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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY URGES COMMON MARKET TO ACCEPT ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, March 12. (JTA) -- A decision insisting on the necessity for finding a formula under which Israel could establish a link with the European Common Market was adopted here today by the foreign trade commission of the European Parliamentary Assembly.

The decision was taken after Jean Rey, head of the European Economic Community's foreign relations department, reported on the state of the current negotiations between Israel and the EEC. M. Rey indicated the difficulties encountered and said that they are caused by the political situation in the Middle East.

He expressed the view that a solution can be found by reliance on certain provisions of the Treaty of Rome under which the European Common Market was established. These provisions refer to commercial policies of member countries and to the definition of a common commercial policy.

A number of members of Belgium's Senate, representing both the Socialist Party and the Catholic bloc, also voiced strong approval here today for a link between Israel and the European Common Market. The subject came up in the Senate as the body debated a measure giving the Belgian Government's approval for an association between the Common Market and Greece.

Sen. Duviesart, a Catholic, told the Senate that the question of an Israel link to the Euromart was important. Recalling the "warmth" with which Belgium greeted the establishment of Israel, he expressed the hope that the Belgian Parliament would now support Israel's relationship to the Common Market "for historical and other reasons."

Socialist Senators de Block and de Housse told Parliament that the Belgian Government should help put an end to the opposition within the Euromart for an Israeli association. Israel, Sen. de Block pointed out, buys 65 percent of its imports in Europe, being "an important customer." He told the Senate: "By publicly stating that Belgium supports Israel's demand before the European Economic Community, we would at the same time support a democracy, a young republic and the interests of Europe."

Sen. de Housse proposed that the EEC arrange tariff agreements with Israel. He cautioned, however, against "a misunderstanding through Arab reactions at this time, when France is trying to solve the delicate problem of Algeria." Israel's case, he said, involved more than tariff, he added, but "support of a young State which could be variously interpreted as a political act."

BEN-GURION SECURES LABOR BACKING OF GOVT.'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Government and of the dominant Mapai Party obtained the backing of the Government's new economic policy from Mapai members of Workers' Committees from all over the country, who met here last night to discuss the policy that resulted from the devaluation of the pound and the demand by many workers for early increases in the cost-of-living allowances.

Led by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, the speakers included Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Minister of Agriculture Moshe Dayan and Aharon Becker, one of the top leaders of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor. All the leaders pleaded for the support of the new economic policy, and for the necessity of preventing early cost-of-living allowance increases for the sake of the country's economy.

Representatives of the Workers' Committee told the leaders that what they desire is not increases of the allowances but stabilization of prices. Although they backed their leaders, the committee representatives sought assurances that the leaders personally would be among the first to set examples of austerity. Both Mapai and the Government now have the support of the Mapai members of the Workers' Committees, though there will be some advances in cost-of-living allowances before Passover.

Meanwhile, Communists continue to try to stir up opposition to the new economic policy. At a series of Communist-inspired meetings, workers were called on to strike on behalf of "immediate" payment of "realistic" cost-of-living allowances. Until now, most of the Communist appeals have not succeeded, although some Workers' Committees have announced they will support the Communist demands.

INTERIM BUDGET OF \$262,000,000 FOR FOUR MONTHS PRESENTED BY ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- An interim budget calling for expenditures of 785, - 000,000 Israeli pounds (nearly \$262,000,000) during the period from April 1 to July 31, was presented to the Knesset (Parliament) here today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. The partial, four-month budget was necessitated by the fact that, due to the devaluation of the pound announced last month, the full estimates for the fiscal year beginning April 1 had to be postponed.

20 ISRAELI POLICEMEN, CIVILIANS WOUNDED IN CLASH WITH ORTHODOX JEWS

TEL AVIV March 12. (JTA) -- Quiet prevailed in the town of Bnei Brak today following yesterday's clashes, which resulted in the wounding of 10 policemen and 10 civilians. The clashes broke out when several hundred Orthodox Jews sought to block attempts by police to remove for an autopsy the body of a man who collapsed and died on a street in the town. Religious groups are opposed to the carrying out of autopsies.

This morning, Religious Affairs Minister Zorach Warhaftig and other prominent Orthodox leaders asked Police Minister Bechor Shitreet to instruct the Institute of Forensic Medicine not to perform the autopsy. The deceased was brought to the Institute last night, following the clash between the police and the religious demonstrators.

RISE REPORTED IN ISRAEL'S LIVING STANDARD; POPULATION INCREASE ANTICIPATED

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Israel's standard of living, as shown through increased ownership of homes and higher expenditures in various other fields, rose during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1960, by comparison with the 1956-57 fiscal period, according to the Government's latest Israel economic survey published here today. Among other data, the figures, comparing fiscal 1959-60 with fiscal 1956-57, show:

Expenditures for furniture and home appliances went up from 3.1 percent to 8.4 percent; the average Israeli's budget for culture, entertainment and education increased from 6.6 percent to eight percent. The ratio of income spent for food during the two periods had dropped from 43.1 percent to 38.8 percent. But the higher standard of living was reflected by increases in the consumption of coffee and alcoholic beverages, and by expenditures for movies, musical concerts and records.

The population of Israel will increase by 100,000, or five percent of the present number of inhabitants, by the end of the 1962-63 fiscal year, according to forecasts issued here today by the Planning Authority of the Israel Treasury and the research division of the Bank of Israel. At the same time, the data showed Israel's national output will rise by 10 percent.

The country's deficit in foreign payments, it was predicted, will decrease slightly, due mainly to the recent devaluation of the Israeli pound. Imports are expected to rise by only three percent to five percent, while exports will increase by between 13 and 20 percent. The report envisaged a continued rise in the inflow of foreign capital. Israel's foreign currency reserve is expected to rise by an additional \$120,000,000 or \$140,000,000.

The report warned, however, that, with the imminence of the end of German reparations payments and the payments of restitution to individuals, "a decline in the inflow of capital may be expected over the coming years, for which the economy must be prepared by building larger currency reserves."

ISRAEL HOTELS INTERNATIONAL TO SELL \$6,997,800 IN SECURITIES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Israel Hotels International, Inc., has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a proposed offering of \$6,997,800 in securities. The company, a Delaware corporation, has been formed for the purpose of constructing the Tel Aviv Hilton, a luxury hotel to be leased and managed by Hilton Hotels International in Tel Aviv.

The offering will consist of \$4,036,000 six and one-half percent sinking fund dollar debentures due in 1980-1986; \$2,760,000 six and one-half percent dollar debentures due in 1980; and 40,360 common shares with 80,720 stock purchase warrants attached. The underwriting group will include American Israel Basic Economy Corporation, developer of the project.

TURKEY AND ISRAEL SIGN \$30,000,000 TRADE AGREEMENT FOR 1962

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Israel and Turkey today signed a \$30,000,000 trade agreement for 1962, representing a \$5,000,000 increase over the amount of the 1961 pact. The agreement, calling for \$15,300,000 worth of Israeli exports, marks the first time that the annual accord had been negotiated and signed in Jerusalem.

The export figure may be increased by some \$2,000,000 if the United States agrees to waive the regulation restricting expenditures of U.S. aid funds to Turkey to purchases of American products.

LATIN AMERICAN W. J. C. PARLEY APPEALS TO MOSCOW ON RIGHTS OF JEWS

MEXICO CITY, March 12. (JTA) -- A call for a halt to anti-Semitic practices all over the world and a plea to the USSR to extend facilities to the country's 3,000,000 Jews for religious and cultural self-expression were made by World Jewish Congress leaders from the Mexican, Central American and Caribbean region at the close of a three-day conference here today.

The conference was attended by Jewish leaders from Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Surinam and Venezuela. It was the first time that the World Jewish Congress had convened such a regional meeting in the Mexican capital. The convention called on member states of Interpol, the International Police Organization, to effect a change in that body's constitution so that it can participate in the hunt for Nazi criminals still at large.

In its resolution on Soviet Jewry, the WJC conference expressed regret "that the Jews of the Soviet Union are still denied the facilities for religious and cultural self-expression, or forming a coordinating body for the conduct of communal affairs, and of contact with Jewish communities in other countries." Deploing the closing down of houses of worship in various parts of the USSR, the resolution appealed to the Soviet Union "on humanitarian grounds to enable the reunion of families broken up by the inhuman policy carried out by the Fascist-Nazi rulers during the war."

Expressing appreciation for the series of resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies condemning anti-Semitism, racial prejudice and religious and national intolerance in any form, the WJC leaders called on "governments to take the necessary steps to fulfill the purposes of these resolutions in their countries."

Other resolutions paid tribute to Israel, pledged the participating communities to work for the unity of Jews all over the world, particularly in the Mexican, Central American and Caribbean area; and urged the World Jewish Congress to take steps to help the various communities meet their cultural needs and support them "in their endeavors to retain and strengthen the Jewish content of their day-to-day lives."

PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY ASSURE JEWS OF FRIENDSHIP

DUSSELDORF, March 12. (JTA) -- The number of Germans "who are willing, in sincere conviction, to exercise active brotherhood," is now great, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer declared in a Brotherhood Week statement published here. Another statement on Brotherhood Week was issued by Heinrich Luebke, President of the Federal Republic.

President Luebke expressed his "gratitude" to the Jews of Germany for making "the defense against all totalitarian danger" part of their own cause. Both the President and the Chancellor expressed confidence in their belief that the German people will do everything in their power "to redeem the wrong done against the Jews."

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION FOR JEWISH ADULT EDUCATION REOPENED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, March 12. (JTA) -- Berlin's dormant University Extension Courses for Jewish education, closed down since Hitler's advent to power in 1933, were reopened here with ceremonies conducted at West Berlin's new Jewish Community House, on the site of the old Great Synagogue on Fasanenstrasse. Courses will be given in Jewish education for adults. The Extension University was one of Berlin Jewry's most prominent activities here until it was closed down by the Nazis.

Dr. Adolf Leschnitzer, of New York, now teaching at the Free University here, was the principal speaker at tonight's ceremonies, delivering an address on "Berlin: Scene of Jewish History." Other speakers included Dr. Heinz Galinski, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish Community; and H.G. Sellenthin. Principal members of the Extension University's faculty are Estrongo Nachama and Julius Stolberg.

CANADIAN TEXTBOOKS UNDERSTATE NAZI SLAUGHTER OF JEWS, SURVEY SHOWS

MONTREAL, March 12. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress said today that a survey of books used in Montreal Protestant high schools found that "gross understatements" were present concerning the magnitude of the Nazi wartime slaughter of European Jewry.

Treatment generally given to Jews and other minority groups was found to be generally sympathetic, particularly references to the State of Israel. The Congress decided to submit to a Canadian expert on textbook writing some materials prepared by American community relations agencies developed to serve as supplements for teaching history covering the Nazi period.

PITTSBURGH JEWISH FEDERATION RAISES 43 PERCENT OF DRIVE AT OPENING DINNER

PITTSBURGH, March 12. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh seemed nearly half-way towards achievement of its \$2,030,000 campaign goal at its opening dinner at the Hilton Hotel here. Joseph M. Katz, 1962 campaign chairman, announced that \$857,500 was raised during the evening. This amount is 43 percent of the drive's objective and the largest sum to be given at a campaign opening in the last ten years, he said.

ALEXANDER KAHN, PROMINENT JEWISH LEADER, DEAD; WAS MANAGER OF 'FORWARD'

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Alexander Kahn, prominent American Jewish leader and for many years general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, died here last night at the age of 80. He had retired from his post on the Forward several weeks ago.

Born in Smolensk, Russia, he came to the United States in 1893. He received a Bachelor of Laws degree from New York University in 1903 and became one of America's leading labor lawyers. He was a member of the New York Lawyers Association and of the Washington Bar Association.

A founder of the Joint Distribution Committee, he was one of the vice-chairmen of the world-wide Jewish relief organization. He was also a director of the United Hias Service, the Workmen's Circle, the National Labor Committee for Israel, and active in many other Jewish and civic organizations. He was also a founder and vice-president of the Liberal Party.

Deeply interested in Labor Zionism, he was a member of the administrative committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine under the League of Nations. He was also a trustee of the Palestine Economic Corporation. Together with his wife, Sarah, he visited Israel, soon after the establishment of the state, where he was honored by the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor. He was a personal friend of Israel's President Izhak Ben Zvi and of Premier David Ben-Gurion. Last year, he was presented with a silver-bound Bible by the Israel Government for his efforts on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization in America.

Mr. Kahn was known as "the East Side Ambassador to the Uptown Jews" because of his outstanding contributions in bringing the views of immigrant Jews to leaders of American Jewry who knew little of the mentality of immigrants from Eastern Europe. He played a tremendous role in developing better understanding between various groups in American Jewry.

Mr. Kahn was also a corporation officer of the WEVD radio station, a founder and officer of the New Leader magazine and the author of a number of pamphlets on Socialism and economics. On his last birthday, Mr. Kahn received a portfolio of letters from prominent persons which included a greeting from President Kennedy. He also received from Mayor Robert F. Wagner, at City Hall, a citation for distinguished service to the city.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, arranged by a special committee composed of representatives of Jewish organizations in which he was active.

PROF. FABREGAT LEAVES U. N. POST; WAS STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL AT U. N.

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Professor Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat, for many years Uruguay's Ambassador to the United Nations, was hailed here at a meeting of the United Zionist-Revisionists of America as "an old and steadfast friend" of Israel. Prof. Fabregat is leaving soon for Vienna, where he will be his country's Ambassador to Austria.

Addressing the meeting conducted by the Zionist-Revisionists, Prof. Fabregat told the audience he was first attracted to the lot of Jews when, as a child, his father read to him accounts about the Dreyfus Case in France, where an innocent French-Jewish army officer was persecuted.

Professor Fabregat was a member of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine in 1947, and later one of the principal proponents of the UN Palestine partition resolution which the General Assembly adopted. He has often been denounced by Arab delegations at the UN for his friendship to Israel.

BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT BESTOWS HIGHEST ORDER UPON JEWISH LEADER

LA PAZ, Bolivia, March 12. (JTA) -- The Bolivian Government today conferred upon Rabbi Gunter Friedlander, spiritual leader of the Bolivian Jewish community, the Order of Condor de los Andes, the country's highest national award, for the role which Rabbi Friedlander played in securing the recent technical cooperation and cultural exchange agreement between Bolivia and Israel. Rabbi Friedlander is the first Jew ever to have been honored with Bolivia's highest order.

At ceremonies held in the Salon de Honor of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs George Escobari lauded Rabbi Friedlander for his "fervent affection to this country which received him" and praised his achievements in strengthening "the bonds of friendship between his people and ours."

JOHANNESBURG MAYOR GIVES RECEPTION TO ORT LEADERS IN CITY HALL

JOHANNESBURG, March 12. (JTA) -- Johannesburg Mayor Dave Marais gave a civic reception here yesterday in honor of Professor William Haber, president of the World Ort Union and Max Braude, director-general of the organization, who are currently visiting South Africa as guests of South African Ort and Ose. Mayor Marais lauded the guests in a brief address to the gathering which was held in the Johannesburg City Hall.