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KNESSET DEFEATS MOTION TO DEBATE BEN-GURION'S THREATENED RESIGNATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Efforts on the part of the General Zionists and Herut--the two parties which are not represented in the Israel Cabinet--to bring up the threatened resignation of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion for a discussion in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, failed today when motions to this effect, introduced by leaders of the two parties were defeated.

The first of the two motions was introduced by Peretz Bernstein, leader of the General Zionists. It requested that the Parliament start a debate on what Mr. Bernstein called "reports of interrupted work of the Government." He told the Parliament that the "hanging resignations" of the Prime Minister, as well as of two other Mapai members of the Cabinet, is of concern not only to the Mapai party but to the people of Israel.

Mr. Bernstein insisted that the entire coalition Government should resign now as a result of the Cabinet crisis involving Mapai Ministers. Skirting around the main issue, Levi Eshkol, in his capacity as Deputy Premier, told the Knesset that Mr. Ben-Gurion took a vacation with the approval of the Cabinet. A majority of the Knesset then voted, as Mr. Eshkol demanded, to remove the Bernstein motion from the agenda.

Following that tiff, Herut introduced a motion calling for Knesset debate on a statement made last week by General Moshe Dayan, former chief of staff of Israel's defense forces, who had charged that Lavon "distorted" facts when he testified before the Parliamentary Committee on Security and Foreign Affairs. Replying to the Herut motion, Mr. Eshkol told the Knesset that Dayan's evidence was submitted today to a committee named by the Cabinet, making Knesset debate unnecessary. The Herut motion, then, was also defeated.

PROPOSAL TO CANCEL PAYMENT TO EICHMANN'S LAWYER REJECTED BY KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The small Communist fraction in Israel's Parliament tried today, and failed, to cancel the Government's approval of payment of \$20,000 for the defense counsel fees and expenses in connection with the forthcoming trial of Adolf Eichmann, the SS officer who directed the extermination of 6,000,000 European Jews during the Hitler regime.

Communist Shmuel Mikunis introduced a motion at today's session of the Knesset, calling for cancellation of the Government's decision to pay the \$20,000 Eichmann defense costs, insisting that Dr. Robert Servatius, Eichmann's attorney, is a neo-Nazi.

Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen, replying to Mr. Mikunis, told Parliament that it is "in the interests of Israel's national and international obligations" to provide adequate defense for the accused Nazi killer. It is for that reason, Mr. Rosen said, that the Government decided to pay the \$20,000.

Mr. Rosen said that Dr. Servatius has been informed the \$20,000 figure is all the Government would pay, regardless of the length of time the trial would take. Furthermore, the Justice Minister stated, Dr. Servatius will be required to declare formally that no funds are available to Eichmann's family for the defense of the prisoner. Eichmann is now in an Israeli jail, and his trial--which may last for months--is scheduled to start March 6.

INCREASED TAXES TO GO INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ISRAEL; PRICES RISE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Prices went up in Israel today as a result of higher taxes on certain commodities and services which became effective this morning, necessitated by the higher budget facing the next fiscal year, beginning April 1.

Increases in taxes went into effect today on cigarettes and cosmetics, bus fares and household goods, sales and investments. The new budget, presented to the Knesset yesterday by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, calls for total 1961-1962 expenditures of 1,869,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$1,046,550,000). That means an increase of about 11 percent over the current budget. The new taxes will cover part of the nearly 200,000,000-pound (\$112,000,000) increase in expenditures, Mr. Eshkol said.

The Finance Minister said his Ministry had to decide between two alternatives for increasing income: It could impose high tax increases on a small number of commodities;

or raise the tax by small amounts on a large number of goods and services. The Ministry, he said, chose the latter course to avoid general price increases and a spiraling course of inflation.

The Finance Ministry estimates that the tax increases will stay within a range of 10 percent to 15 percent, and will not result in more than a one-point increase in the cost of living index. Thus, Mr. Eshkol pointed out, there will be no need to raise wages to bring earnings up to the new cost of living index.

Even after the tax increases have gone into full effect, Mr. Eshkol declared, the general public's "disposable income" will still be 12 percent higher next year, by comparison with the present fiscal period. The Finance Minister warned the public, however, that, while exports are increasing, Israel's trade deficit is still growing, since imports are rising in value at a faster rate than exports.

ISRAEL PLANS TO BRING JEWISH YOUTH FROM ABROAD FOR HIGHER STUDIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Israel's Ministry of Education, in partnership with the Jewish Agency, is planning a new, joint department to arrange a program under which Jewish youth will be brought here from abroad for high school and university study in Israel, according to an announcement made before the World Zionist Congress this morning by Education Minister Abba Eban.

Jewry abroad, Mr. Eban declared, was "never as rich in intellectual talent as it is today." If only "a small fraction of these brains could be brought here," he said, "Israel could solve many of her gravest problems." Lauding Israel's export of teachers to new African nations, Mr. Eban told the Congress that "Israel is falling short by not providing enough teachers to Jewries abroad."

Another speaker at this morning's Congress session, which was devoted to youth problems, pioneering and education, was Abraham Schenker, a member of the Jewish Agency's New York executive. He urged "a revision of values" among American youth. At present, he said, "there is too often the sneaking suspicion that American youths who go to Israel do so because they cannot adjust themselves to the American environment." On the other hand, he said, Israeli youth must also change their attitudes. Israeli students, he said, must have closer relations with Jewish students from abroad.

Eliahu Dobkin, a member of the Agency executive, told the Congress that, while there are about 2,000,000 young Jews abroad, only about one-fourth of them are members of Jewish organizations. "Zionism's principal task," he maintained, "is to make an effort to reach these young Jews and introduce a Jewish framework into their lives."

DELEGATES OF NON-ZIONIST GROUPS ADDRESS WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Spokesmen for millions of Jews throughout the world addressed the session here last night of the 25th World Zionist Congress, making it, in the words of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, "the most representative Congress ever." The speakers represented some 20 organizations now associated or affiliated with the World Zionist Organization in accordance with recent amendments for such association by non-Zionist groups.

Samuel Bronfman of Montreal, speaking for the 64 countries represented by the World Jewish Congress, said that Israel depended largely on the dispersion which in turn received spiritual inspiration from the Jewish State.

Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the association of Conservative rabbis, said the World Zionist Organization was best fitted to become the "world community" of the Jewish people because it was most truly representative of the aspirations of Jews everywhere. "The Rabbinical Assembly was the only rabbinical group in the United States to accept an invitation to take part in the Congress."

Sir Barnett Janner, British MP, said that the British Board of Deputies had persistently worked for close relations between the people and the land of the Bible. Dr. Tuvia Kamensheim, president of the Federation of the Communities Israelite of Argentina, stressed the achievements of Argentine Jewry in the field of Jewish education. His appearance before the Congress coincided with the arrival of 150 Argentine Jewish youths to study in Israel.

Gaston Kahn of the Conseil Representatif des Juifs de France, said his organization, born during the underground period of the Nazis, united all French Jewry. Dr. S. Piperno, of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, said that his organization's decision to join the Zionist movement "symbolizes the desire of Italian Jewry to participate in the work of building the State of Israel."

Dr. G. Guggenheim, of Switzerland, reported that 4,300 of the 20,000 Jews in his country belong to organizations affiliated with the Swiss Union of Jewish Communities. He reported about his organization's efforts to inculcate Jewish education among the youth. These efforts include Jewish day schools, he said.

JEWS IN AUSTRIA IMPATIENT WITH GOVERNMENT'S TACTICS OVER RESTITUTION

VIENNA, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Austrian Jewish community, irked by the Government's snail's pace in the enactment of long-promised legislation to authorize restitution to Austrian Jewish victims of nazism, today bluntly indicated their impatience.

Die Gemeinde, official organ of the Jewish community, stated today that the Jews of Austria may use "strongest, last methods," unless such legislation is adopted by the Parliament very soon. The "last methods," it is assumed, will consist of open demonstrations or of an appeal to world public opinion, in final efforts to force governmental action.

Both the People's Party and the Socialist Party, which form the coalition Austrian Government, have pledged repeatedly that they intend to enact legislation to satisfy the claims of Austrian victims of nazism. A bill authorizing restitution has been pending in Parliament for years, and is supposed to be considered for final enactment early this winter.

The Jewish community has been negotiating with the Government on this issue. The Austrian Government has been claiming that the major responsibility for the losses suffered by Austrian Jews under the Nazi regime must be borne by Germany, and is pressing the Federal Republic of Germany to bear the largest share of this "burden."

(A Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch from Bonn reported today that German-Austrian negotiations about Germany's share of compensation to Nazi victims in Austria will be resumed next week. Germany is reported to have offered to pay Austria a total of 250,000, - 000 marks (\$62,000,000) on this account. The sum, however, will be not only for compensation to Jewish victims of nazism in Austria, but also for restitution to "war victims" in general and for aid to postwar refugees in Austria.)

SITUATION OF JEWISH SCHOOLS IN MOROCCO DISCUSSED WITH AUTHORITIES

CASABLANCA, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Admiral Louis Kahn, vice-president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, was reported today to have discussed with Moroccan authorities the situation of Jewish schools maintained by the Alliance in Morocco.

Admiral Kahn came to Morocco on a brief visit to preside at a memorial meeting for Ruben Tajoury, former head of the Alliance in Morocco. The meeting was attended by many leading Moroccan Jews, including the Grand Rabbis who serve as president and vice-president of the Casablanca Rabbinical Court. Admiral Kahn outlined at the meeting the work of the Alliance in various parts of the world.

U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL HAD NO COMPLAINTS ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE IN 1960

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 4. (JTA) -- For the first time in eight years, not a single Arab-Israel dispute came before the Security Council in 1960, according to figures revealed here today by the yearly tabulation of Security Council sessions.

During the calendar year 1960, the Council did hold four sessions on a complaint against Israel. But this complaint was one filed by Argentina, which charged that Israel had violated its sovereignty, thereby allegedly threatening peace and security, in the abduction of Adolf Eichmann, who had been captured in Buenos Aires. The latter, responsible for directing the extermination of 6,000,000 European Jews during the Nazi regime, is now awaiting trial in Israel for his war crimes.

The last twelve-month period when no Arab-Israeli disputes had come before the Security Council was in 1952. For a number of years after 1952, the disputes between the Arabs and Israel kept mounting in the Council, reaching 24 in 1953; 22 in 1954; and 12 in 1955. The number of Council sessions on disputes between the Arab states and Israel went up again in 1956, taking up 21 sessions. But, that year, a special emergency session of the Assembly and, later, a regular Assembly session, wrestled for months with the disputes around Israel's campaign in the Sinai.

In 1957, the number of Council sessions on the so-called "Palestine Question" fell again, to 10, continuing the decline to a total of only four in 1958 and finally only one in 1959.

TURKEY AND ISRAEL SIGN COMMERCIAL PACT; \$25,000,000 TRADING FORESEEN

ISTANBUL, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Israel and Turkey signed a new trade agreement here today, calling for an exchange of trade during this year, aggregating a total value of \$25,000,000.

Under the trade pact, Israel will export to Turkey a large variety of products, including automobile tires, building materials, motors and glass. In return, Turkey will ship to Israel sugar, tobacco, cotton and fruit.

MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT BANS DISTRIBUTION OF BOOK ON ISRAEL

CASABLANCA, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Government of Morocco today officially banned entry and distribution in Morocco of the book, "Israel," by David Catarivas. The order was published in the official gazette.

HASSIDIC STUDENTS JOIN ISRAEL ARMY AS GROUP; INDUCTED AS VOLUNTEERS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The first group of students from the Vizhnitzer Yeshiva took off their traditional long kaftans and dark hats today and donned the khaki uniforms of the Israel Army as volunteers rather than as conscripts.

Their induction into Israel's Armed Forces was carried out with a number of changes in the usual formalities. Instead of female Army clerks, male soldiers received the new recruits. On hand to welcome the yeshiva students was a large group of senior officers, who observed the hassidic dances, unusual for an Army camp, even in Israel. The students will undergo basic military training and will later settle in Ami Oz, near the Gaza Strip.

The recruits arrived in camp after receiving the blessing of the Admor of Vizhnitz in B'nei B'rak. They were received by Army Chief Chaplain Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who welcomed them on behalf of the Army. They were then "sworn in" but, instead of saying "I swear" they were permitted to say "I undertake," which is in accord with their religious convictions. Another change in the loyalty declaration was that the words "in the spirit of Torah and tradition" were added to the phrase "to devote all my strength to the defense of the country and to Israel's freedom."

The yeshiva students were given their khaki uniforms, passed normal medical inspection and received their inoculations. These, however, were given by male physicians and medical personnel taken from various units for this purpose. After receiving the usual double mess equipment--one for meat foods and the other for dairy foods--the hassidic recruits demanded a third set for parve foods--foods that are neither meat nor dairy. The officers in charge promised to distribute them.

CROWN PRINCE OF MOROCCO HONORS PROMINENT CASABLANCA JEWISH LEADER

CASABLANCA, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Crown Prince Moulay Hassan today named Dr. Leon Benzaquen, prominent Jewish leader in Morocco, and a Minister in the first Moroccan Government, to membership in the Supreme Council of the Order of Medicine.

Dr. Benzaquen has been steering clear of politics since he left the Government. Today's appointment is regarded here as a mark of confidence in the physician's professional status as well as recognition of his civic services to the country.

ELEAZAR LIPSKY, J.T.A. PRESIDENT, HONORED BY JOURNALISTS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Eleazar Lipsky, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was given a reception this evening at the Jerusalem Press Club at which he explained the functions of the JTA and its worldwide services.

The reception, which was tendered by Yohusha Tan-Pai, chairman of the Jerusalem Journalists Association, was attended by officials of the Foreign Ministry, members of the executive of the Jewish Agency, delegates to the World Zionist Congress and members of the press.

ARGENTINE SCIENTIST GETS 'MIBASHAN AWARD' FROM CENTRAL JEWISH BODY

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The first "Dr. Abraham Mibashan Prize," an award honoring the memory of the late president of DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, was granted here last night to one of the country's outstanding scientists, Dr. Alberto Gonzalez, professor of mathematics at the University of Buenos Aires.

The award, commemorating the activities of the late Dr. Mibashan, who died last March, was established by DAIA and by the Buenos Aires Jewish Community, which Dr. Mibashan also headed. The prize consists of a diploma and 100,000 pesos (about \$1,250) and is the largest award of the kind in Argentina. It will be awarded annually for 10 years.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS FOR DOCTORATES IN HEBREW

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Three-year graduate fellowships leading to doctorates in Hebrew or Judeo-Arabic studies will be available at New York University's department of Hebrew culture and education beginning this year, it was announced here today. The fellowships are being awarded under the National Defense Education Act.

Each of the fellowships has a total value of \$6,600, plus \$400 a year for each dependent. In addition, the university offers free tuition. Graduate students interested in teaching Hebrew or Judeo-Arabic on the college level are eligible for the awards.

SAMUEL M. LEVITAS, LEADING JEWISH SOCIALIST, DEAD; EDITED 'THE NEW LEADER'

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Samuel M. Levitas, editor of "The New Leader" magazine, who was active in combatting Communism, died here last night at the age of 66. He was also active in the Jewish Socialist movement and served as a member of the administrative council of the Jewish Daily Forward, largest Yiddish newspaper published here.

Born in Kiev, Mr. Levitas studied in Chicago as a young man before returning to Russia in 1917 when he was elected Vice-Mayor of Vladivostok. After being jailed several times because of his anti-Bolshevik activities, Mr. Levitas fled abroad and settled permanently in the United States in 1923.