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AMERICAN-ISRAEL NUCLEAR DESALINATION AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13; (JTA) -- The special joint committee of technologists appointed by the U. S. and Israel governments to lay the groundwork for President Johnson's plan for cooperation between the two countries in developing a nuclear reactor for use in the desalination of sea water completed the first stage of its deliberations yesterday and announced the scope of the program:

The committee comprising three Israelis and three Americans, will resume its deliberations in Washington next month and will present its final conclusions by October after receiving the details of costs of reactors and evaporators. The program calls for the nuclear desalination plant to become operational by 1971 with the production of between 80,000,000 and 165,000,000 gallons of desalinated water daily. The plant will also be capable of producing between 150 and 200 megawatts of electricity.

While the reactor will be of dimensions similar to reactors now under construction in the United States, its water production through an evaporator, will be 100 times more than that of the usual reactor. It was agreed by the joint committee that, in view of the large quantities of desalinated water the plant will be able to produce, the water will also be used to reduce the salinity of well water.

The joint committee was appointed by the two governments after an agreement on the project, first proposed by President Johnson earlier this year, was signed by Mr. Johnson and Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol during the latter's visit to the United States in June.

ISRAEL WARNS IT WILL USE FORCE IF SYRIA CONTINUES BORDER ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13; (JTA) -- Israel warned the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization today that further attacks by Syria against Israel's northern border "will be met by force." The warning was given to Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the UN organization, by an official of Israel's Foreign Ministry who invited Gen. Bull to come to the Ministry to discuss the grave situation on the northern frontier:

Syria has been firing from automatic weapons almost every day this week, directing the shells at tractors in the fields near the settlement of Haon, on the shore of Lake Tiberias. There have been at least two attacks of this kind during most of the week.

The Foreign Ministry official told Gen. Bull that Israel takes a very grave view of these attacks. He noted that Israel did not return the fire after any of these persistent attacks. He underscored the fact that Israel complained to the UN Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission after each of the attacks, and stated flatly that Israel cannot continue assuming a passive role in the face of these repeated Syrian provocations.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION URGED TO ADOPT STAND ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13; (JTA) -- The liberal political organization, Americans for Democratic Action, today called on the Democratic Party Convention--which is taking place this month in Atlantic City--to adopt a platform plank pledging to seek "the recognition by the Arab states that Israel has a right to exist." At a press conference held in Washington, Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., ADA national vice-chairman, presented the organization's proposed platform for the Democratic National Convention. The ADA plank for the Middle East stated:

"In the Middle East, we will work for guarantees to insure independence and economic development for all nations. We will press for an equitable solution to the Arab refugee problem, along with a peaceful settlement of all other Arab-Israeli issues. We will insist upon an end to boycotts and blockades against Israel, and unrestricted use of the Suez Canal by all nations. Above all, we shall seek the recognition by the Arab states that Israel has a right to exist."

The ADA also urged the convention to take a strong stand on liberalization of immigration laws. The proposed ADA plank on this subject declared:

"We pledge ourselves to work for the elimination of the national origins quota system. We shall support a new system based on Democratic principles, such as the reunion of scattered families, the provision of asylum for refugees, and the admission of immigrants

according to the talents and skills they bring with them rather than their national origin. We shall put an end to second-class citizenship for naturalized Americans. We shall support legislation enacting due process and judicial review in denaturalization and deportation proceedings."

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SETTLES MANCROFT ISSUE; JEWS SATISFIED

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The issue of the London Chamber of Commerce withdrawal of its offer of the organization's presidency to Lord Mancroft, the Jewish financier, under alleged Arab boycott pressure, seemed to have been resolved today to the satisfaction of Jewish leaders as well as of officials of the Chamber:

After meeting separately with Jewish members of Parliament and with leaders of Jewish organizations, the Earl of Verulam, president of the Chamber, issued a statement which the Jewish representatives concurred, stating flatly that the Chamber has, "since 1951, been adamant in being opposed to any form of recognition of the Arab boycott and has always refused to sign any certificate which included any form of discrimination."

The joint statement noted further that the Chamber's official journal this year reaffirmed "support of resolutions deploring the intervention of political questions into the field of international trade by countries having recourse to commercial boycotts based on racial and religious criteria."

"The president of the Chamber," the joint statement continued, "is selected irrespective of his ethnic origin or creed. It is the normal practice for confidential approaches to be made to distinguished persons to allow their names to go forward. Occasionally, names are withdrawn. It is regretted that, in connection with a recent approach and withdrawal, a public misunderstanding has arisen which is jointly deplored."

BCNN SAYS NO EVIDENCE EXISTS THAT BORMANN IS LIVING IN PARAGUAY

BCNN, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Foreign Ministry said here today that no evidence has so far emerged to confirm suspicions that Martin Bormann, Hitler's chief deputy, is now living in Paraguay. He added, however, that the German Embassy in Paraguay has been instructed to keep a close watch on the matter.

The Foreign Ministry statement followed the publication of an article in Bild, a German magazine, charging that a grave in Paraguay with a tombstone bearing Bormann's name, did not contain the remains of Bormann but of another person. Four witnesses have told the Frankfurt prosecutor, Fritz Bauer, that Bormann lives in Paraguay, suffers from cancer and is under treatment by Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious "selection doctor" of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Dr. Bauer has long been urging the West German authorities to try to clear up the mystery of various Nazi war criminals periodically reported in South American countries. He said he had reason to believe that various interested persons were circulating rumors aimed at ending the hunt for Bormann, including reports that Bormann died of cancer in 1959 or 1960.

FOUR-DAY INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS CLOSES TODAY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Professional and technical questions of special concern to dentists throughout the world were discussed at the International Dental Congress, in session here since Tuesday. The Congress is scheduled to close tomorrow.

Dr. James Hollers, president of the American Dental Association, speaking at the Congress, hailed the establishment of the new Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dentistry, this week. A posthumous honorary fellowship was conferred at one of today's sessions by the Hebrew University, honoring the late Prof. Isaac Schour, of the University of Illinois. The award was accepted by Prof. Schour's widow.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF HADASSAH TO OPEN IN LOS ANGELES THIS WEEKEND

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The 50th national convention of Hadassah, will open at the International Hotel here this weekend with more than 2,000 delegates from all over the country participating. The convention will conclude on Wednesday.

Reports on issues in American Jewish life and on the role of Israel and Hadassah in the field of international medicine will be presented at the convention. A special report will be given on conditions for Jews in the Soviet Union. The delegates will represent 1,320 chapters and groups throughout the United States and Puerto Rico which have more than 300,000 members.

SENATE GETS RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, today introduced a resolution in the Senate to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of April 1943.

1,152 JEWISH FAMILIES STILL RESIDE IN CUBA; JEWISH COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Cuba's decimated Jewish community now numbers slightly under 2,800 souls--as compared with about 15,000 Jews living there before the Castro revolution--a report received here today from Havana said. The exact number of Jews, according to the latest government census, was given as 1,152 families, comprising 2,785 persons.

The small community is maintaining its religious and cultural identity. Five synagogues are serving the community. Of these, the principal house of worship is the Orthodox Adath Israel, located in the heart of the old city of Havana. There is a Chevrah Kadisha (burial society), and a cantor who performs marriage rites. There are two kosher meat markets, a kosher restaurant and a Jewish bakery. According to Aaron Geitzholtz, president of Adas Israel, the congregation gets along well financially.

Another synagogue is maintained at the "Patronate," a \$1,000,000 community center, where strenuous efforts are made constantly to maintain the institution which is far too large for the small community. There is the so-called American Temple, a Reform congregation established 60 years ago by Jews from the United States. There are no North Americans belonging to this temple now. The American Temple employs its own cantor and also maintains a cemetery. The Sephardic community maintains two synagogues, Shabat Achim and Centro Hebreo Sephardi. Services are held three times daily at Shabat Achim.

There is a Jewish school, called the Einstein School, which has an enrollment of 60 pupils. Classes are conducted afternoons by three Jewish teachers paid by the Government. The school has a good curriculum of Jewish studies, supervised by a committee of three well-known Jewish leaders.

Three philanthropic organizations are maintained, two by the Ashkenazic community, one by the Sephardim. The organizations are the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, the Women's Society and the Bikur Cholim.

Zionist activities are carried on by the Zionist Federation which also conducts special Jewish holiday programs, cultural events, and observance of special significance to the Jews here, like the annual Memorial Day in honor of the Jewish martyrs of the Nazi holocaust. Last year, Chanukah and Purim celebrations in the main auditorium of the "Patronate" were attended by about 700 persons, about a third of Havana's Jewish population. At a celebration of the "third seder" during the last Passover period, children of the Einstein School performed. One of the principal addresses at the Purim celebration was delivered by Haim Yaari, Israel's Minister to Cuba.

Materially, the report noted, the Jews of Cuba do not face any particular hardships at this time. Some are employed by the Government in various enterprises; others are retired, elderly people. The report made it clear that there is no anti-Semitism in Cuba. Cuban Jewry, it was emphasized in the report, is very eager to maintain contacts with Jewries abroad. Particular note was taken of the fact that the Jews in Cuba appreciated shipments of matzoth sent there last spring by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

ARGENTINE JEWS EXPOSE ANOTHER ANTI-JEWISH CANARD BY ARAB AGENT

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The central representative body of Argentine Jewry, DAIA, today exposed another canard disseminated in this country by Hussein Triki, the Arab League representative in Argentina.

Mr. Triki charged in his anti-Semitic organ, Nacion Arabe, that "Zionists" in Argentina have "sentenced to death" General Enrique Rauch, former Minister of Interior. When Gen. Rauch sent a letter to Nacion Arabe ridiculing the charge, the Arab propaganda organ failed to publish it. The letter was therefore made public here today by the DAIA.

In his letter, the former Minister of Interior, stated that, while he prosecuted persons guilty of "economic delinquency," he had done so regardless "of any racial question." He stated further in the letter which Nacion Arabe tried to suppress that "it is my conviction that the grave problems afflicting the country require a fraternal attitude of solidarity and living together" on behalf of all people in this country. The DAIA lauded the principles expressed by Gen. Rauch in his letter.

WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO BUILD A POWER PLANT FOR EGYPT

BONN, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The West German Government has signed an agreement with Egypt to aid in the construction of a power plant in the Quattr Depression in the western Egyptian desert and a canal which will carry water from the Mediterranean into the Depression to operate the plant, it was reported here today.

Both countries will share the nearly \$3,000,000 cost of research which will take about one year. Another agreement will be signed later covering the actual project. Reports from Cairo predict that the agreement could herald a new era of German-Egyptian cooperation.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION FAILS TO BACK LIBERAL IMMIGRATION MEASURES

NEW YORK, Aug. 13; (JTA) -- Although two of its major sections urged reform of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Act, to eliminate the national origins quota system, the American Bar Association, holding its annual meeting here, last night sidestepped such action by ordering the tabling of a resolution on the subject. The association's ruling House of Delegates adopted the tabling resolution by a vote of 123 to 7.

The two sections of the ABA which backed immigration law reform were those dealing with international law and with administrative law. Victor C. Folsom, of Boston, and Harry N. Rosenfield, of Washington, argued that Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson supported legislation for the elimination of the national origins quota system. Under that system, northern European immigrants are favored, although the northern European quotas are never filled, while immigration quotas from southern and Eastern Europe are always oversubscribed.

Former Congressman Ed Gossett, of Texas, opposed the resolution, demanding of the House of Delegates: "Haven't we got enough pipelines of poison into the American bloodstream now, as it is, without letting in more?" Some of the opponents of the resolution favored the present law, while others thought the ABA should not deal with the issue at all. The tabling resolution which was adopted was offered by Gov. Franklin Riter, of Utah, who held that the issue was "too remote" to require association action.

CANADIAN ZIONISTS TO GRANT MORTGAGES TO IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Aug. 13; (JTA) -- Arrangements have been made for the granting of mortgages on dwellings in Israel to immigrants from Canada, it was announced here today by the Zionist Organization of Canada.

According to Lou Harris, Canadian chairman of the Zionist Organization's newly established Mortgage Loan Fund, the ZOC hopes that the new arrangements, which should ease considerably the purchase of housing by Canadian immigrants, "would lead to increased emigration of Canadian Jews to Israel."

Under the arrangements, the General Mortgage Bank at Tel Aviv will grant mortgage loans on homes anywhere in Israel to purchasers who can prove they were born in Canada, hold a Canadian passport or have lived in Canada for five years or more. The bank will lend up to 60 per cent of the value of a home bought by such immigrants to a maximum of 24,000 Israeli pounds (\$8,000). Loans may run for a maximum of 15 years, with an option of omitting payments on the principal for the first three years.

A special Israeli committee will represent the Zionist Organization of Canada to assist these arrangements. Members of the committee, all of whom are Canadians, are Lionel Freeman, of Haifa; Edward Gelber and Sam Hurwich, of Jerusalem; and Manny Kreicer, of Tel Aviv. The Association of Canadians and Americans in Israel has volunteered to aid applicants for mortgage loans under these arrangements, Mr. Harris said.

WCRLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH ELECTS ISRAELI; IGNORES ARAB OPPOSITION

AMHERST, Mass., Aug. 13; (JTA) -- Against stiff and vociferous Arab opposition, Yehudah Kazish, head of the Council of Youth Movements of Israel, was elected last night as a member of the executive board of the World Assembly of Youth, which concluded a 10-day session at Amherst College here. Mr. Kazish headed a seven-man Israeli delegation which, throughout the assembly, fought successfully against Arab attacks directed against Israel.

Prior to the election of the executive board, the head of the Tunisian delegation, who had throughout spearheaded the Arab drive, circulated a draft resolution dealing with the Arab refugee problem. Israel, in turn, circulated a draft resolution calling for direct Israeli-Arab negotiations for the achievement of Middle East peace. The Arabs then sent an emissary to the Israeli delegation, proposing that both drafts be withdrawn. The Israelis agreed to that compromise, and neither of the drafts came to a vote.

When it came to electing the members of the executive board, however, the Arabs voiced strenuous opposition to the inclusion of an Israeli on the ruling body. In the voting, in which only members of the outgoing board could participate, the Israeli was elected by a ballot of 44 to 5. Forty-nine countries, including not only Arabs and Israelis but also many Eastern European groups, participated in the Assembly. A total of 600 youth delegates attended the parley.

AMERICAN MACHINE AND FOUNDRY COMPANY BLACKLISTED BY ARABS

LONDON, Aug. 13; (JTA) -- The American Machine and Foundry Company has been added to the list of companies trading with Israel and blacklisted from trading with Arab League countries, it was reported here today from Damascus. The American firm helped build Israel's atomic reactor and has continued to supply it with replacement parts.