religious leaders from 40 Protestant, Jewish and Catholic groups are expected to take part in the conference. A joint letter of invitation to the conference was signed by Irwin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches, Archbishop William E. Cousins of Milwaukee, chairman of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and Dr. Julius Mark, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

J. W. V. TO DEMONSTRATE TODAY AGAINST TV SHOWING OF 'MERCHANT OF VENICE'

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans said today it would demonstrate tomorrow at the offices of the Columbia Broadcasting System because the local CBS-TV outlet plans to televise tomorrow night a taped version of "The Merchant of Venice."

The JWV sent a telegram to Mayor Wagner today asserting that the planned telecast was "an affront to the many thousands of patriotic Americans who fought in our defense to protect our families and community against Old World prejudice and bigotry." The central character in the Shakespearean play, Shylock, has been used by anti-Semites in their efforts to defame Jews.

Ned Cramer, CBS producer, who was asked if there was any possibility of a cancellation, said "none whatsoever." The play is one of a series of Shakespearian offerings produced by Joseph Papp for the Shakespeare Festival at Central Park. A delegation from the New York Board of Rabbis met with Papp and New York City Parks Commissioner Newbold Morris last Friday to urge that another Shakespearian play be televised. The producer declined to do so.

U.S. MIZRACHI CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY; ADDRESSED BY ISRAELI MINISTER

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Burg, Israel Minister of Social Welfare, tonight told a thousand guests at the 60th anniversary dinner banquet of the Religious Zionists of America that "Israel is continuing her quest for accommodation and peace with her Arab neighbors. But the comparative calm along Israel's borders, as recent events have shown, still calls for and demands her continuous alertness." The dinner was held at the Hotel Pierre in New York.

Dr. Burg also said that "the Arabs are continuing their barrage of hatred toward Israel and still cling to their policies of belligerency, boycott, and general intransigence. But we continue to hope that the problems of our relations with the Arabs, which seem insoluble today, will eventually find their solutions."

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Religious Zionists of America, criticized the State Department for "permitting the Arab states to continue to discriminate against American firms and individuals who deal with Israel in a variety of commercial undertakings. The United States Government should cease distributing economic, technical and military assistance to the Arab countries as long as they continue engaging in worldwide campaigns of economic boycott, religious discrimination and anti-democratic as well as anti-Jewish propaganda," he urged.

BERNARD LASKER NAMED CHAIRMAN OF 1962-63 APPEAL OF N. Y. FEDERATION

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Bernard J. Lasker has been named chairman of the 1962-63 fund-raising campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, it was announced today by Lawrence A. Wien, Federation president.

As chairman of the 45th annual appeal of the Jewish Federation, Mr. Lasker will direct the largest fund-raising drive in the country in behalf of local health and welfare services. Last year's Federation campaign goal was \$22,500,000. The goal for the coming year has not been announced.