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BEN-GURION SUMMONS MAPAI LEADERS FOR CONSULTATIONS TO AVOID ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, March 16. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today summoned leaders of his Mapai party to discuss new possibilities to avert general elections following the rejection last night by the Progressive party of a proposal to join a small coalition Cabinet headed by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, with Mr. Ben-Gurion as Defense Minister.

The Progressive party executive debated the proposal for several hours. The decisive argument was that it was not the minority parties but Mapai which had brought about the crisis. It was also feared that agreement to a temporary government would put obstacles in the path of the formation of a new "liberal" non-Socialist party for which talks have been underway between the Progressives and the General Zionists. The vote on the proposal was 56 against, 16 in favor and one abstention.

The National Religious party similarly indicated, at a meeting last night, that it did not want to join an "improvised government" by terming elections "an accomplished fact" and by appointing a special committee to prepare the party for an election campaign. The party also named a committee to survey possibilities of a merger with the Religious Workers party.

Undeterred by the newest setbacks, Mapai leaders met today with Mr. Ben-Gurion to explore further possibilities for working out a government by negotiation. The meeting was called despite indications from Mapai sources that the only other possibility for a coalition would be a socialist one composed of Mapai, Mapam and Achdut Avodah. Such a coalition was, however, doubtful because Mr. Ben-Gurion had indicated he would not serve even as Defense Minister in such a coalition. Moreover, Mapam and Achdut Avodah made it clear that chances of their agreeing to join such a socialist coalition--if Mapai would invite them--were very poor.

ISRAEL GOVT. WARNS PARENTS ON PRIVATE AGREEMENT WITH STRIKING TEACHERS

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Education warned today that any secondary school which reaches a private agreement with the secondary school teachers union to boost wages, and thus end the increasingly bitter secondary school teachers strike, faced the loss of government aid. The teachers have been on strike since March 5.

The Ministry is caught between the demand of the high school teachers for more pay and the threat by the Histadrut-affiliated Teachers Union, representing primary school teachers, of a strike if the Ministry agreed to the higher pay demands for secondary school teachers.

The Ministry warning was evoked by reports that parents in several schools, despairing of any action from the Ministry to end the impasse, had started negotiations for voluntary increases in tuition fees to make possible salary increases for teachers. The government aids such schools, which are all under private auspices in Israel, through scholarships and aid programs for needy students.

SOVIET CHARGES AGAINST ISRAEL OFFICIAL IN MOSCOW REJECTED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman rejected today a charge published by Trud, a Moscow daily newspaper, that an Israeli diplomat had distributed "anti-Soviet propaganda material" from the Israel Embassy in Moscow.

The spokesman said that the Israeli named by Trud, Yaakov Kalman, was actually the Embassy's archivist and that the most that could have happened was that on request he supplied material about Israel.

The spokesman stressed pointedly that no one hindered the Soviet Embassy from providing information about the Soviet Union to Israelis requesting it. Trud had carried intensive anti-Israel propaganda in recent months.

Israel and Yugoslavia Extend Trade Agreement for Two Years

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The Israel-Yugoslav trade pact was extended today for two years in an agreement signed at the Israel Foreign Ministry office. The agreement calls for imports by each country of \$7,200,000 worth of products. Israel will buy mainly timber and metal. Yugoslavia will purchase tires, citrus fruits and rayon fibers.

EXIT TAX IN ISRAEL WILL REPLACE REVENUE LOST BY ABOLISHING VISAS

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The annual revenue of 1,750,000 pounds (\$980,000) provided by exit visas will not be lost when such visas are abolished shortly, the Finance Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, was told today.

A special exit tax will be imposed on departing Israelis to replace the lost revenue. Support for abolition of such visas was general at the committee meeting.

JORDAN PROTESTS AGAINST ISRAEL'S PLANNED INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- Jordan today made its annual formal protest to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission against Israel's plans to hold its annual Independence Day parade in Jerusalem. Jordan contended that the heavy guns and tanks planned to be included in the parade were contrary to the armistice agreement.

The agreement does limit the size and quantity of weapons which each country is permitted to have in its sector of Jerusalem but Israel, as on each previous occasion, notified Jordan it planned to bring in armaments over the limits for several hours solely for parade display.

It has been standard practice of the two countries to notify each other on such occasions but Jordan has always submitted a protest to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

ISRAEL WELCOMES PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S PEACE CORPS PLAN, SAYS EBAN

CHICAGO, March 16. (JTA) -- "President Kennedy's plan for an international peace corps strikes a responsive chord in Israeli hearts," Abba Eban, Israel's Minister of Education and Culture, declared here today. "Whatever its fortunes may be in the arena of implementation, the idea has originality and constructive vision," he said. "It is based on the impulses of voluntary service and pioneering which are at the heart of Israel's rebirth."

The Israel Minister was addressing a crowded meeting of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations on the final day of his curtailed American tour on the subject. "New States," Mr. Eban pointed out that events in the Congo and elsewhere conjured the view that new states face formidable difficulties before their political independence is translated into a vision of stability and peace.

"The key lies in the swift development and education of manpower. Humanity needs a new and fair distribution not only of its material wealth but also of its intellectual and spiritual resources. This consciousness underlies much of Israel's cooperation with other members of the society of new nations."

In the evening Mr. Eban addressed the main fund-raising meeting of the Chicago combined Jewish Appeal. After a 24-hour visit for courtesy calls in Washington, Mr. Eban will leave Saturday night for Israel. His five-week tour was curtailed to two weeks and many of the receptions and meetings planned for him were canceled owing to the political and educational emergency in Israel.

U.S. INTEREST IN ISRAEL LAUDED BY AMERICAN POET; ACHIEVEMENTS PRAISED

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- American poet Robert Frost paid warm tribute today to Israel's achievements in absorbing and integrating immigrants from many countries. Mr. Frost, who came to Israel as a guest of the Hebrew University under the lectureship established by the Samuel Paley Foundation of Philadelphia, told the press that he was proud of America's interest and support of Israel. He said the world must be grateful there is such a place as Israel, a refuge for immigrants from many countries.

The 85-year-old poet addressed an overflow audience earlier this week, when he also gave readings of his poetry. He was received by President and Mrs. Izhak Ben-Zvi, and met with the country's outstanding educators and writers. He said he was particularly interested in the archaeological sites he visited during his stay, since, he said, he was "brought up on lots of Bible."

ITALIAN LEADER SEEKING ARAB-ISRAEL RAPPROCHEMENT ATTACKED BY FASCISTS

FLORENCE, March 16. (JTA) -- The nomination for mayor of Prof. Giorgio Le Pira, internationally known for his sponsorship of Mediterranean Colloquiums here at which Jews and Arabs have met for informal discussions of their common problems, was assailed here today by neo-fascist groups.

Leaders of the Movimento Sociale Italiano, came here from Rome for the specific purpose of protesting against the formation of a demo-Christian-Socialist majority in Florence's city council. Prof. Le Pira, who had been instrumental in the formation of the coalition, was nominated for the mayor's post.

The fascist meeting, which had been scheduled for the largest theater in Florence, was canceled when the owner changed his mind about leasing it to the group.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT VIEWS ON ALGERIAN JEWS TO FRENCH GOVT.

PARIS, March 16. (JTA) -- The French delegation to the forthcoming peace talks with leaders of the Algerian rebel movement will have comprehensive and well-documented files on the problems of the Jewish community of Algeria, it was reported here today.

Jewish organizations have supplied the French Foreign Ministry and President de Gaulle with full details on the situation and the hopes of Algerian Jews. The subject was considered during a lengthy conversation between a group of Jewish leaders and Louis Joxe, the Minister for Algerian Affairs.

French officials have promised that the delegation to the peace talks with the Algerian rebels will do its utmost to obtain for Algerian Jews a European status and the French guarantees going with that status. Optimism was expressed that this goal would be achieved.

ALGERIAN TERRORISTS BOMB JEWISH CAFE IN CONSTANTINE; THIRTEEN INJURED

ALGIERS, March 16. (JTA) -- A terrorist bomb exploded in a Jewish-owned cafe in Constantine, injuring 11 patrons, the owner and a Jewish football referee, it was reported here today.

Police also reported that a Jewish boy in Midi Bel Abbes found an unexploded grenade under a lorry and took it home. The grenade exploded while the boy was playing with it, inflicting serious injuries on the boy, his parents and on a brother and sister.

GERMANY'S TELEVISION PROGRAMS ON NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS LAUDED

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- Despite flaws of technique and selection, the West German television series on the Third Reich is "a solid achievement" in putting the story of the Nazi era before a huge German public, the Guardian of Manchester reported today in an evaluation from Bonn.

"Psychological difficulties" were blamed by the Bonn correspondent of the British-daily for the shortcomings. A basic one was the refusal of the producers of the television series to associate the Nazi regime with the German people as a whole.

However, he added, there was no attempt to gloss over the horrors of the camps and of the Nazi persecution as a whole. "Some of the shots of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising are unforgettable," he reported. "Charts and diagrams have been used to emphasize the cold-bloodedness of the Nazi 'final solution' of the Jewish problem."

The correspondent also reported that "there has been no attempt to spare the survivors of the Nazi regime who have tried hard to wash their hands of what happened. The name of Dr. Globke is boldly displayed." Dr. Hans Globke, State Secretary to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, has been under fire for years for his role as an official of the Interior Ministry during the Nazi regime.

"There has been a genuine effort to explain how many people were murdered by the Nazis and to make its staggering number credible," the correspondent declared. "The presentation is the most vital step taken since 1945 in preventing a flat rejection of the past, as a means of escape into a world of fable, ignorance and alibi," he added.

POLISH AUTHOR TESTIFIES AT TRIAL OF NAZI OFFICIAL WHO KILLED JEWS

ANSBACH, March 16. (JTA) -- A Polish author of a book on the Gusen concentration camp testified today in the trial of former camp commander Karl Chmielewski that the defendant decided, after having had many prisoners frozen to death in the camp outdoor area, to arrange for killing Jewish inmates less publicly.

The author, 56-year-old Stanislaus Moga, said that a small group of inmates, who had survived the SS officer's murderous activities, threatened to run into the electrified fence as a group. Chmielewski then started his "bath" killings in which naked inmates were hosed down with ice cold water until they were dead. Subsequently, however, the author testified, the commander gave an order to kill Jewish inmates "quietly."

Another Polish witness testified that Chmielewski and other SS officers used to "visit" the Jewish blocks in the evening after they became drunk. The next morning, the witness said, "five to ten corpses had to be dragged to the morning roll call."

In Nuremberg, a jury court sentenced former Sachsenhausen Camp leader August Koelb today to three years imprisonment for beating an inmate so severely as to cause his death. The three years were added to an earlier three-year sentence imposed in 1954 on the 67-year-old merchant for other crimes committed in the death camp.

AMERICAN SOLDIER IN GERMANY CHARGED WITH DESECRATING JEWISH CEMETERY

WUERZBURG, Germany, March 16. (JTA) -- A Jewish cemetery here was desecrated last week by a United States soldier and his German companion, police disclosed today. Eight tombstones in the cemetery were upset by the two men, who were drunk at the time, the police said. The soldier was identified by the United States Army as Corporal Waldemar Cuchy, 20, of Cleveland, Ohio.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FRATERNITY MAINTAINS 'CHRISTIANS ONLY' POLICY

MINNEAPOLIS, March 16. (JTA) -- A five-month long dispute over the refusal of a University of Minnesota fraternity chapter to end a "Christians only" rule on admissions boiled up again today after a university subcommittee failed to make a recommendation.

The debate came to a head last November when Alpha Tau Omega asked for and obtained a waiver from its national office from a Caucasians only policy but refused a university request to ask for a similar waiver on a national policy of "Christians only." After weeks of argument, a senate committee on student affairs ruled on January 20 that the fraternity's constitution did not contravene university policy.

A subcommittee of the senate committee then began a new study of the issue and scheduled talks with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Urban League and the Governor's Commission on Human Rights. Dr. Donald Zander, student activities bureau director, said the subcommittee would present a report about April 7.

The university policy forbidding any student group to deny membership on grounds of race, color or religion has one exception, selection on purely religious grounds. The fraternity, however, has refused to be classified as a religious group.

NON-JEWISH STUDENTS FROM 22 COUNTRIES REGISTERED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- Non-Jewish students from 22 countries on all continents are studying at the Hebrew University this year, it was disclosed today at a university reception in their honor.

Welcoming the students on behalf of the university, Prof. Ephraim Urbach, rector, noted that most students from Europe and the United States were studying the humanities, particularly in fields related to the Bible, archaeology and history. African and Asian students, he noted, concentrate on medicine, agriculture and the natural sciences.

Several of the students discussed their reasons for coming to Israel to study. A young student from Tanganyika and another from Brazil, who arrived a year ago, spoke in fluent Hebrew but some Swiss and Australian students confessed they had not yet managed to learn the language.

SEVENTY STUDENTS FROM 24 COUNTRIES GRADUATE FROM HISTADRUT INSTITUTE

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- Seventy students from 24 countries were graduated today from the Histadrut-sponsored Afro-Asian Institute.

The second class, which will begin in May, has an enrollment of 600 students, the present maximum capacity of the institute. Institute officials said some changes would be made in the second course on the basis of information gained from the first one.

It was learned that the Afro-Asian students were most interested in learning the practical aspects of trade union and cooperative organization and management. The American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations is contributing to the maintenance of the institute.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY SENDS EXPEDITION TO SEEK MORE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The second major expedition from the Hebrew University to hunt for more Dead Sea Scroll fragments left today for the Judean desert.

The first expedition last year under Prof. Yigal Yadin made an important find of Bar Kochba letters and captured Roman sacrificial vessels which proved to be major discoveries of the remains of Jewish resistance to the Romans.

The current expedition again was made up of university professors, students and amateur archaeologists. The Israel Army has again provided communications, transport - supply and protection as well as technical assistance in the form of loans of mine detectors used in the hunt for metal relics.

REMAINS OF FIRST IRGUN COMMANDER REBURIED IN ISRAEL; DIED FOR BRITAIN

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The remains of David Raziel, the first commander of the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi of the pre-state period, were reinterred today in the national military cemetery on Mount Herzl with full military honors. Among those paying final honors were Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz, senior army officers, Mapai leaders and representatives of all parties and various youth contingents. A tremendous crowd heard a eulogy of the first Irgun commander.

Raziel was killed in Iraq in 1940 when he led a British raid of the Irgun's "sabotage squad" against Rashid Al-Ghaliani, a pro-Axis rebel. He was buried at Habania, the British Royal Air Force base near Baghdad and reinterred in Cyprus. The remains were flown back to Israel yesterday after David Ben-Gurion, as Defense Minister, approved reburial on Mount Herzl. Appreciation for the gesture was expressed by Menachem Beigin, leader of Herut, political successor of the Irgun.