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SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION ARE ISRAEL'S MAIN TASKS, BEN GURION SAYS

PARIS, April 10. (JTA) -- The two main tasks which Israel must accomplish before she can build up the prosperity of her economy are the achievement of military security and the continuance of Jewish immigration, Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel declared in an exclusive interview published today in the influential Paris daily Le Figaro.

The newspaper is publishing a series of interviews with world political leaders and yesterday carried comments by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, who attacked Israel and the Jews in general.

Mr. Ben Gurion paid homage to France's humanitarian spirit, asserting that the people of France "are probably the most humane in the world." The Premier, who called Israel's close ties with France a "matter of ethics more than of interest," expressed the view that France would solve the Algerian question by itself.

The Premier also expressed thanks for the aid furnished Israel by American Jews both at the establishment of the state and in its subsequent strengthening. He stressed that the State of Israel was a center for the Jews of the world.

JORDAN DESECRATES MT. OF OLIVES CEMETERY; ISRAEL SEEKS INTERVENTION

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has appealed to United Nations agencies, as well as to friendly governments, to intervene with Jordan against the desecration of the Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives, inside the Jordanian lines in Jerusalem it was learned here today.

Representations were made following urgent requests by Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Isaac Nissim after reports were received that Arab farmers were ploughing the soil of the cemetery and overturning headstones, removing them for building purposes. In the past Jordan has pledged to take action against such periodic instances of vandalism.

ISRAEL COMPLETES DRAINAGE WORK IN LAKE HULEH AREA; TENSION SUBSIDES

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- Work on the last drainage channel in the area south of Lake Huleh was ended today and water from flooded marshland in the area is again being diverted into the main channel of Lake Huleh.

Tension subsided in the area for the first time in several weeks. Syrian farmers and shepherds were seen at work on the opposite slope of the valley. At least one Israeli died and a number were wounded as a result of Syrian attempts to interfere with the canal digging. Syrian casualties are unknown in the two-day tank and artillery duel last week.

OIL TRACES DISCOVERED IN JERUSALEM AREA; PROSPECTING RESUMED

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- Oil prospecting was resumed in the hill region around Jerusalem today after reports were verified that traces of petroleum had been discovered at a depth of 4,200 feet.

The concessionaire for the Jerusalem district, Judea Prospecting Company, has begun a 'round-the-clock operation in an attempt to reach the 6,000 foot level where geologists hope to hit an oil pool. Laboratory tests have convinced the company that its prospects for an oil strike are good.

PROGRESS REPORTED ON ISRAEL'S APPLICATION FOR LOAN IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- Work on Israel's application for a loan from the U.S. Development Loan Fund and other aspects of economic cooperation are progressing, according to informed sources. Israeli Finance Minister Levi Eshkol is expected in Washington next week for high level discussions.

It is thought that Israel will be loaned about \$15,000,000, repayable in Israel currency. Development loans through the U.S. International Cooperation Administration are replacing the previous system of aid grants.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT INVITE FOREIGN ENVOYS TO JERUSALEM PARADE

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will not address formal invitations to foreign diplomats assigned to this country to attend this year's Independence Day parade and ceremonies in this city, it was learned today.

The government hopes thus to avoid embarrassment to envoys whose governments do not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. On instructions from London, the British Ambassador here headed a campaign among the diplomatic corps to boycott functions in Jerusalem so as not to accord recognition to the city's status. However, a large number of diplomats are expected to attend the Independence Day exercises here in a personal capacity.

(The New York Times reported today from Jerusalem that an official of the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv said that U.S. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson will not be present at the Jerusalem ceremonies. President Eisenhower has named Mr. Lawson official representative of the United States at the anniversary celebrations. But the embassy official said this would not change Mr. Lawson's plans.)

SAUDI ARABIA RENEWS ATTEMPT AGAINST ISRAELI SHIPPING AT GENEVA PARLEY

GENEVA, April 10. (JTA) -- Saudi Arabia made a new attempt today to prevent adoption of an international maritime law which would interfere with her plans to blockade Israel's use of the Gulf of Akaba.

The Saudi Arabian delegate proposed to the 87-nation international maritime parley that it admit failure to achieve agreement on the breadth of territorial waters and the sovereign rights of coastal states in relation to such limitations. He added that the parley should record its failure to agree and then refer the matter to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold for his study and recommendation on a solution.

For itself, Saudi Arabia reaffirmed its insistence on the 12-mile limit, a move in which she has the backing of the Soviet Union whose position is that each state has the right to set such limits for the waters touching its shores. The United States maintains its traditional stand in favor of the three mile limit, while Britain, Canada and even Israel favor a six mile extension of sovereignty.

Israel, however, insists that straits from the high seas to a coastal port--like Elath at the head of the Gulf of Akaba--may not be closed to innocent shipping regardless of the width of the strait. In this Israel received the support of a committee of the conference and has yet to win the necessary two-thirds majority in a plenary session.

Meanwhile, a joint Indian-Mexican resolution calling for extension of the limits of territorial coastal waters 12 miles out to sea, but allowing each state to set its own limits within that overall distance, was proposed yesterday. Introducing the joint resolution, Indian Minister of Law M. Sen, told the committee that he was presenting the point of view of many smaller nations which differed with large power insistence on shorter distances within which a state would have sovereign control of passage.

At the same time, a committee of the conference, by a vote of 59 to one, with ten abstentions, adopted an article declaring that a coastal state "must not hamper innocent passage through the territorial sea." It is this principle which Israel has sought to have upheld in its fight for keeping open the Gulf of Akaba. The committee, which adopted three specific articles yesterday regulating the territorial sea, dropped at United States insistence, a clause which would have held a coastal nation responsible for insuring respect for the right of innocent passage.

U. N. CHIEF NAMES DR. BUNCHE TO MEDIATE DEADLOCK IN MT. SCOPUS ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 10. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold last night named Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, his under secretary without portfolio, and Dr. Francisco Urrutia, his personal representative, to mediate the deadlock between Israel and Jordan in the Mt. Scopus area.

Dr. Urrutia, who negotiated an agreement between the parties several months ago, has been in Jerusalem for over a week attempting to removing obstacles to its implementation. Dr. Bunche is currently on a speaking tour in the United States. Dr. Bunche won the Nobel Peace Prize for his negotiation of armistice pacts between Israel and the Arab states following the 1948 war.

PALESTINE ARAB LEADER SEEKS TO DISCUSS REFUGEE PROBLEM WITH BEN GURION

ISTANBUL, April 10. (JTA) -- A man who described himself as a representative of the Palestine Arab refugee today told a news conference that he was ready to talk with Israel Premier David Ben Gurion about a permanent solution of the refugee problem.

Tewfik Tugan, who insisted that the new "Gaza Strip Government" cannot speak for the refugees since no more than 10 percent of the displaced Arabs live in the strip, expressed the belief that the refugee issue could be solved in direct talks by the parties concerned, through the United Nations. Mr. Tugan said Turkey might raise the question with the UN this month. He added he was on his way to London to confer with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd on this matter.

UNEMPLOYMENT REPORTED GROWING AMONG JEWS IN POLAND; CENSUS TAKEN

VIENNA, April 10. (JTA) -- Unemployment is growing among Jews in Poland, not only among those who were repatriated from the Soviet Union since 1956, but also among the long-time Jewish inhabitants of the country, a report received here today from Warsaw established.

The report said that Jewish workmen were recently dismissed from jobs in industries owned by the state, in spite of directives from the government ordering greater use of the country's manpower. A census conducted among repatriates showed that more than half of the men and women in 2,800 repatriated families have no trades at all, while about half of those who do have skills--have no jobs.

Strenuous efforts are being made by Jewish leaders in Poland to improve the economic situation of the Jewish population, but only among the repatriates is any progress recorded, the report said. The work of retraining repatriates, or teaching a trade to those who have had no previous industrial experience, is being carried out by ORT.

In some instances, as many as 75 percent of the students in the ORT vocational training courses are women, the report stated. Major difficulties facing communities trying to train or retrain Jewish workers, both in ORT schools and in others conducted by the local communities, are: lack of machinery, shortages of raw materials, inadequate financial backing, and difficulties in placement of newly-trained workers in jobs. The national government has recently subscribed a total of 19,000,000 zlotys to aid these various projects, but the local communities and provincial governments are not matching the national funds, the report said.

GERMAN TEACHER, ON TRIAL, SAYS HE "BASHED IN SKULLS" OF MANY JEWS

OFFENBURG, Germany, April 10. (JTA) -- Ex-schoolteacher Ludwig Zind faced the possibility of a new charge in his day-old trial on charges of publicly defaming the Jews, as a result of an outburst at the opening of the case yesterday. (See page 4 for later report.)

A spokesman for the Baden-Wuerttemberg prosecutor said that the authorities were considering charging him with participation in the physical mistreatment of Jews during the Nazi regime. Angered at cross-questioning yesterday, Zind shouted out that he had "bashed in the skulls" of hundreds of Jews.

Before the trial opened, it had been expected that the 51-year-old schoolmaster would plead that he had been misunderstood when he made remarks about the Jews in public. However, under questioning he became excited and blurted out that he thought Hitler and the Nazis were justified in imprisoning Jews lest they support England in the fight against Germany.

Zind, who in 1948 was freed of another charge growing out of his Nazi affiliations, also shouted that he could "well understand the Arabs in their struggle for freedom against Israel." He called Israel a "pestilent boil" and a plague spot.

The authorities were inclined to pass off Zind's remarks, to Kurt Lieser, a half-Jew, until a nationwide protest, initiated by students, had made Zind's behavior and his continued employment as a schoolteacher a major issue in West Germany.

GERMAN JUDGE SEEKS WITNESSES IN U.S. AGAINST NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Witnesses who can testify to the activities of two of Hitler's most notorious executioners of Hungarian Jewry are being sought throughout North and South America by the World Jewish Congress. The search is being conducted by the WJC on the basis of a communication of a Frankfurt judge investigating charges against two former high SS officers, Hermann Krumei and Otto Hunsche, now being held by the Frankfurt authorities, the WJC announced here today.

The two men are being charged with having taken a major part in the ghettoization and deportation to extermination camps of several hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews, and of being accessories to their murder. In addition, they are accused of extorting large sums of money from some of their victims under threat of deportation to extermination camps unless their demands were met.

In his letter to the World Jewish Congress, Judge Grabert of the Frankfurt District Court said that he required persons able to testify from personal experience about the crimes in both Austria and Hungary with which Krumei and Hunsche are charged, or to name other witnesses. "These witnesses should testify in detail to what they have seen and heard," Judge Grabert explained, adding that "small episodes may be as important as the description of large-scale actions."

The Frankfurt court is also seeking material such as documents, identification cards, posters, newspaper notices, or leaflets referring to the activities of the two SS commanders. The charges against Krumei and Hunsche refer to the period 1944-45 during which most of the 400,000 Hungarian Jews rounded up by the Nazis were shipped to extermination camps. During the Nuremberg trials Krumei and Hunsche were named as two of the leaders of a "Special Section Commando" of the German Secret Police which arrived in Budapest with the sole object of liquidating Hungarian Jews.

GERMAN SCHOOLTEACHER SEEKS TO MINIMIZE HIS ANTI-SEMITISM AT TRIAL

OFFENBURG, Germany, April 10, (JTA) -- Ludwig Zind, suspended schoolteacher being tried here for public defamation of Jews, changed his tune late today and attempted to minimize his anti-Semitic statements.

Explaining remarks to restaurateur Kurt Lieser that not enough Jews had been gassed by the Nazis, Zind asserted that he had only meant to imply that the statistical estimates of the number of Jews killed by the Nazis were incorrect.

Zind's attorney then told the court he was prepared for a "reconciliation" with Lieser, who testified today as to the schoolteacher's remarks including one that Lieser was a "dirty Jew" and that he should have "gone up in smoke" too. The presiding judge, Dr. H. Eckert, told the attorney Zind's gesture had come "too late."

TWO JEWS RE-ELECTED TO SO. AFRICAN PARLIAMENT BY COLORED POPULATION

JOHANNESBURG, April 10, (JTA) -- Two Jewish candidates were elected by overwhelming majorities in last week's special balloting for four seats to represent the colored population of the Cape district in Parliament, the final returns established today. Under a recent law, white men must be elected by the colored people--those of mixed parentage--to represent them.

The successful candidates, Abe Bloomberg and Charles Barnett, were members of the last Parliament. Mr. Bloomberg is also a former mayor of Capetown while Mr. Barnett once served as a Capetown provincial councillor. Two Jewish candidates who were identified with the Nationalist Party were defeated. The nationwide elections for MP's to represent the white population of the Union will be held next week.

DIVORCES AMONG DENVER JEWISH FAMILIES REPORTED AVERAGING 25 PER YEAR

DENVER, April 10, (JTA) -- Divorces among Jewish families in Denver average 25 per year, Dr. Alfred M. Neumann, director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, estimated here today in commenting on a move by the chief justice of the local Domestic Court to cut down the mounting divorce rate through professional consultation services.

Dr. Neumann, who believes that half of the divorces are among partners of mixed marriages, reports that he has been successful in preventing the break-up of homes where marriage partners have come to the consultation service for advice. In the past year, he disclosed, only four of 75 couples who came to his agency, went through with divorce plans. Denver has an overall Jewish population of 18,000 men, women and children.

ISRAEL'S ATTORNEY GENERAL MEETS WITH COUNTERPART IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 10, (JTA) -- Chaim Cohen, Attorney General of Israel, today met with U.S. Attorney General William Rogers. Mr. Cohen met also with Associate Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and Loftus Becker, legal adviser of the Department of State. The visits by Mr. Cohen were described as courtesy calls.

Ted R. Lurie, managing director of the Jerusalem Post, will represent Israel next week at an assembly here of the International Press Institute. An estimated 120 leading editors of newspapers in Asia and Europe are expected for the meeting of the Institute. Mr. Lurie is a member of the Institute and represented Israel at its Asian regional conference in Tokyo in 1956.

EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS IN WASHINGTON FOR ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WASHINGTON, April 10, (JTA) -- Extensive preparations are being made here for celebration in Washington of Israel's tenth anniversary.

Members of Congress are expected to pay tribute to Israel in addresses to the floor of Congress on April 23. Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein has been invited by the Senate to recite the opening prayer. Rabbi Bernstein is chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs. The House has invited Rabbi Israel Goldstein to offer a similar opening prayer.

Members of government and diplomatic corps have responded to the invitation of Ambassador Abba Eban for an anniversary reception on April 24 at Washington's Shoreham Hotel. The Israel Embassy will hold an all-day open house on April 27. New decorations and improvements have been made at the Embassy in anticipation of the festive year.

Israel will be honored on April 17 at a national dinner to be tendered here by the America-Israel Society. The Society will take note of cultural achievements of the first decade of Israel's rebirth. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, Ambassador Eban, and others will speak. Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland will preside.

In connection with the tenth anniversary, the America-Israel Society announced that more than two score American leaders including Cabinet officers, Senators, a Supreme Court Justice and others have written original essays on American historical events for presentation to the International Cultural Center for Youth in Jerusalem.