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KENNEDY SENDS PROPOSALS TO CONGRESS LIBERALIZING IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today made a sweeping move to liberalize the McCarran-Walter immigration act including the elimination of the national origin quota system and other forms of discrimination.

Mr. Kennedy sent proposals to both the Senate and House. They were accompanied by the President's personal letter saying that enactment of the new legislation would "help eliminate discrimination between peoples and nations."

He recommended that the national origins quota system, in effect since 1920, and which denied entry to many refugees from Hitler's Europe, be eliminated within five years. He pointed out that 60,000 quota numbers were wasted annually because of a biased system in which northern European countries were favored.

Eastern Europe and Mediterranean areas were considered less desirable sources of immigration under the quota system which was perpetuated in the McCarran-Walter act. Under the proposed legislation, 20 per cent of quota numbers a year would be put in a "quota reserve pool" for redistribution. At the end of five years, the old structure would no longer exist.

The President stipulated that no single country would be permitted more than 10 per cent of quota numbers in any one year. He proposed the establishment of a new seven-member board on immigration matters. He asked authority for the White House to carry out the board's recommendations to reserve up to 50 per cent of unallocated numbers for issuance to persons disadvantaged by change in the quota system, and up to 20 per cent to refugees in cases where sudden dislocation requires special treatment.

Proposals Would Ease Immigration from Israel to the U.S.

The President made other recommendations which went beyond revision of the quota system. Under these recommendations, immigration to the United States from Israel would be facilitated with the easing of quota restrictions. Many of the pooled quota numbers would be available to Israelis.

First call on the first 50 per cent of quota numbers would be given to persons whose admission, by virtue of exceptional skill, training or education, would be especially advantageous to the United States. First call on the next 30 per cent, plus any part of the first 50 per cent not issued to the skilled specialists, is given to unmarried sons and daughters of United States citizens, not eligible for non quota status, because they are over 21 years of age.

First call on the remaining 20 per cent, plus any part of the first 80 per cent not taken by the first two classes, is given to spouses and children of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence. Any portion remaining is issued to other applicants, with percentage preferences to other relations of United States citizens and resident aliens, and then to certain classes of workers.

Within each class, visas will be issued on a first come, first served basis. These preference provisions, which under present law determine only relative priority between nationals of the same country, will now determine priority between nationals of different countries throughout the world.

In certain oversubscribed countries, like Israel, a re-registration of registrants would be taken to eliminate those who have died, emigrated elsewhere, or changed their minds. All who failed to re-register could be eliminated. Registration of those who previously declined visas would be terminated. The present annual quota for Israel is only 100. The redistribution of quotas would even in the first year benefit such countries as Israel, where a large backlog of visa applicants exists.

Jewish Refugees from Algeria to be Admitted to U.S.

Algerian Jews would be able to find refuge in the United States. One section amends the Refugee Relief Act to allow the admission of refugees from North Africa

generally, and Algeria particularly, who are unable to return to their countries because of their religion, race, or political views. The act now admits such refugees from "any country within the general area of the Middle East." This is expanded to substitute Morocco for Libya as the western border of the area defined.

NASSER'S DISPLAY OF NEW MILITARY WEAPONS CONSIDERED AIMED AT ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- Egypt's display of armaments made by German scientists and of Soviet armaments, at today's "Revolution Day" parade in Cairo, was viewed here by Brig. Gen. Tzvi Tzur, chief of staff of Israel's defense forces, as "a display against Israel."

In an address this afternoon to graduates of Israel's Communications Officers Course, Gen. Tzur said that Nasser's exhibition of new armaments "should act as an alarm and as a warning sign" for Israel. "We shall sin if we under-estimate its meaning," he said.

Israelis possessing television sets saw, and others heard through radio descriptions, the massive arms displayed by Nasser's forces in the parade at Cairo today. Among the new weapons, there were a 30-foot, two-stage Vanguard rocket with a range of more than 360 miles -- enough to hit an Israeli target if guided accurately. Egypt also announced its first domestically built submarine which will start trial runs in 15 days.

There were at least four new Vanguard rockets, six Zafir rockets which have a range of 220 miles, six Kaher rockets, and six Soviet-made SA-2, anti-aircraft rockets. The Vanguard appeared to be an advanced model of Egyptian rockets shown earlier. Also displayed, were MIG-21 jet fighters, built by the Soviet Union, turboprop troop transports designed and built in Egypt by German scientists, and jet trainers. The Russian MIG-21's are capable of flying at supersonic speeds.

In a speech last night in Cairo, Col. Nasser declared that the Arabs failed in their 1948 war against the then new State of Israel "because we were seven nations." Plans to "liberate Palestine," he said, depended "not on words alone but on one plan, with armies, with missiles, with everything."

Israel Will Need Larger Sums for Security Expenditure

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir today told the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, that the Government would require during the current year, greater sums than provided in the 1963-64 budget "for security expenditure."

Mr. Sapir informed the House of the estimated increase in defense costs in reply to a question by Idov Cohen, a Liberal, as to whether an additional allocation of 70,000,000 pounds (\$23,300,000) for housing immigrants would be followed by other unforeseen needs.

Regarding the question of how the Government would finance the increased expenditure, Mr. Sapir said it would come from "additional sources." He did not indicate whether a supplementary budget would be required.

ISRAELI FIGHTER PLANES INTERCEPT EGYPTIAN JETS IN NEGEV AREA

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- Israeli fighter planes today intercepted two Egyptian MIG-17 jets over the Nitzana area in the south of Israel, the Army spokesman announced here. After the clash, in which one of the Egyptian planes was presumably hit, the UAR jets returned to Egyptian territory. All of the Israeli fighters returned safely to their base, the official communique stated.

(A report from Cairo, meanwhile, claimed that one Israeli plane was shot down over the Sinai Desert this morning, while other planes withdrew to Israeli territory. The Cairo dispatch said that all Egyptian planes returned safely.)

ISRAEL FACES NO SHORTAGE OF PHYSICIANS; NEEDS MORE TRAINED NURSES

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- Deputy Health Minister Yitzhak Rafael today rejected assertions that a shortage of physicians had developed in Israel in recent years.

Replying to a question on the subject in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, Mr. Rafael noted that Israel's ratio of one physician for each 400 population was the world's highest. He admitted, however, that the uneven distribution of physicians in various parts of the country gave the impression of a shortage.

Mr. Rafael said that the number of pharmacists was also adequate, but that there was a severe shortage of trained and practical nurses.

GENERAL ZICNIST CONFEDERATION RECONSTITUTES ITSELF INTO WORLD UNION

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- The World Confederation of General Zionists, headed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, concluded its three-day conference here today with a decision to reconstitute itself into the World Union of General Zionists. Dr. Neumann was unanimously elected president of the World Union.

Elected vice presidents were, Dr. Max Nussbaum, Leon Dultzin and Israel Dunsky. Jacques Torczyner of New York will head the American office of the Union, while Joseph Serlin and Moshe Kol will head the Israeli office.

In resolutions adopted at the closing session, the delegates voted to recognize Noar Hatzioni as the youth movement of the General Zionists Union, and called for the support of Maccabi and Young Maccabi sport movements.

In his address at the final session, Dr. Neumann expressed the hope that the next Zionist Congress will see the General Zionist delegation as the leading faction there. He also expressed the hope that dissident Zionist groups would join the new Union to promote Zionism in its purest and broadest sense.

Eshkol Criticized for Statement on Frontier Adjustments

At an earlier session, the delegates heard addresses by Knesset members Izhar Harari and Elimelech Rimalt on various aspects of Israel foreign policy. Referring to a statement by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to a British correspondent that Israel may consider some territorial changes for the sake of peace, Mr. Harari said "we are not prepared to pay such a price for peace with the Arabs."

Prime Minister Eshkol had said in his interview, given this Sunday to the correspondent of the British Broadcasting Corporation, that once peace negotiations with Arab states are under way, Israel would be willing to discuss "mutual adjustments" on such questions as the borders and the Arab refugees.

"If and when the Arabs agree to negotiations, that very fact will create a new political and psychological atmosphere in which, I am sure, we should be able to settle the outstanding problems," Mr. Eshkol said. "Within the framework of negotiations, we may see our way to contribute our share to a solution of the problem of the refugees."

Asked whether Israel would be willing to discuss frontier adjustments as part of a general agreement, the Prime Minister said Israel would be willing to discuss such problems and to make certain "minor and mutual adjustments" if this were necessary, in the course of negotiations.

Goldstein-Halprin Confederation Issues Statement in New York

NEW YORK, July 23. (JTA) -- The World Confederation of General Zionists, headed by Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin -- the competitive organization to the World Confederation of General Zionists, headed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, which today concluded its conference in Tel Aviv and changed its name to World Union of General Zionists -- issued the following statement here under the signature of Mrs. Halprin:

"The Neumann Confederation represents only a section of General Zionists throughout the world. Of a total of 150 General Zionist delegates to the 25th Zionist Congress, our Confederation headed by Dr. Goldstein and Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, had 81 delegates, and represented the largest single Diaspora bloc. Our Confederation represents General Zionist groups in the United States -- Hadassah and the American Jewish League for Israel, -- England, Holland, Belgium, Italy, France, Sweden, Germany, Greece and Austria, and many South American countries. Canada and South Africa, though in principle in agreement with the philosophy of non-identification with a political party enunciated by the Goldstein-Halprin group, have not yet committed themselves to either confederation, officially.

"The question is not whether Zionists can be 'denied the moral right to have opinions regarding Israeli affairs,' as Dr. Neumann stated. No thoughtful Zionist can fail to have such opinions. The question is whether General Zionist groupings should be affiliated in any organizational form with a political party in Israel and, more specifically, with the Liberal Party. The Zionists of the Diaspora have a sense of involvement and partnership, but it is with Israel as a whole, and not with any political spokesmen.

"It is this principle of non-identification which separates the two Confederations of General Zionists. Hadassah and a large part of three continents maintained adherence to this principle when the split took place several years ago. They could hardly be designated as 'dissident groups,' but should be viewed as the mainspring of what has always been recognized as a central tenet of General Zionist philosophy."

SYNAGOGUES AND SCHOOLS SMEARED WITH SWASTIKAS IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, July 23. (JTA) -- Several synagogues, Jewish schools and homes near the houses of worship were found today to have been smeared with the Nazi swastika. Complaints were lodged by the congregations and other Jewish organizations with federal and city police authorities, who are attempting to trace the identity of those responsible for the anti-Semitic daubings.

COOPERATIVE HOUSES IN CHICAGO SUBURBS PRACTICE ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

CHICAGO, July 23. (JTA) An average of at least 20.2 per cent of co-operative housing listings in the North Shore suburbs of Chicago are "restricted" against sale to Jews, it was revealed here by the Sentinel, local English-Jewish weekly publication. The discrimination was reported on the basis of a survey made by Albert Weiss, of the local office of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

Real estate operators in North Shore communities exchange their listings and hide their anti-Jewish limitations through a notation often reading: "Owner reserves the right to refuse or reject any and all offers." That phrase, according to Mr. Weiss, is a subterfuge, meaning "no Jews wanted."

The survey embraced about 3,000 co-operative housing listings in 10 North Shore communities, and showed that the discriminatory notation on listings existed in from 31 per cent of the cases to 50 per cent. In one community, it was found that 100 per cent of the homes offered for sale are closed to Jewish purchasers.

FREE SONS OF ISRAEL LEADERS PRESENT AWARD TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- Myer Feldman, deputy special counsel to President Kennedy, today accepted on behalf of President Kennedy an award presented to the President by the Free Sons of Israel, national Jewish fraternal order.

The award, a bronze medallion, known as the "Distinguished Service Award" of the Jewish group, was presented at a White House ceremony by Leon Cohen, grand master; Leonard Weissberg, first deputy grand master, and Joseph C. Seide, grand secretary, in recognition of Mr. Kennedy's civil rights leadership.

WARSAW JEWISH STATE THEATER PERFORMS PLAY BY ZIONIST AUTHOR

LONDON, July 23. (JTA) -- The Warsaw Jewish State Theater today presented the premiere performance of the play, "Jacob and Esau," by Dr. Sami Gronemann, the German-born Jewish author who died in Israel.

The performance, which was sold out despite the excessive heat, was the first by an Israeli author performed in Communist Poland. Dr. Gronemann, a former Zionist leader in Germany, had served for many years as president of the court of the World Zionist Congress. He was a prominent lawyer in Berlin in the pre-Nazi years.

U.S. SCIENTIST OPENS AUDITORIUM AT EINSTEIN HOSPITAL IN BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, Brazil, July 23. (JTA) -- The auditorium of the Albert Einstein Hospital, a Jewish-sponsored non-sectarian institution, was dedicated here in the presence of Dr. Arthur Kornberg, American Nobel-prize winning scientist, who delivered the first lecture in the auditorium following the dedication ceremonies. The hospital, when completed, will include a 14-story building with more than 25,000 square yards of floor space.

Prof. Kornberg, who came here with Mrs. Kornberg to take part in the opening of the hospital auditorium, was also guest of honor at a dinner meeting at the home of Cunha Bueno, a Federal deputy, which was attended by Dr. Adhemar de Barros, Governor of Sao Paulo, and other senior Government officials. Representatives of the Israel Embassy and the Jewish community were among the guests. At the dinner, Dr. Kornberg was presented with the Marechal Rondon Medal.

Hospital officials announced plans for holding two lectures each year in the auditorium by eminent scientists of international repute. Baron Edmond de Rothschild of Paris has donated an ophthalmology department to the hospital, which will be opened in November.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT GRANTS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CYPRUS STUDENTS

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has granted Cyprus three new medical scholarships for study at the Hebrew University, it was announced here today. Each of the scholarships will be for seven years' study. Five Cypriotes are now studying medicine in Israel under Israeli Government grants.