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ISRAEL PARLIAMENT APPROVES GOVERNMENT'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The new economic policy of the Israel Government was today approved in parliament by a vote of 55 to 44. A motion expressing non-confidence in the government was rejected by a vote of 59 to 44.

Winding up a 10-hour debate, Premier David Ben Gurion vigorously denied the allegation that Israel was nearer to economic independence three years ago than it is today. "With the full knowledge of all difficulties facing us, I declare that we have made considerable progress from the time the state was established and that we are richer now than at any time since the establishment of the state."

Analyzing the causes of the economic crisis, Mr. Ben Gurion stated that "penniless immigration" does not go hand-in-hand with capital. "The Jews of Yemen, Iraq, and other countries did not emigrate because of idealistic motives but were compelled by a whip which does not exist in lands where Jewish capital is concentrated," the Premier declared. "Whoever maintains that there is a mutual adjustment between the immigration of people and the immigration of capital talks nonsense."

(The facts behind the government's new economic policy will be presented to American Jewry at a special conference of Jewish leaders which will take place in Washington on March 1 and 2, it was announced by the Israeli Embassy. The conference was called by Ambassador Abba Eban, the announcement said. Mrs. Golda Meyerson, Israel Minister of Labor, is proceeding to the United States on Sunday and will be one of the principal speakers at this conference.)

BLAUSTEIN HOPES FOR GERMAN-JEWISH UNDERSTANDING ON REPARATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The hope that the forthcoming Jewish reparations talks with Germany, which will start in the middle of March, will be carried out in a spirit of mutual understanding, was expressed here today by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee and a member of the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany.

Mr. Blaustein returned today from Paris and London where he participated in the discussions at which it was decided to begin negotiations with the German Government. He was accompanied by Dr. Simon Segal, director of the American Jewish Committee's foreign affairs department. In a statement made upon his arrival, he declared:

"We sincerely hope that the recent declaration of Chancellor Adenauer, approved by the German Parliament, will be translated into negotiations carried out in a spirit of mutual understanding. Germany cannot atone for the unspeakable Nazi

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crimes committed against the Jews, but the Bonn Government can demonstrate in forthcoming negotiations its willingness to compensate to some extent for the material losses suffered by Jews under Hitler. "

While in London, Mr. Blaustein conferred with John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner for Germany, and General Henry Byroade, head of the German Bureau of the U. S. State Department, to discuss various problems in connection with the forthcoming contractual agreements between the Western allies and the Bonn Government. "It is essential," Mr. Blaustein stated, "that these contractual agreements fully guarantee human rights to further democratic processes in Germany and safeguard the future of the restitution and compensation programs. "

ISRAEL TAKES INVENTORY OF ALL STOCKS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL PRICES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Trade and Industry today put 1,000 inspectors into the field to take inventory of stocks now in stores throughout the country in order to prevent illegal price rises.

The Ministry of Finance announced that starting today the Treasury will issue bank notes in denominations of one and two shillings to alleviate a shortage of coins which the Ministry blames on "hoarding." The bank notes were prepared in 1948 for a coin shortage which never developed, and there are sufficient stocks of notes to cover all normal needs.

RELIGIOUS UNDERGROUND MEMBERS CLEARED OF KNESSET BOMB PLOT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Four members of the underground religious order Brit Kanaim who went on trial in the Jerusalem district court yesterday were today acquitted of seven major charges including conspiracy to wage war on the state and conspiracy to bomb the Knesset. The acquittal, which followed an announcement that the Attorney General would present no evidence to support the major charges, left the four facing lesser charges such as attempting to set fire to the Knesset chamber, plotting to burn documents concerning the drafting of religious women for compulsory service and the burning of butcher shops selling non-kosher meat and vehicles driven on the Sabbath. The hearings on these charges were postponed until next month.

The four defendants are: Yehuda Rider, Mordechai Eliahu, Eliahu Rafal and Noach Wormesser. Their arrest, together with some 50 others last May on the eve of the alleged attempt to bomb the Knesset chamber, created a sensation in Israel. Their imprisonment and subsequent protest against alleged police brutality at the Jalame detention camp where they were held, caused heated debates in Parliament and the appointment of a special Parliamentary commission to investigate their detention.

KAISER-FRAZER MADE \$1,000,000 IN PROFITS IN ISRAEL IN EIGHT MONTHS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The Kaiser-Frazer Automobile Company made over \$1,000,000 in profits during the first eight months of its operations in Israel, a local representative of the firm announced today. He said that next year's prospects appear encouraging and that most countries to which the plant exported cars have increased their orders.

ARMY ADMITS BARRING AMERICAN JEWS FROM BASES IN SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The United States Army is respecting the anti-Jewish policy of the Saudi Arabian Government, it was indicated today by a spokesman for the Department of Defense. Asked if American Jews are being employed by the U.S. Army for work now underway on bases in that country, the spokesman said: "We are endeavoring not to recruit construction workers for Saudi Arabia who would not be admitted to the country."

"However," the army spokesman added, "there is no screening of workers for other Mediterranean areas." Senate testimony recently revealed that New York State refused to cooperate with an Army request to separate workers on a religious basis. Because New York failed to screen out Jews, an estimated 20,000 workers of all faiths were by-passed. The Department of Defense said today that "18 percent of those recruited for work in the Mediterranean area were hired out of New York State without regard to religion or race."

A request that "we should guarantee to the Arab and Moslem world that Israel is not going to be any further threat to the Arabic League of Nations" was made before Congress today by Rep. W.J. Bryan Dorn, of South Carolina, who described the present American policy on the Middle East as "dangerous." Rep. Dorn said we should back Israel, but that we should reassure the Arabs because otherwise the Arabs might join with the Soviet bloc of nations.

MASS DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM CITIES IN HUNGARY REPORTED

LONDON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The mass deportation of Jews from the larger cities of Hungary was resumed during the last few days, it was reported here today.

Many trainloads of Jews have been deported to farming areas to be set to forced labor on farms, the report said. It added that Hungary is in great need of people to work on the land in the spring and that the only way vast numbers of farm hands can be secured is by the mass deportation of "undesirable elements" from the larger cities to villages.

PURGE OF JEWS FROM CULTURAL FIELDS EXPECTED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Radio Free Europe experts on Czechoslovak affairs were reported today as stating that Jews and "bourgeois objectivists" will soon be purged in Communist Czechoslovakia from scientific and cultural fields.

The report, which was cabled from Munich to the New York Times, said that the impending purge was disclosed by the Prague radio, which announced that "a congress against cosmopolitanism and bourgeois objectivism in science" was to be held in Bruenn from February 27 to March 1. The word "cosmopolite" is accepted generally as a Communist euphemism for Jews. It was initiated in articles and broadcasts in the Soviet Union, and has been adopted by the satellite countries. "Bourgeois objectivists" are those who do not pattern scientific conclusions to the Communist party theoretical line, the report explained.

SLOVAK NEWSPAPER PUBLISHES SHARP ATTACK ON ZIONISM

VIENNA, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- A sharp attack against Zionism as a "weapon of American imperialism" appeared in the Bratislava newspaper "Pravda," a copy of which has just been received here. The article charged that Zionists "in the service of the class enemy have wormed their way into the Communist parties to disrupt and undermine them from within."

GERMAN MEETING DISCUSSES HOW TO ACHIEVE PEACE WITH JEWS

FRANKFURT, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Prof. F. Boehme, reportedly the leader of the German delegation to the negotiations with Israel on reparations claims, participated in a meeting organized here to discuss what Germans can do to achieve peace with the Jews of the world. The meeting was sponsored by the League of Free and Political Students.

Prof. Boehme insisted that it was necessary for all "diffident" Germans to support the payment of reparations to Israel and to support movements to reconcile the two nations. In addition, he suggested that Germans who favor peace with the Jews of the world should strive to achieve a position where no anti-Semite would dare appear in public.

He stressed that without the "true spirit of reconciliation" taking hold of Germans, the payment of reparations claims to Jews would amount to "blood money." Another speaker suggested that all Germans who work for peace with Israel should wear a pin in the form of a Star of David.

FRANKFURT SCHOOLS TO PRESENT PROGRAM ON GERMAN-JEWISH RELATIONS

FRANKFURT, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Special programs on German-Jewish relations have been prepared for presentation in the schools of this city during Brotherhood Week, which will be observed from March 9-16. The programs have been prepared by the Hesse Ministry of Education in cooperation with the Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

A meeting arranged by the Congress of Cultural Freedom and the Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Berlin today heard Erich Lueth, originator of the "peace with Israel" movement, urge Germans to fight anti-Semitism. Another speaker at the meeting was the well known German poet Stefan Andres, who has joined Herr Lueth in the "peace with Israel" movement.

TRIAL IN GERMANY REVEALS 6,000 JEWS WERE GASED IN BELGRADE

NUREMBERG, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- A witness testifying here at the trial of Franz Rademacher, former Nazi official charged with responsibility in the deportation and death of tens of thousands of Jews from several Central European countries, today said that some 6,000 Jewish women and children were slaughtered in "gas trucks" in Belgrade in 1942. The witness added that all Jewish males who could be rounded up in the city, were shot.

The witness, a former German police colonel, said that at the time of the executions he thought the Jews were being murdered as part of the general program of exterminating Jews. Later, he learned that the Jewish males who were shot had been held as hostages.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENTARY BODY PRESSES FOR DR. AUERBACH'S TESTIMONY

MUNICH, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The committee of the Bavarian Parliament which is investigating the case of Dr. Philip Auerbach, arrested over a year ago on charges of financial irregularities in the administration of the Bavarian Restitution Office, has filed a new application with the Ministry of Justice for Dr. Auerbach to testify before the committee.

An earlier application, granted by a lower court, was turned down when it was appealed to a superior provincial court. If the Ministry of Justice turns down the second application, the Parliamentary committee will file charges of "breach of the constitution" in the Federal Constitutional Court at Karlsruhe.

U.J.A. 1952 NATIONWIDE DRIVE OPENS THIS WEEK-END IN MIAMI BEACH

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The 1952 nationwide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal which will be formally launched here this week-end was termed by general chairman Edward M. M. Warburg today as "the most crucial campaign in the 14-year history of the U. J. A. " More than 500 Jewish leaders from communities in 41 states will attend the two-day National Inaugural Conference at which the drive for \$151,500,000 will be started.

In a statement issued here today, Mr. Warburg said that the most important tasks facing the Conference are: 1. The establishment of a 1952 standard of individual and corporate giving to community campaigns on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal; 2. The formation of a National Campaign Cabinet and the naming of a top level volunteer general staff to help plan and direct the drive; 3. The mapping of emergency actions in response to Israel's current grave economic crisis; 4. The stimulation of community action in adopting and setting local goals as a pre-condition to success in raising the nationwide goal of \$151,500,000.

"This Conference will be meeting at one of the most decisive moments in the history not only of the United Jewish Appeal, but of the State of Israel itself," Mr. Warburg stressed. "The people of Israel are today face to face with the most serious crisis to confront them since May 1948, and it is up to American Jews to make it possible for the United Jewish Appeal to meet this crisis and to conquer it."

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN HOLDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- A campaign to combat internal threats to civil liberties was launched here today at a national conference of the National Council of Jewish Women. More than 200 delegates attended the two-day parley. They met with Senators who joined in endorsing their efforts. Delegates also met with officials of the Department of State.

Mrs. Joseph Willen, chairman of the council's national committee on Education and Social Action described "McCarthyism" as "an exceedingly dangerous trend" and pledged that the 240 chapters of the organization would organize in a constructive campaign in the defense of civil liberties through the encouragement of free expression of ideas. She said the campaign will be activated by the 94,000 Jewish women in communities throughout the country who are members of the Council.

Sen. Walter F. George, of Georgia, today went on record as opposing any change in the Senate cloture rule which might make possible a vote on civil rights legislation. Sen. Irving M. Ives, of New York, meanwhile, issued a statement deploring "the sorry spectacle of a small minority in the Senate successfully thwarting the will of a large majority." Sen. Ives said "discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry denies equality of opportunity and makes a mockery of our pious boasting about our American way of life."

BROWDY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF KEREN HAYESOD IN THE UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Benjamin G. Browdy of New York was unanimously re-elected president of the Keren Hayesod for a third term at the 31st annual meeting of its board of directors held here today. Mr. Browdy, who is president of the Zionist Organization of America, has been head of the Fund since January 1950. He is also chairman of the Board of directors of the United Israel Appeal.

Other officers elected for the next year included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the board of directors. In his annual presidential report at the meeting which was attended by representatives from all Zionist groups in this country, Mr. Browdy announced that during the calendar year from January 1 to December 31, 1951, the Keren Hayesod has made available for Israel the amount of \$22,907,343.

PIEDMONT COLLEGE CRITICIZED FOR ACCEPTING GRANT FROM ANTI-SEMITIC

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- A decision yesterday of Piedmont College in Georgia to continue its acceptance of a \$500 monthly grant from Texas millionaire George W. Armstrong, who boasts of his anti-Negro and anti-Semitic beliefs, was condemned today as "a repudiation of democratic teachings and intellectual integrity" by Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Armstrong, an oil and cattle magnate, finances the Texas Education Association, which has been making grants to the College since last spring. Maj. Gen. George Van Horn Moseley, Ret., once touted by native fascist groups as the coming "leader on horseback," administers the Association's funds. "Piedmont's trustees cannot excuse their institution on the ground that it accepts Armstrong's money and not his racist philosophy," Justice Steinbrink declared. "They go hand in hand."

The A.D.L. leader contrasted Piedmont's "immoral conduct" with the "courage and integrity" shown by Jefferson Military College of Natchez, Miss., which three years ago faced bankruptcy but nonetheless rejected a \$50,000,000 endowment offer from Armstrong which required that it limit enrollment to "white Christians." Armstrong, a one-time county judge, has a lengthy record as an anti-Semitic, racist and nationalist pamphleteer and propagandist, A. D. L. officials said today.

AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS AND TECHNICIANS SOUGHT BY JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The entire course of Israel's development may be affected by the results of efforts now under way to obtain the participation of American technical and professional personnel, the Jewish Agency warned in a statement issued here today. Israel's urgent need for skilled personnel parallels its need for financial assistance and foreign investments, the statement pointed out.

"Israel's greatest need now is for teachers and medical personnel," the statement said. "This has been dramatically brought home by the fact that there are only 458 teachers and 181 doctors among the 174,706 immigrants who entered Israel in the calendar year 1951. Israel also needs engineers, architects and social workers. Indeed, there is hardly a profession for which Israel does not offer vocational opportunities," the statement concluded.

An inter-departmental commission of members of the Agency executive has been appointed to deal with this problem. The commission consists of Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; David Beit-Arie; Zvi Lurie and Baruch Zuckerman. Its objectives are (a) to keep Americans informed of Israel's special needs for qualified personnel and of vocational opportunities in Israel and (b) to coordinate efforts in this direction undertaken by various groups in this country. Duplication of efforts in this direction are an impediment rather than an aid in implementing these objectives, the Agency pointed out.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT LEAVES ISRAEL AFTER FIVE-DAY VISIT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt left Israel for Karachi, India, today after an extensive five-day tour of the Jewish State during which she visited settlements, immigrant camps, hospitals and schools.

Her last official visit was to attend, together with American Ambassador Monnet B. Davis, a ceremony at Kfar Vitkin where the Hadassah and Youth Aliyah are constructing a vocational training school which will bear her name. She received a picture album depicting Youth Aliyah activities in Israel.

BECAUSE OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY THE NEXT ISSUE WILL APPEAR MONDAY