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KNESSET WELCOMES LIFTING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR ISRAELI ARABS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Opposition party leaders welcomed today the announcement by Premier Levi Eshkol that travel permits for Arabs in most areas under military government would be abolished but added that the Government should have abolished military government entirely.

The demand for total abolition of military government was made by Menahem Beigin of Herut, Elimelich Rimalt of the Liberal party and Yaacov Chazan of Mapam. Moshe Unna of the Religious Party expressed the hope for a speedy end to such government over Israeli Arabs.

Beigin urged the Government to stop "making excuses" for the failure of the West German Government to act against West German scientists working for the Egyptian regime on military projects. He also criticized the Israel Government for "wrongly and needlessly" joining the anti-South African campaign in the United Nations to prove its abhorrence of racial discrimination.

ISRAEL STATES ITS VIEW AT U.N. ON SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR TESTS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Israel advised the United Nations that the thaw in East-West relations resulting from the limited nuclear test ban treaty will not of itself guarantee world peace unless steps were also taken to eliminate "regional tensions."

Without naming the Arab states surrounding Israel and their hostility to the Jewish State, the Israeli delegate, Gideon Rafael, told the United Nations that "the amassing of armaments in one area, accompanied by a refusal to settle disputes by peaceful means, creates tensions whose repercussions are felt beyond the confines of the area itself. This nourishes actual and potential international tensions, and frustrates the efforts to advance worldwide disarmament."

The statement was made by Mr. Rafael in the General Assembly's Political and Security Committee during a debate "on the urgent need for suspensions of nuclear and thermonuclear tests."

Pointing out that Israel signed the nuclear test ban treaty on the first day it was opened for signature, Mr. Rafael said that while the pact "should inaugurate an era when the atom will serve man's life and not threaten his very existence," it was necessary to take a number of simultaneous and interrelated steps.

"We have to build international confidence," he stated. "The better we prepare the soil in which international confidence and cooperation grow, the greater the yields will be in the fields of disarmament. Dangers to international peace will not subside as long as sensitive areas of tension remain excluded from the trends of international detente. The continuation of such regional tensions or the shifting of centers of international friction from one area to another will not help lower the level of that great reservoir of mistrust accumulated over the postwar years."

ISRAEL PROTESTS AT U.N. THE ELIMINATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SESSION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Israel protested here today against a previous decision by the United Nations to eliminate a session of the Human Rights Commission for 1964. The Economic and Social Council, parent body of the commission, decided at the last ECOSOC meeting in Geneva in June to eliminate the 1964 Human Rights Commission meeting for budgetary reasons.

Discussing the overall UN budget estimates for 1964 in the General Assembly's budgetary and administrative committee today, Theodor Meron, Israel's representative, on that 111-member group, told the committee that the budget of the UN must not be used as a "straitjacket" impeding essential activities by restricting too many meetings to a biennial, instead of yearly, pattern.

"In particular," he said, "we have reservations concerning the extension of the biennial pattern of meetings to the Commission on Human Rights. In our view, the tremendous tasks of the Organization in the field of human rights necessitates annual meetings of the Commission on Human Rights. My delegation views with concern the recent decision of the ECOSOC not to convene a meeting of the Human Rights Commission in 1964."

ESHKOL CALLS FOR MUTUAL RESPECT ON RELIGIOUS ISSUES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today called for mutual understanding and respect and warned against the danger of a split within the nation over religious issues.

Addressing the groundbreaking ceremonies for a new cultural hall at Yad Binyamin settlement, named for the late Poalei Agudat Israel Cabinet Minister Binyamin Mintz, the Premier said: "The fact that we are isolated forces us to be equipped with knowledge and wisdom and, above all, with the love of Israel and the love of one brother to another."

Religious leaders at the gathering stressed the need for unity in the nation and opposed coercion of any kind, but appealed to the Government to see that religious feelings are honored and ways found to avert Sabbath incidents.

Interior Minister and Religious Party leader Haim Shapiro was reported today to have protested to Mr. Eshkol concerning the Premier's condemnation of distrubances caused by religious zealots in Jerusalem. The Premier made the criticism in his "state of the union" address to the opening winter session yesterday of the Parliament. Mr. Shapiro reportedly complained to the Premier that he had not clearly condemned the anti-religious groups which last week forced their way into an Orthodox section of Jerusalem and threatened violence.

HASSIDIC REBBE REVERSES DECISION TO LEAVE ISRAEL; CANCELS TRIP

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Yekutiel Halberstam, the Rebbe of Klausenberg, who announced yesterday that he planned to leave Israel permanently because of continued strife over Sabbath violations in Jerusalem, reversed himself today and will remain in Israel.

The Hassidic leader, who settled in Israel four years ago with a group of his followers, changed his mind about returning to the United States after considerable pressure was exerted on him by Israeli rabbinical leaders, Ministers, Jewish Agency executive chairman Moshe Sharett, and Nathanya's Mayor Oved Benami, who sent an urgent letter to the Rebbe. The sect made its home in Kiryat Tzanz near Nathanya.

Rabbi Halberstam canceled a reservation on a flight to New York for Wednesday morning. As soon as his decision was made known yesterday, urgent telegrams asking him to change his mind were sent by Zorach Warhaftig, the Minister for Religious Affairs, Interior Minister and Religious Party leader Moshe Shapiro and Sharett. The three Israeli leaders suggested some solution might be reached in the Sabbath problem which the Rebbe told his flock was costing him his health.

U. S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO IGNORE REQUEST OF COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The United States Defense Department gave notice today that, for the time being, it is not revising its official "Pocket Guide to the Middle East" in a manner demanded by the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism. The notification was sent by Edward L. Katzenbach, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Education, to Beinesh Epstein, vice-chairman of the United Zionists-Revisionists of America.

The "Pocket Guide to the Middle East" is provided to American military personnel serving in the Mideast region, to provide them with background information about the area. One statement in the booklet declares: "Through centuries of persecution and discrimination in other lands, the Jews remained spiritually united but without a country."

The Council for Judaism, according to Mr. Epstein, intervened recently with the Defense Department, requesting a change in that formulation. Mr. Epstein protested that request, declaring that the sentence is "historically and factually correct and does not in any way reflect on the rights and duties of American citizens of the Jewish faith."

In his reply today to Mr. Epstein, Mr. Katzenbach declared that no revision of the booklet is planned now since "the present stocks of this particular publication are sufficient to last for some time." If the Defense Department should find it necessary to revise the booklet in the future, Mr. Katzenbach assured the Zionist-Revisionist leader, "be assured that your comments will be given every consideration."

ISRAELI PLEADS GUILTY IN COURT TO CHARGES OF SPYING FOR LEBANON

HAIFA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A 25-year-old Israeli, identified as Shalom Zacharia, pleaded guilty in Haifa District Court today to charges of espionage for Lebanon. The defendant, who has a previous criminal record, had been discharged from the paratroopers because of his record.

ISRAEL CABINET GETS PROPOSAL TO WIDEN ITS AID TO AFRICAN LANDS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan today submitted a proposal to the Cabinet providing for the extension and improvement of Israel's agricultural assistance to the developing African countries by sending young Israeli experts with no families to work in isolated regions where the aid is needed most. His proposal will be discussed at a session of the Cabinet.

INTERNATIONAL PARLEY IN PARIS CONDEMNS SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS

PARIS, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union was adopted here last night at the closing session of the International Union of Resistance for the Struggle Against Nazism and Anti-Semitism.

The gathering of experts agreed that neither the de-Stalinization of the Soviet Union nor the recent easing of cold war attitudes had brought any improvement in the condition of Soviet Jews. The resolution, urged the Soviet Government to end discrimination against Jews, denounced the "defamatory press campaigns that usually precede the shutting down of synagogues," and the "economic crimes" trials in which death sentences have been meted out to 142 defendants to date, most of them Jews. The resolution also urged the Soviets to permit the reunion of Jewish families sundered by the Hitler era.

A variety of issues were examined at the five-day conclave. These included the consequences of the expiration of the 20-year limit on prosecution of war criminals; gatherings of collaborators with the Nazis from east European countries meeting in exile in West Germany, Spain, Australia, South America and the United States; the World Union of National Socialists; activities of former Nazis in Cairo and East Berlin and racialism in South Africa and the United States.

SITUATION OF SOVIET JEWRY PRESENTED ON TELEVISION IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The situation of Soviet Jewry was described last night in the Independent Television series on "The Jews in the World," a documentary watched by an estimated 6,000,000 viewers.

The program made it clear that Soviet Jews were free and equal citizens of the Soviet Union but only as long as they did not insist on preserving their Jewish identity. When they do, they meet administrative obstacles and sometimes even hostility though the latter is by no means general, the program indicated.

The documentary also noted that in the current spate of trials of Soviet citizens for alleged economic crimes, the Jews, who are a tiny minority in Russia, are prominently mentioned in the Soviet press by name and ethnic description as Jews.

B'NAI B'RITH CONVENTION IN LONDON APPEALS FOR JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The triennial convention of the B'nai B'rith here, held in connection with the international observance of the 120th anniversary of the fraternal order, today adopted a resolution expressing the hope that the Soviet Government would extend to Russian Jews equality of treatment and freedom to practice their religion.

Messages from retiring Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, Labor Party leader Harold Wilson, Adlai Stevenson, head of the United States delegation to the United Nations and other dignitaries were read at a banquet held here last night to mark the anniversary.

Philip M. Klutznick, former international president of B'nai B'rith and former United States Ambassador to the UN, was the guest of honor at the banquet. He said that "the promised land envisaged by B'nai B'rith is the concept of a meaningful Jewish life perpetuated despite new challenges."

Jack Morrison, Grand President of the British B'nai B'rith, presented Mr. Klutznick with a check for $1,000 for the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Fund of which the latter is chairman.

ADENAUER THANKS DR. GOLDMANN FOR CONFIDENCE ON REPARATIONS PAYMENTS

BONN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the retired Chancellor of the West German Government, today sent a cable to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Claims Conference, thanking him for the understanding and confidence displayed in connection with West Germany's reparations payments to Jewish victims of Nazism. The cable read:

"I thank you most sincerely for the message you sent me in connection with my retirement. I was especially glad to receive your telegram. You know how deeply interested I was to repair--as much as was in our power to do--the events of the unholy past. I therefore thank you now for your understanding, your cooperation and your confidence during all these years. I hope to see you during your next visit here."

JEWISH BANK IN BUENOS AIRES RAISES ITS CAPITAL TO $1,000,000

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Commercial Bank of Buenos Aires, a 46-year-old banking firm financed mainly with Jewish capital, announced today the bank's capital had been raised to about $1,000,000 and would shortly be raised to $2,000,000.

To achieve the higher capitalization, a group of new stockholders had been added to the board of directors. They include Saul Patrich, a member of the executive committee of the General Zionists; Max Starkman, former president of the Latin American General Zionists Confederation, Salomon Poliakof, Max Feuer and others, most of them belonging to the General Zionist movement. Salomon Stein, president of the bank, told a press conference that the bank's services to overseas countries would be streamlined.

U.J.A. WOMEN SEND 20-MEMBER STUDY MISSION TO EURCPE AND ISRAEL

NEW YCRK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Twenty leaders of the United Jewish Appeal National Women's Division departed today for a three-week survey of UJA-financed welfare and aid programs in Europe and Israel.

Members of this Eighth Annual UJA Women's Division Study Mission are all active in community campaigns throughout the country which allocate the major portion of their annual proceeds to the nationwide United Jewish Appeal. Each member of the Mission is paying her own expenses.

The group's first stop will be Paris where the members will confer with the directors of the overseas operations of the Joint Distribution Committee, a UJA constituent agency, and make an on-the-spot study there and in Marseilles of the absorption and repatriation problems affecting some of the 160,000 Algerian and Tunisian Jews who have come to France in the past two years. The Study Mission will spend 13 days in Israel for an in-depth examination of the effect of continued high immigration on current welfare and re-settlement programs supported by UJA.

KING OF BELGIUM RECEIVES J.N.F. DELEGATION; PRESENTED WITH SCROLL

BRUSSELS, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- King Baudouin of Belgium received in audience at his Palace today a delegation of Jewish National Fund leaders currently attending the JNF European conference here. The delegation, which was accompanied by Israel Ambassador Amiel Najar, was headed by Yaakov Tsur, JNF world chairman, and included: Professor Leblanc, president of the Belgian-Israel Friendship League; P.N. Ferstenberg, president of the Belgian JNF; Nesanel Kewkowicz, president of the Belgian Zionist Federation; and Zvi Atlas, director of the JNF office in Belgium.

During the audience, which lasted 55 minutes, Mr. Tsur presented to the King a parchment copy of the JNF decision to plant in Israel a King Baudouin Forest, as well as a copy of the first Hebrew Bible printed in Jerusalem with a newly designed type face. This morning, all participants in the conference were received at the Brussels Town Hall.

EMPLOYEES STRIKE IN NEW YORK FEDERATION ENDS; AGREEMENT REACHED

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Some 250 clerical and professional employees of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York returned to work today after an agreement on a new two-year contract ended a strike which began last Friday.

The chief issue in the dispute--a demand by the employees for a union shop--was settled by a provision in the agreement for maintenance of membership and irrevocable checkoff. The contract also provides for salary increases of $400 this year and $300 next year for fund-raisers and $4 per week this year and $3 per week next year for clerical workers. Present wages of fund-raisers range from $4,820 to $10,000 a year and for clerical employees from $50 to $120 per week.

UNITY REACHED AMONG GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ARGENTINA; BODY FORMED

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A unified General Zionists provisional executive was formed here today as a result of the July world conference for General Zionist unity.

The new unified executive is comprised of Dr. Marcos Vodovotz and Herzl Gesang, co-chairman; Abraham Polakof and Dr. Israel Yagupsky, vice-chairmen; Meir Muchnik and Schalom Hayman, general secretaries; and David Rogovsky and Saul Patrick, treasurers.

Each office now is represented on the provisional executive by representatives of the two world General Zionist groupings, led respectively by Dr. Emanuel Neumann and by Mrs. Rose Halprin and Dr. Israel Goldstein.

Y. KLINOV, NOTED JEWISH JOURNALIST, DIES IN JERUSALEM; WAS 73

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Yashayahu Klinov, a noted newspaperman, died here today at the age of 73 after a long illness.

Born in Golovesnk, Russia, he began work as a journalist at an early age, writing for Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian periodicals. After the Russian revolution, he went to Berlin where he worked as a correspondent of the Morgen Journal of New York while serving as a correspondent for the Warsaw Hajnt. He also was co-editor of the Russian Zionist weekly Razswyet.

He came to Israel in 1933 and became managing editor of the daily newspaper, Haaretz. In 1939 he became head of the Jewish Agency Information Department. With the establishment of the State he headed the information media services of the Interior Ministry. He is survived by his widow and two married daughters.

RABBI HAGER, KNOWN AS VISHNITZER REBBE, DIES IN HAIFA; WAS 69

HAIFA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Baruch Hager, the Rebbe of Vishnitz, died here today after a long illness at the age of 69. Rabbi Hager arrived in Israel in 1947 and established for his followers Ramat Vishnitz, a quarter in this city on the slope of Mount Carmel. He was a member of the Council of Sages of Agudat Israel.