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ADMINISTRATION OMITTS MEASURE CHECKING ARAB BIAS AGAINST U. S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The Administration made known today in budget proposals for fiscal 1964 submitted to Congress that "it is proposed to omit" the clause in the Foreign Assistance Act pertaining to Arab bias affecting Americans of Jewish faith.

The anti-bias clause, inserted last year by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, never met with State Department approval. The Department's view is that such a clause might be offensive to the Arab states and that beneficiaries of American aid should not be "coerced" by attaching "strings" to the aid program. The new budget proposals, just released by the Executive Department, revealed that the State Department view has been accepted by the Administration.

The clause designated for elimination in fiscal 1964 is section 106. It states that "it is the sense of Congress that any attempt by foreign nations to create distinctions because of their race or religion among American citizens in the granting of personal or commercial access or any other rights otherwise available to United States citizens generally is repugnant to our principles; and in all negotiations between the United States and any foreign state arising as a result of funds appropriated under this title these principles shall be applied as the President may determine."

The Bureau of the Budget marked this section with heavy black brackets, stating that this meant it was proposed to omit this clause.

Rep. Farbstein, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, said today that he intends to re-introduce the anti-bias clause in the new legislation regardless of the State Department's desires. He said that "Congress cannot force the State Department to implement its wishes but at least through this clause the world knows how the United States Congress feels about the imposition of religious bigotry on American citizens by nations receiving American assistance."

ALGERIA TO CONSIDER JEWS AS MEMBERS OF FRENCH MINORITY IN THE COUNTRY

PARIS, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Nationality Law which the Algerian Government will present to Algeria's National Assembly next month contains specific provisions to permit the few remaining Jews in the former French colony to choose French citizenship, it was reported here today.

The law defines as Algerians only those residents whose ancestors go back three generations born in Algeria and who conform to Moslem civil law. This religious provision was included to assure Algeria's Jews that they will be considered "a French minority," with the same option as others in that minority to choose French citizenship by July 1965.

The Evian agreement by which Algeria received independence from France gives citizens resident in Algeria the opportunity to choose either nationality within three years.

Throughout the Algerian struggle for independence, leaders of the independence movement who were then in exile expressed their determination to treat Algerian Jews, after independence was won, as "Algerian natives." The mass exodus of Algerian Jews immediately after independence day was believed to have induced Algerian Government leaders to try to reassure the few remaining Jews so that they will remain in Algeria.

U. N. BODY CONTINUES DISCUSSION ON RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR COUNTRY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Discrimination against a person wishing to leave his country, and the exercise of this right, were the subject of further discussion today in the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The Subcommittee is considering a study on this subject prepared, at its request by a special rapporteur, Jose D. Ingles, of the Philippines. Revised recommendations by the rapporteur suggest:

1. Every national of a country is entitled, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, marriage or other status, to leave his country, temporarily or permanently.

2. Any national who wishes to leave his country permanently is entitled to take with him his property or the proceeds thereof within the limits allowed by national laws governing the disposition of property and the export of currency, subject only to the satisfaction of his local obligations.

ISRAELI MINISTRY SUSPENDS OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH RECEIVING BRIBE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Israeli Health Minister Moshe Shapiro said today that the Ministry had decided to suspend without pay Yehuda Spiegel, the Ministry's Deputy Director-General, who was arrested last week on charges of receiving a bribe.

The suspended official had been in charge of planning for millions of pounds worth of hospital construction. Various building firms were said to have been involved in the alleged bribery. A lawyer and three building contractors were charged with the official. The five defendants were released Monday on bail.

Yizhak Rafael, the Deputy Minister, meanwhile denied today a statement by one of the defendants, Sholmo Gur, who asserted that Mr. Rafael had awarded him a contract for supervision of construction of the Tel Giborim Hospital. Police said their investigation into the case, in which Mr. Spiegel was accused of taking a bribe of 40,000 pounds (\$13,300) was being completed and that their findings would be submitted soon to the district attorney's office.

In another development, the National Religious Party, of which Spiegel is a leading member, issued a statement denouncing "insinuations" aimed at involving the party in the case and "discrediting" it. The statement said that the party would take legal action against all persons responsible for disseminating such slanders.

ISRAEL'S INTERIOR MINISTER DISSOLVES BEERSHEBA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Moshe Shapiro, acting in his capacity as Interior Minister, decided today to dissolve the Beersheba Municipal Council and set up a commission to run the city's tangled municipal affairs until new elections are held.

A crisis developed when Mayor Zeeb Zarisi, a member of Mapam, lost his majority on the Beersheba Council after the Liberal party member of the Council, Abraham Fleisher, defected to the opposition which includes Mapai. The opposition was unable to form a city government because of a rebellion by David Macham, a Mapai member of the Council. No date has been set for a new election.

TWO ISRAELIS WOUNDED BY ARAB INFILTRATORS FROM JORDAN AND GAZA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Two Israelis were wounded by infiltrators from Jordan and from the Gaza Strip last night, it was officially reported here today.

A member of the Eyal kibbutz near the Jordanian border was wounded when two armed infiltrators shot at him. The other victim was an elderly grove watchman who was seriously wounded while on night patrol. He was shot at close range by the Arabs.

GERMAN PRESS DENOUNCES RELEASE OF NAZI SENTENCED FOR KILLING JEWS

MUNICH, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The release of Martin Fellenz, who directed the removal of 40,000 Jews from five towns in the Krakow area to Nazi death camps, was denounced here today by two leading West German newspapers. Fellenz was last week sentenced to four years of hard labor but was immediately released on probation because he had been jailed for 30 months while awaiting trial. Both prosecution and defense lodged appeals with the West German federal high court at Karlsruhe against the sentence.

The Sud Deutsche Zeitung of Munich asked sarcastically, in a lead editorial, whether "probation" meant that "Fellenz would no more participate in any pogrom." The paper added with indignation, "perhaps there are no longer any Jew murdered."

The Hamburg weekly, Die Zeit, denounced the "inconceivably mild" verdict of the Flensburg jury court against the former SS officer. The prosecution had demanded a life sentence. Die Zeit called the probated sentence "a mockery" and added that "the understanding that injustice must be atoned for can obviously no longer be taken for granted" in West German courts.

The Central Council of Jews in Germany previously had expressed "grave concern" over the sentence, asserting that the effect of the verdict would be to minimize in the eyes of the general public the mass murder of Jews by Nazis in occupied Europe.

BILL ON RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION GETS FIRST READING IN COMMONS

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A bill to ban racial and religious discrimination in Britain, offered for the ninth successive year by Labor MP Fenner Brockway, was given its first reading last night in the House of Commons.

The three-part bill would deal with such bias in public places; in housing and against incitement of racial and religious prejudice. The MP said the portion to bar incitement had become urgent because of the resurgence of fascist propaganda in Britain and he urged the House to accept the measure in its entirety.

CHARTER FOR JEWISH UNIVERSITY SOUGHT IN CONNECTICUT; BILL PRESENTED

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A bill for a charter to incorporate and establish a Jewish University of America in Connecticut, has been introduced in the State House of Representatives.

Rep. Joseph Buckley, a non-Jew, introduced the measure after the proposal had been presented to him by five Connecticut Jewish leaders--Harold B. Yudkin and George Yudkin of Derby, Charles Henschel of New Haven, Dr. J.H. Galen of Shelton and Rabbi Theodore Gluck of Derby.

Goal of the group is to create a Jewish-sponsored university designed to perpetuate Jewish culture but operated on a non-sectarian basis. Harold Yudkin, originator of the plan, said that if the General Assembly approved the measure and the Governor signed it, the corporation would be located in Derby and would start a campaign to raise funds.

Mr. Yudkin, who said he was ready to give 100 acres for such a school in Derby, emphasized that plans were not restricted to his city. He said if any offer was made of greater acreage elsewhere in the state, "that would be fine, too." Rep. Buckley said he had taken part in the project because "it will help to perpetuate Jewish culture and advance general learning."

Mr. Yudkin said it was hoped that the university would begin as a liberal arts college and eventually add post-graduate schools. He told the Connecticut Jewish Ledger that he started back in 1931 to dream of such a university, while he was still attending college. "In 1942, during the war," he said, "I gave the matter more serious thought and began studying the field of education. However, when Brandeis University was started, I felt that the founding of one Jewish university at a time was enough. Now that Brandeis is on a firm footing, we hope to build a new university with contributions from Jews but open to all to attend--regardless of race, religion or color."

BUENOS AIRES UNIVERSITY CONDUCTS STUDY ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN CITY

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A Buenos Aires University survey of anti-Semitic attitudes among 2,078 adult males in the city showed today that there were less anti-Semites among the middle and upper classes than among the lower ones.

The survey was made by the university's Institute of Sociology and was sponsored by the American Jewish Committee. Professor Gino Germani, director of the Institute, reported also that the upper and middle classes, though less anti-Semitic, were more inclined to turn their ideological anti-Semitism into action against Jews. The study found that 27 per cent of the lower classes were anti-Semitic, compared with 11 per cent of the entire sample.

The study also found that 30 per cent of the adult population would give anti-Semitic replies to specific questions about Jews. Questions designed to determine hostility toward foreigners or different ethnic groups evoked greatest rejection of Jews even though xenophobia against foreigners is not widespread--less than three per cent of the sample showing that general attitude.

BRAZILIAN POLICE URGED TO ACT AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH TERRORISTS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 24. (JTA) - A leading Brazilian daily newspaper sharply condemned today the recent outbreak of attacks against a number of Jewish owned business and a Jewish community center in Salvador, the capital of Bahia province. In an editorial published in O Jornal do Rio de Janeiro, the paper called for vigorous action by the police in putting an end to such attacks, the first anti-Jewish outbreaks ever to have occurred in Bahia.

Brazilian police suspect an organized group of anti-Semitic terrorists are responsible for the incidents in which the Jewish establishments were fired on by persons armed with hunting rifles. Some 500 Jewish families live in Salvador.

Noting that similar attacks had been quickly stamped out in other areas by energetic police action and the pressure of public opinion, the paper called for equally energetic police action against the terrorists responsible for the Salvador attacks, "who have been led astray by false prejudice against a people and a race which had contributed much to the progress of humanity."

MEXICO BANS SALE OF ANTI-SEMITIC BOOKS AT AIRPORT BOOKSTORES

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A number of anti-Semitic books have been removed from the shelves of the bookstore at the airport here.

The step was taken following a ban on the sale of such literature at airport facilities issued by Miguel Aleman, chairman of the Mexican Tourist Commission and former President of Mexico. The ban resulted from complaints by the Central Jewish Committee of Mexico over the sale of hate literature at Mexican airports.

JEWISH LEADERS IN PHILADELPHIA DEDICATE NEW TRANSLATION OF TORAH

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A total of 34,000 requests has been received for the new translation of the Pentateuch, the first five Books of the Bible, Edwin Wolf 2nd, chairman of the publication committee of the Jewish Publication Society, reported today at dedication ceremonies here for the translation. A first printing of 50,000 copies will be released to the public Monday.

As part of the ceremony, copies of the first edition were presented to Sol Satinsky, president of the Jewish Publication Society, and to Judge Louis E. Levinthal, honorary president, by Joseph M. First, a member of the Society's board of trustees. The new translation will be offered by the Book of the Month Club.

Mr. Satinsky, commenting on negative reactions to the new translation, said that "it is to be hoped that those few individuals who saw fit, prior to the publication of this historic new translation, to voice criticisms before they had seen the text, will now read it and see for themselves how faithfully this translation adheres to the letter, the meaning and the spirit of the traditional Holy Scriptures."

It was announced that Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg will be the guest speaker at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on February 10 to introduce the new translation.

(The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada issued a statement in New York today declaring that the new English translation of the Pentateuch "has the status of books of heresy which one is not allowed to read, not to propagate." The statement said that the new translation is "a detriment to Jewish religious life" and "a misrepresentation of the Torah.")

SAMUEL H. DAROFF CONGRESS HOUSE DEDICATED; PLAQUE-UNVEILED AT CEREMONY

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The Samuel H. Daroff Congress House, which will be the headquarters of the Greater Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Region of the American Jewish Congress, was dedicated today in special exercises at the new home.

Paul D'Ortona, president of the City Council; Donald B. Hurwitz, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Agencies; and Benjamin B. Levin, past president of the Congress, took part in the dedication. A Daroff family plaque, in honor of Joseph, Michael and Samuel, and in memory of Harry and Ethel Daroff, was unveiled at the ceremony. Judge Victor M. Blanc presided.

A dinner was held after the dedication exercises in honor of Samuel Daroff at which Governor William W. Scranton, Senator Hugh Scott, and Dr. Joachim Prinz, national president of the American Jewish Congress, were the special guests. Mayor James H. J. Tate and Mr. D'Ortona presented the greetings of the city. Nathan L. Edelstein, honorary president of the AJCongress Council, presented a scroll and testimonial to Mr. Daroff and his brothers.

SIR ISAAC WOLFSON, JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, HONORED BY OXFORD UNIVERSITY

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Sir Isaac Wolfson, prominent Jewish philanthropist, was today awarded an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree from Oxford University. When he was presented for the degree, Sir Isaac was described as a "man of outstanding energy, acumen and humanity." The Wolfson Foundation has given 500,000 pounds (\$1,400,000) to Oxford.

(Sir Isaac will visit the United States to discuss with American bankers and businessmen, expansion plans for the Industrial Development Bank of Israel. Sir Isaac is a member of the bank's board of directors, which is composed of English, American and Israeli businessmen and bankers. He is due to arrive in New York this weekend.)

HILLEL FOUNDATION MARKS 20th ANNIVERSARY OF ITS PROGRAM AT N. Y. COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation yesterday marked the 20th anniversary of its program at the City College of New York. Rabbi Arthur Zuckerman directs the Hillel program at City College which has an enrollment of 11,000 Jewish students.

Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, national Hillel director, told a commemorative banquet here that the primary goal of Jewish organizational activity is not Jewish survival, but the perpetuation of Jewish values. He urged that Jewish leaders take a "critical look" at the programs of their organizations to insure that Jewish education is adequately represented.

SECOND GROUP OF 100 TEENAGERS TO LEAVE U.S. FOR STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A second annual group comprised of over 100 teenagers will leave on a six-week visit and study tour of Israel this summer under the sponsorship of the Young Zionists of the Zionist Organization of America, it was announced today by Gideon Patt, national chairman of Programs in Israel. The group is comprised of high school students ranging in ages from 13 to 16.