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Thursday, June 30, 1960 ARGENTINA REQUESTS ISRAEL TO SUGGEST 'REPARATION' IN EICHMANN CASE

BONN. June: 29. (JTA) -- President Arturo Frondizi of Argentina told a press conference here today that his Government was eager to maintain friendly relations with Israel. but that Israel has been requested to suggest "adequate reparation" for violating Argentine territory in the seizure of Adolf Eichmann,

Mr. Frondizi's statement today, and Buenos Aires reports that Argentina had "officially" asked Israel to state her intentions on reparation, appeared to indicate that the Argentine Government did not, as did most members of the United Nations Security Council, consider formal passage of the Argentine resolution censuring Israel and Israel's apology to Argentina as "adequate reparation."

(In Jerusalem, today, the Israeli Foreign Ministry received a new note from the Argentine Government, requesting Israel to indicate what reparation it is ready to make for Eichmann's seizure, in the light of last week's Security Council resolution adopted at the United Nations.)

In general, in regard to Nazi war criminals, who had taken refuge in Argentina, the Argentine President said his government was "quite willing" to extradite them to West Germany. He insisted, however, that such requests should include itemized information on the crimes charged against the fugitives. He added: "It is not enough to refer to them as former Nazis.

He said his Government had declared its readiness to extradite Dr. Josef Mengele, a medical murder specialist at the Auschwitz death camp, two weeks ago, despite the fact that there is no extradition treaty between Argentina and West Germany. He added that Mengele "no longer seems to reside at the location given by West German authorities."

The Argentine president met yesterday with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Informed sources said that the Chancellor insisted that negotiations be started for an extradition treaty between the two countries.

It was also reported that the Chancellor did not bring up the question of Argentine-Is rael differences on Eichmann. Dr. Adenauer refrained from raising the issue, it was understood, because the West German Government does not want to interfere, although the Adenauer regime would prefer that Eichmann be tried in a West German court.

It was indicated that the Eichmann case was discussed when Chancellor Adenauer received Dr. Felix Shinar, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission at Cologne, last night. There also was speculation that Dr. Shinar's visit may have been connected with the foreign policy debate scheduled for tomorrow in the Bundestag.

German Lawyer Declines Eichmann Defense; SS General Seeks Counsel in Vienna

FRANKFURT, June 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Erich Schmidt-Leichner, prominent German criminal lawyer, denied today reports that he would undertake the defense of Adolf Eichmann before an Israel court in Jerusalem.

Dr. Schmidt-Leichner was attorney for the defense in the Nuremberg war crimes trials. and is currently representing Herman Krumey, who was an aide of Eichmann's, as well as Bruno Beger, a Nazi "race expert." Both are awaiting trial in West German courts. Earlier reports were that the attorney had been in touch with Eichmann's family and had been asked to undertake his defense,

(From Vienna, it was reported that Otto Skorzeny, former SS general who is believed to be one of the chief organizers of a neo-Nazi international organization, arrived there to seek contacts with Austrian attorneys interested in acting as defense counsel for Eichmann.)

ISRAELI PARLIAMENT ADOPTS \$940,000,000 BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1960-61

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today passed a 1,690,000,000 pound (\$940,000,000) budget for 1960-61. The budget was made retroactive to April 1, the start of Israel's fiscal year. A temporary three-month budget had been passed shortly before that date, when it became apparent that the permanent budget could not be legislated by the start of the fiscal year.

TENSION REPORTED ON SYRIAN BORDER AFTER KILLING OF ISRAELI POLICEMAN

TEL AVIV, June 29. (JTA) -- Israel sources charged today that Syrian gunners ignored repeated United Nations observer appeals to quit shooting yesterday after their fire wounded an Israel border policeman, making it impossible to bring aid to the wounded man who died later.

The sources said that the firing lasted 75 minutes and that after the wounded Israeli finally was reached, he died en route to a hospital.

Israeli members of the nearby collective, kitbutz Beit. Katzin: resumed their usual work this morning in the vineyard near the site of the shooting affray. United Nations observers expressed surprise at the unprovoked Syrian outbreak in the Beit Katzir section near the border, which came after months of relative quiet in the border area.

ISRAEL TO PUBLISH NEW EDITION OF KORAN FOR MOSLEM POPULATION

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- Plans for publication of an edition of the Koran, the sacred book of Islam, in Israel have been completed by the Israel Ministry for Reli-

The plan for such a publication effort, the first publication of the Koran in Israel, was initiated after officials of Israel's Moslem community of 175,000 complained about the quality of the Korans imported from Turkey. They contended that the Turkish editions were poorly printed and had many errors.

The plan calls for publication of the Koran by the Supreme Moslem Committee of Israel with the assistance of Moslem religious courts,

UNITED NATIONS REPORT STRESSES ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 29. (JTA) -- Israel is the only country in the Middle East in which agricultural progress is not lagging behind the gains in industry and other economic activities, a United Nations report indicated today.

The report on "Economic Developments in the Middle East: 1958-1959," was issued by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs as a supplement to a world economic survey. The report said that despite unfavorable weather conditions in several areas, the value of total farm output in Israel rose by 16 percent in 1957-58 and by nearly 14 percent in 1958-59. Some extension in the area under cultivation and a considerable increase in the area under irrigation--7. 7 percent in 1957-58 and 8, 9 percent in 1958-59-was reported.

The general index of industrial production, based on 1958 as the base year, rose in the first nine months of 1959 to 110.3. The value of Israel's total industrial output in 1959 was provisionally estimated at 1,940,000,000 pounds (\$1,086,400,000) compared with a total of 1,715,000,000 pounds (\$960,400,000) in 1958. UN statisticians indicated they expected this figure to rise in 1960 to 2,150,000,000 pounds (\$1,204,000,000) if prices remained constant.

Other UN projections were, through 1965, a 250 percent increase in output of minerals, a 100 percent increase in output of chemicals and vehicles, a 300 percent jump in production of machinery and a 50 to 90 percent increase in "all other branches" of Israel production.

Data in the report indicated that expenditures from the Israel development budget have risen steadily from 35, 200, 000 Israel pounds (\$19, 712, 000) in 1949-50 to 438, 400, 000 pounds (\$245,504,000) in 1958-59. For fiscal 1959-60, the outlay is expected to rise to 506,500,000 pounds (\$282,640,000).

Through 1959, Israel received \$296,000,000 in United States grants; \$227,000,000 in United States credits; and \$730,000,000 in reparations and individual restitution payments from West Germany. The report warned that much of Israel's overseas income "declined in 1959 and is likely to continue to decrease in the coming years."

Israeli News Briefs

HAMBURG, June 29. (JTA) -- The 6,620-ton motor freighter, "Alon," built under the reparations agreement for Zim-Israel Lines, was launched here tyesterday at the H.C., Stuelcken Sohn shipyards,

NEW YORK, June 29. (1714) -- Avraham Drori, secretary general of the Herut Party in Israel, has arrived here to organize a fund-raising campaign on behalf of the Tel-Hai fund which maintains the economic, social, health and cultural institutions of the Jabotinsky movement in Israel. He said that a Herut delegation headed by Menacham Beigin, leader of the party, will come to this country to conduct the campaign.

LONDON, June 29. (JTA) -- Two 10-year-old French boys, Jacques Picard and Isaac Isaacvitch, won the annual International Bible Quiz for Children held here. Switzerland placed second,

CLAIMS 'TOP PRIORITY' FOR JEWISH EDUCATION AS MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM

PARIS, June 29. (JTA) -- Jewish education should receive top priority in Jewish communal programs, in allocation of funds and in "the mobilization of our efforts," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, world Jewish leader, told the opening session today of the World Conference on Iswish Education.

"Thanks to the upbuilding of Israel, Jewish education is today our most important problem," he said. "Fighting anti-Semitism and giving relief is important but the consolidation of Jewish education is even more vital."

He described the purpose of the conference, which is being attended by educators and Jewish leaders from all parts of the free world, as two-fold: "To draw the attention of the Jewish communities to the central role of education in our lives and to find solutions to the problems of Jewish education."

He said that the traditional forces of Jewish life which had spurred Jewish education "have broken down for many Jews. We therefore have to find new content for Jewish education, based on Jewish culture and Jewish religion which can be significant to the new generation and to find ways to bring these values to the members of that generation."

Another unsolved problem, he told the delegates, was that "the new civilization" represented by Israel must have a key role in the development of Jewish education programs.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, member of the Jewish Agency executive, said there had been a growing realization that only a Jewishly literate Jewish youth could ensure the continuity of the Jewish people. She said the task of the conference was to develop a program of Jewish education which would meet the needs of all who believed in the unity of the Jewish secole and in its great contributions to the world's cultural life.

Alliance Seeks Funds for More Jewish Schools and Scholarships

PARIS, June 29. (JTA) -- Creation of a special fund to build more schools and provide more scholarships was voted by the Alliance Israelite Universelle, as the 100-year-old organization of French Jews concluded its centenary celebration here. An appeal was issued to former students of Alliance schools to aid in raising the newly needed funds.

COMMISSION MAPS PROGRAM OF FRENCH-ISRAEL CULTURAL COOPERATION

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- Establishment of chairs of Hebrew language and culture at French universities was agreed upon here today by a Franco-Israeli commission working out details for implementation of the cultural aggreement signed recently by France and Israel.

Hebrew chairs will be established at the University of Toulouse and the University of Montpelier. The French Government will finance the new faculties.

The commission recommended the teaching of Hebrew in French secondary schools when enough students evidence a desire for Hebrew instruction. Teachers of such high school courses will be provided by the Israeli Government.

Other arrangements recommended by the Joint commission include cooperation between the Israeli and the French Scientific Research Councils; translation of Hebrew literature into French; recognition of the French language as a first foreign tongue to be taught in Israeli high schools, where previously English had that status, and exchange between the two countries of films, radio programs, post-graduate fellowships, and scholarships.

JEWISH STUDENTS IN ITALY EXCUSED FROM ORAL EXAMINATIONS ON SABBATH

ROME, June 29. (JTA) -- Luigi Medici, Minister of Public Education, ruled today that candidates for admission to or degrees from public institutions who were of the Jewish faith or were Seventh Day Adventists, would no longer be required to take oral examinations on Saturday, the day they observed as the Sabbath. Previously these students had been excused from the written examinations on Saturday and permitted to take them on another day of the week.

AMERICAN-AIDED OVERSEAS CAMP NETWORK TO RECEIVE 22,000 JEWISH CHILDREN

GENEVA, June 29, (JTA) -- One hundred and two summer camps that will provide reception for nearly 22,000 lewish children in Europe, North Africa and Iran, most of them from under-privileged homes, opened for the season today.

The camps are maintained by local Jewish organizations with subsidies and technical assistance from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee which has its European operating headquarters here. Most of the children are aged six to 16 but there are 12 camps for youths aged 16-25.

Of the campers this year, about 15,000 will come from 12 countries of Europe, including 3,000 from Poked, 6,400 from Morocco and Tunisia, and 375 from Iran.

ADENAUER ACCEPTS BLAUSTEIN BID TO AID EDUCATION IN GERMANY

BONN, June 29. (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Ädenauer strongly endorsed today a proposal of the American Jewish Committee that leading West German educators be invited to the United States to exchange views with American educators in the teaching of civic responsibility in West German schools,

The Chancellor made his views known when he received Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee. The two men also discussed the urgency of intensifying political education in West Germany, and the need for an increased alettness concerning neo-Nazi groups.

"Although the building of a sound democracy is the primary responsibility of the German people and its leaders, other countries should cooperate in advising and assisting democratic efforts in every way possible," Mr. Blaustein told the Chancellor.

GERMAN EDUCATOR, ACCUSED OF INSTRUCTING AUSCHWITZ GUARDS, SUSPENDED

KARLSRUHE, Germany, June 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Kurt Knittel, administrator of the Karlsruhe public school system, was suspended from office today by the State Ministry of Education of this Province of Baden-Wurttemberg.

The International Committee of Victims of Auschwitz last week publicly accused Dr. Knittel of having headed the classes for instruction of the SS Nazi guards at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp during the war.

POLISH COURT SENTENCES UKRAINIAN MASS MURDERER OF JEWS TO DEATH

VIENNA, June 29. (JTA) -- A Polish court at Przemysl has sentenced to death Jan Szpontak, former leader of the Ukrainian national movement, the Polish Radio reported today. Szpontak participated in the mass killings of Jews in the area of Rzeszow, Poland, in 1944 and 1945.

ADL SEEKS PLANKS IN BOTH PARTY PLATFORMS, STRENGTHENING CIVIL RIGHTS

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is asking the Democratic and Republican parties to seek provisions for federal action to bolster civil rights and strengthen safeguards against their violations.

Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL national director, said that proposals for those objectives had been submitted to the Democratic party platform committee and, would be submitted to the Republican platform committee.

Mr. Epstein said the ADL had also proposed liberalization of United States immigration laws, and was urging the United States Government to "use its powers to prevent foreign governments from carrying out religious discrimination." The government, he said, "should refuse to participate in any international agreement of any kind which authorizes denying American citizens the right to equal treatment guaranteed them by our constitution."

RABBI DECRIES INCURSIONS VIOLATING BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

STE. AGATHE DES MONTS, Que., June 29. (JTA) -- Rabbi Charles Weinberg, newly eighted president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel, Malden, Mass., declared today in his acceptance address that "sectarian and credat" bodies are making unfair and unjust demands in many of our governmental and public institutions, in violation of the fundamental American idea of separation of church and state."

"Religion and the state must remain divorced from each other if they are to serve the community with maximum effectiveness, ethical Justice and a minimum of tension," he stated. "The efforts to inject religious beliefs in our public schools, the retention of the harsh and discriminatory Sunday law inhibitions, the introduction of religious considerations in determining fitness for public office, and the utilization of soning statutes to restrict the entry of houses of worship in many areas, are some of the dager signs which call for amelioration and reform in our thinking about religion in communal activities,"

"It is a national travesty and blemish to judge a political candidate by his color, religion or national origin," the nabbinical leader continued. "According to the American criteris of fair play, freedom and constitutional liberty, an individual is to be evaluated by his inner qualities, personal merits and experimental characteristics. Democracy cannot survive if its citizens are denied access to those benefits, privileges and rights which naturally accrue to all Americans of whatever religious persuasion or background, be they Protestant, Catholic or Jews, It is of imperative importance that the 1928 debayle be prevented and that candidates not be defeated on narrowly sectarian, bigoted and foolishly nonsensical grounds."

Rabbi Weinberg appealed to the presidential aspirants and candidates of both major parties to "commit themselves fully and unequivocally, in a public statement, to the preservation of Israel's sovereign integrity, territorial inviolability, and the maintenance of the existing border areas. It is urgent for the world peace that the Democratic and Republican Party platforms include strong planks guaranteeing the survival and progress of Israel as a viable nation."