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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES ARGENTINE ULTIMATUM; FIRM ON EICHMANN

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet, after discussing the Argentine Government's ultimatum, which calls for the return to Buenos Aires within a week of Nazi killer Adolf Eichmann, decided today to instruct Arie Levan, Israel's Ambassador to Argentina, to continue contacts with the Argentine Foreign Ministry on this issue. He was ordered to keep pursuing the matter on the diplomatic level, in an effort to negotiate a modus vivendi.

In spite of official secrecy on today's Cabinet meeting--the regularly scheduled Sunday session of the Cabinet--it was learned that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's letter to Argentine President Arturo Frondizi was adopted as the basis of the Government's policy regarding the Argentine ultimatum. The policy, in brief, is to arraign Eichmann in Israel. Members of the Cabinet reportedly accepted Mr. Ben-Gurion's letter to President Frondizi as the Government's last word on the Argentine demand.

Israeli circles still reportedly hope that a way may be found out of the apparent Israeli-Argentine impasse. However, Israel's determination not to return Eichmann to Buenos Aires seems firm. Public opinion throughout the country is overwhelmingly opposed to the thought of surrendering Eichmann, even at the possible cost of the deterioration of Israeli-Argentine relations.

Mr. Ben-Gurion's meeting with the Cabinet today was his last session prior to his departure for a series of State visits to France, The Netherlands and Belgium. The Premier is due to start his visit in France Tuesday. During Mr. Ben-Gurion's absence, the Acting Premier will be Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. The latter, presumably, will also act as temporary Foreign Minister, since Mrs. Golda Meir is now on a visit in the United States.

Argentine Ambassador Leaves Israel; Summoned on Eichmann Case

TEL AVIV, June 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Rodolfo Garcia Arias, Argentine Ambassador to Israel, left for Buenos Aires today. He has been summoned home for consultation on the case of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi specialist in the mass murder of Jews, who is in an Israel jail awaiting trial as a war criminal, after being captured in Argentina.

Prior to his departure, Dr. Arias conferred with high officials of the Israel Foreign Ministry. At the airport at Lydda he told reporters: "The difficult situation that has arisen over Eichmann brought about my leaving for Buenos Aires." However, he was believed here to be indicating that he has not been recalled, and that he expects to return, when he pointedly said "Au Revoir" to the farewell party at the airport. These included not only his wife, but also representatives of the Foreign Ministry.

Mrs. Arias returned to her home here, which is being guarded by Israel police. The Argentine Embassy, too, is under special guard since an anonymous telephone call was received by police authorities Friday, warning that bombs had been placed at the Embassy as well as at the Arias home. A police official said a search of both places had revealed no explosives. "However," he added, "we must take all precautionary measures even though we are convinced that the bomb scare telephone call was done as a hoax."

The latest special effort by Israel to ease the strained Argentine-Israel relations was made this week-end through a personal letter from Mr. Ben-Gurion to Argentine President Arturo Frondizi. The Prime Minister's letter was described as "friendly." It contained a description of Eichmann's key role in the extermination of European Jewry. The Prime Minister stressed the "symbolic significance" of the fact that members of the Jewish people had found and captured Eichmann. Mr. Ben-Gurion urged President Frondizi to give special consideration to the unprecedented circumstances of the case.

Conceding that the volunteers who captured Eichmann in Argentina have committed a "formal violation of Argentine laws," Mr. Ben-Gurion wrote to Dr. Frondizi: "This event cannot be judged only from a formal point of view. The obligation of all countries to scrupulously respect the laws of others is beyond any doubt. But neither can be ignored the supreme motivations that have guided, the imperative moral force that has pushed, and the deepness of the feelings that pressed those who found Eichmann and, with his consent, brought him to trial."

## GOLDA MEIR TO CONFER WITH ARGENTINE ENVOY TODAY ON EICHMANN CASE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 12. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir, who is now on a visit in the United States, will discuss the Eichmann case tomorrow with Argentina's permanent representative to the United Nations, Dr. Mario Amadeo, who returned here today from Buenos Aires bearing his Government's latest instructions on the case. Argentina's grievance against Israel was presented to the UN Security Council this weekend in a letter from Argentina's charge d'affaires here, Dr. Raul A. J. Quijano.

On instructions of his Government, Dr. Quijano appended the note sent to Israel last week, in which Argentina demanded that Eichmann be returned in a week, warning that, otherwise, the case would be taken to the Security Council. However, it was noted here, the Quijano note did not request a meeting of the Council on the issue, but only requested that the documents be circulated to all members of the Council as an official paper.

### Argentine Officials Split on Request to Deliver Eichmann

BUENOS AIRES, June 12. (JTA) -- A division of opinion with regard to the Eichmann case is developing within the Foreign Ministry here, it was indicated today. One group in the Foreign Ministry is known to advocate a moderate position toward Israel. Another group, led by ultra-nationalist Luis Maria de Pablo Pardo, legal adviser to the Foreign Ministry, insists on a strictly legalistic position, holding that Argentina should break relations with Israel because of the Eichmann case.

The same differences of opinion were indicated in editorials today in La Nacion, La Prensa and Correo de la Tarde. All three are very influential dailies here. La Nacion and La Prensa support the steps taken by the Government until now. However, Correo de la Tarde states that, at most, Argentina can demand only the extradition from Israel of those who "illegally" captured Eichmann, but not Eichmann himself. The Nazi's capturers, declares this newspaper, should be brought to trial here for violations of the criminal code, under which they could be sentenced to prison terms of from two to six years.

(Most of the press in Brazil, according to dispatches today from Sao Paulo, holds that the moral and human considerations outweigh the strictly legal aspects of the Eichmann case.)

Diplomatic sources said here today that France had offered a compromise solution to the Argentine-Israeli dispute over the capture of Eichmann. Under this plan, it was said, Israel would agree to the return of Eichmann--by proxy--to Argentina, and would immediately initiate formal extradition demands which Argentina would immediately grant, Argentine "face" would thus be saved, and the capture of Eichmann legalized.

(From Paris, it was reported today that a French Government spokesman has declined to comment on reports that France might serve as mediator between Israel and Argentina in the dispute over the capture of Adolf Eichmann in Argentina. It was asserted in Paris that France would agree to act as mediator only if Israel should request it.)

Meanwhile, the Argentine Government announced today the arrest of Jan Durskany, a Czechoslovak resident, for extradition to Czechoslovakia on charges of mass murder of Jews in that country during World War II. A preliminary statement was taken from him after the Czechoslovak legation here filed a formal petition for his extradition.

## UNIFORMED NEO-NAZIS PICKET WHITE HOUSE; CARRY ANTI-JEWISH PLACARDS

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- A uniformed squad of George Lincoln Rockwell's neo-Nazi brownshirts, wearing swastika armbands, picketed the White House yesterday bearing placards urging gassing of Jews.

The placards read: "Eichmann did not kill any innocent Jews"; "Ike, help free Eichmann"; "Punish the Jew International Bandits"; "It's No Crime to Kill Jew Communist Traitors; We Killed the Rosenbergs"; "If the Jews Can Kidnap Eichmann, They Can Kidnap You."

Police today arrested two supporters of Lincoln Rockwell's neo-Nazi group on charges of disorderly conduct at a Nazi rally near the U.S. National Archives Building. One of the men arrested participated yesterday in the picketing of the White House at which time he wore a brownshirt uniform and swastika armband. Rockwell's meeting today ended in confusion as several non-Jews heckled the neo-Nazi leader.

## JEWISH PHYSICIAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN EGYPT AS 'SPY'

SAO PAULO, June 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Katz, director of the Jewish Hospital of Alexandria, Egypt, was convicted by a court there recently as a "spy," and sentenced to life imprisonment, according to an authoritative report received here today. Dr. Katz, a Jew, came to Egypt shortly before World War II, as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

J. D. C. SPENT \$28,111, 600 IN AID LAST YEAR; HELPED 214, 000 JEWS IN 25 LANDS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- The number of Jews requiring the assistance of the Joint Distribution Committee was larger in 1959 than in the previous year, even though 1959 was "a year of no great crisis and no terrible emergencies," the JDC reported today. More than 214, 000 Jews, including 105, 000 who live in Moslem countries--principally in North Africa and Iran--received JDC aid during last year, the report said.

In a section on its activities in Moslem countries, the report stressed that "an atmosphere of insecurity" today surrounds the Jewish population in most Moslem countries, particularly those which are most strongly affected by Arab nationalism. "This is especially true in Egypt, where the Jewish community is being progressively cut off from the economic life of the country, and is apparently doomed to a purely vegetative existence," the report says.

"In Algeria, the future is obscured by the continuing war between the Independence movement and the French authorities. In Tunisia and Morocco, however, the most immediate problems are the increasing economic difficulties, which have had a particularly unfavorable effect on the Jews living in both countries," the report pointed out.

Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, revealed in the report that a total of \$28,111, 600 was spent by the organization in aiding Jews in 25 countries during 1959. JDC aid to needy Jews covered a broad range of needs. The largest number--85, 650--benefited from feeding programs. Mr. Leavitt indicated. JDC aid also included: cash relief for 38, 765; medical care for 30, 615; educational assistance for 70, 135; cultural and religious programs benefiting 36, 155; 5, 810 in homes for the aged; and 5, 220 children and young people receiving other kinds of aid.

Of a total of more than 47, 500 men, women and children who received JDC aid in Israel, some 24, 880 received the help of JDC-Malben, the JDC welfare program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to the Jewish State. The report noted that, under a new Malben policy which puts the stress on non-institutional care and indirect services, particularly for the aged, the year saw the continued expansion of aid. "Where only a few years ago there were thousands of aged on Malben's waiting list for institutional care, today this waiting list is virtually non-existent," the report said.

"A total of 19, 000 men, women and children in Poland are currently receiving aid," the report indicated, "including between 12, 000 and 13, 000 who were repatriated to Poland under the Soviet-Polish repatriation agreement. During the year," the report noted, "JDC introduced two new programs in Poland. The first of these was medical care; the other was assistance to Jewish orphans." In addition, aid includes cash grants and grants to provide living quarters, as well as extensive feeding programs.

Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman and honorary chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, stressed in the annual report that the "assumption of responsibility" by JDC for channeling the aid of American Jewry to needy Jews in other countries has taken the agency into some 75 countries of the world at one time or another. "In the 45 years of our responsibility we brought aid and comfort to some three and a half million persons," he pointed out. "For our work we have had entrusted to us the staggering sum of more than \$665, 000, 000, chiefly through the United Jewish Appeal. The sum is staggering precisely because we are a voluntary agency. The giving represents a unique and freely bestowed vote of confidence in JDC, and in its performance of its assigned mission."

AMERICAN ZIONIST CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER; CALLED BY A. Z. C.

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- An American Zionist Congress will be convened next November by the American Zionist Council, Rabbi Irving Miller, AZC president, told the plenum of the Jewish Agency executive today. He made the announcement after a report was given by Mrs. Rose Halprin on the Jewish Agency's activities in the field of Zionist organization in the United States.

The plenum decided to send teams to America to engage in Zionist organizing and propaganda work on the eve of the American Zionist and World Zionist congresses. The decision was taken at the conclusion of a discussion on the problems of the American Zionist movement. It stressed that propaganda and organization work will be the sole task of these teams, possibly to underscore the fact that the groups would not engage in fund-raising activities.

The executive's resolution hailed the new program of activities of the American Zionist Council and welcomed the Council's decision to convene an American Zionist Congress. The executive also expressed support of the idea of forming a Zionist Council--similar to that in the United States--in other American countries.

The plenum also named a committee of 14 members, including seven members of the executive and seven representatives of Zionist parties to draft the final details of the agenda for the 25th World Zionist Congress which will be held here in December.

## NIXON URGES EFFECTIVE U.S. ACTION ON ANTI-ISRAELI BLOCKADE OF SUEZ

CHICAGO, June 12. (JTA) -- The United States must continue "to press for effective implementation of the principle of freedom of the seas and free access to international waterways," Vice President Richard M. Nixon urged today in a letter to the B'nai B'rith.

The letter, which was addressed to B'nai B'rith national president Label A. Katz, also emphasized that the U.S. Government must act to protect the interests of American seamen and shipping "now being discriminated against by the Arab boycott and blacklisting policy." Mr. Nixon also said there was a need to try "with diligence and patience" to end Saudi Arabian exclusion of American servicemen of Jewish faith from the Dhahran airbase leased by the United States in Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Katz announced the contents of the letter in a speech here before a convention of B'nai B'rith District No. 2. Mr. Nixon said U.S. policy recognized that the independence and integrity of Israel and the Arab countries of the area are of vital concern to the United States. "Our Government must continue to use every suitable occasion, both within and outside the United Nations, to facilitate progress toward a mutually acceptable solution of the Arab-Israel conflict, based on amity and recognition of each other's existence and independence," he stated.

## WORLD BANK EXPECTED TO APPROVE PORT DEVELOPMENT LOAN FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Creation of a Port Authority for Israel has been recommended by Austin J. Tobin, executive director of the Port of New York Authority, Mr. Tobin revealed here this weekend after returning from Israel.

Since Mr. Tobin went to Israel to survey the port situation there at the request of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, financial circles here today expressed the belief that the World Bank would now approve a long-pending Israeli application for a multi-million dollar loan.

Eugene R. Black, president of the World Bank, who was also in Israel recently, had hinted that the Israeli loan request would be granted if the port authority were found feasible by Mr. Tobin.

Israel's loan application envisages two principal goals: port development, and expansion of the phosphate industry. The World Bank has been asked by Israel to help finance the port development scheme, which is to cost a total of about \$64,000,000, with a loan aggregating between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

Recommending the establishment of the Port Authority for Israel, Mr. Tobin said he foresees a division of function between Israel's three major ports. Haifa would concentrate chiefly on handling imports of iron ore, semi-finished iron and steel items and other raw materials, and the export of industrial products. The new port of Ashdod, like Haifa also on the Mediterranean Sea, would specialize in the shipping of Israel's major export item, citrus fruits. The third port, Eilat, on the Gulf of Akaba, would specialize in the shipment of phosphates and potash obtained by Israel in the Dead Sea area.

## U.S. JEWISH LEADERS TO ATTEND PARIS CELEBRATION OF ALLIANCE ISRAELITE

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Leaders of American Jewry will attend the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Alliance Israelite Universelle in Paris which will be marked by a four-day congress of representatives of major Jewish organizations from all parts of the world, it was announced here today by Marcel Franco, president of the American Friends of the Alliance.

The congress will open in Paris on June 21 under the honorary sponsorship of Michel Debre, Premier of France. The American Jewish leaders who will attend the celebration include Jacob Blaustein and Herbert B. Ehrmann, honorary president and president respectively of the American Jewish Committee; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress; Philip M. Klutznick, leader of the B'nai B'rith; Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Miss Caroline K. Simon, Secretary of the State of New York, and a number of other prominent Jewish personalities.

## EXPANSION OF REFORM JUDAISM IN U.S. REPORTED HAMPERED BY LACK OF FUNDS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Thirty-three new Reform congregations were established in the Western hemisphere in the last year, bringing the total to 605 Temples, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, reported here last night to the spring meeting of the UHAC board of trustees.

Only the lack of sufficient funds hampers UHAC plans for meeting an "exploding, expanding program" of further Temple development, the religious leader told the board. Applications for 18 new congregations are on hand now, Dr. Eisendrath stated.

Dr. Eisendrath challenged the leaders of the UHAC to shape "imaginative fund-raising programs" to strengthen the combined campaign for American reform Judaism and the Development Fund for American Judaism, which raise monies for the UHAC and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.