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CONGRESS GETS PLAN ON REORGANIZATION OF U.N. AID TO ARAB REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, June 7. (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, today introduced a resolution proposing reorganization of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to speed absorption and employment of the Palestine Arab refugees and purge relief roles of ineligible.

Under the Farbstein plan, as outlined in a House speech today, UNRWA would cease administering the program. The responsibility and funds to discharge it would go directly to the Arab governments after a census determined the number legally eligible for rations. United States funds would be contributed only if Arab governments used finances effectively to put the refugees to work.

Rep. Farbstein said that despite total expenditures exceeding \$500,000,000, of which sum \$350,000,000 came from the United States, UNRWA rolls increase because of failure to eliminate those who have died and others no longer eligible because they are gainfully employed. He pointed out that UNRWA continues to provide rations to refugees who are undergoing military training in a Palestine Liberation Army.

While refugees are being absorbed gradually into the economies of the host countries, the number on the UNRWA rolls nevertheless continues to grow, he said. "It is wrong to continue the present system because it perpetuates and freezes the status quo," Rep. Farbstein told the House. "It serves the political objectives of the Arab states and preserves the Arab refugees as a separate and distinct grouping in preparation for a new war against Israel. Under the status quo, the Arab governments are allowed to evade their own obligations to the refugees and to use them as pawns in a political and propaganda campaign."

HAIFA PORT SLOWDOWN CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGES; AFFECTS ISRAEL'S EXPORTS

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- The six-week slowdown by Haifa port stevedores has caused damages totaling 1,000,000 pounds (\$333,000) and has caused a drop of exports of 30 percent during May when exports had been expected to rise 10 percent, Haim Zadok, Commerce and Industry Minister said today.

The Minister gave this summary as the stevedores pointedly ignored a warning Sunday from the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, to end their slowdown within 24 hours or face sanctions. The Minister, urging the dockers to resume normal work schedules, said that the slowdown was causing danger of more joblessness.

Asserting also that exports of phosphates fell by two-thirds in May, the Minister revealed that many Israeli factories were beginning to suffer from shortages of raw materials. He also said that several exporters had reported they would have to cut production which will cause further unemployment.

Minister Zadok also warned that the slowdown was imperiling the opening of the Tel Aviv Fair scheduled to begin June 24. Several ships carrying exhibits for the fair are tied up in Haifa harbor, he said.

The port situation worsened yesterday with 50 ships tied up, half of them awaiting unloading. More and more shippers have abandoned the Haifa port and diverting Israel-bound cargoes to Cyprus or Piraeus to avoid the expensive wait in Haifa.

SYRIAN TROOPS RENEW FIRING AT ISRAELI FIELD WORKERS AT BORDER

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- Syrian troops opened fire against Israeli workers at Ashmora last night for the second time in 24 hours, spreading a fire in wheat fields touched off in the first clash. Israel filed a complaint again with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Syrian fields were set afire in that exchange and the blaze reached Israeli territory. The shooting last night caused the fire to spread. It was brought under control by a fire brigade only after it destroyed 450 dunams (115 acres) with damages estimated at 80,000 pounds (\$26,000).

The Damascus Radio said last night that Ahmed Shukairy, chairman of the "Palestine Liberation Organization," had offered the PLO army in Syria to the Syrian Government for use in connection with "the concentration of Israeli troops on the Syrian border." It was reported that there were 6,000 PLO troops in Syria, recruited from Arab Palestine refugees.

KNESSET HEARS REPORT ON CITIZENSHIP OF ISRAELIS LIVING ABROAD

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- The handling of applications of Israelis living abroad who wish to renounce their Israeli citizenship is being accelerated but there is still a lag in processing those applications, Dr. I. Ben Meir, Deputy Minister of the Interior, said today in Parliament.

Replying to a written question, the Ministry official said that applications submitted after February 1964 still awaited processing. He did not deny, however, that there were such cases still outstanding since 1962.

However, he reported, such "reluctant citizens" cannot get their regular Israeli passports renewed. He said that persons residing abroad for more than five years are given passports only for a return to Israel unless there were special circumstances.

ISRAELI CABINET VOTES TO STRENGTHEN SABBATH-OBSERVANCE LAW

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet voted to strengthen the Sabbath-observance law by recommending to the Knesset (Parliament) that factory workers or owners be prohibited from working on the factory premises during their weekly rest days. The newly-recommended law, yet to be considered by the Knesset, was adopted by the Cabinet as a result of an agreement made with the National Religious Party prior to the formation of the present coalition Government.

The new amendment would also prohibit members of cooperatives from working on their rest days in industrial enterprises or workshops belonging to their cooperative. The amendment, however, specifically exempts members of kibbutzim, although it states that work on rest days must be restricted only to chores "necessary for the upkeep of the farm."

Exempted also are night clubs, cafes and gasoline filling stations. The religious elements in the Cabinet wanted the latter groups included, but were voted down by a majority of the Cabinet. Non-Jews, according to the revised version of the Sabbath law, may keep weekly rest days "in accordance with their surroundings or in accordance with their religion, whichever they choose."

Under the present law, shopkeepers and their employees are now barred from working on the Sabbath. The Cabinet voted that the Ministerial Committee -- empowered to issue permits for Sabbath employment on essential work -- would also regulate the new clauses now recommended.

ISRAELI BODY PROPOSED FOR SETTLING GOVERNMENT-AGENCY PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, proposed the formation of a permanent body to handle settlement problems between the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency with maximum coordination.

Testifying before the final session of the Commission on Settlement Affairs, he proposed that such a committee include representatives not only of the Government and the Agency but also of other public bodies. He said its functions should include deciding general settlement policy and budgets, and fixing priorities in settlement programs.

AGED JEWS IN WEST BERLIN PERMITTED TO VISIT EAST BERLIN SECTOR

BERLIN, June 7. (JTA) -- For the first time since the Berlin wall was erected in 1961, West Berlin Jews were permitted yesterday to cross into East Germany to visit the graves of relatives. Heinz Galinski, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish community, said the visitors were 65 to 75 years old. They entered East Berlin by bus.

The visitors were 40 residents of the Jewish home for the aged in West Berlin. They visited the Weissensee Jewish cemetery. Under present rules, only Germans with close relatives in the East have been granted permits by the East German regime to enter East Berlin from the western sectors. An exception was made for the 40 elderly Jews because all of their relatives were dead, most of them victims of the Nazi holocaust.

VIENNA SCHOOL PLACES ANTI-SEMITIC PROFESSOR IN PERMANENT RETIREMENT

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- The Austrian Information Office here reported today that Taras Borodkewycz, whose presence on the faculty of the Vienna School of Economics created widespread student disorders over charges he was a Nazi, has been placed in permanent retirement.

The report said that the professor was suspended from duty last year and relieved of his post and placed in permanent retirement by the school's disciplinary Senate last month. The presence of the professor, who openly professed anti-Semitic and anti-democratic principles, caused a demonstration in March, 1965 in which an elderly concentration camp survivor, Ernst Kirschweiger, was fatally injured.

The senate of the school issued judgement on May 14, declaring that a man who followed anti-Semitic principles was "completely incompetent" to teach in an Austrian institute of higher learning. The Information Office said that enforced retirement was one of the most severe sentences an Austrian college or university may impose.

ZIONIST FEDERATION ESTABLISHED IN CANADA; COMPOSED OF FOUR GROUPS

MONTREAL, June 7. (JTA) -- The establishment of a Zionist Federation of Canada, composed of the four major Zionist groups in this country, was announced here at a press conference today. The four organizations which joined the Federation are: The Labor Zionist Movement of Canada, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, Achdut Avodah, and Friends of Pioneering Israel.

Addressing the press conference, leaders of the four groups said that the Federation is the culmination of many years of effort to bring together all the Zionist groups in Canada into one federated organization. Unfortunately, they said, it has not yet proved possible to involve all Canadian Zionist groups in the new federation. However, they made clear that the Federation is open to all Zionist organizations, as well as to all Jewish organizations and individuals hitherto unaffiliated officially with the Zionist Movement. All of the above will be invited to participate in the Founding Convention of the Zionist Federation which will take place in the fall of 1966.

The aims of the Zionist Federation, according to the leaders, will be "to further strengthen the ties between Canadian Jewry and the State of Israel and to enhance its fund-raising activities, as well as to strengthen Jewish cultural and spiritual life in Canada, with particular emphasis on education and youth activities." The spokesmen announced that the executive of the World Zionist Organization, as well as all pertinent agencies in Canada, will be notified of the establishment of the Federation as the representative body of Canadian Zionism.

NEW JERSEY JEWISH WAR VETERANS FILE COMPLAINTS AGAINST KU KLUX KLAN

ENGELWOOD, N.J., June 7. (JTA) -- Stimulated into action by a recent openly-announced Ku Klux Klan cross burning held at Bridgeton, N.J., the New Jersey Action Committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States has implemented a plan for exposing the KKK and condemning its activities, it was announced here today.

The announcement was made by the Jewish Chronicle, local weekly, which reported that, at the suggestion of the JWV, the state's Allied Veterans Group has unanimously adopted a resolution condemning Klan activity. The group represents 200,000 veterans throughout New Jersey.

The JWV's Action Committee has filed complaints against the Klan with Gov. Hughes, State Attorney General Arthur J. Sills and the FBI, as well as the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders which has jurisdiction over the area where the cross has been burned publicly by the KKK. The action plan of the JWV includes not only complaints to various government bodies but also a demand that Attorney General Sills take court action to prevent further KKK rallies.

CONGRESSMAN CELLER WARNS NEGRO NATIONALISTS AT JEWISH DINNER

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Congressman Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and co-author of the 1965 Civil Rights Bill, warned here today that black nationalist and other "sinister influences" among Negro groups "can very well sabotage efforts to pass a forceful and meaningful Civil Rights Bill of 1966."

Speaking to a dinner meeting of the American Jewish Committee, at the Americana Hotel, Congressman Celler singled out groups such as the Black Muslims and the Black Panthers and writers such as Le Roi Jones and James Baldwin as practitioners of "racism in reverse." He stressed that because of these forces some congressmen "who have a passionate concern for Negro rights are saying privately, if not yet publicly, that we should forget about the Civil Rights Bill of 1966."

PRESIDENT OF UNION OF LATIN AMERICAN RABBIS REPORTS ON RUSSIA

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham Hershberg, chief rabbi of Mexico and president of the Union of Latin American Rabbis, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today that he has found, through personal inspection, that "there is no religious freedom in the Soviet Union."

Rabbi Hershberg is in London on his return trip from a visit to the USSR which, he said, he made not only on behalf of the Union of Latin American rabbis but also as a representative of the Committee for Religious Freedom, an organization with headquarters in Mexico City, of which he is a member. Last night, Rabbi Hershberg conferred with the Right Rev. Dr. Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury.

BLAUSTEIN REAPPOINTED AS ADVISOR TO U.S. GOVERNMENT ON PETROLEUM

WASHINGTON, June 7. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein has been reappointed by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall as a member of the National Petroleum Council which serves as advisor to the Federal Government on petroleum matters of national significance, it was announced here today.

ORTHODOX RABBI CALLS FOR ABOLITION OF BAR MITZVAH CEREMONY

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 7. (JTA) -- A Columbus Orthodox rabbi has called for the abolition of the Bar Mitzvah ceremony in American Judaism on the premise that "nothing has contributed more to the adulteration of faith and the confusion of intellect than the Bar Mitzvah training program in America."

Rabbi David Stavsky, spiritual leader of Beth Jacob Synagogue, also contended that "nothing has stifled and strangled Jewish education in America" more than the Bar Mitzvah program. He declared that if the whole ceremony was abolished, "there is a slight possibility that the child may go on in Hebrew school to age 17 or 18." He asserted that "what people do not realize is that Bar Mitzvah is a myth, that there is nothing sacred or ritualistic or important about having a boy memorize a chapter in the Prophets and repeat a canned speech or prayer."

"Millions of dollars are spent annually for this myth, and with it comes the death blow to Jewish education and learning," Rabbi Stavsky said. "The Bar Mitzvah training program, either by private lessons or afternoon Hebrew school, guarantees that the boy's Jewish education will end a week after the gifts are counted."

STUDENTS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE FROM HEBREW CLASS; ONE IS ARAB

FAIRVIEW, N.J., June 7. (JTA) -- Thirty-three students in St. John's Roman Catholic school here -- including an 11-year-old Arab boy from Jordan -- received yesterday certificates in proficiency in Hebrew in classes taught by a Jewish attorney.

William Rubin, the attorney, learned Hebrew while attending Hebrew school in Jersey City from the age of five to 17. He has contributed one hour of teaching a week to the Catholic school's extensive language program for the past three years for pupils in the third to eighth grades.

Father Charles McTague, who developed a program of 14 languages for pupils, informed the attorney that he had been one of seven persons nominated by the Edith Stein Guild for an international award for outstanding promotion of better relations between Catholics and Jews. The language courses are taught and studied on a voluntary basis on Saturdays or weekdays after regular school hours.

Michael Euzad, the boy from Jordan, demonstrated his proficiency by reading from his book, first in Hebrew and then in English, "I am a Hebrew boy." Michael Healy, an Irish boy, volunteered another translation: "I learn in a Hebrew school in the land of Israel."

HABIMAH STIPULATES CONDITIONS FOR CANCELING SUSPENSION OF ACTORS

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- The Habimah Theater management indicated today it was willing to cancel the two-year suspension imposed on two of its veteran actors for appearing in productions of other theaters if they would agree to quit those roles and to accept Habimah assignments.

The actors are Shmuel Rudensky, who is currently playing Tevya in the Israeli version of "Fiddler on the Roof," and Shlomo Bar Shavit, who is playing in "The Strange Case of Aliza Mizrach." The management had justified the unprecedented suspensions on grounds that if it did not act, "every Habimah actor will decide he can pick and choose the plays in which he will agree to perform."

However, Mr. Rudensky signed a six-month contract yesterday to continue playing the role of Tevya. He had previously responded to the suspension with a complaint that Habimah had paid him "starvation wages" during his 20 years with the troupe.

JACOB M. BUDISH, NOTED JEWISH LABOR ECONOMIST AND AUTHOR, DEAD

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Jacob M. Budish, a sociologist, economist and author, for years active in the Jewish labor movement, died here at the age of 80.

Born in Russia, near Kiev, he graduated from the Kiev Commercial Institute, and, in 1912, emigrated to the United States where he studied at the University of Chicago and at Columbia University. For 14 years, from 1916 to 1930, he served as editor of the Fatgear Worker, organ of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers Union.

Mr. Budish was one of the founders of Ambijan, an organization supporting the settlement of Jews in Biro-Bidjan, in eastern Siberia. He was the author of several economic books, including "Soviet Foreign Trade," "People's Capitalism," "The Changing Structure of the Working Class" and "Is Communism the Next Stage?" During World War I, he wrote a monograph about anti-Semitism in the Ukraine. The document was said to have reached President Wilson at the time of its publication.