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ISRAEL PRESIDENT MEETS TODAY WITH PARTY LEADERS ON CABINET ISSUE

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- President Ben-Zvi, in an unprecedented move, today invited the leaders of all parties in the outgoing coalition Government to meet with him tomorrow in what apparently was a last-ditch effort to avert new general elections in Israel's month-long Government crisis.

Under the law, the President consults each party leader separately before naming a Premier-designate. If he does not succeed during the first such series of talks, he may hold a second round but the President has never convened all parties in a joint meeting. Mr. Ben-Zvi consulted with Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen before issuing the invitation for the meeting tomorrow, apparently to determine whether there were any legal barriers to such a meeting.

Prior to the surprise call to all parties, Mr. Ben-Zvi had been scheduled to begin a second round of talks after Mr. Ben-Gurion told him yesterday that he was unable to form a new Government. The Mapai party then indicated it planned to introduce a bill in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament next week to set October or November as the date for new elections.

The October or November date is in line with Mapai strategy to postpone the elections to the maximum in the hope that the passage of time will make the voting public forget the Lavon Affair and bring a rebuilding of the prestige the party lost in the bitter struggle. The Herut and the Progressives submitted bills setting June 6 as the election day. Bills submitted by Mapam and Achdut Avodah called for elections on July 11. The religious bloc compromise was for an August 29 election. Best estimates were for an election day some time between the end of July and the middle of August.

Mapai Sets Up Committee to Decide on Lavon's Role in Elections

Meanwhile, the Mapai leadership today discussed the new internal party problem created by Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement that he would not permit his name to appear on a Mapai election list with that of Pinhas Lavon, the ousted Histadrut leader. The leaders decided to set up a special party committee to clarify Mr. Lavon's position in the party and the question of his expected candidacy for a Knesset seat. Mr. Ben-Gurion was understood to have given other Mapai leaders a clear-cut promise that he would abide by whatever findings the special committee submitted.

Mapai leaders were understood to be confident that Mr. Lavon would not want to split his party and would, therefore, probably not engage in an open election fight with the Ben-Gurion group over his ouster from the Histadrut.

A proposal that all parties of the outgoing coalition, with the exception of Mapai, should serve as an interim government until the elections will be submitted by the Herut party to President Ben-Zvi. Although such an interim coalition would lack 24 Knesset seats short of a majority, the party was represented as believing some of the opposition parties would join such a temporary government.

Menachem Beigin, the Herut leader, told the press today that his party would insist on the earliest possible elections and would exert maximum efforts to defeat the Mapai-sponsored election bill with its anticipated October or November election date.

Mr. Beigin said that when Mr. Ben-Gurion declined to accept Mr. Ben-Zvi's mandate, the President was obliged, according to tradition, to call on the next largest party-- Herut. To facilitate the immediate establishment of an "effective caretaker government," the Herut party will press for an extension of the present caretaker coalition without Mapai and will seek to bring together other opposition parties to give such a Mapai-less coalition a vote of confidence, he added.

Early Elections May Lead to Postponement of Eichmann Trial

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- The possibility that the trial of Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann, which is scheduled to start on April 11, may have to be postponed if a majority of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, should vote in favor of holding national elections in Israel at one of the early dates requested by the opposition parties, was seen here today as each party made known its date chosen for elections if held.

Meanwhile, a former leader of the Jewish underground in Poland during the Nazi occupation, Yitzhak Zukerman, warned today that evidence to be presented in the trial of Eichmann was "so full of horror it might cause mass nervous breakdowns in Israel unless the people are prepared for it."

ISRAEL TREASURY LIBERALIZES FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE IN NEW FIELDS

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Treasury announced today that effective immediately tourists arriving for lengthy stays will receive a 20-percent premium over the official rate for unlimited amounts of foreign currency within three years of arrival. Until the change, such a premium was given only for the amount of \$1,500.

The step was one of several changes in liberalization of foreign currency controls. Under another regulation, also effective immediately, Israelis holding foreign currency accounts will be permitted to use \$1,200 for travel expenses abroad without controls. This was interpreted to mean that such Israelis will be able to re-sell through banks at the free rate part or all of such sums to persons traveling abroad who do not have foreign currency accounts.

Another change provides that, effective April 1, any person may receive unlimited foreign currency for the import of books and periodicals at a higher exchange rate. At the present time, only book importers receive foreign currency allocations at higher rates for that purpose.

Financial experts pointed out that each such step toward liberalization meant the inclusion of other categories of foreign currency receipts and foreign currency purchases in brackets higher than the basic exchange rate of 1.80 per dollar. Such moves, they added, brought closer the establishment of a single realistic rate of exchange.

ISRAEL TRADE MINISTER WARNS STATE BANK AGAINST TIGHT CREDIT POLICY

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- A report on rapid and substantial gains in export of Israel's products was coupled today by Trade Minister Pinhas Sapir with a warning against the Israel State Bank's tight credit policy.

The Minister told the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, that almost 25 percent of Israel's total output in 1960 was exported and that 90 countries on all continents now featured Israel products for sale. He emphasized that 70 percent of all 1960 exports were manufactured products.

Mr. Sapir said the export of such products had increased in that year by \$150,000,000 and that in some cases the rate of increase in exports was more than double the increase in the rate of Israel's production. He expressed the hope that the increase in turnover and efficiency which had made the export gains possible would not be "swallowed" by increasing profits or wages. He warned that unless rising consumption and the rate of rise in the country's standard of living were slowed, the local price stability achieved during the past two years would disappear.

He indicated, however, he did not agree with the Israel State Bank credit policy, arguing that the bank's fear of inflation was unjustified. He said that an expansion of credit, if properly distributed, was economically feasible. He added that his Ministry was convinced that industry had to be supplied with enough working capital to maintain and increase production but that he opposed transferring to consumers the credit granted to manufacturers.

SENATE BODY TO QUESTION MERIWETHER TODAY ON HIS VIEWS ON RACISM

WASHINGTON, March 1. (JTA) -- President John F. Kennedy today told a press conference he was aware that his controversial nominee as a director of the United States Export-Import Bank, Charles M. Meriwether, of Alabama, managed a 1950 political campaign for retired Admiral John Crommelin, a racist extremist. Mr. Kennedy indicated he decided to send the nomination to Congress after investigating Mr. Meriwether's background.

Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, announced meanwhile that he will interrogate Mr. Meriwether tomorrow when the nominee appears before a hearing conducted by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. Senator Javits is a member of the Committee.

Admiral Crommelin, an advocate of "states' rights" and "white supremacy," charged that the fight against segregation was led by "Felix Frankfurter, a Jew, and Senator Herbert Lehman, a Marxist Jew. Don't you know it's their kind of people who are behind this whole mess?"

The controversy over the appointment of Mr. Meriwether centered on the issue of racism and whether such views, if professed, would embarrass the foreign policy objectives of the United States. The Export-Import Bank, a Federal agency, deals not only with Israel but with many African and other nations.

Senator Javits said he studied Mr. Meriwether's record. "I feel it my duty to inquire objectively into the allegations and shall do so at the hearing," he stated. "The country is entitled to an explanation from Mr. Meriwether. The committee hearing will be followed by a vote on the nomination.

AUSTRIAN JEWS IN BRITAIN APPEAL TO VIENNA FOR INDEMNIFICATION

LONDON, March 1. (JTA) -- The annual meeting of the Council of Jews from Austria in Britain approved a resolution yesterday declaring that any Austrian indemnification legislation which would discriminate against Jewish victims of the Nazi period in that country "would constitute a violation of the undertakings in the treaty of state" restoring Austria's independence.

The resolution added that such legislation would be "wholly unacceptable on legal and moral grounds." An appeal was addressed to Dr. Alphons Gorbach, the new Austria Chancellor-designate, to help assure indemnification to all Austrian victims of nazism without discrimination.

GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY URGES 'RETIREMENT' OF DR. GLOBKE

BONN, March 1. (JTA) -- The opposition Social Democratic party today urged Dr. Hans Globke to request provisional retirement from his post of State Secretary to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to avoid "the tainting of the Chancellor's Government with a new scandal." Dr. Globke has been under fire for some time in connection with his role as a commentator on the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws of the Nazi regime.

The Social Democratic party press service wrote that it would be best for Dr. Globke to retire from public life "until a court has cleared up the charges about his activities during the Third Reich." Dr. Globke is now under investigation by the Frankfurt prosecution office.

A conference on "The Prevention of Prejudice," sponsored by the Youth Institute of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, was opened in Munich today. The five-day meeting, which will deal with methods of parental education, is being attended by psychologists and sociologists from the United States, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Germany. Among the U.S. delegates are representatives of the Anti-Demefamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee.

TEACHING PROGRAM AGAINST NAZISM FORMULATED BY GERMAN GOVT. BODY

BONN, March 1. (JTA) -- New recommendations concerning the teaching of contemporary history in West Germany's school system, aimed at demonstrating "Hitler's false aims, his extravagance, his criminal methods and the catastrophe which resulted from his system," were issued today by the Standing Conference of the State Ministries of Education.

In an introductory statement, the Conference, a consultative body which coordinates the activities of the education departments of the various West German states, stated that "concern with totalitarianism is one of the basic tasks of the political education of our youth."

By using concrete examples, the statement continued, the curriculum should depict human suffering during the Third Reich, and teachers should present as an "ideal" the attitudes of resistance fighters and victims of the Nazi regime. While previous educational recommendations were merely concerned with specific school grades, the new program is to be applied to all school levels.

According to the recommendations, contemporary history instruction is to be divided into five parts: The destruction of the constitutional order since the Nazis' seizure of power; the persecution of terror against political opponents and the churches and the racial politics comprising the extermination of Jews and the euthanasia crimes; Hitler's "politics of conquest" and his deceitful foreign policy and the preparation for the Second World War; the invasion of neutral Poland and other countries and the Nazi terror in occupied countries; and finally, the resistance movement and the role played by the "inner and outer immigration."

HIMMLER'S AIDE ARRESTED IN GERMANY; CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWISH WOMEN

BONN, March 1. (JTA) -- Albert Rapp, an aide of Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, has been arrested in Essen, the prosecutor's office announced last night. The 51-year-old ex-Nazi was accused of the murder of 1,500-gypsies and Jewish women in 1942. He was trapped by Essen police with the aid of a 25-year-old photograph.

BERLIN AWARDS PENSION TO SEA CAPTAIN FOR RESCUING JEWS UNDER NAZI REGIME

BERLIN, March 1. (JTA) -- A monthly pension of 200 deutschemarks (\$50) has been awarded to a 67-year-old German sea captain and his wife, in recognition for their having helped some 400 Jews escape from Germany during the Nazi regime, by training them to be seamen and smuggling them aboard foreign ships in the port of Danzig, it was announced here today by Senator Joachim Lipschitz.

The sea captain, Gustav Pietsch, was arrested and ill-treated by the Nazis several times between 1933 and 1938, when he managed to flee Germany with his wife and three children. After working several years as a sea captain in Israel, Capt. Pietsch returned to Germany and settled here with his wife.

BILL ADVOCATING BIAS IN UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS OPPOSED IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, March 1. (JTA) -- A bill which would remove the "conscience clause" from a law governing staff appointments at the University of Orange Free State and empower university officials to take account of "Protestant Christian tradition" in making appointments was sharply criticized today in a memorandum sent by a group of Members of Parliament to all of the deputies.

The memorandum emphasized that the "conscience clause" was a traditional safeguard against religious discrimination in staff appointments and student admission in South African universities. While the new bill specifically retains the ban against such discrimination in reference to student admission, the amendment ending the safeguard on staff appointments "is tantamount to introducing religious discrimination," according to the memorandum.

The memorandum also pointed out that all South African Governments have hitherto supported the conscience clause and urged the MP's to insist on reaffirmation of the principle. The Jewish press in South Africa has emphasized the importance of the clause in editorials and urged the Government to ensure its continuance.

Johannesburg MP's strongly attacked the bill in Parliament. Dr. E. L. Fisher said that as a Jew he objected to the bill since the university served the whole province and no one should be debarred from the staff on religious grounds. Dr. Louis Steenkamp said that even though the sponsor of the bill claimed that 95 percent of the students were "Protestant Christians," this was no justification for religious discrimination in staff appointments.

JEWISH CONGRESS BACKS DR. PRINZ'S RIGHT TO EXPRESS PERSONAL VIEW PUBLICLY

NEW YORK, March 1. (JTA) -- The national Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress today said it "fully affirms" the right of Dr. Joachim Prinz to express his views "from the platform of the AJC as its president, for the purpose of prompting a discussion of a vital issue in Jewish life."

In a resolution, the organization's policy-making body noted that during his address to the organization's Governing Council in Philadelphia last month on the status and future of Zionist organizations Dr. Prinz had said he was putting forward only his own personal views, not those of the American Jewish Congress.

The resolution said Dr. Prinz's statement did not commit the AJC to his position. It reaffirmed the declaration contained in the organization's constitution that Israel's survival and growth were "the special obligation of Jewish communities everywhere for whom Israel affords an historic opportunity for the strengthening of the Jewish spirit and consciousness" and the enhancement of the Jewish contribution to the moral and ethical values of mankind.

"The American Jewish Congress will assist the people of Israel to develop in freedom, security and peace, and will promote mutual understanding and cooperation between America and Israel and between the Jewish communities of both lands," the resolution quoted the constitution of the American Jewish Congress as declaring.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS' LEADER NAMED BY KENNEDY TO POST IN MICHIGAN

DETROIT, March 1. (JTA) -- Lawrence Gubow of Detroit, Michigan Corporation and Securities Commissioner, has been nominated by President Kennedy for the office of U. S. Attorney for eastern Michigan. His appointment was considered certain to receive Senate confirmation.

Mr. Gubow, who was captured by the Germans during World War II, is a national leader of the Jewish War Veterans and active in the Jewish Community Council of Detroit and other Detroit Jewish organizations.

He became nationally known during 1960 when he opened an investigation of a discriminatory "point system" used to screen prospective buyers of homes in Grosse Pointe, a luxury suburban section. Mr. Gubow forced an end to the system by invoking a ruling which prohibits real estate brokers or salesmen from such discrimination in real estate transactions.

SENATE GETS BILL ON ESTABLISHMENT OF EINSTEIN MEMORIAL IN D. C.

WASHINGTON, March 1. (JTA) -- A bill providing for the establishment of a memorial to Albert Einstein to be built in the District of Columbia, was introduced into the Senate today by Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat.

JEWISH YOUTH IN ITALY PARTICIPATE IN ASSEMBLY AGAINST FASCISM

GENOA, March 1. (JTA) -- Delegates representing the Jewish Youth Center, participated today in the General Assembly here of the Italian Liberal Progressive Youth Movement which met to discuss "Anti-Fascism, Yesterday and Today." The delegates stressed the determination of Italian youth to oppose a fascist resurgence in any form.