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MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT SUSPENDS PAPER WHICH STARTED ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN

CASABLANCA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Moroccan Government newspaper which was the originator of the recent press campaign against Moroccan Jews was ordered suspended today until further notice by Interior Minister Embarek Bekkai.

The newspaper, Al Fajr, launched the campaign at the time of the visit to Morocco of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic last month. The publication demanded that the Jews of Morocco be considered no longer as Moroccans but as a minority group. It was indicated that the suspension was partly in connection with the recent order of King Mohammed V lifting all restrictions on emigration for Moroccan Jews and partly because of political reasons.

The disappearance of the newspaper did not end the press campaign against Moroccan Jews, however. Al Oumal, the organ of the Istiqlal party, continued to brand all Moroccan Jews as Zionists with the declared goal of "arousing Moslem public opinion" against the Moroccan Jews.

Dr. Leon Benzaquen, former Jewish member of the Moroccan Cabinet who headed the Jewish delegation which was received last week by King Mohammed, was today elected a member of the Higher Council of Physicians in Morocco. He is the only Jewish member of the Council and was elected by a secret ballot. The Council now comprises 12 members, six of them Moslem and five French. The number of Jewish doctors is higher than that of Moslem physicians in Morocco.

Dr. Goldmann Says Promise of Moroccan King Hinges on His Officials

PARIS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann expressed the belief at a press conference today that King Mohammed V of Morocco had been sincere in his promise to Moroccan Jewry of full freedom of movement. The king gave the assurance earlier this week to a delegation of Moroccan Jewish leaders at Rabat that all limitations on passports would be ended. Dr. Goldmann added that only "time will tell whether local authorities will loyally apply his directive."

The Paris daily newspaper Le Figaro today carried an interview from Rabat with the Moroccan Minister of Information Moulay Ahmed Allaoui in which the Minister warns that if the Moroccan Government found that any organized immigration to Israel developed, "we will halt passport deliveries to Jews."

The Minister confirmed that passports would be granted freely to Moroccan Jews but he added that the Jews were "an integral part of our national community and we do not want this community to be disintegrated by Zionism." The Minister has given interviews on the subject during the past two days and has held as many as two press conferences daily on the Jewish issue.

RELIGIOUS PARTY VOTES AGAINST 'SMALL COALITION'; ELECTIONS ANTICIPATED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The leadership of the National Religious Party tonight rejected the bid by David Ben-Gurion for the formation of a coalition Cabinet consisting of Mapai, the Religious parties and the Arab deputies. The decision by the NRP, was adopted at a meeting of the party's central committee by a vote of eight to seven with six abstentions.

A decision calling on the party leadership to continue attempts to form a government based on the present coalition, passed unanimously. Commenting on the decision by the religious party not to participate in a "narrow coalition," Mapai secretary-general Yosef Almogi said "This means elections."

Meanwhile Herut, the General Zionists and the Progressive party were reported today to be holding discussions on the possibility of forming a Liberal Front to embrace all non-Socialist parties as Israel's Government crisis neared the end of its first month.

The central committee of Herut heard a report from Herut leader Menachem Beigin on talks for that purpose with the General Zionists. He stressed that if the two parties merged, they could become an alternative to the Mapai party after the next elections.

Yohanan Bader, another Herut leader, outlined an alternative to complete merger. He suggested a federation in which each party would retain independence but with the party factions in Knesset, Israel's Parliament, cooperating. Under his approval, the two parties would present a united list of candidates in the next election. The federation, he said, would remain open for adherence by other non-Socialist parties.

FAMILIES OF VICTIMS KILLED BY EICHMANN SUBMIT \$1, 000, 000, 000 CLAIM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry of Justice today received a \$1, 000, 000, 000 claim against Adolf Eichmann, Nazi war criminal who directed the killing of 6, 000, 000 Jews in Europe, whose trial is to open here early in April. The claim was addressed to the Jerusalem Criminal Court and was submitted by Dr. M. Ostrowski, noted Polish international law expert, on behalf of the widows and orphans of those murdered in Poland by the Nazis.

Eichmann's defense attorney, Dr. Robert Servatius, planned meanwhile to leave for West Germany again tomorrow in a new bid to obtain financing of defense costs from the West German Government. The Cologne attorney contends there are precedents for such payments for the defense of Nazis charged with crimes outside of Germany. The attorney also said that if West Germany provides such aid, he would refund the \$20, 000 Israel has agreed to pay him, part of which has already been given to him.

Dr. Servatius and his assistant, Hebrew speaking West German attorney D. Wechtenbruch, are now meeting Eichmann daily in four to five-hour sessions preparing his defense in the trial now scheduled to open early in April. The prosecution brief handed to Dr. Servatius when the statement of the charges was published contains about 1, 500 documents, ranging from one to 100 pages. Eichmann himself wrote or dictated 4, 000 pages of statements to police.

Eichmann named in the statements many who took part in the mass murder of European Jews, including persons now in official positions in both West Germany and East Germany. Dr. Servatius asserted that "causing embarrassment to those who are still alive will not keep us from bringing up names in court or even calling them to testify, if necessary."

The defense attorney said also that Eichmann, now wearing army khaki in his detention cell, was "aware that he could have been treated differently" by his captors than the promise of a fair trial and the procedure of even being allowed contact with his family.

East German Attorney Seeks to Testify at Eichmann Trial

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- An East German Jewish attorney placed Israel in a delicate dilemma today by asking that his credentials be formally acknowledged as a representative at the trial of Adolf Eichmann on behalf of four East German Jews whose parents were murdered by the Nazis.

Professor F.K. Kaul made the request to Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen, asking as an alternative that he be called as a witness on behalf of the prosecution. Prof. Kaul said at a press conference today that he represented Wolfgang Stein of Leipzig, Rudolph Lipman of Berlin, Ruth Borza of Leipzig and Ilia Shreer of Frankfurt, whose parents were murdered, the attorney said, on direct orders of Eichmann.

The attorney said that if Israeli law prevents him, as a foreign attorney, from joining the prosecution, he wanted to testify and present 52 documents connected with the charges against Eichmann. Israel did not ask the East German Government for documents as it did other East European countries, but Dr. Kaul said he could submit his documents as a private citizen without involving his Government. He stressed that his documents not only implicated Eichmann but also pointed to persons under whose orders the Nazi acted.

Professor Kaul said he was returning to East Germany but that he was awaiting a call to testify at the Eichmann trial. He hinted that if he was not called, Israel would be open to charges it was helping to defend the "real culprits" behind Eichmann, which was one horn of the dilemma. The other was that if East Germans were allowed to testify, there was the danger of attacks on the West German Government with which Israel has excellent, though unofficial relations.

Eichmann Trial Will Cost Israel \$1,680,000 Plus Court Expenses

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The total expenditure in connection with the forthcoming trial of Adolf Eichmann was expected to be more than 3, 000, 000 Israel pounds (\$1, 680, 000), according to an estimate today. Of this sum, 1, 800, 000 pounds (\$1, 000, 000) will have been spent by the end of the current fiscal year on April 1.

The largest item in the breakdown of anticipated expenses is 950, 000 pounds (\$532, 000) for special cable, telephone and radio equipment. Other items include completion of the Municipal Cultural Center, where the trial will be held, technical and electronic processing equipment, furniture, security arrangements and prosecution expenses. The estimate does not include the cost of capturing Eichmann and bringing him to Israel, and court expenses.

NEW AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR NOT EXPECTED TO CHANGE POLICY ON EX-NAZIS

VIENNA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Alfons Gorbach, who is slated to become the Austrian Chancellor on April 11, when Chancellor Julius Raab retires, is not expected to modify the coalition government's "soft" policy towards the former Nazis in the country. Although Dr. Gorbach was himself a victim of the Nazis, having spent nearly seven years in various concentration camps, he has been criticized in the past by the Socialists for being too accommodating to the ex-Nazis.

ESHKOL DEEENDS GOVERNMENT TRANSFER OF SHARES TO AMERICAN INVESTORS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol stoutly defended in Israel's Parliament today the transfer by the Israel Government to the American Investors Corporation of its shares in the Haifa Fertilizers and Chemicals Company.

He said it was a basic government policy to encourage private investors to take over such enterprises in which the Government had participated until the project reached the stage where public support was no longer required.

He made the statement in reply to a challenge from Hanan Rubin of the Mapam party who questioned the transaction on both its merits and the manner in which it was affected. The Mapam deputy said that the transfer was made without any money changing hands. He claimed that the 6,000,000 pounds paid by the American investors group was in Israel bonds.

The Finance Minister replied that the conversion of the bonds lessened the indebtedness of the company, that such conversion into Israel assets was provided in the terms of the bond, and that the Government would always welcome transformation of creditors into investors.

Mr. Eshkol praised the corporation and its directors and said they had long been prominent for their selfless devotion to Israel. He added he hoped the transaction would be the first of a series bringing in many more millions from overseas investors. He reported that the American corporation had 27 different investments in Israel.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS FIRMS YIELDING TO ARAB BOYCOTT PRESSURE

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Dutch Government strongly condemned today Dutch exporters who discriminate against Jews and Israel in order to do business with the United Arab Republic. The criticism was made by Dr. Hendrik Vanhouten, the State Secretary, in closing two days of debate on the issue in the Dutch Parliament. He said the Government would consider measures in the situation.

At a previous session, Dr. Joseph Luns, Dutch Foreign Minister, asserted that a Dutch initiative to press the United Arab Republic to give Israel shipping unhampered transit through the Suez Canal probably would not help Israel and would probably produce undesirable complications.

He spoke after Liberal MP's expressed anxiety over recent UAR demands that Dutch exporters cease trading with Israel. The deputies called on Mr. Luns to reject the UAR demands and to provide credit facilities for Dutch exporters trading with Israel. Israel Ambassador Hanan Gidor was present in the House during the debate.

The UAR threat to blacklist Dutch shipping and to close the Suez Canal to Dutch tankers if the firms continued to trade with Israel or refused to dismiss Jewish personnel was discussed by Secretary Vanhouten and Liberal deputy S. Kortweg. They suggested that since there were no contractual relations between Holland and the UAR, that Dutch industry should make its own decisions on non-acceptable contract terms.

The Van Ommeren Shipping Company of Rotterdam meanwhile yielded yesterday to UAR pressures and decided to terminate arrangements with the Zim-Israel Shipping Company by which the Rotterdam firm represented the Haifa company in the Netherlands.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT PERMITS ARAB LEAGUE TO OPEN OFFICE IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Agreement by the British Government to the opening of an Arab League office in London was announced today in the House of Commons by Privy Seal Heath. He said that the head of the Arab League office would not have diplomatic status.

The announcement provoked a question by Sir Leslie Plummer, Laborite member of Parliament, whether it had been made clear to the Arab League that its office would not be "welcome here if it is going to be used to spy on British firms trading with Israel or to organize a boycott against firms trading with Israel or to publish anti-Semitic propaganda in this country." The Privy Seal replied that the Arab office would be expected "to conduct itself in a normal and proper manner."

GERMANY PLANS TO RAISE INDEMNIFICATION PENSIONS BY FIFTEEN PERCENT

BONN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The West German Finance Ministry plans to raise indemnification pensions by 15 percent, State Secretary Karl Hettlage announced today during debate in the Bonn Lower House.

The pensions will be adjusted to an increase granted in two installments in recent months to civil servants. The additional boost will be granted in the form of a seven percent increase to be provided retroactively as of June 4, 1960 and an eight percent increase as of January 4, 1961. The proposal still must be approved by the Bonn Upper House.

U.S. JEWISH LEADERS PRESENT VIEWS ON DEVELOPING DEMOCRACY IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The current problem in West Germany is not anti-Semitism but the broader issue of making democracy take root and grow as a way of life. This was the conclusion of a panel discussion here on West Germany sponsored by the American Council on Germany and the Atlantic Bruecke, a group promoting German-American amity.

The expansion of democracy as a way of life in West Germany was described as basic to education on the Nazi era by Benjamin Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Irving M. Engel, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, similarly warned against "isolated teaching" of Nazi atrocities to German youth and advocated teaching of recent German history in a larger context and the development of youthful attitudes "conducive to the growth of democracy."

Participating in the discussions were also Dr. Carlo Schmid, vice-president of the Bundestag; Dr. George Shuster, president of the American Council on Germany; and Dr. Arnold Bergstraesser, president of the Atlantic Bruecke. It appeared to the participants that there was greater concern over teachers and teaching methods because of the swastika plague which erupted among elements of German youth beginning in December, 1959. The need for adult education was stressed.

JEWISH LEADERS IN CONNECTICUT TESTIFY ON FIVE SHECHITA BILLS

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A basic shift in strategy of the organized Jewish community of Connecticut in dealing with proposals for new humane slaughter legislation in the current General Assembly was revealed today. Two years ago, Jewish lay and rabbinic organizations presented a united front against such legislation on grounds it was a threat to Jewish ritual slaughter and the proposed legislation was not enacted.

Representatives of lay and rabbinic organizations told an Agriculture Committee hearing this week that while they still opposed any such legislation, they would not fight an acceptable bill. The spokesmen were Jerry Wagner of Bloomfield, president of the Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council, and Rabbi Nisson E. Shulman of Bridgeport, speaking for the Joint Advisory Council of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

The hearing was on five measures submitted to the General Assembly with the usual backing of the Connecticut branch of the Humane Society. The bills in their present form describe shechita as humane but they would outlaw shackling and hoisting. Jewish lay officials testified they feared interference with present methods of handling would in effect ban shechita. They cited experiments in Canada in which a body harness was used in place of shackling and hoisted and noted that this type of handling has received rabbinical approval.

Mr. Wagner submitted a list of suggested changes which included the Canadian method but which left room for new methods which might be devised which would not be in conflict with Jewish ritual practice.

GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE FINDS ORT ACTIVITIES HELPFUL TO COUNTRY

PARIS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The greetings and thanks of the French Government to French ORT were brought to the organization last night by Minister of State Louis Jacquinot. The occasion was the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the World ORT Union and the 40th anniversary of the French ORT.

The French official said that the French Government, which has supported the work of ORT both materially and spiritually since the war, found the activities of ORT a great boost to the French economy and a help in developing efficient workers in various technical trades.

The French ORT now has more than 3,000 students and apprentices in its schools in Paris, Montreuil, Strasbourg, Lyons and Marseilles. Daniel Mayer, president of the World ORT Union executive, reviewed the worldwide program of the organization. He said that ORT was performing one of the most important tasks in the world today-- proving that the Jew is as capable of productive work as any other person in the world.

B'NAI B'RITH TO HAVE LODGE IN FRANKFURT; SECOND IN POSTWAR GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith announced today it had chartered its second postwar lodge in West Germany, to be opened in March in Frankfurt, following several visits by Maurice Bisgyer, executive vice-president of the organization. B'nai B'rith is also considering activating lodges in Munich, Stuttgart, and Hamburg.

"This is in accordance with B'nai B'rith's traditional policy of organizing abroad as a part of the indigenous Jewish communal structure," Mr. Bisgyer said. In 1937 the Nazis outlawed B'nai B'rith in Germany. Lodges had existed there since the 1880's.