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RELIGIOUS PARTY UNABLE TO AGREE ON JOINING NEW BEN-GURION GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The central committee of the National Religious Party failed today to resolve differences of opinion that have split it almost exactly down the middle on the question of entering a new coalition government for Israel headed by David Ben-Gurion.

A meeting this morning of several hours duration failed to bridge the gulf between the party leaders advocating entry into a new, small coalition, and the youth and agricultural sections of the party. The latter insisted that a small coalition under Ben-Gurion would be short-lived and result in a serious loss of popular support for the party.

A new resolution, introduced by these elements, was to be discussed at a continued meeting of the committee. This resolution proposed that the party come out for the broadest possible coalition including the General Zionists and the Aguda Israel, if they would enter it, under any Mapai personality other than Ben-Gurion as Premier. Failing that, the resolution would have the party call for reconstitution of the old coalition under a Mapai premier, but not Ben-Gurion. The resolution expressed readiness to collaborate with Mapai but not with Ben-Gurion.

Advocates within the party of a Ben-Gurion-led small-coalition pinned their hopes of success today on getting through the committee a vaguely-worded resolution naming a committee to explore the concessions offered by the Mapai party to the religious group.

Meanwhile, pro-Mapai newspapers sought to jolt the religious group into action by publishing reports that the only alternative to the small coalition to be led by Ben-Gurion was new elections. Mapai is reportedly pressing the National Religious Party for a speedy decision as Mr. Ben-Gurion would like to report to President Izhak Ben-Zvi tomorrow whether or not he is prepared to accept the mandate to form a new government.

PROGRESSIVES, GENERAL ZIONISTS, MERGE FORCES IN NEW HISTADRUT FACTION

TEL AVIV, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Formation of a "Liberal Faction" within the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, sparked hopes in Israel today of a merger of "liberal" forces that might ultimately emerge as a "second party" in the nation's politics, superseding the present multi-party system.

The new faction in Histadrut was formed by the merger of the General Zionist and Progressive party sections in the Histadrut into a new, unified faction comprising about ten percent of the federation's membership. Moshe Kol, a Progressive party leader who was instrumental in bringing about the merger, told a public meeting here last night that he believed the new faction would lead to the renaissance of the labor movement in Israel.

The political implications of the merger were spelled out at the same meeting by Dr. Peretz Bernstein, leader of the General Zionist party, and Dr. Pinhas Rosen, retiring Minister of Justice and leader of the Progressive party.

Dr. Bernstein declared that "the time is now ripe for a further union in the liberal forces in Israel." Dr. Rosen voiced agreement. He added that he had always favored union of the Progressives and General Zionists but had not acted on a merger because of fear that important personalities within the Progressive party would not go along with it.

U.S. FUND LENDS ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION TO ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT BANK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The United States Development Loan Fund today agreed to a new \$10,000,000 loan to the Industrial Development Bank of Israel to be re-loaned by the Israeli institution to various private enterprise undertakings in Israel.

A spokesman for the DLF said the new authorization brought to \$20,000,000 the amount made available by the Fund to the Industrial Development Bank of Israel. It was described as an expansion of the previous loan of \$10,000,000.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Avraham Harman of Israel signed today a separate loan agreement to be used for improvement of Israel's telecommunications systems, announced last October.

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS IN EICHMANN CASE TO GET UNDER WAY THIS WEEK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The full, formal charge sheet against Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who directed the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe during World War II, will be submitted by the State Prosecutor to a special court this week. A statement giving the details of the charges against Eichmann has already been issued by Attorney General Gideon Hausner.

Trial sessions, which are due to get underway in mid-April, will be held five days a week, from Monday through Friday. Israeli courts, which normally hold sessions every day but Saturday, do not meet on Sundays in cases involving Christians.

The Cabinet yesterday referred to the Ministries of Labor and Posts the problem of the operation on the Sabbath of communications facilities to be maintained in the court building for the hundreds of foreign correspondents who will cover the Eichmann trial. Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen, who raised the question before the Cabinet, said that the correspondents presumably would require the use of the facilities on the Sabbath to file background stories.

It was learned, meanwhile, that two-thirds of the 400 foreign press representatives expected here for the trial, have indicated that they will stay for the first week or ten days only and may return here later for the judgment.

A. J. C. Document Refutes Eichmann Defense He Was Only Cog in Nazi Machine

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Eichmann's claim that he was only a cog in the Nazi machine which exterminated 6,000,000 Jews was refuted by the World Jewish Congress today in a 10,000-word study entitled "Eichmann-Master of the Nazi Murder Machine."

According to the report, prepared by Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the WJC Institute in Jewish Affairs, Eichmann was the center of the "web" dealing with the extermination of European Jews. The report charges that Eichmann planned and supervised the deportation of Jews from 15 countries and disobeyed his superiors in order to increase the numbers of deportees and continue the slaughter even after Himmler himself had reversed the policy towards Jews.

Dr. Robinson points out that Eichmann's rank of Lieutenant Colonel was due in part to the general camouflage that surrounded the final solution of the Jewish problem. It was part of this camouflage not to demonstrate openly the importance of the office and of the person dealing with the implementation of this solution.

TELS CONGRESS NASSER PRESSES ANTI-JEWISH, ANTI-AMERICAN LINE IN AFRICA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic is using American assistance, in the form of communications and transportation facilities, to facilitate Communist penetration of Africa and simultaneously foment anti-Jewish attitudes in Morocco and other African nations, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee charged in Congress today.

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, said "the time is fast approaching that Nasser must be told to either desist from these activities or forego assistance from this country... the American people cannot be blackmailed into this position any longer."

Rep. Farbstein asked Congress to consider documentation showing that Nasser is seeking to brand both Israel and America as "imperialist." At the recent Casablanca conference, he said, Ghana and Mali were "bulldozed" by Nasser into signing an anti-Israel pronouncement "despite Israel's generous economic and technical aid to those new nations."

ONE THOUSAND SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS WILL SETTLE IN ISRAEL THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Plans for settlement or a lengthy stay in Israel for 1,000 South African Jews this year have been developed by the South African Zionist Federation, the Jewish Agency announced here today.

This figure will represent a 150 percent increase over the 1960 totals. The plans call for 800 immigrants, and 200 service pioneer university students, and scientists coming for several years.

Plans also anticipate some 500 Jews coming from South Africa for shorter periods. These will include participants in seminars and conferences. Last year 350 settlers and 50 long-term visitors came from South Africa.

ISRAEL OFFERS AID IN REDUCING INFANT MORTALITY IN BURMA

RANGOON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Israel has offered to send an Israeli medical team to help Burmese doctors deal with the high rate of infant mortality in this country. The offer was made by Israel's Minister of Health, Israel Barzilai during his current meeting with U Ba Saw, Minister of Health of Burma. Mr. Barzilai, who is visiting Burma after attending the World Health Organization conference in New Delhi, presented the Burmese Minister with 15,000 assorted vaccine units for combating children's diseases.

BRITISH JEWS ARE WARNED OF FASCIST ACTIVITIES DURING EICHMANN TRIAL

LONDON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- New attempts have been made to organize and coordinate the activities of various fascist movements in Europe and other parts of the world, Sir Barnett Janner, Board president and John Dight, chairman of its defense committee, told the Board of Deputies of British Jews yesterday.

Mr. Dight warned that the forthcoming Eichmann trial in Jerusalem might be used by fascist elements for political capital on the lines already published in their press--that if atrocities had taken place, it had not been in Germany, but in Israel against the Arabs.

There may be organized attempts, he said, to deface synagogues and Jewish communal buildings in Britain. He denied that the Jewish Defense Committee was preparing to safeguard communal buildings and would even attempt to apprehend would-be culprits.

When the Board discussed the ⁴worsening situation of the Jews in Morocco, many members voiced demands for the utmost help to Moroccan Jews in any possible form and level. One member, who had just returned from Morocco, told the Board that the Moroccan authorities were now directing heavy pressures against Jews in the professions to surrender their foreign nationalities--mainly French, Italian and Spanish--and to adopt Moroccan nationality, only with the view to preventing them from obtaining exit visas. Those refusing to do so--physicians for example--were threatened with deprivation of their right to practice their professions.

COURT BARS DISPLAY OF DOCUMENTS ON GLOBKE'S NAZI ACTIVITIES

MUNICH, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Documents dealing with the activities during the Nazi regime of Dr. Hans Globke, State Secretary to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, which were intended as part of an "Eichmann Documentary" exhibit which opened here Saturday, have been confiscated by order of a lower court.

Visitors to the opening of the exhibit, which was sponsored by the Association of Victims of Nazism, witnessed a scuffle when the court order was executed as West German journalists tried to prevent an East German television team from filming the scenes.

Newspapers close to the Government Christian Democratic Party published an interview last week in which the State Secretary asserted that he had been able to prevent even more drastic anti-Jewish legislation by remaining in office during the Nazi regime. His interview was called a "one-sided attempt at self-justification" today by the Social Democratic Information Service.

The official party publication stressed that Dr. Globke had left open some "doubtful aspects" of his activities in the Nazi Interior Ministry. He had not mentioned, the party organ charged, that he had been the Ministry's co-advisor on "the Jewish question" and that during the war, he had made several trips to German-occupied territories where he negotiated with high Nazi officials on problems concerning Jews.

U.S. DAILY WARNS OF THREAT OF 'NASSERITE VIRUS' TO MOROCCAN, ALGERIAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- In an editorial dealing with the situation of the Jews in Morocco and Algeria, the Washington Post and Times-Herald expressed concern today that "two ancient Jewish communities in North Africa are being menaced by the Nasserite virus." It asked whether "this Egyptian-inspired vehemence will spill over into the persecution of some 200,000 Jews in Morocco and an estimated 120,000 in Algeria."

The newspaper added that "so far, both the Moroccan Government and the Algerian rebels have deplored the hooligan attacks on the Jewish community. But if the Jews are not permitted the right to emigrate, it is difficult to see how emotions can be contained. For more than a century, the North African Jews have been relatively unmolested. The coexistence has offered a hopeful contrast to the practice elsewhere in the Middle East. It is ominous that Morocco now seems unable or unwilling to either protect its Jewish citizens or to permit them to leave the country in peace."

(In Casablanca, a manifesto denouncing Zionist activities in Morocco and branding Zionism as "an instrument in the hands of colonialism," was issued by a group of 30 Jews, most of them civil servants. The declaration was published in the Arab press and broadcast over the Government radio.)

ITALIAN GOVT. ACTS TO HALT OBSERVANCE OF FASCIST RACE RELATIONS

ROME, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The continued use by Italian officials of documentary forms still requiring identification by race was raised in the Italian Senate today and brought out Government assurances that efforts were being made to control the practice.

The complaint was made by Senator Banfi, a Socialist. He charged that the Mayor of Millesimo, in violation of a decree of 1944 invalidating Fascist racial requirements, had issued a certificate to a Jewish citizen in which the bearer was identified as "belonging to the Jewish race." The Undersecretary of the Interior said in his reply that his case had been turned over to the public prosecutor for action.

The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has protested on a number of occasions that Italian officials had failed to enforce a 1944 decree abrogating all regulations promulgated during the Fascist regime which called for the specifying of racial identity on official forms.

KENNEDY WARNS BIAS KEEPS NATION FROM 'FULL POWER AND GREATNESS'

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- President Kennedy told the National Conference of Christians and Jews that "our Nation will fall short of its full power and greatness" as long as "there is unreasoning bigotry instead of understanding and tolerance."

In a special message for Brotherhood Week, released today by the NCCJ, the President declared that the new nations across the world composed of men of all colors and faiths will look to us for guidance "only if we demonstrate that the freedom which we advocate is available to all our citizens." The President is honorary chairman of Brotherhood Week whose nation-wide observance commenced yesterday.

In his message, President Kennedy urged all Americans to observe Brotherhood Week, in which "we honor the human values upon which our country was established." The President said:

"As long as men fear or distrust one another because of race, religion or ethnic origins, as long as any of the gates of opportunity are closed to the deserving, as long as there is unreasoning bigotry instead of understanding and tolerance, our Nation will fall short of its full power and greatness."

ROCKEFELLER TO HEAR A. J. CONGRESS CRITICS TODAY ON STUDENT-AID PROGRAM

ALBANY, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller will meet with a delegation of 150 leaders of the American Jewish Congress tomorrow to discuss his proposed controversial student-aid program.

The AJC delegation is expected to oppose the Governor's scholar incentive plan on the grounds that it is an attempt to circumvent a provision of the State Constitution which forbids the use of public funds "directly or indirectly" in aid of sectarian schools or colleges.

The delegation will be led by New York Domestic Relations Court Justice Maurice Bernhardt; Stanley Lowell, chairman of the New York City Commission on Intergroup Relations; and Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the AJC New York Metropolitan Council.

Besides meeting with the Governor, individual delegations will call on legislative leaders and other State officials to present the AJC's seven-point legislative program for 1961.

One of these proposals urges public funds for public education only, with no State aid going to students at private or church-supported colleges and universities. Another proposal urges the repeal of the Speno bill, which requires local school boards to provide free bus transportation to parochial school pupils even where free transportation is not given to public school children.

QUEBEC JEWS WEIGH DEMAND FOR STATE AID FOR DAY SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The position of Jews in the Quebec public educational system was questioned Sunday, for the first time in 30 years at the Eastern Canadian conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Under Quebec provincial law, public tax money goes to both the Protestant public school system and Catholic parochial educational institutions. However, none of these taxes goes to Jewish day schools.

At the Congress conference, it was pointed out that Protestants save a million dollars annually by Jewish day schools which educate 4,000 children. Moshe Meyerson said that a question of subvention to Jewish day schools had arisen in Quebec province. According to Mr. Myerson, Jews had an inherent right under the Quebec constitution to a separate Jewish school system and the present "humiliating position of school taxation without representation should be corrected."

Joseph Cohen suggested a reconstitution of the Jewish School Commission of 30 years ago and a presentation of a brief to the Royal Commission on Education being set up by the Quebec Government.

Last week, the Canadian Jewish Congress submitted a brief to the Board of Education of North York, in Ontario, opposing the teaching of the Protestant religion in the public schools.

In the brief, the CJC stated that it was not opposed to the teaching of religion in the public schools, but was opposed to the "teaching of one religion, particularly as it is prescribed in Ontario, by way of indoctrinating children in the particular tenets of a variety of Protestant Christianity."

The CJC suggested a course "in the future of religion or comparative religion" to be taught in the senior grades.