



Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Reproduction only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXX - 45th year

Thursday, August 1, 1963

No. 145

ISRAEL ADHERES TO NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY; NOTIFIES BIG POWERS

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today officially announced its decision to join in the nuclear test-ban treaty which was initiated in Moscow last week by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union.

Israel's adherence to the nuclear pact, which was expected to be voted at the Cabinet meeting next Sunday, was understood here today to have been unanimously approved during interministerial contacts between Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, and the members of the Cabinet.

The Government decision was conveyed to the ambassadors of the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union, who were invited by Mrs. Meir to the Foreign Ministry at noon today. The Israeli decision to join in the pact is in accordance with the third article of the treaty which permits accession at any time by other countries. The official Government announcement stated:

"The Government of Israel welcomes the tripartite treaty initialed in Moscow on July 25 banning nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere, outer space and under the sea. Israel has consistently supported in the past all efforts to ban nuclear tests. The Government of Israel regards this agreement as an important step towards the relaxation of international tensions and expresses the hope that it will be followed by further concrete measures for the attainment of complete and general disarmament. The Government of Israel announces its intent to sign the treaty when it is open for signature."

SYRIA ACCUSED IN ISRAEL PARLIAMENT OF VIOLATING ARMISTICE PACT

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, today accused Syria, publicly, of "irresponsible conduct" and of violating the 1949 Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement by holding three Israelis whom Syrians abducted on Lake Tiberias on July 13.

Addressing the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, where a motion had been made this morning for a full-scale debate on that issue, Mrs. Meir demanded that Syria release the three kidnaped Israelis immediately. At her request, the Knesset referred the matter to the Parliament's Security and Foreign Affairs Committee.

The three Israelis were captured on the lake, which is entirely within Israeli territory, when a small motor boat in which they were riding encountered trouble near the Israeli shore bordering on the Syrian position. Three Belgian citizens were also in the boat and likewise taken by the Syrians. The Belgians have since been released, but the Israelis are still being held in Syria.

Mrs. Meir told the Knesset that, while it is known that Syria lacks "perfect order these days," nevertheless, the Damascus Government cannot hold innocent people in prison. She charged that Syria is discriminating between Belgian nationals and Israelis.

She told the Parliament that there has been constant contact, since the incident occurred, with the United Nations authorities, both at the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization here and at U.N. Headquarters in New York.

(Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Michael S. Comay, postponed a scheduled trip to Israel last week to continue efforts at U.N. Headquarters toward U.N. intervention for the release of the three Israelis. He finally departed last night for consultations with his Foreign Ministry. The consultations had been scheduled prior to the development of this specific issue.)

The situation of the Israel-Syrian front, where Syrians have been annoying Israel from their military positions on the hills, has been comparatively quiet during the last weeks. The abduction of the three Israelis indicates that Syria is still bent on anti-Israel provocations.

BUS SERVICE FOR EXTREME ORTHODOX RESIDENTS RESUMED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Bus service to and from the Meah Shearim and Beit Yisrael quarters of Jerusalem, was resumed today by the Hamekasher Bus Cooperative, after a three-day suspension following the Sabbath stoning of buses by ultra-Orthodox zealots from those quarters.

A number of vehicles and stations belonging to the Cooperative were damaged during the stoning Saturday night by the zealots who alleged that three Hamekasher buses participated in transporting a group of Baptists from Mandelbaum Gate earlier on the Sabbath. Twelve demonstrating zealots were arrested and held for trial, while six other juveniles were released on bail and will be similarly tried.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL PAVILION AT WORLD FAIR WILL NOT FLY ISRAELI FLAG

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The pavilion at the 1964 New York World's Fair to be set up by the America-Israel World's Fair Corporation in New York, will not fly the Israeli flag, nor will it be officially linked with Israel, it was announced here today by a spokesman for the Government committee dealing with Israel's representation at international exhibitions.

The spokesman said that last year, because of budgetary considerations, the Government regretfully canceled its proposed participation in the Fair, which was estimated to cost \$3,000,000. The pavilion to be set up will be the responsibility of the private corporation which will exhibit the products of a number of Israeli exporters.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT ADOPTS BILL CHECKING ANTI-SEMITIC INCITEMENT

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- The House of Commons adopted last night a bill aimed at incitements to rioting by fascists and others who would disturb the "public order." The bill had already been passed by the House of Lords, and will become law as soon as it obtains the Queen's consent.

The bill stems from parliamentary and popular opposition to the fascist and anti-Semitic incitements that caused rioting in Trafalgar Square here a year ago. At that time, Colin Jordan's National Socialist movement staged demonstrations at which Hitler was glorified. Jordan has since served a six-month prison sentence. Many organizations, including some of the leading Jewish groups in this country, have advocated a change in the law to forbid that type of incitement.

In summarizing the aims of the bill, Henry Brooke, the Home Secretary, told Commons that he was determined, with the aid of the new measure, to stop "the antics of fascists, Communists, the self-styled anti-nuclear Committee of 100 and other extremists." The bill provides maximum fines up to \$1,400 and imprisonment up to a term of 23 months for convicted violators. The bill is an amendment to the old Public Order Act of 1936.

Yesterday, a Conservative member of the Commons, T. H. Skeet, voiced objections to one clause of the amendment which provides equal penalties for those who incite to riot, and others who heckle the inciters. He maintained that the hecklers had "the right to defend their rights." He also said he regretted that the bill would not halt the distribution of fascist and anti-Semitic literature.

AUSTRIAN STUDENT SENTENCED BUT NOT FOR SINGING NAZI SONGS IN PUBLIC

VIENNA, July 31. (JTA) -- An Austrian student was sentenced to a five-month prison term by an Austrian court here today, after he was found guilty of disorderly conduct and insulting a policeman during an incident last year, when he was arrested for singing Nazi songs.

Herbert Fritz was given the prison term for threatening the police officer that he would be hanged "when Hitler comes back" while the policeman was attempting to arrest him for singing Nazi songs. The court, which took into consideration the fact that Fritz was drunk, acquitted him of charges of neo-Nazi activity.

SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTIST SHARES 'ATOM FOR PEACE AWARD' WITH AMERICAN

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Vladimir I. Veksler, world-famous Jewish-Russian scientist, will share this year's Atoms for Peace Award with an American, Dr. Edwin M. McMillan, it was announced today by the Ford Foundation, sponsor of the annual award. The recipients will share the prize of \$75,000, and each will receive a gold medal.

According to the announcement, both scientists worked out, independently of each other, the same idea, one that has facilitated greatly the power of "atom smashers." The prizes and medals will be awarded to the two scientists in Washington on October 24. Dr. McMillan is director of the University of California's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTH SUPPORT DESEGREGATION ACTIVITIES

ATLANTA, Ga., July 31. (JTA) -- More and more Jewish communities throughout the South are involving themselves in a "growing ring of desegregation activities," it was asserted here by The Southern Israelite, a local weekly newspaper, on the basis of a study made by the paper.

The Atlanta Jewish newspaper said in an editorial that "the impression erroneously prevails that Jewish residents in the South are all cowering in fear over the problem of desegregation and adopting a hands-off attitude."

"Thousands are indeed located in states where the threat of anti-Semitism hangs heavy over their heads and they may be in actual bodily danger which could be ignited by such efforts as the abortive visit of the demonstration-happy rabbis in Birmingham," the editorial continued. "But thousands more, by far the majority, live in areas where goodwill and respect for law and order comprise the prevailing Southern sentiment, and their leaders are unafraid and forthright in seeking solutions."

"The most tried are Jews who live in scattered towns and cities, isolated for the most part from contemporary Jewish opinion and the reassurance of Jewish neighbors," the paper stressed. "These frontliners cannot be overlooked or disregarded by courageous arm-chair strategists," the editorial emphasized.

In Charleston, S.C., the newspaper reported, "Jewish residents are working with their Christian neighbors for the best possible solution" of desegregation efforts. In Savannah, Ga., "the Jewish community is participating actively in bringing a solution to the desegregation-troubled population."

On the other hand, in Albany, Ga., an attempted sit-in in the Jewish temple there on a Friday night was frustrated when "ushers turned away two Jewish members of the student integration movement, and a third person described by members of the congregation as a Negro child." The newspaper stated that the Albany congregation, "one of Georgia's oldest groups, has a policy of not admitting Negroes to services."

Jews in Charleston and Savannah Help to Work Out Solution

The Charleston report noted that "while Jewish leaders in some areas of the South are either working behind closed doors, or refraining from participation because they fear anti-Semitism, this is not the case in Charleston." Several stores in that city, including establishments owned by Jews, have added Negro salesmen to their staffs.

Dr. William Wexler, president of the Jewish Community Council of Savannah, told The Southern Israelite that "local Jews are taking a forthright part with other residents in working out a solution" to desegregation demands. Dr. Wexler noted that at least two leaders of the Jewish community in Savannah are among the city's negotiators "trying to work out an amicable development."

The Savannah report noted: "Jewish merchants and tradesmen have experienced loss in the unofficial boycott of the Colored protest group, although many of the merchants have participated with non-Jewish merchants in meeting the demands of the Negroes." Only one incident in Savannah, according to Dr. Wexler, indicated an anti-Jewish attitude. That incident, he said, involved one picket sign that read: "You gave freedom to Jews, Japs and Chinese -- why not to us?"

Both Savannah and Charleston Jews said that the local temples would admit Negroes if they wished to attend religious services. Dr. Wexler was quoted as saying: "It ill behooves Jewish people, who are so concerned with human dignity and civil rights, for ourselves to deny these privileges to others."

PHILADELPHIA RABBIS URGE CONGRESS TO ACT ON PRO-NEGRO BILLS

PHILADELPHIA, July 31. (JTA) -- Strong endorsement of President Kennedy's civil rights program was voiced today by the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia in a statement urging Congress to enact the bills proposed by the President. The statement expressed sympathy with "the long-strained patience of our Negro fellow-citizens." It read:

"The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia, whose rabbis serve a Jewish community of some 350,000 souls, strongly supports the Civil Rights Bills, presented by President Kennedy to the Congress. This legislation, giving the long-deprived Negro community the opportunity to enjoy the rights and freedoms contained in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, is long overdue.

"We urge the Congress of the United States to enact the Civil Rights program presented by the President with a minimum of delay. We sympathize with the long-strained patience of our Negro fellow-citizens, especially in the South, who have been waiting for 100 years to emerge into the full light of freedom."

FIVE AMERICAN NAZI YOUTHS HELD FOR TRIAL IN LOS ANGELES COURT

LOS ANGELES, July 31. (JTA) -- Five youths who are allegedly members of the American Nazi Party, were held here today for trial in Superior Court, September 4, on charges of causing a disturbance. They were arrested last spring, when they caused the disturbance here while Israel Independence Day was being celebrated.

JEWISH DIVORCE CASES IN INDIA WILL BE SUPERVISED FROM ISRAEL, BRITAIN

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Divorce cases of members of the Bene Israel community still in India, will be dealt with by the Israeli or British chief rabbinate, according to arrangements completed with Bene Israel leaders by Rabbi Lev Gotthold, director of the Diaspora Department of the Israel Ministry for Religious Affairs.

Rabbi Gotthold returned here today after a two-month visit to India. His visit was sponsored jointly by the British Chief Rabbinate, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, and the Jewish Agency. During his stay in India, Rabbi Gotthold said that he set up a provisional Beth Din to deal with some 30 divorce cases still pending.

The marriage and divorce practices of the Indian Bene Israel community had resulted in difficulties in some cases of members of Bene Israel, now living in Israel, seeking to marry Israelis of different origin.

ISRAELIS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS OF DINKELSPIEL FUND IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the San Francisco Jewish Welfare Federation announced today that five Israeli youngsters have been chosen as the first winners of scholarships provided by the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Memorial Scholarship Fund established last year in memory of the first president of the Federation.

The scholarships will enable the five youngsters, one of them an Arab, to complete their secondary school education. Israel has no free secondary school system, and tuition has to be paid for children above the age of 14. All five youngsters are from the Haifa area.

Under an arrangement concluded last year between the Haifa Department of Education and the San Francisco Federation, the Municipality of Haifa has agreed to match Israeli pounds with each scholarship dollar made available by the Fund, above the first \$1,000 per year. The Fund is administered by a special committee appointed by the Municipality of Haifa.

During his lifetime, Mr. Dinkelspiel, who died in May 1959, served as president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, vice president of the American Joint Distribution Committee and a member of the national cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal.

ISRAELI ELECTED PRESIDENT OF TEACHERS' INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

EDINBURGH, Scotland, July 31. (JTA) -- Shalom Levin, secretary of the Israel Teachers Association, was today elected president of the International Federation of Teachers Associations, at the organization's conference here. The Federation numbers 1,000,000 members from 30 countries.

JEWISH CHILD CARE SERVICES IN SOUTHERN STATES START PUBLICATION

ATLANTA, Ga., July 31. (JTA) -- A publication serving a group of Jewish child care and welfare organizations in a large area, comprising five Southern states and the District of Columbia, made its initial appearance here today. Entitled "Jewish Children's Service Reports," the periodical is an organ of the Jewish Children's Service, Inc., which includes among its members agencies in Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia.

An editorial by Dr. Irving H. Goldstein, president of the JCS, pledged to continue through its work, under the executive directorship of Eli Fahn, "to lend itself and its resources for the development of local community programs for care and service to Jewish children." The first issue was dedicated to the organization's two chairmen of the board emeritus, Albert E. Mayer and Armand May.

DR. HARRY SHAY, NOTED JEWISH PHYSICIAN, DIES IN PHILADELPHIA; WAS 65

PHILADELPHIA, July 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Harry Shay, a prominent Jewish physician who had been chief of the gastrointestinal clinic of the old Jewish Hospital here, and latterly headed the Fels Research Institute at Temple University, died last night. He was 65. The author of some 300 papers on cancer, nutrition, physiology and gastroenterology, Dr. Shay was the recipient of many outstanding prizes in his field.