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ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC POLICY SHARPLY CRITICIZED; GOVERNMENT WARNED

TEL AVIV, April 17. (JTA) -- Israel's top banker, Dr. Y. Foerder, chairman of the board of Bank Leumi Le-Israel, took the Israel Government to task today for its fiscal and economic policies and warned that unless the government mended its policies it would not be able to avert a major crisis in the next five years.

There is hardly another country in the world where government "intervenes so drastically" in the economy as in Israel, he charged. He said the government is "the greatest importer, the greatest industrialist and the greatest constructor." Speaking to the Bank Leumi's board, Dr. Foerder asserted that the government interference was undermining personal, private initiative. He demanded a revision of the tax structure and a cut in the income taxes, which he also held had stifled individual initiative.

Dr. Foerder asked an early increase in exports and a cut in imports, stressing the necessity of cutting the present annual trade deficit of \$300,000,000 in half within the next four years. Other economies could be achieved, he said, by decreasing the size of the civil service staff.

Dr. Foerder underlined that by 1962 or 1963 individual indemnification and restitution payments from Germany would come to an end. This, he pointed out, would coincide with the time Israel must begin repaying the principal of the bonds it has sold abroad.

In addition to cutting the deficit in preparation for that day, the chairman of Israel's leading bank continued, Israel must find new sources of capital. Having exhausted other sources of foreign capital, he stated, Israel must now concentrate on attracting private capital--from non-Jewish as well as Jewish sources. He asserted that while the climate in Israel has not been encouraging to private capital investments, the conditions which will bring in such investments must be sought out and created.

He praised the government for a number of moves designed to increase production, specifically of exportable items such as oranges, tourism and a number of industrial articles.

20 ORTHODOX EXTREMISTS ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM RIOT; STONED POLICE

JERUSALEM, April 17. (JTA) -- Twenty more members of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta sect were arrested today after a riot which developed when police attempted to choke off a parade down Jerusalem's main streets in protest against the building of a swimming pool in which mixed bathing would be permitted.

When the demonstrators came up against the police barricades after marching from the Satmar Synagogue, they attempted to break through but were hurled back, then were pushed, fighting and screaming, toward the synagogue. As the police attempted to enter the synagogue after the demonstrators, stones were hurled at them, some smashing windows of police vans rushed to the scene.

Several of the Orthodox demonstrators opened the Holy Ark in an attempt to prevent further fighting. Others called the policemen "Nazis." Eventually, 20 were dragged out and hauled off to jail in the waiting vans.

190 MOTION PICTURE THEATERS IN ISRAEL CLOSE; PROTEST TICKET TAXES

TEL AVIV, April 17. (JTA) -- Owners of 190 motion picture theaters throughout Israel today carried out a threat made two weeks ago to close the theatres in protest against ticket taxes. They left Israelis bereft of their most popular form of entertainment only a few days before the start of celebrations of Israel's tenth anniversary.

The owners asserted that national and local taxes had reached a total of 129 percent of the original ticket price. They charged that the levies had drastically trimmed movie attendance. The Treasury retorted that ticket taxes in Tel Aviv and Haifa were only 54 percent and only 45 percent in the rest of the country.

The owners, announcing the closing down of their theaters after the failure of last minute settlement efforts, said they would keep the theaters closed until there was a "considerable reduction" in taxes.

U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE LAUDS ISRAEL'S FARMING PROGRESS

WASHINGTON, April 17. (JTA) -- Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson tonight lauded Israel's achievements, especially in the field of agriculture. He spoke at a dinner arranged by the America-Israel Society in honor of Israel's 10th anniversary. Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, of Maryland, presided at the dinner.

Mr. Benson, who visited Israel recently, told the guests that "Israeli farmers with the wise help of their government are accomplishing great things with modern methods and techniques in that old world setting." He said: "It is abundantly evident that Israel is making outstanding progress in developing the country and lifting the living standards of its people through vigorous and imaginative development of its agricultural and industrial potentials through the democratic processes."

"Through determination and unrelenting labor, and under some great difficulties, the people of Israel are accomplishing big things," he continued. Pointing out the obstacle created by the lack of plentiful water resources to both agricultural and industrial development, he told of Israeli efforts to overcome this obstacle.

Mr. Benson told of U.S. aid to Israel under Public Law 480 since the beginning of that program in 1955, stating that the U.S. sold Israel, for Israel pounds, agricultural commodities with an export value of over \$87,000,000. Since 1953 the United States donated a total of 52,500,000 pounds of food valued at \$24,400,000 to voluntary agencies for distribution to the needy in Israel, he stated.

Eban Says Long Period of Tranquility Can Bring Arab-Israel Peace

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban told the audience that "as Israel grows more vigorous in her economy, more deeply rooted in her soil and resources, more universal in her international links, the Arab world will increasingly awaken to the futility of prolonged conflict and tension."

The Ambassador pointed out that the Arabs may not yet be "emotionally ripe" for peace with Israel. "In these conditions I doubt the wisdom of an obtrusive constant probing search for what is called a 'peace settlement,'" said Mr. Eban. He pointed out that "peace cannot be imposed from outside. It is a positive impulse of the human will. It can only spring from a voluntary emotion. The objective of statesmanship in the early future is, therefore, not peace, but the more modest ambition of security."

He stressed that "the need is for greater precision and clarity in existing international commitments to oppose any changes of the status quo by force." He said that "peaceful relations between Israel and her neighbors are more likely to evolve unobtrusively from a prolonged period of carefully nursed tranquility than to spring out of spectacular diplomacy or public debate."

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER VISITS STATE DEPT.; MEETS SECRETARY BENSON

WASHINGTON, April 17. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol today visited with a number of high Washington officials in what was described as "courtesy calls."

He met at the State Department with Under Secretary Christian A. Herter and others. Mr. Eshkol was accompanied by Ambassador Abba Eban and Economic Minister Meir Sherman. Mr. Eshkol also met with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

POLISH JEWRY ASKS OBSERVANCE OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT ANNIVERSARY

VIENNA, April 17. (JTA) -- Jews the world over were called upon today by Polish Jewry to unite, in commemorating the heroism of the martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto 15 years ago, toward safeguarding the peace of the world, fighting against racism and anti-Semitism, and strengthening and enriching the cultural heritage of the Jewish people.

The uprising of the remaining Jews in the Ghetto at Warsaw started on April 19, 1943. Solemn ceremonies, recalling the heroism of the Ghetto fighters, will take place in Warsaw Saturday, in front of the monument consecrated to the memory of the Ghetto martyrs. In many other Jewish centers around the world, similar commemorative services have been scheduled.

The call to world Jewry has been issued by the executive committee of the United Cultural and Social Organizations of Jews in Poland, with headquarters in Warsaw. Copies of the call were received here today.

Memory of Warsaw Ghetto Martyrs Honored in Israel

JERUSALEM, April 17. (JTA) -- Men, women and children in all parts of Israel marked today the national day in memory of the fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto and the six million European Jews martyred by the Nazis. A ceremony here, at the foot of Mt. Herzl, drew thousands who participated in an outdoor service for the dead. President Isaac Ben Zvi joined Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Isaac Nissim at the services.

Jews in New York to Observe "Warsaw Ghetto Day" Tomorrow

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner will issue a proclamation tomorrow at ceremonies at City Hall declaring Saturday, April 19, as "Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Commemoration Day." Numerous meetings will be held that evening.

PROCEDURES OF U.S. CENSUS BUREAU HELD A "MENACE" TO RELIGIOUS GROUPS

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- Serious objections to the procedure which the U.S. Census Bureau used in a sample census last year, during which citizens were asked to state their religious preference, were raised today by Dr. H.S. Linfield, executive secretary of the Jewish Statistical Bureau, following the Census Bureau's publication of a series of bulletins based on the answers assembled in the sample census.

Dr. Linfield, a well known authority on Jewish statistics, charges that the procedures which the Census Bureau adopted "are undemocratic and a menace to the liberties of all American religious groups." The new statistics released by the Bureau, he claims, do not treat all religious groups of the country equally. He pointed out that only six groups are given: Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics and Jews.

"The Bureau did not publish the number of persons and the socio-economic characteristics of such important religious groups as Episcopalians, Mormons, and others," Dr. Linfield states. "Indeed only the Jewish group of all the religious minorities was indicated by name and separate statistics published."

"For the first time in the history of the United States," Dr. Linfield adds, "Federal census agents early in 1957, in a nationwide sample survey, asked Americans to state their religious preference. The answers to this question correlated with other questions, gave the Census Bureau the means to publish social and economic statistics of the religious groups, by sex, age, etc., in the manner of the separate statistics of Negroes and the other racial groups. But the Census Bureau chose to publish this type of census data only of Jews and five other religious groups."

Data Revealed on Some Religious Groups; Withheld for Others

"But even in the case of the six religious groups which it enumerated by name, the Census Bureau did not put all of them on the same level," Dr. Linfield charges. "Instead, the Census Bureau chose for publication certain statistical data, such as urban and rural distribution, for Jews and one or two more, but not for the other religious groups. Our aim," Dr. Linfield stresses, "is to point out that the Census Bureau has adopted a procedure or method for the publication of its new statistics which is undemocratic."

"Indeed, if the Federal Census Bureau is to continue with its new statistics," Dr. Linfield concludes, "any and all American religious groups may be separately enumerated at any time; separate social and economic statistics released of one or some of them by name; and indeed some statistical data revealed of one or some groups over against other statistical data of other groups - all of these, when, if, and as the Census Bureau chooses to do. The liberties of all religious groups of the country are affected."

Dr. Linfield submitted his views to the National Council for Statistics of Jews, composed of delegates appointed by the national federations of Jewish congregations and the following national associations of rabbis: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbinical Assembly of America, Rabbinical Alliance of America, Rabbinical Council of America, Union of Orthodox Rabbis of United States and Canada; the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America.

J. W. B. CONVENTION OPENS IN WASHINGTON; REPORTS 595,000 CENTER MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, April 17. (JTA) -- Membership in the 353 Jewish Community Centers affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board rose to 595,000 last year, it was reported here today at the JWB national convention. More than 1,000 delegates and guests from communities throughout the country, as well as from Canada, Mexico, Panama, Argentine and other countries are attending the sessions.

Local expenditures in the 353 Centers aggregated \$18,695,000, Charles Aron, JWB president, reported. He also pointed out that the dispersal of American troops and the new secret stations meant also added morale responsibilities for the 265 local JWB Armed Services Committees which sponsored 24,096 group activities attended by 2,089,224 persons. In addition, committees of JWB's women's organizations shipped more than 1,000,000 morale articles to overseas stations and the new missile areas located in 65 countries on five continents.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, speaking at the parley, decried "a slump in national morale," but acclaimed the JWB for its contribution to the morale of the nation. He cited JWB activities through its community centers and YM-YWHA's through its presence as a constituent group of the USO, ministering to the religious, morale and welfare needs of armed services personnel, and through its general activities "vitalizing citizenship as its fundamental obligation as an American institution."

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS "ISRAEL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK" AT CITY HALL

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner today proclaimed April 21-27 as "Israel's Tenth Anniversary Week," and called for widespread participation in the "Salute to Freedom" celebrating Israel's Tenth Anniversary which will be held at the Polo Grounds on April 27. The "Salute to Freedom" is being sponsored by the American

Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebration, of which Senator Herbert H. Lehman is general chairman. The Mayor issued the proclamation for "Israel's Tenth Anniversary Week" at a meeting at City Hall.

In his proclamation, Mayor Wagner termed Israel's first decade a period of "inspiring progress." He said that Israel as a democracy is dedicated to the same ideals upon which the United States was founded. "Israel has remained a bastion of the free world in a turbulent area where it continues to fulfill its great and historic role of providing purposeful work, secure homes, and abiding hope to hundreds of thousands of refugees from persecution and intolerance," the proclamation stresses.

Israel Announces Stamp Design Contest for 10th Anniversary

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- The Israel Office of Information here today announced that as part of her Tenth Anniversary Celebration, Israel's Ministry of Posts is conducting an international stamp design contest, in which artists the world over are invited to submit designs, incorporating an Old Testament Biblical theme, for a new set of from three to four postage stamps. The top award to the winning artist is \$1,000. The second and third prizes are \$500 and \$250 respectively.

On a frame measuring four and one-half by two and three-quarters inches, artists' designs may be prepared in one or more colors. The stamps will be printed in photo-gravure, which will involve no more than three colors, or in photo-litho offset, where there is no limit on the number of colors. Designs may be either horizontal or vertical, according to the artists' choice. The entries should be mailed to the Office of Philatelic Services, Ministry of Posts, Jerusalem, Israel, to be received not later than May 15, 1958.

PARENTS URGED TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON UNOBSERVED HOLIDAYS

MIAMI, April 17. (JTA) -- Officials of six Miami Beach B'nai B'rith chapters today suggested to parents that they send their children to public schools on Jewish holidays not observed in their homes.

In a letter to members, the chapter presidents warned that school officials "are disquieted" when they see Jewish children, absent from school on such holidays, gathered on school playgrounds or street corners, "generally conducting themselves in a manner which is unbecoming during the religious holidays."

Such behavior, the B'nai B'rith leaders warned, "technically borders on truancy." They pointed out that Jewish children have "moral obligations when absenting themselves from school on Jewish holidays" and that such absences should be used "in consonance with the religious practices" which prevail in their homes. "If there are holidays which your families do not observe, you can perhaps discuss with your children their cordial obligation to attend school," the letter said.

PROTESTANTS, CATHOLICS, JEWS HONOR PROF. MARTIN BUBER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- One thousand persons joined leaders of the three major faiths tonight to pay tribute to the contributions of Prof. Martin Buber, Jewish philosopher and Hebrew University faculty member, to the religions of the world. The function was sponsored by the American Friends of the University.

Dr. H. R. Nieburch, widely known Protestant spokesman, analyzed what Dr. Buber meant to Protestantism as well as how he had influenced trends in Judaism. Father Gustave A. Wiegel, Catholic leader, referred to Dr. Buber as a "voice of eternity." Daniel G. Ross, president of the Friends of the University opened the meeting.

ISRAEL CONVALESCENT CENTER TO BEAR NAME OF WASHINGTON JEWISH LEADER

NAHARIYA, Israel, April 17. (JTA) -- The A. S. Kay Convalescent Center for Disabled Veterans was dedicated here today in the presence of the Washington, D. C. Zionist and philanthropist whose \$250,000 gift made the center possible.

Also present at the ceremony were Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Vera Weizmann, president of the Disabled Veterans Organization, Edward B. Lawson, American Ambassador to Israel, and Brig. Gen. Haim Laskov, Chief of Staff. Mrs. Weizmann announced a special gift of 50,000 pounds from PICA for the center. Mr. Lawson said he felt proud to be a fellow citizen of Mr. Kay who replied with greetings.

NEW INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING RELIGIOUS TEACHERS OPENED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 17. (JTA) -- The Rabbi Zev Gold Institute for training religious teachers for service in countries outside Israel was opened here in the presence of religious leaders and members of the government.

The institution, which honors the memory of the late president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, will accommodate 25 education students from the United States, South America and a number of European lands. Eventually it will be expanded to provide facilities for 100 teacher trainees. The school is maintained by the Jewish Agency's department of Torah education.