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ISRAEL STANDS TO PROFIT FROM GERMAN MARK REVALUATION

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- Israeli financial experts said today that the West German revaluation of the mark would have beneficial results on the Israel economy. The West German Government increased the value of the mark by five percent last week.

The State Bank of Israel, it was asserted, had anticipated this move and had built up a reserve in marks amounting to 40 percent of the country's total foreign currency reserves. It stood to make a clear profit of \$5,000,000 through the increased valuation of its holdings in marks.

Recipients here of German restitution payments, compensation and pensions will automatically receive a five percent increase through the revaluation.

Economic sources also said that the mark revaluation would be a spur to Israeli exports to West Germany. These exports will now be five percent cheaper on the German markets and their lower prices, it was presumed, would stimulate demand.

PRESIDENT BEN-ZVI SEEKS WAY OUT OF ISRAELI CABINET IMPASSE

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- President Izhak Ben-Zvi quietly but determinedly pursued today his efforts to end the governmental crisis in Israel and avoid the holding of new general elections. The President concluded today his second round of consultations with the heads of the political parties and had his customary weekly lunch with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

Mr. Ben-Zvi is now expected to invite the Mapai party leadership in and ask them to propose a candidate for the premiership. If, as expected, Mapai names Mr. Ben-Gurion, the President will invite Mr. Ben-Gurion to form a new Government and if Mr. Ben-Gurion declines, will ask him to suggest an alternative from Mapai. Political leaders who conferred with Mr. Ben-Zvi came away with the impression that if Mr. Ben-Gurion could not form a new Government, the President would take the initiative in reconstituting the old coalition by actively seeking another Premier from Mapai ranks.

BEN-GURION RENEWS CALL TO U.S. JEWISH YOUTH TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 6. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion renewed his plea today for immigration from the United States, particularly of youth. He declared this immigration was "fundamentally important" both to Israel and to American Jewry and would "strengthen the intellectual forces in Israel."

In a message to the tenth convention of the American and Canadian Immigrants Association here, Mr. Ben-Gurion affirmed that Jewish youth could live a full Jewish life in a rebuilt homeland. He recalled meetings with the late Professor Albert Einstein and with Professor Robert Oppenheimer, both of whom, he said, agreed that American Jewish youth could be inspired with the pioneering ideal and the will to participate in the historic endeavor in Zion.

The Prime Minister said that although there was no intentional assimilation policy in American Jewry except that of the Council for Judaism, there was "actual and unconscious assimilation." He said young American intellectuals had to come to Israel to create the link between Israel and American Jewry without which American Jewry could not survive since its Jewishness was diminishing and even once-a-year synagogue attendance was becoming more a social than a religious affair.

Mr. Ben-Gurion added that Prof. Einstein had once said to him that American Jewish intellectuals would come to Israel because they were not fully trusted in America. Even after the McCarthy era, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, Prof. Oppenheimer had told him that many American Jewish intellectuals would go to Israel because there was no meaning to Jewish life in America, France and Britain.

Rabbi Israel Goldstein, member of the Jewish Agency executive, told the convention that President Kennedy's call for a "peace corps" would be answered by many young American Jews who would naturally show precedence to Israel's needs. He said there was a "more positive" attitude in America to emigration to Israel but stressed that conditions must be created in Israel to help the newcomers.

STRIKE OF 1,500 TEACHERS CLOSES ISRAEL'S HIGH SCHOOLS

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Education and the Association of Secondary School Teachers both prepared today for a long strike with most of the country's high schools closed following the walkout yesterday of some 1,500 high school teachers.

The Education Ministry announced that graduation examinations would be held even if the strike continued. At the same time, the association announced that teachers' salaries next month would be paid out of the group's strike fund. The association also announced plans to open employment offices to assist teachers in finding temporary jobs while the strike continued.

The association, which broke away from membership in the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, scored a significant victory today when most of the secondary school teachers who had remained in the Histadrut, joined the strike "as a sign of solidarity."

The striking teachers demand higher wages and a new category ending an arrangement which links their incomes to grade-school teachers.

COURT CONFERENCE SETS RULES FOR EICHMANN TRIAL PROCEDURE

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- A pre-trial conference of the court, prosecution and defense decided today on the ground-rules for the trial of Adolf Eichmann which will open here on April 11.

The court will sit in morning and afternoon sessions Monday through Thursday, it was agreed. It will hold one session on Friday mornings and recess over Saturday and Sunday.

At the suggestion of Attorney General Gideon Hausner, who will be the chief prosecutor, the conference agreed on the admissibility as evidence of documents in the original German or English languages and complete translation into Hebrew will not be required.

The three-man court will hold a further session next week to determine other court procedures, the question of the language or languages to be used in the courtroom and whether or not photographers will be permitted to work during the court sessions.

Dr. Robert Servatius reportedly queried the propriety of participation in the trial of Judge Binyamin Halevi in view of his characterization of Eichmann, at another trial, as "Satan." It was understood that he accepted explanations offered and the question of Judge Halevi's participation was considered closed.

Israel Closes Sixth Bureau Which Prepared Eichmann Data

TEL AVIV, March 6. (JTA) -- Israel's famed Sixth Bureau, set up last May to collect and prepare the evidence to be presented against Adolf Eichmann for his crimes against humanity and crimes against the Jewish people, was formally mustered out at ceremonies yesterday.

In its nine months of existence, the bureau collected evidence against the Nazi executioner on three continents which will be the basis for the charges Eichmann will be called upon to answer when he goes on trial in Jerusalem next month.

Inspector-General of Police Joseph Nachmias took the last parade of the bureau staff in a brief ceremony at Camp Iyar, Eichmann's prison in the north of Israel, and thanked the men for their diligent work. The documents recording its activities and findings were described as exceeding one ton in weight.

The bureau worked through 20 departments, each concerned with one country under Nazi occupation or one land where Nazis or their victims may have taken refuge. Its investigators had German Foreign Office files and other German archives weighing more than 400 tons to sift through as well as documentary material supplied by other governments and anti-Nazi organizations. They also studied the records of the Nuremberg and other war crimes trial.

Some of the information obtained by the Sixth Bureau investigators dealing with war crimes did not involve Eichmann but other Nazi war criminals. This material was sorted out and catalogued separately. In all, the bureau questioned 120 witnesses, of whom 49 are scheduled to confront Eichmann at his trial. Commander Avraham Selinger said today that other witnesses may also be called.

The veteran police investigator said that the witnesses will be people who came into direct contact with Eichmann in Germany, Austria and Hungary and Nazi victims. He said no Nazi war criminals would be called to testify against Eichmann although their testimony in other trials may be introduced in the Jerusalem proceedings.

The catalog of the documents connected with the Eichmann trial makes a 200-page book, Commander Selinger said. Eichmann's statement alone fills 3,564 pages bound in six volumes.

Only one man questioned Eichmann during his long detention here, Deputy Commander Avner Lev. He met with the prisoner six hours a day, almost every day. Lev's questions and Eichmann's answers were recorded on tape and later transcribed. The typed pages were submitted to Eichmann for correction and signature.

The interrogation of Eichmann ceased about two weeks ago when the charge sheet, the equivalent of an indictment, was presented to him.

FOUR GROUPS TO INVEST IN \$16 MILLION ISRAEL CHEMICALS PROJECT

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- An agreement for the construction of a \$16,000,000 complex of petrochemical plants was signed here today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and four groups of investors. The new plants will manufacture carbon black, ethylene, polyethylene and raw materials for detergents.

The investors group included two Israel oil companies--Haifa Petroleum Refineries and Paz, the successor to Shell; an American group consisting of the Israel Investors Corporation, Max Fisher of Detroit, Ralph Wechsler of New York and Rudolf Sonnenborn, owner of Sonol, the successor to Socony Vacuum here; a Latin American group including Yoel Ostrovich, a plastics industrialist and Max Pfeffer, a paper industrialist, and an Israel banking group consisting of the Development and Mortgage Bank and the Israel Discount Bank.

ARGENTINE ASKS RIGHTS BODY TO DEFER ACTION ON ANTI-BIAS PROPOSALS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 6. (JTA) -- Mario Amadeo, the Argentine representative on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, advised that body today to postpone until next year consideration of a report from the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities because, he said, it contained "too many controversial" matters.

The report contained draft resolutions urging study of discrimination in the matter of religious rights and practices; the prevention of manifestations of anti-Semitism and other forms of racial prejudice and religious intolerance, and special protective measures for ethnic, religious or linguistic groups.

Mr. Amadeo referred to the fact that the General Assembly last year had voted a resolution condemning manifestations of racial, national and religious hatred and said that "excessive repetition" would only weaken the issue. He said the problem of protection of minorities should be approached strictly from the point of view of human rights and should not be considered a political issue.

A contrary view was expressed by Shiam Sunder Nath of India who stressed the need for all governments to orient long-range programs in the educational field to eradicate all forms of discrimination. He proposed that UNESCO consider a freedom from prejudice campaign which could include a "Freedom from Prejudice Year" modeled after World Refugee Year.

WEST GERMAN PRESIDENT URGES GERMAN-JEWISH RAPPROCHEMENT

FRANKFURT, March 6. (JTA) -- President Heinrich Lübke of West Germany appealed today to Christians and Jews alike to "strive toward a new era of creative existence." Speaking at ceremonies marking the opening of Brotherhood Week, President Lübke said that "freedom and human dignity are still endangered by totalitarian forces." He declared the German people should concern themselves with the past and "face the depressing knowledge of all its horrors squarely."

The Germans as a whole, Mr. Lübke declared, became "the guilty instrument" of the Nazi criminals but numerous Germans courageously and selflessly opposed them, many paying with their lives. Calling on the Jews not to refuse German efforts at conciliation, President Lübke cited a speech by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion in the Knesset, the Israel Parliament, in which the Premier differentiated between Nazi Germany and the Bonn Republic.

Bundestag Deputy Franz Boehm stressed that neo-Nazi anti-Semitic theories "still propagated by small circles in German society must be isolated so that never again will they be associated with political society."

A number of public events as well as several radio and television programs devoted to Jewish history and Christian Jewish relations, have been scheduled during Brotherhood Week.

SOVIET TRIBUNAL CONDEMNS TWO ESTONIAN NAZIS FOR MURDER OF JEWS

LONDON, March 6. (JTA) -- Two Estonian members of the Nazi SS pleaded guilty before a Soviet tribunal in Tallinn today to charges of complicity in the slaughter of 125,000 persons during the Nazi occupation of Estonia, most of them Jews. The two men were identified as Ralf Gerrets and Jan Vijk. They described to the court the machine-gunning of Jewish men, women and children.

The Soviet authorities had made special arrangements to permit foreign correspondents to cover the trial. They coupled this with sharp attacks on the British Government for its alleged refusal to permit the extradition of a third Estonian SS official who participated in the massacres.

30 CZECH JEWS IMPRISONED IN 'DOCTORS' PLOT' CASE RELEASED

LONDON, March 6. (JTA) -- Reports from Prague today disclosed that about 30 Czechoslovak Jews, imprisoned nearly ten years ago in the aftermath of the so-called "doctors' plot" against Soviet Premier Stalin, have been set free. Their arrests had been part of a Communist purge in Czechoslovakia which resulted in the execution of Rudolf Slansky, a Jew who had been head of the Communist Party in that country. Some of the freed men have indicated a desire to go to Israel.

COMMISSION CALLS FOR FILING OF PROPERTY CLAIMS AGAINST POLAND

WASHINGTON, March 6. (JTA) -- United States citizens, Jewish and non-Jewish, having claims against Poland for the nationalization or other taking of their property were urged today by the U.S. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to file claims immediately with the commission.

Mrs. Stanley D. Pace, chairman of the commission, announced that a recently negotiated American-Polish agreement to pay \$40,000,000 over a 20-year period required that claimants file claims before September 30. Commission sources pointed out that many American nationals of Jewish faith were among the 19,500 persons notified of the agreement because they lost property in Poland. Eligible claimants must show to the commission that the property upon which the claims are based was owned by United States citizens at the time of the taking. In addition, the loss must have occurred prior to July 16, 1960, the date the claims agreement with Poland was signed.

KATZ ELECTED TO HEAD B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, March 6. (JTA) -- President Label Katz of B'nai B'rith has been unanimously elected chairman of the organization's International Council, it was announced today. He was elected by the executive committee of the International Council and replaces Philip M. Klutznick who resigned when he assumed duties as a United States representative to the United Nations.

CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE TO REWRITE BILLS TO PROTECT SHECHITA

HARTFORD, Conn., March 6. (JTA) -- The General Assembly Agriculture Committee has appointed a subcommittee to rewrite the humane slaughter bills now pending in the State Legislature. Representatives of lay and rabbinic organizations, testifying at a hearing on the bills, had declared that, while they still opposed any such legislation, they would not fight an acceptable bill.

The Jewish representatives filed with the committee a list of safeguards to be written into the humane slaughter legislation. The Jewish leaders said that the safeguards would protect the shechita process which, they felt, was threatened by the legislation as originally submitted.

ERIE SCHOOLS TO GIVE CREDIT FOR MODERN HEBREW COURSES

ERIE, Pa., March 6. (JTA) -- The School District of Erie has been granted permission by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to award credit in public high schools for the first-year course in Modern Hebrew given at the Jewish Center Hebrew High School. This marks the first time that full credit will be granted by public high schools in this city for the study of Hebrew. All students at the Hebrew High School are regular students at the city's high schools.

TO MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH EDUCATION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- A program marking the 50th anniversary of organized communal Jewish education in New York City will be held next Sunday at the High School of Art and Design. The program, featuring eight concurrent morning meetings for educators and a plenary session, will stress the advances made in Jewish religious education in the past half century. It will be conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, which serves 750 Jewish schools and 150,000 pupils in the Greater New York area.

AJCONGRESS ASKS SENATE TO REJECT MERIWETHER NOMINATION

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Appointment of Charles M. Meriwether as a director of the Export-Import Bank was opposed today by the American Jewish Congress, which urged that the nomination be returned to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency for further study.

In identical letters sent to every member of the U.S. Senate, the AJC said there had "not been enough time to investigate the grave doubt as to Mr. Meriwether's fitness and suitability for the high position to which he has been named." It added that the Senate should not foreclose these doubts by hasty approval of an appointment which has raised so many unanswered questions.

The nomination, which was approved by the Senate Banking Committee last Thursday by a five to four vote, is expected to reach the Senate floor tomorrow. The AJC said that on the basis of his record, "we firmly believe that Mr. Meriwether should not be approved for a high Federal office, particularly one requiring dealings with African nations."

SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. ABRAHAM SIMON, SISTERHOOD FOUNDER

WASHINGTON, March 6. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today at the Washington Hebrew Congregation for Mrs. Abraham Simon, founder and honorary president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, who died Friday. Mrs. Simon established the sisterhood in 1913. She was the widow of Dr. Abraham Simon, spiritual leader of the Washington Hebrew Congregation from 1904 until his death in 1938.