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JEWISH AGENCY DISCUSSES 1963-64 BUDGET; ESTIMATE BASED ON IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency plenary session opened a discussion today on the 1963-1964 budget draft which is based on an estimate that immigration to Israel will continue on the same substantial scale as during the prior year. The budget is expected to be slightly higher than the current year's 370,000,000 pounds (\$123,333,333).

The discussion centered on the financial difficulties which were being encountered by the Agency and the possibilities of cutting expenditures because of accumulating debts. It was reported that at a meeting of the Government-Jewish Agency coordinating committee today, Agency representatives planned to press for a larger governmental share in settlement projects and for a reduction in the Agency's financial participation in providing immigrant housing.

Another topic understood to be on the agenda for the coordinating committee meeting today is a planned special fund-raising campaign for higher education in Israel to narrow the gap between primary and secondary education. The plan evoked some opposition among United Jewish Appeal leaders on their most recent mission to Israel.

Proposed by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, the plan envisages a limited campaign embracing small circles of big donors but UJA leaders indicated they felt such an effort might clash with UJA fund-raising and they proposed to keep it within the general framework of UJA campaigns. A special subcommittee was expected to be set up to review this matter.

The plenary also discussed today the question of creation of a Jewish education council decided on at the World Conference on Jewish Education held in Jerusalem last August. Representatives of the organizations which took part in the conference will meet in New York City in March to discuss the budget and other details to implement decisions taken at the Jerusalem parley, including the establishment of central offices.

ISRAEL REPORTED 'VERY ALARMED' OVER GROWTH OF EGYPTIAN REARMAMENT

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The feeling that the Arab-Israel situation is now "very dangerous, just like before the Sinai campaign in 1956," was expressed here today by Anthony Wedgwood Benn--Lord Tansgate--following his return from Israel. "Israel," he reported over the radio, is "very alarmed at the Egyptian rearmament and very desperate."

"Time is moving against Israel," he said. "The Arab countries are getting arms from both sides--from the West and the East. The differential in the morale between the Israeli and Arab troops, which used to be very important, is now diminishing with the acquisition by the Arab governments of more technical weapons."

He suggested that Israel should take the initiative in solving the Arab refugee problem by agreeing to admit one Arab refugee to every 10 Jews entering Israel under the Law of Return. "An initiative by Israel on the Arab refugee question would have several advantages," he asserted. "There would be some technical cooperation between Israel and the Arabs; Israel would obtain a sort of de facto recognition by the Arabs; and a category of refugees would be created who have chosen not to return to Israel and therefore would be eligible for resettlement in the Arab countries."

Arab Countries on the Alert Against Nasser; Fear Coup

The London Daily Mail meanwhile reported today that almost every Arab country in the Middle East was on the alert against President Nasser of Egypt for a possible coup. The newspaper asserted that "this powder keg corner of the world is nearer to an explosion now than it has ever been in the year of intrigue, plotting and craving for power by the man who waits in Cairo."

The London Times, reporting the closing of the Syrian border with Lebanon, said this appeared to be a prelude to a strong move against pro-Nasser elements. The official explanation was the desire to prevent infiltration of pro-Nasser and subversive elements into Syria.

ISRAEL MINISTERIAL BODY STUDIES DEFINITION OF 'JEWISH NATIONAL'

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A draft bill for population registry now under study by a Ministerial legislative committee includes a definition of a Jewish national as being an Israeli who has not registered as a member of another religion, it was disclosed today.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said the bill "contains nothing new on matters under public discussion" except that for the first time, it would provide legislative sanction for a clearer legislative definition.

KNESSET AGAIN POSTPONES VOTING ON EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROJECT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A Parliamentary decision on introduction of educational television in Israel, scheduled for a vote today, was again postponed because of continued indecision by the coalition government on whether to permit a free vote on the question.

The Government has accepted by a narrow majority an offer by the Rothschild group to underwrite an experimental television system. Some members of the coalition have asked to be released from their obligation to support the project when it finally comes up for a Knesset vote on ratification. Under the present coalition agreement on collective responsibility, all coalition parties must resign from the coalition if they fail to support a government bill without prior permission to do so.

The controversial issue has been hotly debated in several Knesset sessions without a majority vote in sight. Education Minister Abba Eban had been scheduled to wind up the debate today but that aspect of the procedure also has been postponed. He scheduled a meeting today with the Liberal party's Knesset group in a bid to seek their support after he held an inconclusive meeting last night with the National Religious party for the same objective.

The heads of the Hebrew University, the Haifa Technion and the Weizmann Institute meanwhile publicly announced their full support for the project. In a joint letter to the Education Minister they asked that this stand be made known before the Parliamentary vote. It appeared now that Mr. Eban's summary will not be heard before next week and in the interim the coalition may take a stand on the demand of some coalition partners for a free vote on the issue.

ISRAELI EMISSARIES TO LEAVE FOR U.S. ON TWO-YEAR MISSION FOR J.N.F.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A number of special emissaries, including several retired high army officers, will soon leave Israel on a two-year mission to the United States on invitation of the Jewish National Fund, it was announced here today.

They will have special assignments in a new JNF Foundation created to develop a pool of funds through insurance bequests for JNF projects in Israel. The arrangements for the mission were concluded by Mendel Fisher, JNF consultant, who discussed the idea with Yaacov Tzur, chairman of the JNF board here and with high officials of the Jewish Agency and the Government.

Mr. Fisher also announced that a JNF convocation would be held in New York City next October, which will be attended by Mr. Tzur and top government and Jewish Agency leaders. During his visit, Mr. Fisher also made final arrangements for the building of the Bnai Zion Student House at the Ein Hod Artists colony. The student house, which will cost \$50,000, will provide accommodations for needy art students in Israel.

FINNISH MISSION SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM INTERVENES FOR YESHIVA STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Officials of the Finnish Mission school in Jerusalem asked police today to drop charges against nine yeshiva students who were arrested in the stoning of the school on January 3.

The students were held on charges of going on an anti-missionary rampage, along with 50 others, smashed windows in the Finnish school and in the Zion Christian mission. The Finnish school officials told police that according to the tenets of their Christian sect, authorities should not be asked to act against those harming the sect.

KENNEDY TO NOMINATE CHICAGO JEWISH LAWYER AS ENVOY TO UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 15. (JTA) -- President Kennedy announced today his intention to nominate Sidney R. Yates, Chicago Jewish lawyer, as United States representative to the United Nations Trusteeship Council, with the rank of Ambassador.

Born in Chicago in 1909, Mr. Yates was educated in public schools there and graduated in 1931 from University of Chicago and from University of Chicago Law School in 1933. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and was elected to Congress from the 9th Congressional District of Illinois in 1948 as nominee of the Democratic Party. He was later re-elected to six succeeding Congresses.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND RACE DISCUSSES ANTI-SEMITISM

CHICAGO, Jan. 15. (JTA) - The National Conference on Religion and Race, the first Catholic-Protestant-Jewish convocation of this kind in the United States, in what is called here the "ecumenical spirit" turned for a time today from anti-Negro prejudices to anti-Semitism. The subject was projected formally at a morning plenary session attended by the more than 1,000 delegates and observers, lay and clerical, participating in the conference which opened yesterday for four days.

Anti-Semitism was hit forthrightly by the only speaker of the session, Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of Church History at one of American Protestantism's foremost educational institutions, the Chicago Theological Seminary. The session was presided over by Rabbi Erwin M. Blank, chairman of the social action commission of the Synagogue Council of America, one of the three national organizations which convened the conference.

"Anti-Semitism," Dr. Littell said, "is perhaps the surest seismographic measurement of totalitarian systems and pre-totalitarian movements. The reasons are twofold. In the first place, on the edge of the jungle, the law is an especially wonderful thing and those who represent the ancient tradition of law and order in societies where violence and anarchy are incipient are the special targets of wicked men who live by chaos. More important, however, the Jews are the special objects of animosity when people are determined to revert to tribal religion.

Bombing of Synagogue Denounced; Tribalism Assailed

"Whether personally religious or not, the Jew by his very existence represents the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and His authorship of world history. This is what the baptized also stand for in their baptismal and confirmation vows but when totalitarian movements arise the Gentile can take on protective coloration; he can apostasize, revert to a more primitive state, betray his baptism. The Jew cannot," the Protestant spiritual leader stated.

Denouncing the bombing of synagogues and other acts of anti-Jewish violence, Dr. Littell said: "It is not accident but a dreadful portent that, precisely at the moment when White Citizens Councils, Circuit Riders, Minute Men, John Birchers and all the denizens of the political sewers are uniting to attack the Supreme Court, the remaining centers of free discussion among the churches, the universities and the trade unions, just synagogues should be bombed in our cities.

"Christians are 'spiritual Semites.' The only tribal religion which the Christians can affirm is recorded in the first stage of their history, in the Old Testament. Reversion to pre-baptism, tribalism, whether racist or totalitarian--ideological, are rooted in hatred of the church and her claims, even though the Jews are often the first victims of the revolt out of the abyss," he stressed.

Danger of Anti-Semitism Among Negroes Raised at Parley

William Stringfellow, a New York attorney who emphasized that he is a "white Anglo-Saxon Protestant," warned the Conference last night against the danger of anti-Semitism among Negroes. The subject of Negro anti-Semitism had not been on the agenda. Deploring what he called the failure to plan genuine action against bigotry of all kinds, Mr. Stringfellow said:

"What has been latent for a long time, in the North at least, Negro anti-Semitism, has now come out into the open. There have been some attempts to boycott Jewish merchants on 115th Street in Harlem, New York's largest Negro ghetto. To me, as a white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant, whatever other meaning this has, it is an excruciating dilemma. On the one hand, the White Protestants stand alongside Jews as victims of the broader hostility of the Negroes to white people. Protestants are victims of something for which they themselves are responsible."

Mr. Stringfellow also spoke of the Black Muslims in the United States and the danger they pose. Albert Vorspan, director of the Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who was the next speaker, did not allude to Mr. Stringfellow's stricture on Negro anti-Semitism but said that "growing dichotomies" are building racial tensions and are feeding the Black Muslims.

Mr. Vorspan cited the fact that in Chicago and in Detroit, Catholics, Jews and Protestants have got together to fight racism "toward an integrated community." He expressed the hope that the National Conference would succeed in "developing a meaningful and active social action program."

Following the plenary session, at which Professor Littell turned the conference from consideration of anti-Negroism to anti-Semitism, the convocation was divided into four simultaneous but separate forums dealing with these subjects: 1. The inner life of the church and synagogue; 2. The responsibility of church and synagogue as institutions in the community; 3. The role of church and synagogue in a racially changing community; and 4. The relation of church and synagogue to other community forces.

BELGIAN NOTABLES FORM BODY TO ERECT MONUMENT FOR JEWISH MARTYRS

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A Commission for the National Monument to the Jewish Martyrs from Belgium, under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth and leading Belgian personalities, was organized here today to erect a memorial to the 25,000 Jews deported from Nazi-occupied Belgium to their deaths in concentration camps.

The memorial will be built in April 1964, in the former "Jewish District" of Anderlecht. The initiative for the idea was taken by the Union of Jewish Deportees in Belgium. Other patrons of the commission include Cardinal Suenens, the President of the Senate, the Minister of Education, the Israeli Ambassador and others.

A national campaign to collect funds for the memorial will be started this year. Nat Neujean, the Jewish sculptor commissioned for the memorial design, prepared nine models which are now on display at the Palais Des Breux Arts here.

AGREEMENT ON SUPERVISION OF KASHRUTH ON EL AL PLANES REACHED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A four-month-old dispute over kashruth supervision on El Al planes was resolved today when Transport Minister Israel Bar Yehuda told the Cabinet he had reached an agreement on the matter with Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig.

The Transport Minister said he would issue directives jointly with Dr. Warhaftig to enable the Chief Rabbinate's Kashruth division to inspect food arrangements on the airline. El Al will make available several trips annually on its planes for representatives of the division who will make inspections at plane stops. If unsatisfactory kashruth arrangements are found by the representatives, they will be submitted to El Al's administration for prompt investigation.

GERMAN PUBLISHER GIVES \$20,000 TO NEW YORK JEWISH INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A German publisher will help to finance continuing research on the history of German-speaking Jewry, Dr. Max Gruenwald, president of the Leo Baeck Institute here announced today. The grant was received from Axel Springer, creator of the biggest chain of newspapers and magazines in Germany and Central Europe.

The Leo Baeck Institute was founded in 1955 to re-trace, collect and preserve factual data on the history and creative thought and achievements of all Jews in German-speaking countries. It bears the name of Rabbi Baeck, noted scholar and chosen representative of German Jewry in its darkest hours, who after his liberation from the Theresienstadt concentration camp, was elected president of the Council of Jews from Germany.

In a letter accompanying the check, Mr. Springer suggested that \$15,000 of the donation might be used to establish a special fund to advance the aims and work of the Institute, and \$5,000 be devoted to the expansion of its physical facilities.

FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE ANNOUNCES AWARDS TO STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Three awards for Master's Essays on a Jewish subject submitted to American and Canadian Universities in 1962 were announced by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture today. The awards are given annually by the Esther and Louis LaMed Fund of Detroit, and are intended to bring to public attention the work being done by students and young scholars in the field of Judaic studies, as well as to encourage such writing.

The winner of the first prize of \$250 was Vera Zabelle of New York for her essay "Joseph Ha-Cohen: His View of World History," towards a degree from Columbia University. Second prizes of \$100 each were awarded to Robert E. Levinson of Eugene, Oregon, for his thesis "The Jews of Jacksonville, Oregon," towards a degree at the University of Oregon; and to Mrs. Shulamis Yelin of Montreal for her essay "Carroll Ryan, The Growth of a Man" towards a degree from the University of Montreal.

ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ADDRESSES LAWYERS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Justice Haim Cohn, a member of Israel's Supreme Court, told a meeting of leaders of the legal profession here last night that the Institute of Jewish Law, just established at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is of great importance to the future development of Israeli law.

One of the first and major tasks of the Institute is the compilation of the legal material contained throughout Jewish literature, he said. This will be of tremendous value in the formulation of legislation by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. Justice Cohn told the gathering of New York judges and lawyers at the national offices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.