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BEN-GURION ADDRESSES SCIENTISTS' PARLEY; CALLS FOR AID TO NEW NATIONS

REHOVOT, Israel, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The liberation of peoples and the closing of the economic and spiritual gaps between them with the aid of science and technical know-how will ensure world peace and raise the family of nations to the peak of material prosperity and spiritual advancement, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion declared here today at the opening session of the International Conference on the Role of Science in New States.

Scientists and statesmen from 29 countries, as well as hundreds of guests from Israel and abroad, are attending the conference which is being held in the Chaim Weizmann Memorial Amphitheatre of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Prominent among the guests are Prime Minister B.P. Koirala of Nepal, Deputy Premier Gabriel Lisette of Chad and ministers and government officials from 14 Asian and African states.

Defining the gathering as "a historic event of inestimable importance," the Premier said that the conference was closely related with "the two most momentous revolutions in the annals of the human race -- political and intellectual." Mr. Ben-Gurion said that "gaining independence is not the end of redemption" but its beginning.

The material and cultural gap between nations should be closed, the Premier asserted. He said that the people of the world must not only be liberated, but must be more or less on the same level in status and in their material and spiritual capacities. It was the duty of the rich and highly developed countries, the Premier stressed, to extend all material and spiritual assistance to wipe out regrettable and dangerous differences between economic and cultural standards.

Says American Aid to European Countries Achieved Wonders

Referring to the integrity of humanity in our days when nations are so closely connected through advanced types of communications, the Premier called on all highly developed nations to assist their fellows whose rights, status and educational opportunities have been restricted for decades and centuries by history.

"They should offer this aid not as charity, but as an obligation of fellow members of the same human family out of equality, comradeship and universal human solidarity to rectify historic wrongs," Mr. Ben-Gurion declared.

Referring to American aid to the European countries crushed in the Second World War, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that such aid had achieved wonders. He noted, however, that the center of gravity had passed to Asia and Africa, the home of the great majority of the human race.

This aid, the Premier declared, that should give them agriculture and industrial development, better education, housing and health services -- material and spiritual progress which these countries need -- should be founded on mutual confidence and respect and the utilization of all achievements of humanity and its scientific and technological discoveries in sincere cooperation.

Greeting the participants representing the 14 Asian and African states, as well as those from Europe, Australia, the Philippines and North and South America, the Premier expressed the fervent hope that the deliberations would contribute to the unity of all mankind and speed up progress benefitting every man, woman and child throughout the world without distinction of race, color, class or religion and that the timely and noble aspirations of the conference would be realized.

The more than 100 scientists participating in the conference will discuss subjects relating to atomic energy for peaceful purposes, solar energy, water development in arid lands, health problems and training of scientific personnel for new and underdeveloped countries. The conference, which will last until Aug. 26, is taking place under the auspices of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE IMPRESSED WITH ISRAEL'S ACHIEVEMENTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Winding up a four day trip to Israel, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said at a press conference today he was impressed by Israel's agricultural development and by the concentration of technical know-how which brought excellent results in yielding greater and better crops.

HISTADRUT PROTESTS AGAINST BOOSTING OF TAXES ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, protested today against the increases in customs duties and excise taxes on a variety of imported consumer products announced last week by the Treasury. In a letter to Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol, Aharon Becker, Acting Secretary General of the Histadrut, asked for an urgent meeting to present the Histadrut's arguments against the increases.

Announcing the Histadrut's opposition to higher taxes on such essential products as cooking gas and coffee, Mr. Becker expressed grave doubts about the Government's estimate that the higher levies would raise the cost-of-living index by only one quarter of a point. The Histadrut leader charged that the Treasury made the estimate without consulting the Central Bureau of Statistics, the official authority responsible for calculating the index.

Meanwhile, a four-man arbitration committee, headed by Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol, decided today in favor of awarding Israeli workers a cost-of-living increase to be paid retroactively from July 15.

The issue was referred to arbitration after the Israel Manufacturers Association protested a decision by Mr. Eshkol granting the increase, in spite of the fact that the cost-of-living index had not risen the full two points necessary for the paying of such an increase, according to a formal agreement between the manufacturers and the Government. The index is calculated every six months.

The Histadrut had insisted on the increase, claiming that actual living costs had gone up more than that indicated by the official 1.84 index rise for the half-year period. It is assumed that the manufacturers will now abide by the arbitration decision, particularly since the Finance Minister already announced the increase for Government workers.

ISRAEL PLANS \$18,000,000 EXPANSION OF PETROLEUM BYPRODUCTS INDUSTRIES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Plans for the expansion of Israel's petroleum by-products industries, involving the investment of 32,000,000 pounds (\$18,000,000) were announced here today by Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry. Mr. Sapir, who just completed a tour of several chemical plants in the Haifa Bay area, said that the program included the expansion of existing industries and the establishment of new plants.

The chemical industries utilizing the byproducts of the Haifa Refineries are already among the most important in the Haifa area. Production in this field is expected to increase considerably now that the 16-inch pipeline from Eilat to Haifa has been completed, Mr. Sapir declared.

The pipeline is already able to carry 1,300,000 tons of petroleum annually -- slightly more than the amount needed for the country's domestic consumption. Additional pumping stations, however, will enable the pipeline to transport 2,000,000 tons annually, facilitating the renewal of the export of refined products which were discontinued when Iraq cut off the flow of oil to the refineries in 1948. The expanded operation of the refineries will thus increase the quantities of raw materials for the chemical industries.

ISRAEL TO GIVE \$8,400,000 LOAN TO NIGERIA; CABINET VOTES APPROVAL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A loan of \$8,400,000 to Nigeria was formally voted yesterday by the Israel Cabinet. The agreement for the loan was reached when Finance Minister Levi Eshkol visited Nigeria recently.

A British protectorate, Nigeria will become an independent state on October 1. The Israeli loan will be for goods and services acquired by the Federal Government of Nigeria from Israel.

NASSER SENDS MILITARY MISSION TO GHANA; WILL DISCUSS JOINT HIGH COMMAND

LONDON, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic is sending this week a military mission to Ghana for the purpose of discussing the formation of a joint high command, it was reported here today from Ghana. The talks would also include the possibility of forming an all-African army.

Five hundred United Arab Republic troops are flying from Cairo to Leopoldville, in the Congo, tomorrow. United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld cabled President Nasser several days ago requesting the despatch of the troops to help him implement the Security Council's resolution on the Congo.

NEW TURKISH PREMIER TELLS JEWS HE IS AGAINST RELIGIOUS BIAS

ISTANBUL, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- General Cemal Gursel, the new Turkish Premier and head of state, today took the initiative to indicate that he will tolerate no anti-Jewish propaganda in Turkey. In his first contact with a group of Jews, he declared:

"For the creation of national unity, differences of race or religion should no longer be a problem. Differences of religion do not count for us. We must all work together. I, for instance, am a man first, then a Turk and then a Moslem."

General Gursel made this statement at the Anadolu Club in Buyukada, a resort island near Istanbul, during a ball launched for the benefit of the Treasury. This club has many Jewish members. Premier Gursel, himself, visited a table where several Jews sat. He was given an enthusiastic welcome and warmly cheered after his short statement.

Earlier in the season, there was a heated discussion at the club during the election of members for the administrative committee. One member said that the club was "invaded" by Jews. Gursel's words were considered by the Jews as a good answer.

EX-NAZI POLICE OFFICERS CONFESS MASS-KILLING OF JEWS IN SLUTZK

FRANKFURT, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Former police major Franz Lechthaler, 69, and Willy Papenkort, 51-year-old ex-chief of police in Kassel, have confessed to the shooting of "several hundreds of Jews" in Slutzk, Byelorussia, on October 27, 1941, during the Nazi occupation. This was disclosed here by Chief State Attorney Haffke.

The influential Frankfurter Rundschau reported today that Ernst Lautz, former Prosecutor for the People's Court and former Deputy Justice Minister Franz Schlegelberger were still receiving monthly pensions in spite of the fact that the Schleswig-Holstein Finance Ministry had canceled their pensions a year ago. The payments are being continued, the paper said, pending a final decision in their case by a special court.

A hearing will be held next week before the Schleswig-Holstein Administrative Court on an appeal by Dr. Herta Oberhauser against a decision last year by the Ministry of Interior, revoking her license to practice medicine. Dr. Oberhauser is charged with participating in inhuman medical experiments at the Ravensbrueck concentration camp.

GERMAN POLICE INVESTIGATE SMEARING OF SWASTIKAS IN DACHAU CAMP

MUNICH, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Chief Inspector of the Dachau police, Horst Raube, today told a press conference here that police authorities are investigating the smearing of two swastikas in the former crematorium of the Dachau concentration camp.

Under suspicion is a 25 year-old-youth who visited the camp last week and created an uproar when he shouted that "The crematorium was built by Americans for propaganda purposes." The youth claimed he was the son of a former SS guard at the camp who was sentenced to a 15 year jail term but only served five years.

LATVIAN NAZI ADMITS IN BRAZIL TO KILLING OF JEWS IN RIGA GHETTO

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Herbert Cukurs, a former Latvian SS officer charged with responsibility for the extermination of 32,000 Jews in the Riga Ghetto during the Second World War, has admitted that he killed a number of Jews during the Nazi occupation of Latvia.

Cukurs made the admission in an interview published in the Brazilian influential paper "O Jornal." Asked about the charges, the former Nazi told Eduardo Ramalho, the paper's correspondent, that "I cannot deny that I killed several Jews."

Attorneys for Cukurs, meanwhile, are planning to appeal to President Juscelino Kubitschek to countermand a decision by Justice Minister Armano Falcao, rejecting an application for Brazilian citizenship filed by the former Nazi. Informed sources here indicated that President Kubitschek would turn down the appeal.

WEST BERLIN SENATE GRANTS 20,000 MARKS FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

BERLIN, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- The West Berlin Senate has decided to grant 20,000 Deutschmarks (\$4,694) from its budget to the Hebrew University. This decision was taken at a meeting of the Senate this week to help build up the university's library.

The Senate gave no explanation for its decision, but the allocation is regarded as a contribution to intellectual restitution and for improvement of the cultural relations between West Berlin and Jerusalem.

U.S. GROUP FINDS CANADIAN PRE-SHECHITA METHOD MOST HUMANE

TORONTO, Aug. 15. (JTA)-- The Canadian pre-shechita method would be recommended for use also in the United States, it was indicated here by a group from the United States who visited the Canada Packers plant here to observe the new kosher device of restraining animals prior to shechita.

John McFarland, member of the U.S. Government's Commission on humane slaughter, who was one of the group, said that the method developed in Canada is the best from the standpoint of humaneness and ease of production. Mr. McFarland has made a special study on the question of animal slaughter and has observed it in many countries, including Europe and Israel. Robert Friend, general manager of the Ontario Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who was also present during the visit of the Americans at the Canada Packers plant, fully concurred with Mr. McFarland's view.

In addition to Mr. McFarland, the U.S. group included Rabbi Samson Weiss of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations; Philip Jacobson of the Synagogue Council of America and Leo Pfeffer of the American Jewish Congress. The Canadian method, as used in Toronto, permits the handling of 60 animals an hour.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONVENTION VOTES TO SUPPORT GROUP LIBEL BILL

MIAMI BEACH, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- A resolution to launch a nationwide campaign at all echelons in support of a federal group libel bill, specifically to combat hate organizations like the American Nazi Party, was adopted here last night at the closing session of the 65th annual convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. The convention gave unanimous approval to the JWV's national battle against hatemongers.

In a major address at the convention, Philip M. Klutznick, international leader of B'nai B'rith, spoke to the veterans about the role of Jews in support of commitments to fellow Jews abroad. He said it was not less American but more American to help others achieve "the happiness which comes from life in a democracy and a free land." He mentioned American Jewish links with Jews in Israel, Morocco, Europe and elsewhere.

Speaking of America as a nation, Mr. Klutznick emphasized "the task of ridding ourselves of blemishes domestically and in our foreign commitments." Mr. Klutznick said it was "utter folly to think of the world as made up of 'at home' and 'abroad'." He said any attempt at dichotomy between these two words was a luxury which we could ill afford.

The J.W.V. adopted a strong civil rights resolution and called on Presidential candidates of both parties to support it. The convention was addressed on the subject of civil rights by Arnold Aronson of New York, executive director of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

I. L. Feuer of Youngstown, Ohio, a World War I veteran, was elected as new national commander of the organization. The veterans presented their bronze medal of merit to Lawrence Gubow, Michigan commissioner of the State Corporation and Securities Commission for his work in combatting the Grosse Pointe, Michigan, housing discrimination screening system.

SHAH OF IRAN STRONGLY COMMENDED IN CANADA FOR HIS STAND ON ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Aug. 15. (JTA) -- Appreciation to the Shah of Iran for his reaffirmation of the de facto recognition of Israel was expressed here in a joint communication addressed by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of Canada to the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Iran in Ottawa.

Editorial comment in the Canadian press strongly commends the position taken by Iran in its relation with the State of Israel and at the same time severely criticizes Nasser for his attacks on the Shah and his attempts to influence other Arab nations in the Middle East to sever diplomatic relations with Iran as the United Arab Republic has done.

Among major Canadian newspapers condemning Nasser for his attempt to override the sovereignty of another nation are the Montreal Star, the Montreal Gazette, the leading French-Canadian newspaper Le Devoir, the St. Catharine Standard (Ontario) and the Chronicle-Herald of Halifax.

An attempt by Khalid Baba, director of the Arab Information Centre in Ottawa, to take issue with the view of the Montreal Star editorial, was countered harshly by a second editorial which condemned the U.A.R. propagandist for dealing in misinformation. Altogether, in Canada, the propaganda offensive directed by Nasser at the Shah of Iran and his government has failed to convince the Canadian press and other media of public opinion.