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KNESSET DEFEATS MOTIONS TO DEBATE HALT OF ARMS SALE TO GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament defeated today three motions to discuss an immediate halt of Israeli arms sales to West Germany.

Deputies of the Communist Party, Herut and Mapam referred to the West German bid for nuclear weapons and contended that the continued deliveries of Israeli submachineguns to West Germany "paved the way" for that country to obtain an atomic arsenal as well.

Yaacov Landau of Herut said that the Israeli weapons sales were a "certificate of moral rehabilitation" to West Germany. Mapam's Israel Barzilai argued that the political significance of the arms sales were detrimental to Israel's interests. Communist Shmuel Mikunis asserted that the arms sale policy "further isolated" Israel from the neutral states.

Replying briefly on behalf of the Government, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion recalled a previous Knesset discussion on the subject in which the opposition failed to prevail. His request that the motions be rejected as "insincere and unrealistic" was sustained only by a narrow majority because one coalition partner, Achdut Avoda, which fought the arms sale in the earlier debate to which the Prime Minister referred, abstained from the vote today.

The belief was indicated in the Knesset lobbies that the issue was revived to embarrass Achdut Avodah which joined with Mapam in a prior coalition to precipitate a Government crisis by refusing to support the Government on the issue but also refusing to resign.

Meanwhile, the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee of Israel's Parliament called yesterday on all countries, their Governments and their Parliaments to make every effort to reach agreement on a ban on nuclear weapons testing under effective international controls. The unanimously adopted resolution was forwarded to the Secretariat of the Inter-parliamentary Union with a request that it be brought up to the attention of the Parliaments of the world.

The committee earlier discussed the problem of atomic testing in line with motions in the Knesset for a full-dress debate on the recent Soviet megaton weapons testing. The committee expressed full support for the unanimous resolutions approved at the fiftieth Interparliamentary Union conference in Brussels last September concerning the danger to human life and world peace involved in such weapons testing. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion attended the committee session and replied to questions raised by members of various parties.

Israel Refused to Sell Arms to Portugal, Defense Official Reports

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- Israel rejected an order from Portugal for its famous Uzzi submachineguns and also refused permission to its Belgian patent concessionaire to supply the weapons to Portugal. Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres disclosed today in debate in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

The defense official made the statement in reply to Mapam and Communist demands for a full debate on reports that the Israeli-made weapons were being used by Portuguese forces to fight the rebellion in its Angola colony.

He added that relations with the Belgian firm, FN, had been "satisfactory and correct" since the relationship was established and that he therefore had full faith in the firm's statement that it had not and would not supply the guns to Portugal. A large percentage of Israel's light arms come from the Belgian firm with which Israel has an agreement for exchange of know-how and the manufacture of components and spare parts for the submachineguns.

Mr. Peres said that the Belgian firm asked last June for approval of sale of the Uzzi's to Portugal after Israel refused to do so. He quoted from the Israel Foreign Ministry reply to the Belgian Firm's request, in which the Ministry said it objected to the proposed sale to Portugal because this would be counter to Israel's policy of refusing to sell arms to any colonial power.

Mordecai Bentov of Mapam suggested that it would be best not to sell arms to anybody because such sales were "fraught with danger." The defense official replied that it would be "senseless" for Israel to impose such a self-embargo because the outcome of wars was not determined by submachineguns, however efficient the Uzzi might be.

RUSSIA IGNORED ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR MATERIAL ON EICHMANN, MINISTER SAYS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- The Soviet Government never acknowledged a request by the Israel Government to let Israel know whether the USSR had any materials that were relevant to the trial of Adolf Eichmann, Minister of Justice Dov Joseph told the Knesset (Parliament) here today.

Mr. Joseph made the statement in reply to a question on the floor of the House as to whether East European countries had sent any materials or had cooperated with Israel in the case against Eichmann, the former Gestapo colonel accused of crimes against Jews and crimes against humanity in the annihilation of 6,000,000 European Jews during the Nazi regime.

The Justice Minister said that Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia did provide Israel with materials relating to Eichmann; Bulgaria replied to the request sent all East European countries on this subject that it had nothing relevant; Rumania did not send anything; The Moscow Government did not acknowledge the request.

BILL ON CABINET'S COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY CRITICIZED IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- The Mapai-sponsored bill on collective responsibility for Israel's new Cabinet ran into a barrage of severe criticism at its first reading yesterday in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Deputies of various parties called the proposal a redundant one which would not add to the prestige of Israel. The measure provides that a Cabinet member who fails to support a Cabinet position in the Knesset, either by voting against or abstaining from voting on a measure embodying such a Government position, shall be deemed to have automatically resigned.

Another provision is that if the party of a Cabinet member similarly fails to support a Government bill and the Government within a week of the Knesset vote on that bill decides that the party violated collective responsibility, then that party's Minister in the Cabinet will be considered as having resigned.

Herut leader Menachem Begin said the bill infringed on the authority of the Knesset because it was an attempt to impose Government control over proposed legislation. Liberal party deputy Izhak Harari asserted that the bill stemmed from an incident in the third Knesset when Achdut Avoda voted against the Government on the issue of Israel arms sales to West Germany but refused to quit the Cabinet. He contended that if mutual confidence did not exist between the coalition partners, the bill would not serve any purpose.

Others criticized the measure on grounds that it made a Cabinet member responsible for the vote of his party. Justice Minister Dov Joseph, who presented the bill, said it was designed to prevent a member of the Government from belonging in effect both to the Government and to the opposition simultaneously. He said the bill incorporated the concept that if a party was unable or unwilling to accommodate to the rulings of the majority in the Government, it should quit the coalition.

NEW GAS WELL IN ISRAEL UNEXPECTEDLY YIELDS LARGE QUANTITY OF FUEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- An oil prospecting company reported today that a new fuel gas well in Mount Canaim in the northeast section of the Negev has begun to yield an unexpectedly large quantity of fuel.

Officials of the Nocht's Oil Prospecting Company said that the gas yield equals in energy the entire output of oil at the Heletz field. The oil yield is currently 400 tons of crude daily and the first measurements of the Canaim fuel gas well indicates a yield of 15,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

The new gas find was located in an area with indications of other underground gas deposits but company officials decided to concentrate on the new well for the time being. The discovery reportedly opened large-scale opportunities for Negev industrialization.

Officials also said preliminary plans had been made for a six-inch gas pipeline to phosphate beds and farther on to Dimona and the Arad area; Beersheba also was reported under consideration as a terminal for the projected fuel gas pipeline.

ISRAEL TO CURTAIL WORK ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF LABOR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- The Ministerial Committee for Economic Affairs today recommended the curtailment of the construction of public buildings in order to divert all available manpower to the building of immigrant housing.

CHESTER BOWLES WILL BE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ADVISER ON MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- President John F. Kennedy today told a press conference that Chester Bowles, re-assigned from a high State Department post, would now devote his entire time to rendering advice on problems in the Middle East and other regions with which Mr. Bowles is familiar. Mr. Kennedy indicated that Mr. Bowles could serve a function vitally important to the United States.

AUSTRIAN, JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM WARNED OF EXPIRING DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS

LONDON, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- The United Restitution Office here issued a reminder today that December 31, 1961 is the deadline for filing applications with Austrian social insurance institutions by Jewish refugees from Austria who are already paying voluntary contributions into insurance schemes and who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of paying higher contributions to earn higher pensions.

The announcement said that applications may be filed only by persons whose present monthly income is at least 3,600 Austrian schillings (\$144) and who had already paid voluntary insurance contributions before January 1956 at the highest level then, without having interrupted payments since then for more than two years.

(A complete translation of the Austrian law recently enacted to compensate Nazi victims for lost possessions has been prepared by the World Jewish Congress Institute of Jewish Affairs in New York. It is available to any person interested in this matter. There are about 80,000 Austrian victims scattered throughout the world, most of them in the United States, other American lands, as well as in Israel and Great Britain.)

In Vienna, the Austrian Government announced today that former Nazi victims in Austria now living abroad, who were self-employed as professionals, businessmen, freelance artists and writers or independent artisans, will be eligible for pensions under Austria's social security system, providing they can prove through documents what their income was prior to the Nazi regime. The documents must show, through license records or archives of bodies like the Chamber of Commerce, just what the claimant did and how much he earned during the years 1935 to 1937, the announcement stated.

The privilege of claiming social security pensions, however, will be given only to those former Austrian Nazi victims abroad who live in countries with which the Austrian Government has reciprocal agreements. Thus far, the United States is the only country having such an agreement with Austria.

GREEK GOVERNMENT EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS

ATHENS, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- The filing deadline for the submission of compensation claims under the Greek indemnification law has been extended for a 60-day period by the Greek Cabinet for the benefit only of Nazi victims residing outside of Greece, it was announced here today. Claims must be filed by lawyers accredited to the Greek courts.

The Cabinet's action in extending the deadline date when claims must reach the Greek authorities from December 1, 1961 to January 31, 1962, followed representations made by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

CATHOLIC, JEWISH LEADERS IN SPAIN FORM GROUP FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

PARIS, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- A Christian-Jewish action group to promote mutual understanding and better relations between Catholics and Jews has been formed in Spain, it was reported here today. The unprecedented new group includes important Spanish Catholic prelates and lay leaders and the president of the Madrid Jewish community, Max Mazin, and the honorary president, Louis Blitz.

The formation of the new group, which held its first meeting in Madrid last week, was decided on following a public meeting on the subject of "Jews and Christians--their mutual relations." Speakers at the meeting included members of the Catholic church, priests and Maximon Yagupsky, former head of the South American office of the American Jewish Committee.

The work of the new group was expected to be important not only for the tiny Spanish Jewish community but eventually also for South American countries which have large numbers of Catholic clergy. The group includes Father Serrano, who represented the Bishop of Madrid at the first meeting, Father Antonio Deral of the Arias Montal Institute and the Mother Superior of the Order of Our Lady of Zion.

JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED IN BRAZIL; SECOND DESECRATION IN MONTH

RIC DE JANEIRO, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- The second swastika-smearing incident, desecrating Jewish cemeteries in a month, was reported here today by Federal officials. The latest outrage took place over the weekend in the Jewish cemetery of Porto Alegre, the third largest Jewish community in Brazil. Police said several dozen gravestones were smeared with swastikas, inscribed with "Heil, Hitler!" and other stones were overturned.

A month ago, similar cemetery desecrations occurred at the Jewish burial grounds at Curitiba. Police authorities said today they have been trying to trace the vandals but that, so far, have met with no success.

JEWISH AUTHOR WINS HIGHEST 1961 LITERARY AWARD IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- The 1961 Victor Rossel Prize, highest literary award in Belgium, was voted today to a Jewish writer, David Schainert, for his novel "The Flemish With Long Ears." The prize carries an award valued at \$2,000.

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\$121,000 RAISED FOR 403 SCHOLARSHIPS AT HEBREW U. DINNER; MAZER HONORED

NEW YORK, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- A total of 403 individual scholarships for students at the Hebrew University, valued at \$121,000, was contributed tonight at the first Annual Scopus Award Dinner of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Joseph M. Mazer, noted community leader, was presented with the first Scopus Award, established as the highest honor that can be given by the American committee. Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the university's board of governors, presented the award to Mr. Mazer.

Speaking as chairman of the university's board of governors, the university's supreme authority, Dr. Wise stressed that "the Scopus Award brings to mind the high idealism and vision of those who founded the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus at a time when Palestine lacked the most basic economic necessities. Material difficulties and hardships of all kinds could not discourage those very practical visionaries who foresaw that higher education was the indispensable pre-condition for the material as well as the cultural progress of a future Jewish State."

Other principal speakers included Dr. Abba Hillel Silver; Daniel G. Ross, chairman of the board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; and Marvin Kratter, who presided. Mr. Mazer, in his response, said that for him the award is "not a symbol of a task completed, but of a mission still to be accomplished."

JEWISH CONGRESS HONORS AMERICAN DELEGATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- Adlai Stevenson, chief of the United States delegation to the United Nations, accepted today from the American Jewish Congress a shofar and a scroll honoring the American delegation for fostering "the principles of decency and justice in human affairs."

Some 800 members of the organization and a number of members of the delegation attended the ceremony. The scroll cited the role of the delegation in promoting "the evolution of a world community of nations in which all men can live in peace, dignity and the full enjoyment of human rights." Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the AJC, made the presentations.

LOUIS LIPSKY IS 85 TODAY; WILL BE HONORED BY TOP U.S. JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, dean of the American Zionist movement, will be honored tomorrow at a luncheon arranged by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, marking the 85th birthday of Mr. Lipsky. Top leaders of all major Jewish organizations will pay tribute to the veteran Zionist leader.

For more than 50 years identified with democratic movements in the United States, Mr. Lipsky has been a leader of the Zionist Organization of America and of the American Jewish Congress for many years. He was also one of the founders of the World Jewish Congress. He was also a member of the World Zionist Executive and of the Jewish Agency executive. Together with the late Henry Monsky he organized in 1944 the American Jewish Conference as central representative body of American Jewry, and was the first and only chairman of the executive committee of the Conference. He was also chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council which later became the American Zionist Council, central body of the American Zionist movement.

Mr. Lipsky was born in Rochester, N.Y., on November 30, 1876. He studied at Columbia University and worked as drama critic for the Morning Telegraph in New York. He is the author of several books and plays. He became interested in the idea of rebuilding Palestine as the Jewish National Home early in his life and was instrumental in the formation of the Zionist Organization of America of which he was first secretary and later the president.

YAD VASHEM TO ARRANGE EXHIBITION IN U.S. ON NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- An exhibition of documents and other material depicting the Hitler holocaust, arranged by the Yad Vashem of Jerusalem, will open soon in New York, it was announced here today.

The exhibit will be housed in the Jewish Museum here, before it is sent on a tour of major American Jewish communities. The presentation is modeled after the permanent display in the Yad Vashem Museum on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem.

Yad Vashem is the central institution authorized by Israel's Parliament to foster eternal remembrance of the 6,000,000 European Jewish men, women and children slaughtered by the Nazis during World War II.

LEIBUSH LEHRER, U.S. JEWISH EDUCATOR, WINS CULTURAL PRIZE IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 29; (JTA) -- The Pinhos Hoffer Prize for 1961 has been awarded by the Jewish Culture Congress to Leibush Lehrer, noted American Jewish educator, for his essays "Man and Ideas," it was announced here today. The judges for the award were Iolne Gorodisky, president of the Culture Congress, Shlomo Sukowich and the noted poet Kehos Kliger.