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BEN-GURION REVIEWS ISRAEL'S CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS AS KNESSET MEETS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said today that Israel has a vital role to play in "the central problem of our generation"--the gap between the mature nations and the newly emerging countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Addressing the opening meeting of Israel Parliament's winter session here, today, Mr. Ben-Gurion placed Israel's contemporary position--internally and externally--into the perspective of present-day world events. He told Parliament that, while Israel was "small and poor, with little population and burdened with difficult tasks, it is a fact that representatives from Africa and Asia, official and unofficial, come here to study. Israel's instructors, experts and technicians are invited to help in their development."

Expressing the opinion that "a balanced examination" of the competition between the "two blocs" in the "cold war" indicated that fears of a third world war were exaggerated, the Prime Minister said each of the world's two great powers was "well aware" that either could wipe the other off the face of the earth.

Asserting it was hard to imagine that their leaders would "deliberately bring about the destruction of their peoples and countries," Mr. Ben-Gurion asserted that the real meaning of the phrase, "the cold war," was the struggle for the support of the new nations of Asia and Africa, as well as of Latin America, "which, together, comprise almost half of the human race."

The Premier linked Israel's capacity to be of assistance in bridging the gap to Israel's achievement in the resettlement of nearly 1,000,000 immigrants. This accomplishment, he said, is an example of a transformation of a people to which he said it would be difficult to find a parallel anywhere in the world. He said the transformation was fruitful, revitalizing and strengthening not only in economic terms, but also from the cultural and social points of view. He pointed out also that there had been continuity of government as well as a stable policy throughout Israel's statehood.

Education of New Generation Tied to Country's Fundamental Security

Discussing Israel's security situation, Mr. Ben-Gurion recalled an address to Israel's army commanders in which he had said that Israel's forces could never be equal in numbers to that of the actual and potential enemies of Israel, and that only through qualitative, moral and intellectual superiority could Israel survive.

There is much to be done in the field of education, the Premier said, adding that "if, Heaven forbid, we do not manage to pass on to the younger generation the superior moral and intellectual qualities of those who created the State and the Israel forces, from the War of Independence to the Sinai campaign, there is a danger that the coming generation may transform Israel into a Leviathan state."

Such failures, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, would constitute dangers more grave than the threats by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic and Premier Kassem of Iraq to destroy Israel. He added this was a danger not only to Israel but to the Jewish people throughout the world.

The Prime Minister noted that Israel will try Adolf Eichmann, "one of the chiefs of the Nazis who organized and carried out, together with his colleagues, the destruction of millions. The country in which Eichmann hid for a number of years under an assumed name has, in practice, conceded Israel's right to try Eichmann, as have other enlightened countries in the world."

In the Negev, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "we have not yet reached our goals, and have not yet done all that we should, although our needs are many and pressing." He added that some of the projects which have been carried out "are laudable."

He cited, among Negev gains, the fact that industrial employment rose from 73,000 in 1949, to 165,000 this year. He said output of Dead Sea phosphates, fertilizers and chemicals has grown from 250,000 to 675,000 tons.

ISRAEL STILL SEETHES OVER 'L'AFFAIRE LAVON'; BEN-GURION EXIT DENIED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion does not intend to resign from the Government on account of "L'affaire Lavon," a source close to the Cabinet declared here today. However, the Premier was reported to have insisted to the Cabinet yesterday that a special judicial commission be created to establish the facts that led to the "unfortunate" events in 1955 when Pinhas Lavon, now secretary-general of Israel's Federation of Labor, resigned from his post as Minister of Defense.

(With secrecy, due to security reasons, imposed in Israel in regard to details concerning the Lavon issue, London dispatches reported today that it seems now that members of Israel's defense forces may have "achieved in 1955 the ousting of a Defense Minister whom they disliked." The entire affair, stated the Times of London, "has shocked Israel, which has been an island of democracy in a region where the military putsch is a frequent occurrence.")

The Cabinet, it was learned, is insisting that it be furnished the full text of the report of the special committee, headed by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, which last week completed a probe into the Lavon affair. Mr. Ben-Gurion has given the Cabinet only the opinions of Attorney General Gideon Hausner in regard to that report.

Members of the Cabinet reportedly feel, that while no evidence of forgery has been presented in regard to the Lavon events, the probe should be continued, since several witnesses, now abroad, have not yet been interrogated. Mr. Ben-Gurion insists, however, that such continuance of the probe should be undertaken exclusively by a new judicial commission, instead of by the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee of the Parliament.

RAMAT GAN CHIEF RABBI ADVANCED AS SUCCESSOR TO RELIGIOUS MINISTRY POST

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Rabbi Eliahu Pardess, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Ramat Gan, was reported today to be the most likely candidate for the office of the Minister for Religious Affairs.

Rabbi Pardess' nomination has been suggested to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion who was reported to be giving the suggestion his serious consideration. The office was vacated earlier this month by the death of Rabbi Yaacov Toledano.

It had been reported previously that Rabbi Binyamin Mintz, currently Minister of Posts, who is head of the Poalei Agudas Israel, was being considered for the vacant Ministry. Menahem Porush, a member of Parliament representing Agudas Israel, from which the Poalei Agudas Israel recently split, called on the Prime Minister yesterday to express opposition. Porush told the Prime Minister that naming of Rabbi Mintz to the Ministry would "widen the rift" in Israel Orthodoxy.

ZIONISTS LIST GROUPS TO SEND ASSOCIATE, FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Zionist organizations in 34 countries will send delegates to the World Zionist Congress to convene here in December, it was announced today by Zvi Lurie, member of the Jewish Agency executive.

In addition, the following organizations were reported wishing to send associate delegates: Asociaciones Israelistas Argentinas, Comite Israelita Uruguay, Confederacao de Colectividade Israelita Brazilia, Colectividade Israelita Chile, Budverband Kulturgemeinde Austria, all Scandinavian Jewish youth organizations and the Federazione Gilvanile Hebraica Italy.

Those wishing to send fraternal delegates were listed as the Communita Israelitische Italy, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Conseil Representatif Juifs of France, Israelischer Gemeindebund of Switzerland, the Council of Australian Jewry, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the World Sephardi Federation.

DIAMOND INDUSTRY IN ISRAEL THREATENED BY BELGIAN NON-COOPERATION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Israel's flourishing diamond industry may be affected by failure of Belgian diamond companies to support an Israeli plan for a joint committee to market polished diamonds of the two countries, it was asserted today.

Michael Tsour, director general of the Israeli Ministry of Trade and Industry, reported the failure. He led a group of Israel diamond producers in negotiations with six groups representing the Belgian diamond industry for such a plan.

The failure will make it difficult to avoid adverse consequences of uncontrolled competition in world markets, it was explained. These could include substantial price fluctuations which would deter retailers from maintaining large stocks of diamonds, Israel is now one of the largest centers in the world in the diamond industry, supplying about 90 percent of medium sized diamonds for the world market.

While the London diamond syndicate is the major world source of unpolished diamonds, only one-fifth of Israel's diamonds come from the syndicate which is currently accepting only 55 of Israel's 155 diamond firms on its quota list.

ORT WARNED OF MANY NEW PROBLEMS; BEN-GURION, MACMILLAN GREET PARLEY

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) - Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, in a message to the 80th anniversary ORT Congress, said today that, aside from assuring security on Israel's border, "the main task is still the turning of our people into a productive nation."

Mr. Ben-Gurion's message was read to the 250 delegates from 30 countries by Prof. William Haber, chairman of the central board of the World Union of ORT. The Prime Minister said in his message that the anniversary was an occasion for him to express Israel's "deep appreciation and gratitude for the important work that ORT has done for so many years in the field of vocational training among Jews in many parts of the world and especially in Israel."

Prof. Haber, in his keynote report yesterday, described as "cataclysmic" the period in Europe after the war, when 80,000 persons received ORT training. He said the period had brought about a "threefold revolution in Jewish life"--geographic, demographic and sociological.

Dr. Haber warned that there were many problems awaiting attention. One was the uncertainty in many areas of the world where Jews live in great insecurity, and the role of ORT in such "unstable climates." Another was the problem of coping with "three and five times as many applicants as there were places available in many ORT schools in many countries." The third is the problem of strengthening of "Jewish content" of the schools. Finally, he cited the severely limited finances which restricted the proper development of the schools at a time "when Jewish youth is swarming to them."

The Congress also heard a message of greetings from Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, who lauded "the contribution you are making to meet the daily increase in the demand for trained men throughout the world."

Other speakers were Charles Jordan, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee; Thomas Jamieson, director of the United Nations High Commissioner's office for refugees; French Ambassador Jean Chauvel, on behalf of the diplomatic corps; and Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Daniel Mayer, president of the League of Rights of Man, presided.

LEADER OF ADENAUER PARTY SEEKS 'JUSTICE' FOR FORMER SS MEMBERS

RENSBURG, Germany, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A leader of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union called today for "justice and equality for former members of the SS," Hitler's elite guard.

Will Rasner, executive head of the CDU faction in the lower house of the West German Parliament, made the appeal at a meeting of HIAG, the so-called welfare organization of former members of the SS. "Hitler and his henchmen not only brought suffering to millions of human beings, especially upon the Jews, but also brought misery upon the soldiers of the SS," Rasner said.

Kurt Mayer, a former SS General, told the meeting that the West German Government could not talk about democracy "as long as widows of SS soldiers were excluded from pension rights." He said that "those who support this dual system or rights only support the policies of Khrushchev."

GERMAN PHYSICIANS SENT TO NEW YORK TO HELP SPEED VICTIMS' CLAIMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Federal Republic of Germany has sent three physicians to New York to examine claimants for compensation as victims of nazism, it was announced here today by Moses I. Socachevsky, president of the Committee of Nazi Victims Deprived of Justice and Compensation by the German Medical Service.

Until now, according to Mr. Socachevsky, final determination of medical claims by the Nazi victims has been made by "desk physicians" in Germany, with the result that too many claims were denied. West Germany's Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, promised Mr. Socachevsky, in an interview here last March, to correct that situation.

The leader of the victims of nazism declared, however, that still other steps must be taken by West German officials to speed the processing of just claims by persecutees entitled to compensation.

11 GERMAN POLICEMEN SUSPENDED FOR MURDERS DURING NAZI REGIME

DUSSELDORF, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Public Workers Union disclosed today that 11 police officials in North-Rhine Westphalia have been suspended this year, following filing of charges of Nazi crimes against them by the union. Six of the officials had occupied leading positions in the state police. Criminal proceedings have been started against several of the men on charges of participation in the execution of men, women and children during World War II.

AUSTRIA ARRESTS 119 NEO-NAZIS; 94 CHARGED WITH ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS

VIENNA, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- One hundred and nineteen persons were arrested in Austria this year for neo-Nazi activity, Minister of the Interior Afritsch said today. Ninety four were arrested for smearing swastikas or for other anti-Semitic activity; 75 will face trial.

NIXON, KENNEDY AGREE TO LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Both major party Presidential candidates--Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Senator John F. Kennedy--have agreed that the United States immigration laws should be liberalized, it was announced here today by Representative Alfred E. Santangelo, New York Democrat.

Mr. Santangelo queried the candidates, asking them how they stood on the revision of immigrant quotas which, until now, have been based on 1920 figures; on distribution of unused quotas to countries whose quotas have not been fulfilled; on Government authorization for the admission of up to 60,000 refugees annually outside the quotas; and on steps to permit aliens now excluded to join members of families already in the United States.

Mr. Nixon replied, according to the New York Congressman, that the annual immigration quotas should be based on the 1960 census; that "substantial numbers" of refugees should be admitted outside the quotas; and that "preferential quotas" should be established to facilitate reunion of families.

Mr. Kennedy took the same position, and said the United States should look "beyond the abolition of the national origins of quota system, and its replacement with a more equitable method of regulating the inflow of immigrants."

On the basis of the two replies, Mr. Santangelo declared that "White House support for liberalizing our antiquated immigration laws in the next session of Congress is assured."

SELF-IMPOSED TITHES OF EARNINGS ADVOCATED AT REFORM CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Reform Jews throughout the western hemisphere were urged today by a Reform leader to impose a tithe on their earnings for rising building, personnel and education expenses of the Reform movement.

The proposal was made by Emil N. Baar, chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at one of the closing sessions of a four-day UAHC conference. He said this was necessary to meet particularly the needs of young people and older members. He suggested "a personal, self-imposed tithe along the lines of that followed by members of certain other religious groups."

The specific problems for which more funds were needed were listed by Max L. Koepfel, realtor and chairman of the Development Fund for the UAHC. He told the conference yesterday that, since the end of World War II, the cost of property had risen by as much as 100 percent. He said these increases had created a threat to plans for the building of new synagogues, and to the expansion of present buildings.

Mr. Koepfel warned that dues paid by middle income groups "can just about sustain" existing congregations, leaving almost nothing for new buildings, religious schools, rabbis, teachers and administrators.

EINSTEIN MEDICAL COLLEGE LAUNCHES \$27,500,000 DRIVE HEADED BY ALPERT

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University's Einstein College of Medicine announced here today that it is launching a \$27,500,000 drive for a development program to strengthen and expand the institution's resources and facilities for training, research and patient care.

George Alpert, president and chairman of the board of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, has been appointed national chairman of the campaign. A founder of Brandeis University, and formerly one of the national co-chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, Mr. Alpert has served for several years as a member of the college's board of overseers and as chairman of the institution's Society of Founders.

SABBATH OBSERVERS TO GET COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS ON WEEKDAYS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Special college entrance examination board tests for Sabbath-observing Jewish high school students will be offered during the school year by Yeshiva University, it was announced here today. Five such examinations, normally given by colleges on Saturdays, will now be offered at Yeshiva on other days of the week. Applicants for admission to any college may take their examination at Yeshiva, the announcement stated.

FIRM ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF 31 PERCENT OF STOCK IN ISRAELI PLANT

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation today announced the acquisition of a 31 percent interest in Israel's largest paint factory, Tambour Paints, Ltd. The balance of Tambour's stock is held by Anglo-Israel Securities, Ltd., of London, and by a group of Israel investors.

Tambour Paints, located in the town of Acra, supplies approximately 40 percent of Israel's total requirements of paints, varnishes, enamels and industrial finishes. Sales last year exceeded \$2,000,000, including about \$250,000 in exports. The plant's modern facilities include four laboratories, manned by a highly trained technical staff.