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BEN-GURION MAY GO ABROAD FOR THREE MONTHS; SUBSTITUTE FOR RESIGNATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, still officially on vacation after threats that he would resign over the disputes surrounding the Lavon Affair, was today contemplating a three-month or four-month trip abroad, according to unconfirmed reports circulated here today.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was reportedly planning the trip as a substitute for his threatened resignation. He is said to be planning visits to a number of countries in the free world to encourage increased immigration of Jews to Israel.

Meanwhile, while he is officially on vacation, the Prime Minister continued holding talks with many Israeli leaders and Government officials. Today, he conferred with Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres before the latter departed for a visit to Paris on a government mission.

Speculations about the Prime Minister's new plans developed even as the secretariat of his Mapai party was still pondering today, the problem as to how to end the dispute between him and Pinhas Lavon, secretary-general of Histadrut, the Israeli Federation of Labor. An all-day meeting of the secretariat yesterday brought no results in the efforts to avert Mr. Ben-Gurion's resignation and, at the same time, to find a way making it unnecessary for Mr. Lavon to quit his Histadrut post. Mr. Ben-Gurion insists that Mr. Lavon "must go." Mr. Lavon has said he would not quit.

Mr. Lavon, who was suffering from a cold, asked the secretariat of Mapai to postpone debate on matters involving him, including the resignation last week of three prominent Mapai leaders of the Histadrut central committee, Mrs. Yehudit Simhohit, Zev Onn and Yitzhak Haskin, Histadrut department heads. The secretariat accepted the request, and asked the three officials to remain in office until a later discussion.

The major problem--a party probe of Mr. Lavon's statements in the dispute stemming from his forced ouster as Defense Minister in 1955 after a disastrous security mishap in 1954--also remained stalled. The refusal of Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, to serve on the investigating committee made the idea unworkable. This left the secretariat with no option but to declare the proposed probe committee dead, and to return the question to the Mapai central committee, which is meeting next Saturday for another effort to end the dispute.

The solution involved finding some way out of the certainty that whatever decision was made would injure some section or persons in Mapai. Meanwhile, the harassed party had another week to try to find an answer.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ISRAEL GO ON STRIKE; OTHER TEACHERS MAY JOIN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Israel today faced the possibility of a general strike of all school teachers, after high school teachers went on partial strike today, demanding higher pay and regrading. A national convention of representatives of all school teachers will be held here Tuesday, and a general strike vote is on the agenda.

The Israel Cabinet discussed the situation at its regular weekly meeting today, and appointed a three-man committee to deal with the issue. The committee is composed of Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Minister of Labor Giora Josephthal and Minister of Education Abba Eban.

AUSTRIAN ORGANIZATIONS DEMAND SPEEDY GOVT. ACTION ON COMPENSATION

VIENNA, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A demand that the Austrian Government speed its repeated efforts to compensate victims of Nazi persecution in this country, regardless of a pending agreement with Germany to help finance such payments, was made here today in resolutions adopted by a number of leading Austrian organizations of political persecutees.

The resolutions pointed out that no compensation has been voted yet, although 15 years have passed since the liberation of Austria from Nazi domination, and five years have passed since Austria promised in its State Treaty to adopt such legislation. The Treaty had been signed with the Big Four occupying powers--the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and France.

Both parties of the Austrian Government coalition, the Peoples party and the Socialist party, have pledged repeatedly to pass restitution legislation, but no such legislation has been passed as yet.

CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR ISRAEL'S NEW SHIPYARD STARTED IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- In the presence of members of Israel's Cabinet, diplomats and leading Israeli and foreign shipping experts, construction work was begun here today for Israel's new shipyard, in the Kishon Basin area.

Israel is building the shipyard with the aid of experts assigned by the de Schelde Shipyards of Holland. Israel has appropriated 16,000,000 pounds (\$8,960,000). The Dutch firm has invested \$520,000 in the project, and will assist in the raising of a \$4,000,000, ten-year loan from private Dutch banks who will invest in the project. Additionally, the Dutch firm is supplying experts to aid in the construction of the ship-building facility.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY BODY TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT FOR ISRAEL

VIENNA, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the atoms-for-peace agency of the United Nations, voted here yesterday to provide substantial help to Israel's nuclear research projects. The agency board voted to provide to Israel \$250,000 worth of equipment for nuclear radiation detection at Israel's nuclear reactor south of Tel Aviv.

In addition, the IAEA will send to Israel an expert in the design of nuclear reactors, who will work with Israel's Department of Nuclear Science at Technion, Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa.

FOUR ARRESTED IN GERMANY FOR GASSING JEWS; TRACED THROUGH WASHINGTON

BONN, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Harry Wentritt, 59, an engineer who invented the infamous "gas van" for quick and "efficient" killing of Jews, as part of Adolf Eichmann's program for the murder of 6,000,000 European Jews under the Nazi regime, was arrested here yesterday. At the same time, the Federal Prosecutor's office announced, three of Wentritt's principal assistants were also arrested. One of them is Johannes Tradel, a police officer at Hanover.

All of the arrested men have been living under their own names. Wentritt has been working as an automobile mechanic in the small Bavarian town of Selbitz.

According to the prosecutor Wentritt and his colleagues had been traced through Nazi documents recently examined in Washington by Dr. Erwin Schuele, a representative of the West German Government. Dr. Schuele went to Washington, last summer, after the arrest of Eichmann and the scheduling of the latter's trial in Israel.

The American Government had stored vast Nazi files in warehouses in Washington, but most of the documents had never been examined until Dr. Schuele and a team of assistants went carefully through the archives. Wentritt had been commended by the SS for his invention of the "gas van," and had been promoted to a higher rank for his "achievement."

VATICAN ORGAN STRESSES ACTION OF POPES TO AID JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM

ROME, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, published a front page article asserting that Pope Pius XI and Pope Pius XII acted to aid Jewish victims of the Nazi persecution.

The article emphasized that Pope Pius XI had been outspoken in his condemnation of Nazi-Fascist racial doctrines, particularly in a speech in July 1939, to students at the College for the Propagation of the Faith. In that speech, Pope Pius XI stressed the "moral perversity of racist ideology, the sea of hatred among peoples and the unjust discrimination between citizens of the same country," and he deplored Mussolini's decision to imitate Nazi Germany's racial policies.

The article said that the speech had been denounced by leading Nazis as "a declaration of war against National Socialism by political Catholicism." Nazi Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels was quoted as having declared that the Pope "discussed a political issue which must not interest him. The Jewish race has recently found its preferred defender in the Vatican press."

In citing the Goebbels' statement, Osservatore Romano today emphasized that "thus by admission of the Nazi-Fascist press, the firmest defender of the Jews during the war waged against them in that period was the Vatican. The Catholic Church considers such accusations as a title of glory."

The article also declared that on July 10, 1939, Pope Pius XI ordered, one month before his death, that a message be sent to all North American Cardinals, accompanied by his personal letter, asking their "militant" intervention to assist refugee Jewish scientist and scholars.

SWEDISH ANTI-SEMITE IMPRISONED FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA ABROAD

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The notorious Jew-baiter Einar Aberg, 70, was sentenced yesterday by a lower court here to three months' imprisonment for anti-Semitic statements in five leaflets he distributed abroad.

KENNEDY NAMES KLUTZNICK FULL-TIME MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION TO U.N.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- President John F. Kennedy announced yesterday the appointment of Philip M. Klutznick, well-known Jewish leader, as a full-time member of the permanent United States delegation to the United Nations. Mr. Klutznick was given the rank of Minister. He will work with Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, new chairman of America's delegation to the UN, and will represent the United States in one of the UN's major organs, the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. Klutznick, former national president of B'nai B'rith, is general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, a post to which he was elected only last month. Known in private life as one of this country's pioneer large-scale builders, he was Federal Housing Commissioner in 1946, and is now one of the principal backers for the development of Israel's new port of Ashdod, on the Mediterranean Sea, south of Tel Aviv. In 1957, Mr. Klutznick served as a member of the United States delegation to the UN General Assembly. He is 53.

PROF. TOYNBEE'S TALK ON JEWS IN CANADA PROVOKES JEWISH PROTESTS

OTTAWA, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- British historian Arnold J. Toynbee accepted a challenge yesterday from Yaacov Herzog, Israel Ambassador to Canada, to a public debate on assertions which he made in addressing several hundred students last Thursday at the Hillel House of McGill University, comparing the Jewish treatment of Arabs in 1947 with the Nazi treatment of Jews and stating that the establishment of Israel had subjected Jews in other countries to a conflict of loyalty.

The public debate between Prof. Toynbee and Ambassador Herzog is scheduled to take place on Tuesday. The assertions voiced by the British historian at the Hillel House provoked a storm of protests. A statement issued on the same day by Ambassador Herzog declared:

"Prof. Toynbee's statement bears no relationship to morality or to facts. The truth will not tolerate distortion at the hands of anyone, no matter how eminent. The events of 1947 and 1948 do not belong to distant periods which require historical conjecture or analyses. The record of the United Nations and of every other objective observer at that time totally refutes Prof. Toynbee's allegations. In view of the gravity of Prof. Toynbee's statement, I wish to invite him to a public discussion with me in any public form he finds appropriate."

Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, also took issue with Prof. Toynbee's statement that the right of Jews to Israel could be questioned. "One does not have to go into historic matters at all," Mr. Hayes said. "One starts with the United Nations decisions and the preponderant opinion of the large majority which created the State of Israel." He stressed that the UN decision to establish Israel was "supported by both East and West."

Mr. Hayes described as a "canard" Dr. Toynbee's assertion that Jews outside of Israel might face a "conflict of loyalties" and added that Canadian Jews had "amply demonstrated in two World Wars where their loyalties were and today they demonstrate each and every day their paramount loyalty to Canada." The CJC executive director made it clear that he was expressing his personal views.

Regrets Using the Word 'Fossil' in Reference to Jews

In his two-hour discussion with students of McGill University at the Hillel House in Montreal, Prof. Toynbee said that the Jewish treatment of the Palestine Arabs in 1947 was a human reaction to the Nazi persecution of Jews but that "it was particularly tragic because the Jews suffered the same sort of treatment at the hands of the Nazis. At one point in the discussion, a student asked Prof. Toynbee if he himself was anti-Semitic and he retorted, "some of my best friends in England are Jews."

He also declared that the Arabs were not acting humanely or sensibly in not settling Arab refugees in the Arab countries and that he had advised Arab friends to that effect. He said the Arab countries could help refugees while still retaining any "claim" they had on "territorial Palestine."

He described his use of the word "fossil" in reference to Jews as "unfortunate" and explained he did not consider the Jewish people dead but rather as a survival, a continuing group from a time and place where other peoples had died out. He also said that the "diaspora condition" of Jewry during the past thousand years would be a model for the world society in the atomic age. In the new world, he said, there was no place for sovereign nations, only for minority groups under local governments which would have municipal powers but no power to wage war or commit aggression.

SYNAGOGUES IN ALGIERS TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES; INSTAL IRON GRILLS

ALGIERS, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Algiers synagogues were reported today to be taking precautionary measures to protect buildings after the destructive attack on the great synagogue in the Casbah during the rioting in Algiers earlier this month. Protective iron grills have been fitted to windows and sturdier locks have been placed on doors.

JEW NAMED MEMBER OF CABINET IN SALVADOR; FIRST JEW IN GOVERNMENT

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A Jew was appointed here yesterday to the Cabinet of the Republic of El Salvador. He is Dr. Orlando de Sola, who has been named Minister of Health and Welfare.

This is the first time a Jew has been named to a Cabinet post in any of the Central American republics. Dr. de Sola is a member of an old Jewish family that settled in the Dutch West Indies some 200 years ago. He is related to Rabbi David de Sola Pool, the spiritual leader of Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, of New York.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY FRATERNITY REFUSES TO EXPEL JEWISH MEMBERS

PALO ALTO, Cal., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Although threatened with expulsion from its national organization, the Stanford University chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity today stuck to its anti-bias policy, refusing to expel four Jewish students whom the chapter elected to membership in the group. The chapter is being backed fully by the university Student Council; by Dr. William Craig, Dean of Men; and by Stanley E. Mosk, California State Attorney General.

Announcement that the fraternity chapter is facing revocation of its national charter for bringing Jews into membership was made here this weekend by the chapter's president, Michael Kavanaugh. He said every one of the present 54 members of the chapter voted for the admission of four Jewish students, although the national constitution of the fraternity provides that membership is to be restricted to "Christian Caucasians."

"We are not trying to start a crusade," said Mr. Kavanaugh. "We just think we ought to choose our members regardless of race, color or creed." The chapter has received notice from the fraternity's national headquarters at Washington that it must oust the four Jewish "pledgees." The fraternity's national grand chief, Gerald E. Johnson, notified Kavanaugh that Alpha Tau Omega's national high council is bringing charges against the chapter for violating the fraternity's national charter.

The trustees of the university adopted a resolution in 1957, ordering all fraternities on the campus to drop their discriminatory policies. Dean Craig said today "we are backing the chapter all the way." Attorney General Mosk declared today that he will file a brief, as "a friend of the court," supporting the local chapter in its efforts to stick to its anti-discrimination policy and keep its national charter.

The Student Council resolution, adopted unanimously, declared that the student body "supports the Stanford Chapter of ATO for its refusal to discriminate against Stanford students because of their race, religion or creed."

U. S. DISTRICT COURT UPHOLDS SUNDAY CLOSING LAW IN NEW JERSEY

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The United States District Court yesterday refused to issue an injunction barring enforcement by New Jersey authorities of the state's Sunday closing law. The injunction had been sought by two retail discount chains--Two Guys from Harrison and Bargain City, U. S. A. --while the constitutionality of the law was being tested in Federal and State courts.

The firms had argued that they were being harassed by law enforcement officials and that the law should not be enforced because it was arbitrary and discriminated against them. The law, which was approved in 1959 in 12 of the state's 21 counties, bans the sale on Sunday of clothing, furniture, household and office appliances and building supplies. Eight separate suits are now pending in five states and in Federal courts to test its constitutionality.

COLLEGE ENDS COMPULSORY CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR JEWISH STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Mount Holyoke College notified the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations this weekend that compulsory church attendance at the college was discontinued in November, 1959 "and no one is now compelled to attend." The information was transmitted by Deane W. Ferm, Dean of the Chapel of the South Hadley, Mass., college to the Foundations which had reported last November that Jewish students were required to attend church services.

Dr. Alfred Jospe, Hillel director of program and resources, informed the Dean that "our information about this practice had been based on letters from parents and similar sources which had come to us repeatedly during the past few years." Dr. Jospe added that the Foundations had not known the practice had been ended when it made the statement and that it was now distributing "an appropriate statement of correction immediately."

MOSES FEINSTEIN, HEBREW EDUCATOR, HONORED; FOUNDED HERZLIAH INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Moses Feinstein, a well-known Hebrew educator, was honored at a dinner here tonight on the occasion of his 40th anniversary as founder and dean of the Herzliah Hebrew Teachers Institute. Binyamin Eliav, Israel's Consul General here, was guest speaker at the dinner. Mr. Feinstein, who is the author of three volumes of Hebrew poetry, was awarded a citation by David Morgenstern, president of the Institute.