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ISSUES AFFECTING ISRAEL PLACED ON AGENDA OF U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 24. (JTA) -- Three points of specific concern Israel -- and several other items of interest to Jewry in general -- are on the provisional agenda of the 17th session of the General Assembly, issued here today. The Assembly is scheduled to convene September 18.

The matters of direct interest to Israel refer to the United Nations Emergency Force, on guard against Arab-Israeli conflicts in the Gaza Strip and at Sharm el-Sheikh, overlooking the Gulf of Akaba; and the work of the United Nations Relief Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

The 79-point agenda contains two separate items dealing with UNEF. One deals with the routine annual report of UNEF operations and the annual budget for maintenance of the Force. The other refers to the advisory opinion handed down by the International Court of Justice which ruled last week, 9-5, that all member states must share in the costs of UNEF and of the U.N. operations in the Congo. A stiff fight on approval of the Court's ruling is expected here, since the decision was aimed sharply at the Soviet and Arab countries which have, thus far, refused to pay their shares of the UNEF costs.

As to the Arab refugee question, there will also be two separate reports. One will be by the Palestine Conciliation Commission and its special Middle East envoy, Joseph E. Johnson, who has been charged for the second successive year with the task of finding some possible easement of the Arab refugee problem in consultation with the Arab states affected and with Israel. Both the Davis and the Johnson reports are certain to involve heated debates.

General Assembly to Decide on the Future of U.N. Relief to Arabs

This year's Assembly faces a major decision in connection with the Arab refugee problem. The current mandate of the agency caring for the refugees expires on June 30, 1963. Since the United States Government pays about 70 per cent of the UNRWA budget, and has to date spent more than \$250,000,000 to aid the refugees through UNRWA alone, the Washington Administration's plans in regard to UNRWA will be decisive here. Thus far, however, the U.S. delegation has announced nothing of its plans regarding the continuation of the UNRWA after its term expires.

In connection with the refugee debate, it is also likely that another resolution will be introduced by African and Latin American delegations, calling for direct, face-to-face peace negotiations between the Arab states and Israel. Sixteen member states introduced such a resolution last year, but the draft was defeated when the permanent powers, led by the United States, refused to back it.

The agenda items of interest to the world Jewish community at large deal primarily with human rights. There are three distinct items on the agenda in this field. One concerns possible progress in the adoption of two international conventions on human rights, a subject under debate here for nearly nine years. Another proposes a U.N. declaration on the right of asylum. The third would condemn racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance in the countries of all member states.

EUROPEAN MINISTERS TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF LINKING ISRAEL TO EUROMART

BRUSSELS, July 24. (JTA) -- The European Economic Community's possible creation of a link between Israel and the European Common Market was postponed today until next September at the earliest. The EEC's Council of Ministers, which convened here yesterday for its 17th session, voted today to request the permanent representatives of EEC's six members to file reports by September concerning Euromart-Israeli relations.

200 WITNESSES TO TESTIFY AGAINST NAZI 'EUTHANASIA DOCTOR' IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, July 24. (JTA) -- More than 200 witnesses have been located for the forthcoming trial of Dr. Werner Heyde, the Nazi "euthanasia doctor" and former SS officer, who was indicted yesterday in the murder of more than 100,000 persons, the Hesse Chief Public Prosecution office announced today.

Dr. Heyde, as head of the Reich Society for Mental Institutions, was one of Hitler's chief planners in the disposal of those considered as unfit to live for various reasons. Evidence at the various Nazi war crimes trials indicated that about 60,000 inmates of mental hospitals and 140,000 prisoners in concentration camps were slaughtered in the euthanasia program.

The announcement indicated that the reason for the long delay in bringing Dr. Heyde to trial was the immensity of the task of assembling the documentary evidence and arranging for witnesses. The indictment totals more than 800 pages. Described as "colossal," the documentation consists mostly of the files of asylums where Dr. Heyde and two co-defendants did most of the medical killings, in addition to those in the camps.

According to the indictment, Dr. Heyde had the final word in preparing medical opinions on those selected to be killed. The other defendants are Dr. Herard Bohne, of Dusseldorf, charged with responsibility for the "mercy killing" program until April, 1940 and Dr. Hans Hefelman, of Munich, a close collaborator of Dr. Heyde. Dr. Bohne is being held in jail with Heyde, awaiting the trial. Dr. Hefelman was released a year ago on bail for reasons of health. Dr. Bohne was charged specifically with the murder of 15,000 persons and Dr. Hefelman with the killing of 73,000.

The trial will be held this fall before a jury court in Limburg, a small town near Hadamar which was the site of one of the mental institutions where the euthanasia program was carried out. Dr. Heyde assumed the alias of Fritz Sawade after World War II. He obtained a job as a psychiatric expert under that alias from the Schleswig-Holstein state government.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT CRITICIZED FOR REFUSING TO RATIFY GENOCIDE PACT

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- Sir Barnett Janner criticized in the House of Commons today the British Government's decision against adhering to the International Genocide Convention which would outlaw mass murder like that committed by the Nazis against European Jewry during World War II.

He said that recent events in which people preached Nazism and praised "the arch-priest of Genocide, Hitler," made it more imperative than ever that Britain should accede to the convention.

"We are looked upon by the rest of the world as leaders of moral and political principles," he asserted. "What are the 65 nations who have accepted this pact, including members of our own Commonwealth, going to think? How can we expect them to regard us with other than disrespect?"

Replying for the Government, Peter Thomas, Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, quoted from the statement in Commons last week by Lord Privy Seal Edward Heath, who made the announcement that Britain had decided not to adhere to the Convention. He repeated Heath's argument that one effect of Britain's approving the convention would be that the country would have to forego its traditional right to give political asylum to refugees in cases involving purely political offenses.

KNESSET BANS PIG-RAISING IN ISRAEL; FARMERS GET YEAR TO SELL STOCK

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament approved yesterday by a vote of 42 to 15 a ban on pig-raising in Israel. The bill became law after a third reading. It prohibits the "raising, keeping or slaughtering" of swine except in Nazareth and six other places which have a large Christian population. Both Jewish and Moslem religious law forbids eating of pork.

The bill, introduced as a private members measure by six members of five parties, was supported by the three religious parties, Mapai, Herut and the Liberals. The new law allows pig farmers a year to dispose of present holdings of pigs. After that date, anyone caught raising the animals, except for scientific purposes or display in zoos, will face a fine of 1,000 pounds (\$333). Renting of premises for a pig sty carries a fine of 500 pounds.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT TO START ON STATE VISITS TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- President Ben-Zvi and Mrs. Ben-Zvi will leave Sunday on state visits to several African countries, including the Congo, Central African Republic and Liberia, it was announced here today.

ARGENTINE TERRORISTS BRAND NON-JEW WITH SWASTIKA; MISTOOK HIM FOR JEW

BUENOS AIRES, July 24. (JTA) -- A new swastika-branding incident was reported today to have occurred in San Juan, in northern Argentina. At the same time, police in Bahia Blanca, a port city in southern Argentina, reported the arrest of a juvenile gang of eight youths charged with trying to bomb a synagogue there several weeks ago.

The victim in San Juan was Humberto Araoz, an 18-year-old Christian naval college cadet who apparently was mistaken by his attackers for a Jew. He was spending his vacation in San Juan dressed in civilian clothing. The cadet was attacked yesterday by five assailants, who slugged him and then took him to a deserted area where they tortured him with lighted cigarets and then carved a swastika on his chest and another on his wrist. After tying him up, they abandoned him.

The anti-Semitic attacks in Argentina and neighboring countries were discussed at the annual plenary assembly of the DAIA, the central body of Argentine Jewry. Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, DAIA president, told the assembly that the incidents proved that the "Nazi structure" in Latin America was intact regardless of official declarations to the contrary and that the situation required a permanent state of alertness. The outgoing executive board of the DAIA received a vote of approval by acclamation for its activities in recent weeks.

Uruguay Takes Steps to Track Down Anti-Jewish Terrorists

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- The Uruguayan Embassy in Washington has informed the World Jewish Congress here that steps have been taken by the Uruguayan authorities to track down and punish the perpetrators of recent swastika carving attacks in Montevideo.

The attacks, in which swastikas were carved on the bodies of a girl and a doctor, were brought to the attention of the Uruguayan Embassy in Washington by Samuel Bronfman, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress and Chairman of the North American executive committee of the organization.

In a telegram to Mr. Bronfman, Mr. Bautista Ochoteco, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Uruguay in Washington, stated that the Uruguayan authorities "have taken the proper steps to uncover and punish the perpetrators of the crime involving the carving of swastikas on a young girl's body." The Uruguayan official added that the incidents had provoked "unanimous condemnation in all sectors of Uruguayan society."

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CENSUS SHOWS 254,368 JEWS RESIDE IN CANADA

MONTREAL, July 24. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress considers 254,368 the correct figure for the number of Jews in Canada, Dr. Louis Rosenberg, director of the Congress Bureau of Social and Economic Research, said today. The census figures on nationalities, released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics last week, gives two figures on Jews -- 254,368 as those reporting Jewish religion and 173,344 as those reporting Jewish ethnic origin.

Dr. Rosenberg said the discrepancy arises usually from misunderstanding, either by the census enumerator or the person interviewed, of the questions regarding religion and ethnic origin. Many who describe themselves as of the Jewish religion list themselves as of the ethnic origin of the country from which they or their parents came to Canada. Dr. Rosenberg said that in fact those of Jewish religion are also of Jewish ethnic origin except for a few converts to Judaism.

Relatively little difference appeared in the two figures until the 1951 census when the manner of reporting the census was changed slightly. In 1951, the census figures listed some 204,836 of the Jewish religion and 181,600 of Jewish ethnic origin. In the 1941 census, the difference between the two figures was less than one and one half per cent.

Since the Second World War, large numbers of Jews have immigrated to Canada and it has been among these people, Dr. Rosenberg said, that there has been a tendency to give different replies to the census questions on religion and ethnic origin. The tendency is particularly noticeable in centers of small Jewish population, he said.

JUDGE TOBRINER TAKES OFFICE AS JUSTICE OF CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24. (JTA) -- Judge Mathew O. Tobriner has taken office as a justice of the California Supreme Court, the third Jewish member of the state's highest court in the history of California. He was nominated to the Supreme Court by Gov. Brown.

SWASTIKA SMEARERS APPEAL TO U.S. SUPREME COURT ON PRISON SENTENCE

NORWALK, Conn., July 24. (JTA) -- Attorneys for two men sentenced here to two months' imprisonment each for painting a swastika on the wall of the Beth Israel Synagogue appealed their cases to the U.S. Supreme Court today. Associate State Supreme Court Justice James E. Murphy suspended the sentences, pending the U.S. Supreme Court's determination of the case.

The appeal is based on the defense contention that some of the evidence introduced at their trial had been seized illegally. The swastika smearing occurred in February, 1960. They were sentenced in May of that year, but appealed to the State Supreme Court of Errors, which finally approved the lower court's judgment and sentence. The men, Harold Fahy of this city and William Arnold, now of Milford, Pa., were ordered by the court to be freed on bail pending the High Tribunal's decision.

BELZER YESHIVA IN BROOKLYN DAMAGED BY VANDALS; RECORDS DESTROYED

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- The third vandalism in a week against the Belzer Yeshiva in Brooklyn was reported by its director, Rabbi Zvi Kestenbaum. He estimated damages at several thousand dollars.

He said that the vandals entered the building during the weekend and destroyed school records and other documents. They also ransacked luggage of pupils preparing to attend camp and poured paint on floors which they tracked through the building.

POLISH GOVERNMENT TO PUBLISH YIDDISH DIARY ON LODZ GHETTO

VIENNA, July 24. (JTA) -- A Yiddish diary discovered near Crematorium III of the Auschwitz death camp has been found to contain reports on life in the Lodz ghetto under the Nazi occupation of Poland, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

Partial contents of the diary were disclosed following preliminary work in deciphering the 354-page document carried out by the Polish State Publishing House in conjunction with the Central Commission for Research of Nazi crimes in Poland. The first part of the diary consisted of impressions and descriptions of Jews who suffered the horrors of the Lodz ghetto.

Announcement of the forthcoming publication of the diary under the title "Seek in the Ashes," has created great interest in various countries with a number of publishing houses in Italy, West Germany and France endeavoring to obtain the rights to reprint the Polish edition.

TRANSLATIONS OF WORKS OF MENDELE MOCHER SFORIM PUBLISHED IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, July 24. (JTA) -- Radio Frankfurt announced today that German translations of some of the major works of Mendele Mocher Sforim, one of the most prominent Yiddish writers, have been published in West Germany.

The two-volume translation contains "Fischke der Krumer," "Der Wunschring" and "Schloimele." The radio announced the publication in a program honoring the Yiddish writer's personality and literary art. Mendele Mocher Sforim was the pen name of Shalom Jacob Abramowitch, who was born in Russia in 1936 and died in 1917.

It was also announced today that the ministries of education of the 11 West German states have allocated a total of 40,000 Deutschmarks (\$10,000) for the publication in German of the works of Martin Buber, the world-renowned Israeli philosopher. The first volume is scheduled to appear next fall.

EXHIBITION OF ISRAELI ARTS AND CRAFTS OPENS IN GERMAN MUSEUM

MUNICH, July 24. (JTA) -- An exhibition of Israeli arts and crafts was opened today at the Munich Municipal Museum. It was considered the most comprehensive show of its kind so far shown in West Germany. The exhibition included some 600 items made by 50 Israeli artists.

A special section featured new Hebrew translations of German classics and poetry of the 19th Century, including a Hebrew edition of the poems of Rainer Maria Rilke, illustrated by Marc Chagall.

ISRAEL AND IVORY COAST SIGN TREATY OF MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AND AID

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- Israel and the Ivory Coast signed yesterday a treaty of mutual friendship and agreement for cultural and technical cooperation as the highlight of the current state visit of President Felix Houphouet-Boigny.

The Ivory Coast President joined with Israel President Ben-Zvi in planting the first saplings in a 10,000-tree forest which is a personal gift of the visiting head of state.