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ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION AGREES TO COORDINATION PLAN

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The Israel Bond Organization announced today that it had accepted a proposal submitted to it by Ambassador Abba Eban as the recommendation of Premier David Ben Gurion, aimed at coordinating activities of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization.

Inasmuch as the United Jewish Appeal had not yet formally taken action on the proposal, no details of the proposal were made public by the bond organization. However, it is known that the proposal aims at the establishment of a national committee, which would have final authority to resolve any differences affecting the two activities and which would undertake to strengthen the efforts of both organizations to provide dollars for Israel's economy.

JAVITS PROTESTS LABELLING OF JEWISH VISA APPLICANTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Rep. Jacob J. Javits today renewed his protest to the State Department against its consular offices requiring, in practical effect, persons of the Jewish faith to list their religion on visa applications. He made known that he was not satisfied with a visa division explanation that "it will be left to each individual applicant to state what he considers to be his race and ethnic classification."

In his protest, Rep. Javits pointed out that according to information he had received, it is the practice in consular offices abroad to suggest to persons of Jewish faith that they insert their religious faith in the space provided in the visa application for "race and ethnic classification." He said that if they do not make such insertion they are refused visas.

"To treat those of the Jewish faith as an ethnic classification could only be construed as discriminatory treatment and is reaching for a definition of the word 'ethnic' to accomplish it," Rep. Javits said. "Expert scientific opinion does not regard those of the Jewish faith as an ethnic group and it should not be so regarded."

"The State Department cannot avoid responsibility for what goes on in its consular offices by failing to specify or to list races and ethnic classifications which would meet the requirements of the McCarran Immigration Law," he said. "The law does not go into effect until Dec. 24 and there is ample time to make such listing. Such listing would certainly not include Jews as an ethnic or race classification. The State Department's insistence on its present position will make the already unfair and discriminatory McCarran Immigration Act even more unfair and discriminatory."

STUDIES BY U. N. SUB-COMMISSION ON DISCRIMINATION SUGGESTED

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A proposal that the United Nations Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities attack the question of discrimination by making systematic studies of specific situations in the fields of education, employment, immigration and others, was made here today by Moses Moskowitz, representing the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations.

Mr. Moskowitz also urged that the sub-commission determine whether certain articles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the draft Covenants on Human Rights, particularly those on freedom of religion, communication and association, were adequate to meet the special needs of minorities.

In an analysis of the lack of success of the sub-commission in performing its duties in the past, the Jewish representative said that this was brought about by three conditions: lack of coordination between the unit and its parent body, the Commission on Human Rights; the terms of reference of the sub-commission are too broad and vague; and, the relationship between the concepts of prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities had been misunderstood.

U. OF MARYLAND DENIES ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN DORMITORY ASSIGNMENTS

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Sept. 25. (JTA) -- University of Maryland authorities denied today that anti-Semitism played any part in the denial of dormitory facilities to 30 girls who were graduated from a high school in a section of Baltimore which has a large Jewish population. No other Maryland high school graduates received such notices, the Associated Press reported today.

University officials claimed that a housing shortage existed and insisted that there was no thought of religious discrimination. It was pointed out that the university receives four times as many freshman applications from the high school in question than from any other school in the state. Dr. H. C. Byrd, University president, said that housing was assigned on a "geographical basis" but that "somebody's got to be trusted to use arbitrary judgment."

The situation was made known when a Maryland legislative committee called on the University for an explanation. Jewish defense agencies are taking a close interest because of incidents which occurred at the University before. A Gentile's denunciation of anti-Semitism at the University in 1949 brought about an investigation by the Baltimore Jewish Community Council. The Gentile was Louis Eisenhauer, retiring student president, who charged that anti-Semitism was "rampant" on the College Park campus.

DEATH SENTENCE OF NAZI WHO DEPORTED DUTCH JEWS COMMUTED

THE HAGUE, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The death sentence imposed several years ago on Willy Lages, wartime head of the Nazi security police in Amsterdam, was commuted to life imprisonment by royal decree yesterday. Among the various war crimes of which Lages was convicted was the deportation of 70,000 Dutch Jews.

In explanation of the commutation of sentence, the Ministry of Justice said that it would not be "appropriate" to execute him seven and a half years after the last of his crimes and two years after the death sentence was confirmed.

The Union of Former Political Prisoners here has initiated a campaign to force passage of legislation barring further reductions of sentences of war criminals which have already been commuted. The national council of the Netherlands Former Resistance, in a message to the Cabinet, called the commutation "a slap in the face of the many who sacrificed their lives and property for the fatherland."

U.S. AID PROGRAM TO HELP HOUSE IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The United States aid program is "interested in transferring the tent dwellers of the immigrant camps to permanent housing before the rainy season, in supplying food and in developing irrigation schemes and social welfare functions," Bruce McDaniel, director of the U.S. Technical Cooperation Administration, said at Nathanya last night.

The TCA administrator, winding up a two-day tour of projects and enterprises launched with funds from the American grant-in-aid to Israel and the counterpart funds supplied by Israel, said that "as in the past, we will continue to cooperate with the Israel Government for the development of the country."

Mr. McDaniel told reporters here that Israel's hospital capacity of 317 beds per 100,000 population was regarded as too low. He said that 900,000 pounds had been released from counterpart funds for erection of prefabricated hospital units imported from Finland. Of this amount, 200,000 pounds was for hospitals in Nathanya to serve the western Galilee and in Poria for the eastern Galilee.

For housing needs, he said, \$2,400,000 had been appropriated from the grant-in-aid and 2,500,000 pounds would be released from counterpart funds for the erection of 1,100 Finnish pre-cut wooden housing units and 1,700 prefabricated Austrian houses. These, he said, would replace 2,800 tents. Transfer of immigrants to permanent housing, he said, was regarded as a primary goal of the government.

The TCA administrator visited the Kfar Jona housing project where 115 wooden houses have been constructed to house 500 people who formerly lived in 150 tents in the Beitlid immigrant camp and who suffered severely in last winter's torrential storms. Garden plots are attached to each house.

For irrigation projects intended to increase agricultural production, the grant-in-aid program provided more than \$2,000,000 in pipe, fittings and related materials, Mr. McDaniel said. Counterpart funds released to facilitate local projects reached 700,000 pounds.

Counterpart funds are also being used, he revealed, for the re-education of immigrant children and adjustment of youth to productivity. The sum of 100,000 pounds has been released from counterpart funds for this, he said, and 40,000 pounds is being released to maintain a children's home at Kfar Hassidim.

Preparations Complete for 55-Mile Railway Spur

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Preparatory work for construction of a 55-mile railway spur between Rehovoth and Beersheba, the main transportation and industrial hub of Israel's southern desert region, has been completed, a Ministry of Communications spokesman announced here tonight.

He said blueprints for the entire job have been drafted and a survey of the exact route of the line has been completed. Two thousand pounds has already been allocated for the project, which is expected to take a year to finish.

The rails and a considerable part of the heavy equipment needed for the project will come from Germany, in the form of reparations payments, he disclosed. The Ministry has already placed orders for 25 special cars capable of handling 50 tons of freight. They will form the nucleus of a rail unit to haul minerals from the Negev mines to the industries and ports of the Jewish State.

NEW YORK'S U. J. A. MARKS THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The agreements by West Germany to pay reparations to Israel and to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany is an important step toward the solution of Israel's long-range economic problems but will not have an effect on the Jewish State's immediate problems, Jack D. Weiler, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York and chairman of the national U. J. A. campaign to raise \$35,000,000 in cash in three months, tonight told the 13th anniversary dinner of the New York U. J. A.

Guests of honor at the dinner were some 300 chairmen of industry, professional, community and women's divisions in the 1952 campaign. The affair marked the raising of more than 300 million dollars by the New York agency since its inception in 1939.

Mr. Weiler, who has just returned from a seven-week mission to Israel, Europe and North Africa, told the diners that "the German reparations can help Israel get out of the desperate situation in which it finds itself, but only if we keep on doing our job, the U. J. A. job, to our fullest capacity. The dollars U. J. A. can provide are needed now to help the Israelis get along until the long-term effects of reparations, bond sales and investment programs can be felt."

In a review of the history of the New York U. J. A., Louis Broido, president, stated that the agency was founded as a temporary method of meeting the Hitler emergency and that it has grown through the years "into a continuous effort of global proportions to save lives, to sustain others, and in recent years, to help in the up-building and resettlement of the State of Israel." He pointed out that in 1939 the New York U. J. A. campaign netted approximately \$5,000,000 and helped rescue 88,000 Jews fleeing Germany and 45,000 Jews escaping from other European countries. The job done in 1948 was ten times as great, he stressed, with the agency raising \$50,000,000.

Mr. Broido declared that during the war years the U. J. A. agencies managed to sustain over a million Jews in Europe, operating behind the enemy lines on many occasions "with the knowledge and approval of our government." Subsequently, the U. J. A. bent its efforts to rehabilitating the victims of the Nazis and in finding them homes in America and Israel. "We helped Israel's people win their fight for independence against overwhelming odds posed by seven Arab armies. We helped them in the more prosaic but equally vital task of integrating the great multitude of new immigrants who came there to find a new, a decent life."

Messages of congratulations were received from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, Sen. Herbert H. Lehman and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

4,000 AT MASS MEETING CONDEMN "ATTACKS" ON RELIGION IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Some 4,000 persons at a public rally here last night sponsored by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada adopted a resolution protesting against "systematic attacks on the fundamentals of the Jewish religion" in Israel.

The resolution listed four "serious dangers" to religious Jewry in Israel as: the conscription of Orthodox women; the "planned abolition" of the religious educational system; the "planned promulgation" of a law instituting government control over yeshivoth and other institutions; and, the "introduction of public desecration of the Sabbath in communication and transportation."

In the event that the protest to the Israel Government proves ineffective in ending the "attacks," the resolution instructed the rabbinical group to "publicly declare itself opposed to the official public appeals of the State of Israel" and to "establish an independent Israel campaign to support the religious community in Israel."

MILLER TO DISCUSS U.S. ZIONIST-ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP WITH BEN GURION

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The relationship of the American Jewish community to Israel, and the strengthening of the world Zionist movement will be discussed when Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Premier David Ben Gurion confer in Israel next week, it was disclosed here today following a meeting of the national executive of the Z. O. A.

Rabbi Miller is scheduled to fly to Israel Tuesday at the invitation of Premier Ben Gurion. He will be joined there by Abraham Goodman, chairman of the Z. O. A. inner committee. The two leaders and Dr. Emanuel Neumann will work out arrangements for completion of the Z. O. A. House in Tel Aviv and for its operation as an American Zionist cultural, tourist and investment information center.

Addressing the national executive session, Rabbi Miller indicated that the Z. O. A. stands firmly behind the resolution outlining Zionist tasks which was adopted last summer at the 55th annual convention of the Z. O. A.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN MAY ATTEND J. W. B. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- President Truman indicated today that he would attend the national leadership mobilization of the Jewish Welfare Board, which opens here October 17, if his duties permit. Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., and Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing are among those who will address the three-day parley which 300 are expected to attend.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- A woman settler at the new settlement of Sede-Boker, in the Negev, was murdered by a band of "infiltrators" who drove off cattle owned by the settlers, it was announced here.

LONDON, (JTA) -- A Burmese labor delegation will arrive in Israel this weekend for a ten-day stay. The delegation will arrive in the Jewish State after short visits to Syria and Lebanon. While in Britain, members of the delegation met representatives of Israel and of the Jewish Agency.

LONDON, (JTA) -- A party of 60 chalutzim, the largest organized group of pioneering youth to leave Britain for Israel, is preparing to depart early next month. The group was trained on farms maintained by the Zionist Federation of Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, (JTA) -- A three-man delegation of potash experts, who were in the United States under the Point Four program, have returned to Israel to help with plans to re-open a plant of the Dead Sea Works Ltd. which has been closed since the Arab-Israel war.

FRANKFURT, (JTA) -- Former Luftwaffe pilots and personnel of German civilian airlines are being recruited here for service with Middle East Air Lines, which operates air services in the Arab countries. S. A. Salaam, manager of the line, said he had already interviewed 15 former Luftwaffe and Lufthansa pilots for jobs.

MONTREAL, (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of Canada announced that its Materials for Israel program had shipped more than 25 tons of clothing, soap and other material to Israel this week.
