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KNESSET VOTES TO HOLD NATIONAL ELECTIONS; ACTS ON PRESIDENT'S ADVICE

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today approved without objection, a motion calling for the holding of national elections. The House sent to committee the question of setting a date for the balloting, proposals for which ranged from July 11 to August 29. The committee is expected to recommend an election some time in mid-August as a compromise.

The Knesset vote followed the reading of a letter from President Izhak Ben-Zvi in which he notified House Speaker Kaddish Luz that the parties had reached no agreement on the formation of a new Government. The President recommended elections as the only alternative for solving the two-month old crisis.

The President reported on his inconclusive consultations with party leaders and his efforts to reconstitute the present Cabinet under the Premiership of David Ben-Gurion. President Ben-Zvi's move paves the way for dissolution of the Knesset and new elections.

Speakers for six parties who submitted motions for dissolution of the Knesset and for new elections, described the crisis as a moral one and blamed Premier Ben-Gurion for precipitating it. The parties which submitted motions for new elections were Herut, the General Zionists, Agudat Israel, Achdut Ha'avoda, Mapam and the National Religious party.

David Bar-Rav-Hai, Mapai deputy, who submitted a seventh bill on behalf of his party, called for the holding of elections on August 29. He made no effort to reply to critics of Premier Ben-Gurion. His party, which obtained an unprecedented mandate at the polls less than two years ago, would obtain a reaffirmation of that vote, Mr. Bar-Rav-Hai declared.

A spokesman for the Progressive party explained his party's abstention on the vote by the fact that the Progressives wished to demonstrate against needless elections and a redundant crisis. He indicated, however, that his party would press in the committee for an early date for the balloting.

SECRET TALKS ON STATUS OF JEWS IN INDEPENDENT ALGERIA HELD IN GENEVA

PARIS, March 13. (JTA) -- Secret negotiations about the fate of the Jews in Algeria, after the country is given independence, are now going on in Geneva between representatives of the French Government and the Algerian Front of National Liberation, it was reported here today from French sources.

The report said that the Algerian nationalist leaders seemed to have accepted the idea that the European community in Algeria would be entitled to maintaining dual nationality after the country is declared independent. In this framework, it was indicated, the majority of the Jewish population in Algeria will be the holders of two citizenships-- French and Algerian.

The question of the status of the Jews in Algeria, who are now all holders of French citizenship, was raised by the French representatives as part of a demand that the Algerian nationalists provide necessary guarantees for the European community in an independent Algeria.

The negotiations to clarify the status of the Jews in Algeria are being concluded in Geneva by a group headed by M. Pompidou, a close personal adviser of President Charles de Gaulle. M. Pompidou is not Jewish, but is known to be keenly interested in Jewish subjects and particularly in the problem of Algerian Jewry. The Algerian nationalists are represented in the talks by Ahmed Boumandjel, one of their top negotiators.

Leaders of Jewish organizations in Paris are at the same time conducting talks with French officials here to seek reassurances that Algerian Jews will be considered an integral part of the European community and that all guarantees given by the rebel leaders to the Europeans will apply to Algerian Jews. The Jewish leaders were told that President de Gaulle was determined to protect French citizens of the Jewish faith on the premise that Algerian Jews were French citizens and as such entitled to the full protection of the French Government.

DR. GOLDMANN ASKS U.S. ZIONISTS TO START 'IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE'

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- American Zionists were called upon tonight by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, to "react vigorously" to the attacks on Zionism coming from various quarters lately in this country. He urged American Zionist leadership to start "an ideological offensive" within American Jewry to increase the influence of Zionism in American Jewish life.

In a major address delivered at a public meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt, sponsored by the American Zionist Council, central coordinating body of all Zionist groups in this country, Dr. Goldmann said that the attacks on the Zionist movement, and "the cheap advice" given to it to dissolve itself, are the result either of a malicious attitude to Israel or based on a wrong analysis of the situation both of Israel and the Jewish communities.

"The Zionist movement," Dr. Goldmann declared, "is still, by far, the most potent and dynamic force in Jewish life. It has a record as few historical movements have of having brought about the creation of the State of Israel. But it is still far from having achieved its fundamental aims which are - to make Israel secure, to bring into Israel the hundreds of thousands of Jews for whom Israel is the only salvation, to increase the immigration into Israel from the free Jewish communities and, above all, to tie up Jewish life everywhere with Israel as the one spiritual and moral center of the existence of the Jewish people."

Dr. Goldmann took issue with an editorial which appeared recently in Life magazine alleging that "American Zionism has had an occasionally distorting influence on the United States foreign policy in the Middle East." He pointed out that Israel is the only reliable friend of the West in the Middle East. He also rejected other allegations made in the editorial.

The Zionist leader also took issue with those elements in American Jewry who claim that there are no differences existing anymore between Zionists and non-Zionists, and therefore the Zionist movement could be replaced by an over-all Jewish organization. "While it is true," he said, "that the majority of the Jewish people support Israel, at least financially and sentimentally, it is naive to believe that the majority has adopted the Zionist program."

Stresses Danger of Assimilation; Notes Growing Indifference to Israel

"The Zionist movement," Dr. Goldmann continued, "has increasingly important tasks within American Jewry because of the danger of growing indifference to Israel, especially in the young generation, the danger of complete assimilation of a large part of the future generation which can be remedied only by its being tied up with Israel and by the acceptance of the Zionist concept of Jewish life centered around Israel. These dangers are increasing and make the tasks of the Zionist movement more and more imperative in the United States and in other countries."

"At this moment, there is no possibility of an over-all Jewish organization which would accept the full Zionist program," the world Zionist leader stressed. "What is necessary is to bring many Jewish groups and organizations closer to Zionism, get them to cooperate and participate in Zionist activities, even if they don't join fully. But just to proclaim in a sensational form the dissolution of a Zionist movement and the appeal for a new all-embracing organization is pure dilettantism based on superficiality and demagoguery."

"Israel will still face danger periods and will require the Zionist movement with its devotion to Israel as its primary content for many years to come," Dr. Goldmann said. "Similarly, the Jewish Diaspora needs Zionism and its concept of the Jewish future more than ever before. For these reasons, the Zionist movement in this country has to go on the offensive, has to do everything to become the leading force in American Jewish life. It can do it only by uniting its efforts and by vigorous united action."

Dr. Goldmann called on the Zionist groups to begin to implement the decisions of the last Zionist Congress "to unite within the American Zionist Council which has to become the main instrument of Zionist activities in all fields of American Jewish life and to hit back vigorously at the fashionable game of criticizing and giving unwanted advice to the Zionist movement."

ISRAEL TO BROADCAST SCHOOL LESSONS TO STUDENTS OF STRIKING TEACHERS

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- Plans for broadcasting school lessons for the 30,000 high school students left idle by the strike of Israel's secondary school teachers were being considered today by the Ministry of Education.

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ISRAEL COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF TELEVISION EICHMANN'S TRIAL

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- Plans to televise the proceedings of the forthcoming trial of Adolf Eichmann were authorized today by the three-man tribunal who will try the Nazi war criminal next month. Defense counsel Robert Servatius had objected to the filming of the trial on the grounds that it would interfere with the proceedings.

In a decision handed down by the president of the tribunal, Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, the court ruled that "televising the court's deliberations not only is not unfitting but may well serve important values connected with the performance of justice." In overruling the objection by the defense counsel, the judges held that, when there is wide public interest in a case, the publicity should be of a commensurate nature.

The decision followed a visit to the site by the three judges, Justice Landau and District Court Judges Binyamin Halevi and Yitzhak Raveh. The court's ruling concerned only the principle of televising the proceedings, but did not concern the question of whether exclusive kinescope rights could be given to Capital Cities Broadcasting Company, an American firm.

David Landor, director of the Government's Press Information Office, said today that the Capital Cities firm was given exclusive rights to the filming in order to ensure the widest possible distribution of the proceedings of the trial, in view of its great moral and educational importance. He said the American firm would make the entire film and tape available in full, without censoring or cutting the material. The concessionaires, he said, were doing this as a public service and would contribute all profits to a charity designated by the Israel Government.

It was learned that at the request of Latin American broadcasting firms, the trial proceedings would be made available daily in Spanish and Portuguese translations, in addition to the official English, French and German translations from the Hebrew. The daily proceedings will be fully recorded "from gavel to gavel" by camouflaged and noiseless equipment which was demonstrated to the press today.

U. S. SEEKS TO ELIMINATE DEBATE ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE AT U. N. ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATION, N. Y., March 13. (JTA) -- The American delegation to the United Nations today intensified its efforts to secure the elimination of any possible debate on the Arab-Israel problem during the current session of the United Nations General Assembly. Such a debate is foreseen when the Assembly will discuss the report of the Director of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees which is on the agenda.

Arab delegations, it is understood, have indicated to the American delegation that they might be willing to forego a debate providing certain conditions are complied with. The nature of the conditions which they advanced was not revealed. However, members of the American delegation have conveyed the conditions to the Israeli delegation and it seems that the Israelis found them unacceptable.

American delegation circles told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that they will continue their behind-the-scenes efforts. At the same time they expressed pessimism on the outcome and indicated that a debate on the Palestine refugees issue should be expected unless the attitude of both the Arab delegations and the Israelis are changed.

FORTY JEWS HELD UNDER ARREST IN CASABLANCA PRISON; THEIR RELEASE SOUGHT

PARIS, March 13. (JTA) -- Forty Jews, including one woman, who are being held in Casablanca prison, were brought before a Casablanca examining magistrate this weekend and were charged with offences against the internal and external security of the state, it was reported here today.

The accused, some of whom have already appointed defense counsels, are expected to be brought to trial in a few weeks. Several prominent Jews, however, were reported to be trying to intervene with the Moroccan authorities to obtain the release of the accused, who have been under arrest for nearly two months.

TWO SWEDISH NAZI LEADERS ON TRIAL IN STOCKHOLM FOR ANTI-SEMITISM

STOCKHOLM, March 13. (JTA) -- Twenty-year-old Robert Naeslund, Stockholm representative of the Swedish National party, Sweden's largest Nazi group, and party leader Assar Oredsson were on trial today on charges of anti-Semitism.

Naeslund was accused of slandering the Jewish people in an address at a public meeting last year. While Oredsson's address at the same meeting was not considered as a case for prosecution, he was charged in the posting of anti-racial posters. The accused defended themselves with the statement that they hated the Zionist movement but not Jews.

HAIM YAHIL, HIGH ISRAELI OFFICIAL, PAYS VISIT TO STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, March 13. (JTA) -- Haim Yahil, Director General of the Israel Foreign Ministry, accompanied by Ambassador Avraham Harman, today paid a courtesy call on G. Lewis Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Yahil, on his way back to Israel after visiting South America and various Israeli embassies and missions, is stopping briefly in Washington.

JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS RAISED \$128,000,000 IN 1960

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- Jewish federations, welfare funds and community councils in the United States raised a total of \$128,000,000 in 1960 for local, national and overseas Jewish needs, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reported today in an annual review of Jewish communal services.

In addition, some \$55,000,000 was raised by non-local agencies outside of the welfare fund allocations; another \$24,000,000 came from non-contributor sources such as earnings, fees, subscriptions and investments, and \$41,000,000 was realized from the sale of Israel bonds.

These sums add up to a quarter of a billion dollars per year. Included in the figures are the incomes of the federations and welfare funds and national and overseas service organizations. They do not include non-contributed income of local service programs.

The \$128,000,000 raised by the 216 member agencies of the Council compares with \$130,700,000 raised in 1959, a drop of 1.5 percent. It represents an increase, however, of 3.8 percent over 1958 when the federation campaigns totaled \$123,300,000.

These and other figures are included in the annual CJFWF survey entitled, "Jewish Communal Services; Programs and Finances," prepared by S.P. Goldberg, director of budget research for the CJFWF. It summarizes major developments in Jewish communal services and analyzes the programs and finances of leading Jewish agencies.

The total raised by federation campaigns since the end of World War II (1946-1960) has exceeded two billion dollars, the survey notes. These funds were contributed by more than 1,000,000 donors and were distributed to hundreds of local service agencies, national organizations and overseas agencies. Tens of thousands of volunteer workers were involved in the campaigns.

U. J. A. Was Largest Beneficiary; National Agencies Follow

The largest single beneficiary of these campaigns was the United Jewish Appeal which received more than 90 percent of its income from them. Its share of the 1959 total amount budgeted--the most recent year for which complete figures are available--came to 61.6 percent. This amounted to \$44,600,000 from cities other than New York; it received an additional \$18,500,000 from the Greater New York UJA campaign. Complete returns for 1960 are expected to show that the UJA received approximately \$60,000,000 from the federated campaigns.

American Jewish philanthropic agencies had about \$96,500,000 available for total overseas Jewish needs in 1959. This compares with \$82,000,000 in 1958. About four-fifths of the total was used for philanthropic programs in Israel; the balance mainly in North Africa and Europe.

The total income from the sale of Israel bonds was over \$470,000,000 in the ten years from 1951 through 1960. Of this sum, over \$400,000,000 worth of bonds was sold in the United States.

Thirteen overseas agencies other than the United Jewish Appeal showed an income of \$24,500,000 in 1959 compared with \$22,800,000 in 1958. The largest sum was raised by Hadassah, \$9,700,000. The Israeli institutions of higher learning; Weizmann Institute, Hebrew University and Technion raised about \$7,400,000 in America in 1959. In addition, all three institutions received grants from the Jewish Agency for Israel, a beneficiary of the UJA, and from the Israel Government.

Local services received over \$32,000,000 from central communal sources in 1959 for operating purposes, compared with \$30,500,000 the year before. All local fields of service except refugee aid shared the increase in allocations.

National agencies had receipts of \$60,000,000 in 1959, including \$5,700,000 from federation and welfare fund campaigns. The five major national Jewish community relations agencies and the National Community Relations Advisory Council received over \$7,400,000, compared with \$6,900,000 received in 1958, a rise of seven percent.

The national Jewish hospitals received more than \$10,400,000 in 1959 but only a fraction of this figure came from the federations and welfare funds. Some 15 cultural agencies raised over \$16,000,000 in 1959, about \$638,000 of which came from federation allocations. National religious agencies had receipts of \$24,400,000 and national service agencies had receipts of \$1,700,000 during the same period.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN CUBA ASKS ORGANIZATIONAL AID FROM CANADIAN JEWRY

MONTREAL, March 13. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has been invited by the Jewish Community of Cuba to send a representative there to discuss community organizational and structural problems, it was announced here by Monroe Abbey, chairman of the Congress executive committee.

Mr. Abbey stated that the Congress has responded favorably to the invitation and that Dr. Joseph Kage has been appointed as Congress representative. Mr. Kage has had wide experience in Jewish communal welfare and educational work in Canada. He is presently national executive director of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada. Dr. Kage will be leaving Canada for Cuba next week.