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ISRAELI POLICE ARREST EX-IRGUNIST IN FOREIGN OFFICE BOMB PLOT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Israeli police today arrested a former member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi outside the Foreign Office building here carrying a bomb which was primed to explode six minutes later.

The attempted bombing is believed to be connected with the recent signing by Israel of a reparations agreement with the West German Government. The right-wing Herut Party, to which many former Irgunists now belong, has opposed the negotiations from the very first.

The arrested man was identified by police as Dov Ezilowsky, 35, who is married and the father of one child. He has refused to talk, beyond demanding that A. Tamir, an attorney who defended Irgunists during the Mandatory regime, represent him.

The police received a tip that an "incident" might occur today and stationed three secret service men, dressed as gardeners, near the building. They made the arrest.

GENERAL ZIONISTS BREAK OFF TALKS ON JOINING ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Negotiations between the General Zionist and Mapai Parties for broadening of the Israel Government coalition were broken off here late last night by the centrists. This action was made known to the Labor Party in a letter from Dr. Peretz Bernstein, chairman of the General Zionist Party, to Premier David Ben Gurion.

At a press conference called last night by the centrist party, a General Zionist spokesman explained that the main issue over which the talks broke down was that of the attitude of the two parties toward the Histadrut. The spokesman said his party did not oppose any form of private or collective initiative, but that the development of Histadrut enterprises, under Mapai leadership had reached dimensions which were "against the workers' interests, and sometimes even against the state's interests." He insisted that the General Zionist Party wanted full equality for all forms of enterprise and full development of the country's economy to assure economic recovery.

The spokesman charged that the Mapai Party had entered into negotiations with the centrists only to "frighten" the religious groups who walked out of the coalition. But, he added, the General Zionist Party had agreed to the talks because it could not pass up any opportunity to work out a program which would improve conditions in Israel.

Dr. Bernstein's letter to the Premier charged that when he attempted to pin the Premier down to definite proposals on which the General Zionist Party would enter

the Cabinet, the Premier refused to commit himself and "the General Zionists saw the door to widening the coalition closed."

Dr. Bernstein asserted that though his party felt that "administrative centralization of trade unions, economic enterprises, and social, cultural and educational institutions under one political direction" would not ease the tasks of the State, it had undertaken the coalition talks on the expectation that a broadened government base would guarantee "equality" of all forms of enterprise and would thus eliminate the "negative aspects of centralization."

Meanwhile, Premier David Ben Gurion has pledged to reply to Dr. Bernstein's letter and is reported hard at work on a draft. He is also expected to address a meeting of the Progressive Party's central council Thursday. The party, which has started listing its conditions for joining the government coalition, is said to be waiting for the Premier's speech before concluding work on its program.

Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who is currently in Israel, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, head of the Jewish Agency economic department in Jerusalem, refused comment on the breaching of the talks. They added they might reveal their attitude on the situation at a mass meeting called for tomorrow evening at Z. O. A. House here.

The national council of the Agudath Israel, which recently walked out of the government coalition, will meet tomorrow to decide whether to remain in "peaceful opposition" to the government or to open a fight against the coalition all along the line.

(The American Mizrahi Organization of America this week-end issued a statement expressing regret that the Agudah parties left the government coalition in Israel. The statement stressed that the Mizrahi movement will "oppose any effort to break the unity of the Jewish people by anti-Zionist propaganda. We will do everything possible to avoid a crisis in the government at the present time in the hope that Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, who has previously demonstrated understanding of the righteousness of our religious demands and the dangers of a kulturkampf, will also recognize the truth of our demands and will use every opportunity to bring about a satisfactory solution of the present difficulties.")

BEN GURION, MILLER DISCUSS ZIONIST PARTIES OUTSIDE ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The organization of existing Zionist parties outside Israel in the form of a federation in which all parties would participate, was suggested by Premier David Ben Gurion yesterday in talks with Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Federation of America, it was learned here today. Rabbi Miller came to Israel at Premier Ben Gurion's invitation, to discuss American and world Zionist problems.

Last Friday night Rabbi Miller was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered by the Premier at the Sharon Hotel in Herzlia. Others at the dinner included Dr. Peretz Bernstein, leader of the General Zionist Party, and Dr. Pichas Rosen, leader of the Progressives. Rabbi Miller arrived at Lydda Airport Thursday evening and was met by the Premier's military aide, representatives of the Foreign Ministry and Israel political leaders.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT TO GET NEW FOREIGN CURRENCY BUDGET PLAN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A new foreign currency budget that pegs all commitments abroad to actual foreign currency income is expected to come before the Knesset next month, following Cabinet approval.

The new plan, drawn up by Oscar Gass, adviser to the Israel Finance Ministry, provides for an exact listing of all forms of currency loans and purchases, in order to present a clear picture of the nation's indebtedness.

Under the new program, individual Ministries will no longer be able to make commitments abroad without prior reference to the Finance Ministry's schedule in order to insure that commitments will be honored on the date of payment. The plan also stipulates that no further short-term loans will be sought to cover imports.

From an estimated revenue for the July 1952-June 1953 period of \$275,000,000 to \$280,000,000--mostly in goods, including German reparations--it is hoped to find between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 for debt retirement. The total of debts falling due in the above period comes to 120,000,000 pounds and the Ministry of Finance hopes to obtain a long-term credit of about \$75,000,000 to consolidate most of its short-term debt negotiations, with the assistance of major American banks.

Balancing the budget is a pre-requisite for U.S. Government backing for a new credit and is the first step that must be taken to stabilize Israel's credit position. From the overall currency budget, it is understood, some \$60,000,000 will be allocated to industry, \$47,000,000 will be set aside for raw materials and about \$12,500,000 for power and industrial investments. At the same time, the allocations will include \$48,000,000 for food imports, \$38,000,000 for fuel and \$23,000,000 for agriculture.

ISRAEL WELCOMES AUSTRIAN STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATION OF JEWISH CLAIMS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman said this week-end that Israel welcomed recent statements by Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Chancellor, announcing his country's readiness to negotiate with the appropriate Jewish bodies on Jewish restitution claims in Austria.

The spokesman noted that questions of the return of Jewish property, indemnification and the transfer of heirless Jewish property had been long awaiting settlement. The Austrian Government, he said, would be wise to call for early negotiations with authoritative Jewish bodies.

The free world, the spokesman said, would judge Austria's political demands in the light of her endeavors to make amends for the injustice done to the Jews of Austria during the Nazi regime. He said that Israel was "astonished" by remarks by Austrian Vice-Chancellor Dr. Adolf Schaerf, which he described as unjustified and reminiscent of a political inheritance not compatible with the declared policies of a democratic government.

(The New York Times reported from Vienna today that the prospects of settling the claims of former Austrian Jews against the Austrian Government for wrongs inflicted by the Nazis "seem to be brighter." The dispatch stated that Austrian Finance Minister Reinhard Kamitz, who discussed the issue with Jewish organizations during his recent visit to New York, has raised the question with his government and "so far negotiations are going well.")

GERMAN REPARATIONS PACTS WILL AID 500,000 VICTIMS OF NAZIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A half million victims of Nazism, of all faiths, and their families, residing in and outside Western Germany, will benefit directly from the agreements signed at Luxembourg last month by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and the Bonn Government, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, presiding officer of the Claims Conference, declared here this week-end.

Dr. Goldmann, who left this week-end for Europe and Israel, said that although the Conference negotiated only on behalf of major Jewish organizations, the agreement provides for the enactment of Federal legislation from which all victims of political, racial and religious persecution by the Nazis will benefit. He estimated that 200,000 of the total number of potential beneficiaries reside in the United States.

Dr. Goldmann refused to estimate the amounts Germany would have to pay under these provisions. However, he said that "the benefits to each individual would be considerable and the total sum impressive." Non-Jewish victims of Nazism will benefit additionally from a global amount which the German Government has agreed to provide for them. This commitment followed, or resulted from, a separate global payment of \$107,000,000 for Jewish victims negotiated by the Conference.

The Germans own estimate, Dr. Goldmann said, is that a sum of \$750,000,000 to \$900,000,000 will be paid out under this legislation.

Dr. Goldmann said that individual claimants will include several categories such as persons who suffered loss of liberty and impairment of health under the Nazi regime, whose property had been irreparably damaged or completely destroyed, who were deprived of their vocations and pensions, and heirs of persons who lost their lives as a consequence of Nazi persecution. The beneficiaries will include, among others, persons who were subjected to special Nazi taxes on Jews.

In addition, Federal legislation will provide for compensation for confiscated property that is no longer available. Restitution for property still available already exists.

German Parliament to Get Restitution Bills by April, 1953

Dr. Goldmann said that he expected this legislation to be introduced to the Federal Parliament some time this year or early next year. Enactment is expected no later than April 1, 1953. The Federal Government and the various German states will share in the expense.

Existing legislation in the various German states is unsatisfactory and fragmentary, and does not embrace all categories of Nazi victims nor provide sufficient funds, Dr. Goldmann pointed out. The Federal law will set up uniform legislation for compensation, indemnification and restitution. When this legislation is enacted, claimants will apply to special restitution offices in the areas in Germany in which the damage or suffering occurred. Special offices will have to be set up to deal with the claims of victims from Nazi-occupied territories who were never in Germany and who, for the first time, are being made eligible to benefit for their sufferings under the Nazis.

(The council of the Anglo-Jewish Association will meet in London Thursday to consider in what manner to associate with the corporation which will be formed to discharge the responsibilities of the Claims Conference in connection with the reparations pact with Germany, it was announced today. It will also act to insure its representation in any discussions between world Jewish organizations and the Austrian Government on claims in behalf of Jewish victims of the Nazis.)

CLEVELAND FEDERATION BACKS N. C. R. A. C. IN REORGANIZATION DISPUTE

CLEVELAND, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The board of trustees of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation has adopted a four-point resolution on community relations work in which it pledges support to the National Community Relations Advisory Council in becoming "an increasingly creative instrument in the field of community relations."

The resolution expressed satisfaction with the "earnest efforts" made by the plenary session of the N. C. R. A. C. at Atlantic City to bridge differences between the majority and the two agencies, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee, through the Barr compromise proposals. It voiced regret that the two agencies had withdrawn from the N.C.R.A.C. and the hope they would soon find it possible to return.

With regard to community relations work in Cleveland, the resolution expressed the intention "to continue the fine relationships and the process of joint planning by all organizations and by representatives of all points of view in our community."

Hartford Group Urges Opening of New Unity Talks

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee "to re-open negotiations on the subject of coordination of national Jewish community relations work in the United States" was adopted by the Community Relations Committee of the Hartford Jewish Federation.

The resolution stressed the need for unity "at so critical a time" and declared that "the compromises which may be necessary to achieve our objectives will rebound to the benefit not only of the American Jewish community as a whole, but to the entire nation."

WEILER OUTLINES PROGRAM TO HELP COMMUNITIES RAISE CASH FOR U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal's three-month nationwide campaign to raise \$35,000,000 in cash, today outlined a three-point program designed to help communities meet that goal.

Mr. Weiler's plan calls for: 1. Full scale local cash collection efforts; 2. Secure immediate large-scale bank loans and 3. Seek commitments and payment now of pledges that would ordinarily be solicited after the first of January. Mr. Weiler said that Youngstown, Ohio and Rochester, N. Y., have already presented checks for \$100,000 and \$98,000 respectively.

REDISTRIBUTION OF ISRAEL IMMIGRANT POPULATION AIDED BY U. S. JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A mass redistribution of Israel's immigrant population carried out with the financial aid of American Jews is currently under way to relocate immigrants in agricultural areas for the purpose of increasing food production and reaching self-sufficiency in the major staples, according to a study prepared by the United Israel Appeal and made public by Rudolf G. Sonneborn, national chairman.

Mr. Sonneborn disclosed that one of the new techniques utilized for this purpose is the U. I. A. agencies' new housing policy in which recent immigrants under 35 years of age will be provided with permanent housing only if they settle in farming areas of under-developed regions of the country. Accommodations in or around urban centers will be allocated only to those families whose wage earners are over 35 years of age or unfit for heavy physical labor.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE MIAMI BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Attorney General James P. McGranery announced today that he has asked a Federal Grand Jury in Miami, Fla., to investigate anti-minority bombings and other outrages in the Miami area. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been investigating the incidents for many months and evidence obtained will be presented to the grand jury beginning tomorrow.

MACARTHUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF "CONSTITUTIONALIST" PARTY

DENVER, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Gen. Douglas MacArthur will appear on the Colorado ballot as Presidential candidate of the "Constitutionalist" Party, headed by Kenneth Goff. The Christian Nationalist Party headed by Gerald L. K. Smith, which sought to nominate MacArthur as its candidate here, was unable to secure sufficient signatures to secure a place on the ballot for MacArthur as its candidate.

The general's name will appear as candidate of the Smith party in a number of states. The general has failed to take any action to repudiate campaign activity in his behalf by the anti-Semitic group or to dissociate himself from the anti-Semitic propaganda circulated to support his candidacy.

PLANS SET FOR LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Plans for the first Latin American Economic Conference in Israel to be held in Jerusalem early in December of this year were completed this week-end, it was announced here today by officials of the State of Israel bond drive.

The conference will be attended by delegates representing Jewish communities throughout Central and South America. During their visit to Israel, delegates will confer with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other cabinet members.

WORLDNEWS IN BRIEF

MONTREAL, (JTA) -- Funds for the erection of two buildings at the Hebrew University in honor of the late Dr. Maxwell Lauterman, well known Montreal physician, have been donated by Rose Anne Lauterman, his sister, it was announced here. One building will be a medical research laboratory while the second will be a student dormitory. Dr. Lauterman, who once studied under Louis Pasteur, served in the first World War and rose to the rank of Colonel, becoming the first Jew to hold that rank in the Canadian forces.

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- The annual Ussishkin Literary Prizes awarded by the Jewish National Fund in honor of the late Menachem Ussishkin, president of the Fund for many years, was conferred here on Avram Yaari and Isaac Shalev, who in their writings expressed the "Jewish longing for the soil and creative work."

ISTANBUL, (JTA) -- A new Jewish school will be established in Istanbul, it was decided by the Chief Rabbinate. The new school will emphasize the teaching of Hebrew and expects to attract many Jewish students who at the present time attend American, British and French educational institutions.

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York has launched a \$20,000,000 campaign on behalf of its 116 member hospitals and social service organizations with ceremonies marked by the presentation of a check for \$116 by three elderly residents of a Federation-affiliated home for the aged.