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U. S. TO PERMIT DISCHARGE OF COTTON YARN LEAVING ISRAEL THIS WEEK

WASHINGTON, June 21, (JTA) -- Commerce Department officials indicated today that ships with cotton textile exports which leave Israel this week will be able to discharge their cargoes in American ports, regardless of the final determination of the new cotton textile law which curtails import of yarn from certain countries. The measure was approved by Congress and signed by President Kennedy this week.

The Department meanwhile was preparing a reply to Israeli officials who have requested that all cotton textile yarn, already ordered by American buyers, be permitted entry, whatever the final decision on application of the law to Israel turns out to be.

There are currently waiting in Haifa harbor ships bearing about 400 tons of yarn for which orders were placed in the United States. The shipments have been held up pending word from Washington on the full effect of the new law which gives President Kennedy authority to curtail import quotas to non-members--which includes Israel--of the 1961 Geneva cotton textile agreement.

Under terms of the law, the President has the authority to order reductions in such imports to protect the American textile industry. Quotas will be set on the basis of 1961 imports, but would be subject to modification at the discretion of the President.

The Israel Embassy has been conferring with Washington officials concerning the serious effect a steep cut in Israeli cotton imports would have on Israel's domestic economy. Israel's cotton exports to the United States currently make up 25 to 40 percent of the industry's total output.

ISRAELI RABBI, THREE OTHER ORTHODOX JEWS, ACQUITTED OF ABDUCTION CHARGE

JERUSALEM, June 21, (JTA) -- Rabbi Binyamin Mendelsohn and three other Orthodox Jews were acquitted in District Court here today of charges of complicity in the 1959 kidnaping of Yossele Shumacher, when the prosecutor repudiated the testimony of his chief witness as completely false. Yossele Shumacher, who is now about 10, was abducted, allegedly by ultra-Orthodox persons who feared that his parents may not give him a religious education. He has been missing since 1959, although Israeli authorities have been searching for him on three continents.

The embarrassed prosecutor, Ezra Hadaya, asked for and received dismissal of the charges against the four members of the Agudat Israel collective village, Kommemiut. He said his witness, Yitzhak Kugler, had called him last night and confessed that his testimony against the rabbi and the others was "a concoction of fact and fancy." The court promptly ordered that Kugler, a former member of Kommemiut, be tried for perjury. The prosecutor conceded that his case had been based mainly on the testimony of Kugler.

The prosecutor told the court he also would ask cancellation of the proceedings against Rabbi Mendelsohn on a separate charge of kidnaping and holding another youth, Yisroel Yinnik. The rabbi had testified that the boy was brought to Kommemiut after his divorced mother and her common-law husband had reached an agreement to try to obtain a loan for raising from Orthodox sources with a threat to enter the child in a Christian mission.

Members of the Agudah executive told the press that a Parliamentary probe would be sought because of the "unusual zeal" evinced by police in arresting the four Kommemiut members "on the flimsiest evidence."

MOROCCO BANS JEWISH PUBLICATION; CARRIED REPORT ON JEWS IN ALGERIA

PARIS, June 21, (JTA) -- "L'Arche," French-language, monthly organ of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the central Jewish welfare fund in France, has been banned from Morocco, according to a cable received here today from the publication's principal distributing agent in Rabat. No reason for the ban was given, but the "L'Arche" publishers were requested to ship the next issue to Morocco.

"L'Arche" has never attacked the Moroccan Government, confining its material only to factual reporting. However, the last issue contained a comprehensive report on the general situation in Algeria, particularly emphasizing the fate of the Jews in Algeria. It is believed here that the Algerian report may have brought about the Moroccan ban.

CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS DISCUSSES GROWTH OF MIXED MARRIAGES

MINNEAPOLIS, June 21. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis, meeting at its 73rd annual convention here, authorized today a detailed study of mixed marriage in this country. The decision was taken after the 500 delegates heard a report from Rabbi Eugene Mihaly, professor at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, who had stated that intermarriage between Jews and other religious groups is increasing and will continue.

The CCAR, rabbinical organization of Reform Judaism in America, also adopted resolutions today strongly censuring the State Department for its failure to protest more vigorously against Soviet restrictions on Jews; expressing opposition to nuclear testing by any nation; endorsing President Kennedy's Medicare program for the aged; and sharply condemning the so-called Christian anti-Communist Crusade and other extreme right-wing groups as "ominous threats to American freedom and democracy."

The convention also approved the report of a special committee on the relation of Reform Judaism and the State of Israel, in which the Reform rabbinate committed itself "to provide the fullest measure of moral and material support and assistance for the people of the State of Israel" but declared that American and Israeli Jews have no right to speak for each other.

The rabbis today also called upon the United States Government to act without further delay in demanding and initiating steps toward an Arab-Israel peace settlement. At the same time, the rabbis voiced strong concern over Egyptian President Nasser's use of American economic aid to purchase Soviet arms for use against Israel's people.

Rabbi Mihaly, who reported on mixed marriages, told the rabbis in his report that, while precise statistical data and depth studies of any scope are virtually non-existent, "there is evidence that an ever-increasing number of Jewish men and women are marrying and will continue to marry outside of the Jewish group; that the numbers involved are higher than is generally assumed; and that mixed marriage represents the major cause of attrition of the Jewish community."

Rabbi Mihaly's report was "received" by the convention for publication in the CCAR's yearbook, but was not accompanied by any action other than adoption of his recommendation for the "establishment of a permanent committee" to gather and evaluate available data, initiate new statistical and depth studies, make findings and recommendations to the CCAR, and undertake these projects in conjunction with the other arms of the Reform movement."

The convention and the CCAR executive board agreed that Rabbi Albert G. Minda of Minneapolis and Rabbi Leon Feuer of Toledo, CCAR president and vice-president respectively, were fully authorized in issuing a plea earlier this month for the commutation to life imprisonment of the capital punishment sentence of Adolf Eichmann "in accordance with the standing policy of the CCAR regarding public statements endorsing accepted CCAR principles." Twelve Reform rabbis had issued a statement on their own immediately following the clemency plea issued by Rabbis Minda and Feuer "repudiating" the action of the CCAR president and vice-president.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA ADDRESSES CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY

TORONTO, June 21. (JTA) -- The 13th plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress opened here tonight with some 700 delegates from all parts of Canada attending. The opening session was addressed by Canadian Governor General Georges P. Vanier and Samuel Bronfman, CJC president.

The convention will discuss tomorrow the impact and the role of the Jewish day schools in Canada, the relationships between congregational and community-sponsored schools, the place of Israel as part of Jewish school curricula and the effectiveness of teacher training in Canada. A closed session will be held tomorrow on community relations problems.

Today, Edward E. Barkoff, chairman of the CJC National Committee on Community Services and vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, warned that multiple appeals were mushrooming throughout the Canadian Jewish community. He also charged that many services were not catering to the well-being of the entire community in the case of various hospitals, family agencies and other services.

Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, chairman of the CJC Religious Welfare Committee, called for the formation of all embracing rabbinical and synagogue associations in major Canadian Jewish communities. He noted, however, that the Jewish community was not monolithic and that it was not the intention of such associations to introduce uniformity in Jewish life. He said that within such organizations there is room for diversity leading to unity of action and singleness of purpose.

(The Governor General and Mr. Bronfman had not yet delivered their addresses at the convention by the time the Bulletin went to press.)

'SHARED TIME' ISSUE DISCUSSED AT N. C. R. A. C. PARLEY; STUDY URGED

CINCINNATI, June 21, (JTA) -- A leading American educator urged the 19th plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council here today to give "careful consideration" to the controversial "shared time" proposals for use of public school facilities by pupils of parochial schools.

Dr. David G. Salten, superintendent of schools in New Rochelle, N. Y., told the 250 delegates and guests attending the conference that "any plan which minimizes the tendency toward social stratification and promises some reduction in inter-religious conflict deserves the most painstaking consideration by religious and educational leaders."

Shared time proposals were not new, Dr. Salten reminded the conference. He pointed out that sharing of facilities by public and parochial schools had been in existence for decades in isolated communities. "What gives urgency to our present discussion," he asserted, "is that for the first time in many years public school administrators and religious leaders of the various faiths, aware of the impasse in church-state relations as they affect the schools, are seeking a way to develop the total community support needed for the improvement of American education.

"If such a proposal will bring together young men and women, regardless of race, religion and ethnic background, during part of their period of learning, it deserves our most sympathetic and comprehensive study," Dr. Salten said. He expressed the hope that a philanthropic foundation would underwrite the cost of a study of shared time. Following such a study, there should be "high-level dialogues" among public and religious school educators and religious and civic leaders, he suggested.

The shared-time proposals, which came under heavy attack early this week, at the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, had a mixed reception in the first plenary discussion by the NCRAC. One of the six national constituent agencies of the NCRAC, the American Jewish Congress, came out flatly against the plan. Other delegates complained that the plan would violate separation of church and state.

Protestant-Jewish Relations Analyzed; Impact of Catholic Growth Cited

Rev. Harold E. Fey, editor-in-chief of the Christian Century, liberal Protestant weekly, was the principal speaker in a discussion on Protestant-Jewish relations. He advised the delegates that there were "no certain guidelines, no general formula or pattern which would apply to working with Protestants in every community."

He said that "in some senses, there is no such thing as a Protestant community." He pointed out that while "the early development of the United States and the character of its institutions were strongly influenced by Protestant thoughts, a major aspect of current developments is a recognition by Protestants that ours is no longer a Protestant country."

He declared that while Protestants still outnumbered Catholics in this country by three to two, Catholic growth in the last ten years had been larger than the Protestant in absolute numbers and much larger in percentage of increase. "This development," Dr. Fey asserted, "has sharpened controversy over such issues as separation of church and state and the protection of freedom of expression, on which prevailing views of Protestants and Catholics differ radically and in many specific details."

President Kennedy Lauds Coordinating Efforts of Jewish Groups

In a message to the plenary session read by Lewis H. Weinstein of Boston, NCRAC chairman, President John F. Kennedy told the delegates that "your success in coordinating the efforts of national Jewish religious and civic organizations is of great importance to your communities and to the nation."

"There is no effort too great, and no task too unimportant if it helps us to achieve mutual respect between men of different faiths, creeds, color and background," the President affirmed. "Throughout the world, people look to our democratic ideals, but they also watch to see if our practices live up to our ideals. We are grateful for the work you have done. Best wishes for a fruitful meeting."

Dr. Norman Drachler, assistant superintendent of schools in Detroit, speaking in a symposium at the NCRAC parley, said that Jewish community agencies must align themselves with responsible groups in the community, including the Negro, in seeking improvement of civil rights and liberties. He expressed concern that the activities of Jewish agencies in behalf of Jewish rights "have not sufficiently involved the Negro community."

Dr. Dan W. Dodson, director of the Center for Human Relations and Community Studies at New York University, urged the Jewish community, "which is not too far removed from the same problem," to serve as a mediator and prevent hostility between the Negro and the white community in the struggle of the former for integration.

He paid tribute to the Jewish community, noting that "when American history is written, one of your group's greatest contributions will probably be that you forced upon America a genuinely pluralistic society--one in which we operate through shared power."

61 AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS LEAVE FOR YEAR OF STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- A group of 61 American college and university students sailed for Israel today aboard the Zim Lines' S.S. Jerusalem to spend a year of study at the Hebrew University. The group is composed of 26 young men and 35 young women, all of whom are participants in the American Student Program which is sponsored by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The 1962-63 program is the largest in the eight-year history of this educational undertaking. The 61 students come from 38 colleges and universities throughout America. They represent 17 states, with two students from Canada. The students were selected from among many applicants by the American Student Program Committee, under the chairmanship of Professor Oscar I. Janowsky. The program has the cooperation of the Jewish Agency for Israel and of Israeli cultural representatives.

The 61 Americans will begin their studies at the Hebrew University with an intensive four-month course in Hebrew, the language of instruction at the university. During the remaining eight months they will take university level courses in a variety of fields designed to acquaint them with the history and culture of Israel and the Middle East. Those whose knowledge of Hebrew is sufficiently extensive will be able to take courses selected from the regular curriculum in humanities, social sciences and sciences.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE ANNOUNCES 17 NEW AWARDS

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Seventeen fellowships were granted by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture at a meeting of its executive committee held today. The fellows will be engaged in the pursuit of advanced degrees in Judaic learning at the following universities: Brandeis University, University of Chicago, Columbia University, New York University and the University of Wisconsin. A special grant was also made to Johns Hopkins University to support the classes being conducted in Hebrew Language and Literature at the Oriental Seminary by Dr. Samuel Iwry.

These grants bring the total amount allocated by the Foundation for scholarships, fellowships and grants-in-aid to scholars to \$100,000. It was also announced that a special grant was received from the Morris L. Schaver Foundation of Detroit which will be used for the preparation of a biography of a renowned Jewish scholar and the author and subject will be announced at a later date.

LESSING ROSENWALD DONATES 54 ACRES OF LAND TO PHILADELPHIA SUBURB

PHILADELPHIA, June 21. (JTA) -- Lessing J. Rosenwald and Mrs. Rosenwald plan to donate 75 additional acres of their large estate in the Philadelphia suburbs to Abington Township, for use as a public park, it was learned here today. The Rosenwalds had already given the township 54 acres, now used as Alverthorpe Park. More than 12,000 persons visited the park in the last week, since it was officially opened by the township.

The Rosenwalds indicated today that, in addition to enlarging the park, they plan also to will their former residence on their estate to the township for use as a cultural project. The home is now used as a repository for the Lessing Rosenwald collection of paintings, prints and manuscripts.

PANAMA CONFERS HIGHEST DECORATION ON DIRECTOR OF JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

BALBOA, Canal Zone, June 21. (JTA) -- The Order of Balboa, the highest decoration awarded by the Republic of Panama, was conferred on Rabbi Nathan Witkin in a surprise ceremony here during a testimonial to his 25 years of service in the Caribbean area. Rabbi Witkin is USO area director and director of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Panama Servicemen's Club.

The citation accompanying the award paid tribute to Rabbi Witkin's "silent but most effective work which has gained for him the appreciation of all who come for spiritual guidance or any other kind of aid" as "an example for the whole community." The citation notes that in addition to Rabbi Witkin's work throughout the Caribbean on behalf of the Armed Forces "his social welfare activities benefit both the Panama and Canal Zone" civilian communities.

CONNECTICUT JEWISH LEDGER MARKS 33RD ANNIVERSARY; RECEIVES GREETINGS

HARTFORD, Conn., June 21. (JTA) -- Congratulatory messages were received by the Connecticut Jewish Ledger today from state governmental officials on the Jewish weekly's 33rd anniversary.

Founded in 1929 by the late Samuel Neusner, with the assistance of Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, the weekly was originally known as the Springfield Jewish Ledger. Later the title was changed to the present one as the weekly's circulation and news coverage was extended to cover the entire state. Rabbi Feldman has been the only editor of the Ledger since it was started 33 years ago.