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ISRAELI IMMIGRANTS FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM SHIP AFTER PROTESTS ON HOMES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23; (JTA) -- A number of immigrants were forcibly removed by police from a ship in Haifa last night when they refused to leave the vessel in protest against the housing locations assigned to them by the Jewish Agency. Details of the incident were reported to the Cabinet today by S. Z. Shragai, head of the Agency's immigration department, who said that the newcomers had refused to accept housing in Kiryat Remez, near Haifa, Holon, Petah Tikva and Afula, demanding instead that they be sent to homes in Ashdod or Batyam.

Mr. Shragai told the Cabinet that, before embarking, every immigrant is given full and precise details about allocated housing, including the areas and prevailing conditions, and is asked to sign an agreement accepting the conditions.

While most of the immigrants disembarked on Friday, Mr. Shragai said that a number of them refused to leave the ship. The Agency arranged for the ship to remain in port until after the Sabbath, and renewed efforts to persuade the immigrants to leave the ship last night. When the newcomers again refused, police were called in to forcibly remove the newcomers from the vessel.

In his report, Mr. Shragai noted that it was usually relatives in Israel who instigate the newcomers to object. He said the Agency was considering means of avoiding such incidents in the future. One Cabinet Minister, who recently traveled aboard an immigrant ship, praised the devotion and patience of Jewish Agency emissaries accompanying the newcomers.

The Cabinet also heard a report by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol on the details of the United States-Israel desalination project agreement. He said the matter of the project's financing had not been raised by the American members of the joint team of experts. He stressed that the matter would be discussed only after the experts submitted their plans to their respective governments.

Mr. Eshkol also announced the appointment of Maj. Gen. Zvi Tsur, Israel's former Chief of Staff, as the project's coordinator. At the present stage, the project is under the direction of the Premier's office.

DEMOCRATIC DRAFT PLATFORM SUPPORTS ISRAEL, RAPS USSR ON JEWISH ISSUE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Democratic 1964 Platform Committee today drafted and submitted to the national convention foreign affairs planks pledging strong support of Israel and deploring Soviet persecution of Jews.

The final platform draft, submitted to the convention opening tomorrow after consideration by the full Platform Committee, pledged to "work for the attainment of peace in the Near East as an urgent goal, using our best efforts to prevent a military imbalance, to encourage arms reductions and the use of national resources for internal development, and to encourage the resettlement of Arab refugees in lands where there is room and opportunity. The problems of political adjustment between Israel and the Arab countries can and must be peacefully resolved and the territorial integrity of every nation respected."

The platform also pledged to encourage by all peaceful means the growing independence of the captive peoples living under Communism and hasten the day when captive nations will achieve full freedom and self determination. The platform said specifically that "we deplore Communist oppression of Jews and other minorities."

Pledges Aid to Israel on Desalination, Stresses Mid-East Peace

The determination of the United States to aid Israel through nuclear desalination was outlined in another portion of the platform approved today by the committee and submitted to the convention.

A supplement to the platform, entitled "An Accounting of Stewardship," was also approved unanimously by the Platform Committee. In it the party's accomplishments were reviewed. The supplement said that the 1960 Democratic plank pledged pursuit of

Arab-Israel peace by preventing an arms imbalance, and that this policy brought the Arab States and Israel "closer to peace and stability than at any time since World War II." (For related story, see Page 4.)

The Platform Committee noted: "In 1960, we urged continued economic assistance to Israel and the Arab peoples to help them raise their living standards. We pledged our best efforts for peace in the Middle East by seeking to prevent an arms race while guarding against the dangers of a military imbalance resulting from Soviet Arms shipments."

"In the period since that pledge was made," said the new 1964 platform draft, "the Near East has come closer to peace and stability than at any time since World War II." The draft added: "Economic and technical assistance to Israel and Arab nations continues at a high level, although with more and more emphasis on loans as against grants. The United States is determined to help bring the revolution in the technology of desalination to the aid of the desert regions."

Immigration Law Reform Urged; National Origins Quota System Hit

The draft platform reviewed American participation in the United Nations to strengthen that organization's capacity as peace keeper, citing the continued UN "guard on armistice lines" in the Near East.

Action on immigration reform was requested in another portion of the draft. The committee said: "In 1960, we proposed to adjust our immigration, nationality and refugee policies to eliminate discrimination and to enable members of scattered families abroad to be united with relatives already in our midst. The national origins quota system of limiting immigration contradicts the founding principles of this nation. It is inconsistent with our belief in the rights of man."

The 1964 view is that "the immigration law amendments proposed by the Administration, and now before Congress, by abolishing the national origins quota system, will eliminate discrimination based upon race and place of birth, and will facilitate the reunion of families."

Goldwater Deplores Soviet Anti-Semitism, Endorses Ribicoff Resolution

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23; (JTA) -- Senator Barry Goldwater, the Republican Presidential candidate, issued a statement this week deploring anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. In addition, he has inserted into the Congressional Record a written statement supporting Sen. Abraham Ribicoff's resolution calling for the condemnation of the Soviet Union for its treatment of Jews.

CLASH BETWEEN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, RABBINATE AVERTED IN COMPROMISE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23; (JTA) -- Court action involving the refusal by Israel's Chief Rabbinate to supervise kosher slaughter at a new cooperative abattoir in the Negev was dropped here today when lawyers for the abattoir requested cancellation of an order by the Supreme Court for a hearing on the case which had been scheduled for September 1.

The case arose in connection with the withdrawal of kashruth certificates by the rabbinate from those markets selling meat supplied by the new, large Marbek Abattoir in Kiryat Malachi, after the latter employed as a supervisor a rabbi not recognized by the rabbinate. Marbek was unable to secure a supervisor recognized by the rabbinate because the cooperative refused to comply with certain conditions it said were "unreasonable."

Last week, the Supreme Court ruled that the Chief Rabbinate is not exempt from replying to an order from the high tribunal and, in that respect, is no different from any other public body in the State. The court postponed a hearing on the merits of the case until September 1, to give the Chief Rabbinate an opportunity to appear in court in response to the show-cause order granted the abattoir lawyers.

The granting of the show-cause order by the Supreme Court met with sharp criticism on the part of rabbinical authorities here, who viewed it as an "intolerable" interference by a secular court into an issue based purely on "halachah" (Jewish religious laws.) The settlement, which was reported to be based on proposals by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman, appears to have headed off a collision between the Chief Rabbinate and the lay authorities.

INDIAN JEWISH LEADER ASSAILS ISRAELI RABBINATE ON BNEI ISRAEL ISSUE

NEW YORK, Aug. 23; (JTA) -- Emanuel E. Moses, a leader of the Bnei Israel community in India, this weekend praised the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, for passing a resolution to dispel feelings among the members of the Bnei Israel community that they are the victims of discrimination. An official of the Indian Government in Bombay, and chairman of the board of the United Synagogue of India, he stopped here on his way from Mexico.

The Indian Jewish leader attacked the Israeli Chief Rabbinate for its marriage directives applying to the Bnei Israel, declaring that these directives "cast doubt on the status of the Bnei Israel community as full-fledged Jews." Mr. Moses, who is now on his way to Israel where he will confer with Bnei Israeli leaders on their problems, also asserted that "there was no basis for discrimination" against members of his group in Israel and stressed their "full Jewish status."

HIGHER EXPORTS OF CITRUS FORECAST BY MARKETING BOARD IN ISRAEL ..

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Israel's exports of fresh citrus fruit during the coming season starting in October will total an estimated 13-14, 000, 000 cases, according to a forecast released here today by the Citrus Marketing Board.

The higher figure would represent an increase of 2, 500, 000 cases over last season when the country's citrus groves were badly hit by frost, and of 1, 500, 000 cases over the 1962-63 total.

In view of the larger quantity of exports predicted, it is intended to stop up shipments to Britain, West Germany and France. It is also hoped to ship larger quantities to East European countries and to the relatively new outlets such as in the Far East, Canada, the United States and Africa.

SWISS PRESS SEEN AS ANTI-SEMITIC, SUPPORTING CENSURED OFFICIAL

GENEVA, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Swiss Jewish community was viewing with growing concern here today mounting evidence of an anti-Semitic press campaign allegedly inspired by the Swiss Government. The press comments followed the resignation this week-end of Etienne Serra, chief of protocol of the Swiss Foreign Ministry, who was accused of having made a number of anti-Jewish remarks at a dinner party held at the home of an Arab ambassador last March.

Dr. Georges Brunšchvig, president of the Federation of Swiss Jewish communities, who heard of the incident from one of the guests at the dinner attended by Serra, had lodged a strong protest to Swiss Foreign Minister Friedrich Wahlen some time ago.

Among the remarks attributed to Mr. Serra, which have not been specifically denied by the Swiss diplomat, are accusations that the Jews represent an "international conspiracy" and are responsible for the current critical world situation. Mr. Serra, a member of the Swiss foreign service for 20 years, is also reported to have warned Christians against "the Jewish danger," and to have charged that the Jews have no right to Israel.

Mr. Serra's resignation followed a recent report concerning the Swiss diplomat's remarks in the Economist of London, along with an accusation that he was linked with the unhindered activities in Switzerland of Egyptian munitions merchant Khamil Hassan. It was noted here that Serra has only resigned from his current post, and it is believed likely that he will soon be appointed to a high-ranking post at the Swiss Embassy in an important foreign country.

Expressing "shock and surprise" at the resignation, a number of Swiss newspapers asserted that Serra's remarks were merely a "lack of precaution" and charged the Swiss Zionist movement with "taking advantage of the situation." Some papers charged that the entire affair was a put-up job, and that the resignation was due to "underhand lobbying."

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ACCUSED OF ASSIGNING NAZIS TO PROSECUTE NAZIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Many former Nazis, some of them with records as war criminals, and many others with records as judges, prosecutors and high police officials who had helped the Hitler regime send thousands of Jews and others to their deaths, are now being employed by the West German Government and German state governments, to prosecute former Nazis, according to an article printed here today by the New York Herald-Tribune.

The article, by Werner H. Guttman, identified by the newspaper as a New York engineer who had escaped from Germany in 1935 and had done confidential work for the U. S. Government during World War II, listed among others the chief justice of the West German Federal Supreme Court in Karlsruhe, who had allegedly been a state supreme court judge under Hitler; a legal expert in the present Bonn Foreign Ministry, who is charged with having been the Nazi attorney general in Czechoslovakia; and a public prosecutor who had been a Hitler judge advocate in France and who had handed down "numerous death sentences" for petty offenses.

"The example set by the (German) Federal Government in failing to remove Nazis from its civil service," the author declared, "is eagerly followed by state governments where closely knit cliques of ex-Nazis exercise control over important political appointments."

ABBA GORDIN, NOTED YIDDISH WRITER, POET, DIES IN ISRAEL AT 77

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Abba Gordin, prominent Yiddish writer and poet, who died here this weekend at the age of 77.

Born in Poland, the son of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Gordin of Lomze, Abba Gordin was one of the veteran anarchists during the early days of the Russian revolution. He came to the United States in 1926 and continued an active career of journalistic writing. Seven years ago he settled in Israel, where he devoted his time mainly to translating his Yiddish works into Hebrew.

ZCA REAFFIRMS STRICT NON-PARTISANSHIP IN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Aug. 23, (JTA) -- Top-ranking leaders of the Zionist Organization of America today reaffirmed the "strictly non-partisan" stand of the organization and its "politically uncommitted" position in the current national election campaign. They emphasized that, while American Zionists as individuals exercise their rights as citizens and vote for candidates of their preference, the Zionist organization as such "neither support nor oppose either of the major parties."

This policy was set forth at the final session of a two-day meeting of the national executive council of the ZOA, its ruling body between annual conventions, at the Hotel Biltmore, by Dr. Max Nussbaum of Hollywood, Calif., president of the ZOA; and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, and honorary president of the ZOA. Several hundred Zionist leaders from all parts of the country attended; Jacques Torczyner, of New York, chairman of the national executive council, presided; A guest speaker was Louis Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, now on a visit to this country.

Dr. Nussbaum, in his address, asserted that "from the very beginning of the struggle for the re-establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, our cause has received the whole-hearted support of leaders of both major parties. Every president of the United States, from Woodrow Wilson to President Johnson, has publicly voiced approval of the establishment of a Jewish national homeland.

"Both Houses of the U. S. Congress, in joint resolutions adopted on several occasions, unanimously endorsed the cause of a Jewish State, and both the Democratic and Republican parties at their Conventions since 1944 incorporated a plank favoring the cause of a Jewish State in their platform. Thus, Israel has always had friends on both sides of the American political life. The American Zionist movement has always been non-partisan. Its vast membership is comprised of adherents of both parties and vote for the candidates of their choice."

Neumann Emphasizes Bipartisan Support; Nussbaum Comments on GOP Plank

Dr. Neumann, in his address, underscoring the adherence of the ZOA to its tradition of non-partisanship, further stressed that "as a Zionist organization, we are concerned specifically with nurturing American-Israel friendship."

He asserted that "it is well to bear in mind that friendship and support for Israel has long been the traditional policy of the United States, firmly based on bi-partisan support, and a wide consensus of American opinion." Dr. Neumann further said that, "as citizens, we have our preferences; and as citizens it is our duty to register our convictions; but as an organization we neither support nor oppose either of the major parties;"

While Dr. Nussbaum expressed regret that for the first time since 1944 no direct reference to Israel was made in the Republican plank, the ZOA president also pointed out that the plank reaffirmed the pledge contained in the 1960 plank of the party. That plank committed the Republican Party to "continue to support the integrity and independence of all the states of that area including Israel and the Arab States."

He voiced the hope that "the leaders of the Republican Party, recognizing the comity of interest between America and Israel and that the security of Israel is interlinked with the future of democracy in the free world, will soon augment their plank with an official statement clarifying their position in an unequivocal manner that will demonstrate to the nation their traditional base of friendship toward Israel."

Torczyner Urges 'Dignity' on Ecumenical Council Issue

Mr. Torczyner, who presided, voiced gratification at what he called "a sobering attitude among American Jewry in relation to the forthcoming session of the Ecumenical Council in Rome." He pointed to the statements of religious leaders of two distinct denominations of American Jewry--Rabbi Leon Feuer, head of the Reform Rabbinate, and Rabbi Joseph Solovitchik, leader of Orthodox Jewry, who urged the adoption of "an attitude of dignity and reserve in regard to the relations between Jews and the Catholic Church." He heartily supported the viewpoint of these leaders that the responsibility for the elimination of anti-Semitism is the responsibility of the Catholic Church without "prodding" on the part of Jews.

He also charged that anti-Semitism is again on the upsurge in West Germany, asserting that officers of the West German army are using anti-Semitic invectives in the training of new recruits. He also urged the sending of a Zionist mission to Latin America, to meet with Latin American Jews on the problems of anti-Semitism in those countries.

I. S. Turover, of Washington, national convention chairman of the ZOA, announced the program for the forthcoming 67th annual convention of the organization, which will be held at the Hotel Willard in Washington, beginning October 1 through October 4. He announced that the convention will be addressed by outstanding leaders of both Democratic and Republican parties, as well as by distinguished leaders of the world Zionist movement and Israel.