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PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF REPUBLICAN PARTY HEARS ANTI-ZIONIST VIEWS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7 (JTA) -- The Platform Committee of the Republican National Convention today heard testimony advocating U. S. ratification of the United Nations Genocide Convention, liberalization of the immigration law, and separation of Church from State. It also heard testimony on American-Israel relations by a representative of the American Council for Judaism, who asked for the rejection of "the Jewish people concept" in the wording of the political platform to be adopted by the Republican convention, which opens here next Monday.

Testimony by representatives of pro-Israel organizations will be given tomorrow before the Platform Committee. The anti-Zionist views of the American Council for Judaism were presented to the Committee today by William S. Louchheim. He proposed the adoption by the Republican convention of a specific plank reaffirming what he said was a United States Government position that this country does not recognize the concept of a "Jewish people."

He advocated actions to force Zionist agencies in the United States to be registered by the Government "to protect United States citizens from unwittingly serving a political and foreign nationality cause, when they believe they are advancing religion or philanthropy." He also advocated prevention of alleged efforts of what he described as an Israeli-Zionist conspiracy to "conquer the communities" of United States Jews.

Mr. Louchheim charged that, since 1924, the United States has followed a policy of "omissions or acquiescence" in response to Zionist activities. He said that candidates for public office falsely assumed that the "voting habits of Jewish citizens in American elections are predicated upon a promise of political support for Israeli projects."

Representative of Pro-Arab Group Opposes Defense Pact with Israel

Harold M. Minor, testifying for the Citizens Committee on American Policy in the Near East, a pro-Arab group, told the Republican platform committee that his organization had followed closely Israel's plans to divert Jordan River waters and noted Arab concern. He also urged implementation of United Nations resolutions with regard to Palestinian Arab refugees as "an act of justice."

He indicated that a bilateral defense pact with Israel would "serve no useful purpose, either for the United States or any country concerned but would, instead, gravely complicate United States political relations in the area."

He defended the "impartial" Near Eastern policy of the State Department, and deplored what he said was "intemperate criticism and charges" against the State Department and American diplomats.

Dr. Urban Whitaker, testifying for the Ad Hoc Committee on Human Rights and Genocide Treaties, representing 20 national organizations, including leading Jewish groups, urged the Republican Party to actively support international promotion of human rights and insist on U. S. ratification of the Genocide Convention and other human rights treaties now before the Senate.

Dr. Whitaker deplored the long delay in American action on Genocide pact ratification, and said "the expression of support for such conventions as these is a truly unique opportunity for a political party in 1964, because it amounts to the liberal act of projecting staunch conservative, traditional American positions onto the international scene."

Abolition of Biased Quota Provisions in Immigration Law Requested

"The failure of the United States to ratify any human rights convention has become a source of acute embarrassment in a world of peoples struggling to achieve such basic rights," he said. "No country can hope to retain a position of ideological leadership while withholding its endorsement for such fundamental human freedoms."

A Republican plank repudiating biased immigration provisions was urged by Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, first vice-president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. He especially deplored the quota system favoring Anglo-Saxons. He also urged continued and generous American development assistance to meet the needs of the Middle East.

U. S. TO SELL \$2,100,000 WORTH OF BEEF TO ISRAEL; AGREEMENT SIGNED

WASHINGTON, July 7 (JTA) -- The United States and Israel signed an agreement yesterday for the purchase by Israel of \$2,100,000 worth of frozen beef forequarters. The sale of 6,600,000 pounds of beef was made under the Food for Peace program.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman said the sale would be a step to bolster domestic cattle prices and to open new markets for cash sales of American beef. Nachum Shamir, economic minister of Israel, said the purchase would help Israel in its fight to keep down meat prices for consumers. He also said that the agreement would not disrupt relations with Israel's primary suppliers of meat in South America.

FRANCE OFFERS CLOSE COLLABORATION TO ISRAEL IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

PARIS, July 7 (JTA) -- The president of France's largest research institute offered Israel today "close collaboration in exploring and exploiting the world's riches." M. Navarre, head of the Petrol and Chemical Research Institute made the offer to Premier Levi Eshkol when the Israeli leader and his group visited the institute's huge laboratory on the outskirts of Paris in suburban Malmaisons.

The Israeli Premier, now in the second week of a 12-day visit to France, was told by M. Navarre: "What I am authorized to offer is complete scientific and industrial cooperation in all fields which interest our two states." He cited the exploration and exploitation of the riches of the sea, chemical research and industrial applications and oil prospecting and drilling. He added he would be glad to train Israeli scientists and research workers in the institute's methods.

The visit to the institute was one of the stops on the Premier's tour of French agricultural, industrial and military installations. He was shown through the institute which employs several thousand scientists and later he conferred with M. Navarre and various institute directors.

Mr. Eshkol had made a similar suggestion last week in talks with President de Gaulle, Premier Georges Pompidou and Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville. He then proposed creation of a Franco-Israeli scientific cooperation institute to explore and exploit the riches in the seas.

The same topic came up again today when Gaston Palewski, French Minister for Science and Nuclear Development, called on Premier Eshkol at the latter's hotel. Walter Eytan, Israel's ambassador to France, and Admiral Mordechai Limon, European representative of the Israel Defense Ministry, attended the meeting in the hotel.

ESHKOL PAYS RESPECTS TO REMAINS OF JABOTINSKY AT PARIS AIRPORT

PARIS, July 7 (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol paid his respects today to the remains of Zionist leader Vladimir Jabotinsky during a brief ceremony at the Paris Orly Airport, as the coffin of the founder of Revisionist Zionism lay in state.

The ceremony was held during a stopover of the El Al plane which carried the coffins of the Zionist leader and of his wife from New York to Israel. An entire corner of the huge airport was decorated with Israeli and French flags for the occasion. At the entrance to the hangar where the coffins were placed on display, a company of the French Air Force presented arms and a French Air Force Military Police band presented a program of funeral hymns. A cantor recited the prayer for the dead.

Premier Eshkol, accompanied by Walter Eytan, Israel's Ambassador to France, arrived at the airport shortly before the brief rites were started. He bowed low before the two coffins and then shook hands with Prof. Eri Jabotinsky, son of the Revisionist founder, and with other members of the family.

The 140-man band sounded "Salute to the Chief" as the Premier stood to review the army company at the airport. French officials attending the rites included generals, former Ministers, members of the French National Assembly and others. The plane took off at noon for Israel where the remains will be reinterred on Thursday.

JORDAN OPENS FIRE ON ISRAELI FIELDS; FIRST ATTACK IN SEVERAL YEARS

TEL AVIV, July 7 (JTA) -- An Israeli border policeman was killed and an Israeli tractor driver was wounded this afternoon when Jordanians opened fire against Israeli field workers on the border. This was the first Jordanian attack against Israel in this area in several years.

(At the United Nations, Israel's permanent representative, Ambassador Michael S. Comay, requested Secretary-General U Thant, and his principal Undersecretary, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, to invoke U. N. influence to halt the series of Syrian aggressions of the last week. Israel also circulated a letter to all U. N. delegations, detailing the latest Syrian aggressions.)

PERONIST DEPUTY URGES PARLIAMENTARY PROBE INTO ZIONISM IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, July 7 (JTA) -- A Peronist member of the Argentine Parliament demanded today the creation of a "Bicameral Committee on anti-Argentine Activities" to investigate "Zionist infiltration in Argentina."

The demand was one element of a broadside of anti-Zionist slurs which received widespread attention in the sensationalist press. The charges by Juan Carlos Cornejo Limares were the latest in a series of anti-Zionist propaganda charges made in Argentina.

The deputy asserted that there was a "Zionist plot against the structure and spiritual values of our nation" and that Zionism was "using all media at its disposal in an attempt to annul" his anti-Zionist efforts and to "injure with defamation those who try to discover the truth."

He asserted that there was in Argentine a "Zionist guerilla command," that "Zionist pressure" had forced the resignations of several police officers, and that the "illegal abduction" of Adolf Eichmann was "proof" of "Haganah infiltration." (The Haganah was the underground Jewish defense organization in Palestine in the pre-statehood period.)

He assailed the founding of Jewish and Zionist Children's camps and listed six in the Buenos Aires area. He asserted that, in the camps, children were being indoctrinated "according to Israeli party politics." Jewish leaders said that the camps were entirely recreational.

Another charge was that Zionist activities in Argentina included training "in Communist practice and customs which are used in agricultural military formations in Israel called 'Kibbutzim' and submission in the children's camps 'to the ideals of Israel and loyalty to its flag which is hoisted all over these camps,'"

Concern was expressed in Jewish circles here over the fact that this latest anti-Zionist agitation was having a considerable impact on Argentina's jobless masses.

HIGH GESTAPO OFFICIAL TO GO ON TRIAL FOR KILLING 300,000 JEWS

MUNICH, July 7 (JTA) -- The Munich Prosecutor's office said today that former SS General Karl Wolff, one-time chief of Gestapo head Heinrich Himmler's personal staff, will go on trial here next Monday on charges of complicity in the wartime murders of 300,000 Jews in occupied countries.

A witness who said yesterday at the trial of 22 former Auschwitz murder camp personnel in Frankfurt that he had lied in testimony against two of the defendants is expected to be charged with giving false evidence, court officials indicated today.

Rudolf Kauer, 62, an engineer, said he had been drunk when he testified in pretrial hearings that Wilhelm Boger and Klaus Dylewski had participated in many killings at the camp. He also said he had been "full of hatred" when he gave that testimony. He had been an inmate in the camp for several years.

BAVARIAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION ACCUSED OF BACKING NUREMBERG LAWS

MUNICH, July 7 (JTA) -- Bavarian newspapers today accused the State's Minister of Education, Prof. Theodor Maunz, of having acted as "the devil's jurist" during World War II, writing legal articles justifying the Nazi laws aimed against German Jews. Bavarian Prime Minister Alfons Coppel immediately ordered an examination of all of Prof. Maunz's legal writings.

For a number of years, before assuming his present office, Prof. Maunz was president of the Ministers of Education of the German States. During the war, he was professor of law at Munich University.

HASSIDIM SEEK TO BRING REMAINS OF BAAL SHEM FROM RUSSIA TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 7 (JTA) -- The Hassidic Organization in Israel published an appeal today for formation of a committee to bring to Jerusalem from Russia the remains of the Baal Shem Tov, founder of the Hassidic movement.

The remains of Rabbi Israel Ben Eliezer, who founded the movement in Russia where he died in 1760, are buried in Uman, Soviet Ukraine. The Soviet Government last year permitted American Hassidim to visit his grave in Uman.

ISRAELI DELEGATION ARRIVES IN MADRID: WILL STUDY TRADE POSSIBILITIES

MADRID, July 7 (JTA) -- An Israeli delegation arrived in the Spanish capital today to study the development of trade between the two countries. Spain does not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel but semi-official ties are friendly.

JERUSALEM, July 7 (JTA) -- Israel faces "a critical need" for more teachers in technical schools, with thousands of such teachers to be in demand in the next 10 years, Zalman Aranne, Minister of Education, warned here today. Mr. Aranne made that statement when he delivered the commencement address at Boys Town, where 17 engineering students were graduated by the new College for Technical Teachers.

With Israel's technical schools showing vast increases in enrollments, while industry clamors for more skilled workers, the country faces urgently the need for more teachers to guide these students and to help fill the void in skilled labor, Mr. Aranne said.

The College for Technical Teachers was opened a year ago, the Ministry of Education cooperating in this venture with Boys Town. The college provides a two-year program which includes lectures on pedagogy, practical shopwork and methods, and Jewish studies. Students use the Boys Town shops and classrooms, and live in the Boys Town dormitories.

J. Leshinsky, director of Boys Town, announced during the graduation exercises that 45 additional students will be admitted to the college next fall. He said the increase in student enrollment has been made possible by the opening of a new building, but declared there is a shortage of dormitories for greater numbers of potential students.

ISRAELI SCIENTIST REPORTS IN GENEVA ON CHEMICAL EXPERIMENT

GENEVA, July 7 (JTA) -- Experiments with a chemical which enabled food plants to survive and grow under drought conditions which normally would have killed them were described here today by a Weizmann Institute scientist at the First European Symposium on plant growth.

The experiments were described by Dr. Abraham Halevy to scientists and farm experts from the United States, Britain, France, Israel, Austria, Italy, West Germany and the Netherlands. The symposium was devoted largely to the effects on plant life of cycocel, a compound which controls the growth of cereals and other plants.

Dr. Halevy described his glasshouse experiments with the chemical at a press conference given by the American Thysanamide Company which developed and patented the compound. He reported he had experimented first with flowers and then with beans, tomatoes and lemons. He said he had found that treated plants can live three times as long without water as untreated ones and that production can be increased by 30 per cent with use of the chemical.

Dr. Halevy noted that the chemical is still in the experimental stage and has not yet been authorized for use with foodstuffs. He said that while he was convinced that the chemical was not toxic, "caution is still essential."

PIERRE DREYFUS SCHMIDT, LEADER OF FRENCH JEWRY, DEAD; WAS MAYOR

PARIS, July 7, (JTA) -- Pierre Dreyfus Schmidt, Mayor of the Alsatian city of Belfort and a prominent French liberal leader, died suddenly of a heart attack on Saturday night at the age of 62. His death was only announced in the French capital today.

Schmidt, a former member of Parliament, was one of the main figures of French Judaism. He served as president of the French section of the World Jewish Congress and was known for his passionate dedication to the fight for human rights and liberty.

Born in Belfort, he became a municipal councillor and president of the city's bar association while still in his thirties. His heroic activity in the French resistance during the Second World War won him the Legion of Honor. His death was widely commented on today in the French press.

JACOB H. COHEN, PROMINENT JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 7 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Jacob H. Cohen, an industrialist and philanthropist who was active in a wide variety of Jewish causes. A long-time resident of Brooklyn, he died yesterday at the age of 92.

Born in Russia, he came to the United States in 1900. He established a lumber company of which he was president until his death. He contributed tens of thousands of dollars to Jewish religious, charitable, health and other organizations.

He had been active in the Zionist Organization of America and had been an honorary vice-president and a director of the Jewish Education Committee of New York. He had been a trustee of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York and a member of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute. He made a substantial contribution to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Fund set up recently by the Weizmann Institute Committee. He had been treasurer of the American Association for Jewish Education.

He was founder of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York. He was also honorary president of the Pride of Judea Children's Services of Brooklyn.