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KNESSET REJECTS MOTIONS TO DEBATE VISIT OF GERMANY'S EX-MINISTER

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Three motions calling for full-scale debate of the Government's invitation to former West German Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss to visit Israel were defeated in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, here today.

The motions were beaten by votes of 47-30, with nine abstentions, after Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, as spokesman for the Government, requested their rejection. He asserted that the only criterion to be applied is whether the visit-- scheduled to start next Sunday-- "will help Israel in its need to obtain support for its security."

The motions, placed by the Knesset presidium on the immediate agenda because of their urgency, had been introduced by Menahem Beigin for the Herut party, by Israel Barzilai for Mapam, and by Shmuel Mikunis, of the Communist party. These three parties voted for a full-scale debate, while the Ahdut Avodah, which is a member of the Government coalition, and the Liberal party abstained.

Each of the opponents of the proposed Strauss visit insisted that the invitation extended to him violated a decision taken by the Knesset last March, when it voted unanimously that the German Government is responsible for the work being done in Cairo now by German scientists engaged in the development of nonconventional weapons intended for use against Israel.

Opposition Advances Various Arguments Against Strauss' Visit

Mr. Beigin told the House that Dr. Strauss should cancel his projected visit to Israel "as a humanitarian duty." He said Dr. Strauss, as Bonn's Minister of Defense, knew about the German scientists and technicians who went to Egypt, and said "Strauss knows that his visit will create deep controversy both in Israel and among Jewry, and cause great injury to the people in Israel, whether a majority or a minority."

Mr. Mikunis described the Strauss visit as "an irritant to the Soviet Union," asking how the Strauss invitation squared with the recent assertion by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, who had requested joint guarantees of Israel's security from both the Soviet Union and the United States.

Mr. Barzilai said that Mr. Strauss "personified the renewed German militarism." He charged that European Socialism, in Germany itself as well as in Britain and France, regarded Strauss as "anti-democratic and dangerous."

Eshkol Hints Strauss' Visit Is Linked to Germans Working in Egypt

In reply to the Government's critics, Mr. Eshkol intimated that Dr. Strauss' visit may be linked with efforts for possible sanctions by the Bonn Government against the German scientists and technicians employed by Egypt. He told the House that Dr. Strauss had, in the past, "aided Israel on many occasions in circumstances that cannot be disclosed here."

"Relations between Bonn and Israel," he said, "exist on various levels." He recalled that France had invited both Dr. Strauss and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, adding: "Undoubtedly, we want continuing good relations with France." He implied that the desire for good relations with France was also a factor in the invitation to Dr. Strauss here, and assured the Knesset: "Strauss is against the activity of the Germans in Egypt."

ISRAEL'S LIBERAL PARTY ASKS U. S. AND RUSSIA TO GUARANTEE SECURITY

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon both the United States and the Soviet Union to give Israel "proper guarantees" for its security was adopted here today at the closing session of Israel's Liberal party convention. The party met here for six days in the first convention held since its formation.

The Liberals also voted a demand on the Government that it form in the Parliament a "supreme security council" which would be consulted on all matters affecting the nation's security. On the issue of Government policy regarding the German scientists employed by Egypt, for the development of nonconventional weapons aimed at Israel's destruction, the party took a moderate position. It rejected those critics of the government who protest against all Government actions on such issues. At the same time, the convention criticized the Government for limiting Parliamentary debate on such issues.

In other resolutions, the party called for increased immigration, tighter liaison between Israel and Jewish communities abroad, strengthening of education, and strengthening of the

Zionist movement. The delegates elected a 560-member council from which the executive committee will be chosen. Younger members of the party objected to the large size of the council, but were outvoted. The Liberals re-elected Pinhas Rosen and Peretz Bernstein as co-presidents. Mr. Rosen is former Minister of Justice. Mr. Bernstein is now the party's candidate for the Presidency of Israel.

KNESSET ELECTS ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT TODAY; SHAZAR CERTAIN TO GET PCST

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Israel's Knesset, the Parliament, will elect the nation's third President tomorrow, giving the highest office in the land to 73-year-old Zalman Shazar, scholar, writer, veteran labor leader - and close personal friend, since he was 16, of the late Izhak Ben-Zvi, his predecessor in the Presidency.

Under the law, the Knesset must elect a President within 30 days of the demise of the former holder of the office. Mr. Ben-Zvi died April 23. Knesset Speaker Kadish Luz has been the Acting President under Israel's law of succession.

The Liberal party has nominated one of its co-presidents, Peretz Bernstein, for the Presidency. However, that nomination was intended only to demonstrate the party's feeling that the highest office is not necessarily a "monopoly" of the dominant Mapai party. Mr. Ben-Zvi had been a member of Mapai.

D. A. I. A. PARLEY HEARS GLOOMY REPORT ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARGENTINA

ROSARIO, Argentina, May 20. (JTA) -- The recent Argentine Government's action to shut down the activities of the two extreme rightist organizations, Tacuara and Guardia Restauradora, only scratched the surface of neo-Nazi activities in this country, since there are 15 other neo-Nazi organizations "whose activities have not been curtailed," Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of DAIA, central body of organized Argentine Jewry, warned here today.

Gloomy pictures of rampant anti-Semitism in this country were drawn here this morning when the DAIA convened its national three-day convention, with 150 delegates from 28 Argentine cities in attendance. The convention's slogan, "Thirty Years Fight Against Nazism," set the tone for the reports given the delegates by Dr. Goldenberg and by DAIA's general secretary, Dr. Abraham Gorbatt.

Nazism here continues to be the "strong, impelling force behind all kinds of nationalistic excesses," warned Dr. Gorbatt. Attributing the country's difficulties in general to the serious economic situation and unemployment, he said that the ultra-right wing organizations are exploiting the sectroubles to malign the Jewish population in this country as well as to undercut the popularity of Israel.

Catholic Church Charged with Indifference to Anti-Semitism

Dr. Gorbatt complained about the failure of the Catholic Church hierarchy in this country to pay sufficient attention to anti-Semitism. He charged that DAIA has been unable, after trying for months, to obtain an audience for discussing the problems with Antonio Cardinal Caggiano. DAIA's relations with the hierarchy, he said, "pose a tremendous problem."

While DAIA has not been able to discuss the issues with the Cardinal, he reported a Catholic priest, the Rev. Julio Meinviell, "continues to spread his violently poisonous, anti Jewish bulletins, even sending his publications to Argentina's military forces, with ecclesiastic license." Argentina, he stated, is being "inundated" with Nazi literature, one recent "best seller" in this category being a locally issued version of the libelous canard, the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

Dr. Goldenberg, in his opening address, said that DAIA must be more active not only in reacting to anti-Semitic developments but also in giving positive guidance to Argentine Jewry. At the same time he called for constant watch against the existing anti-Jewish and pro-Nazi groups which, he said, are now gaining their support from Egypt. "The Nazis cannot be tolerated, but must be fought constantly," he said. He pointed out that there are two types of anti-Semitism here -- one being "traditionalist," the other linking the Jew with "the decadent middle class." Both must be combated, he insisted.

Mark Turkow, Latin American representative of the World Jewish Congress, who has just returned from visits to 10 countries in this hemisphere, said that Mexico City and Buenos Aires are now principal distribution points for anti Semitic literature. Nazism, now, he said, has "a strong ally in the Arab League." Many ex-Nazis who formerly found refuge in this country, he said, now make their headquarters in Cairo.

NEW CHIEF OF U. N. TRUCE ORGANIZATION TO LEAVE FOR JERUSALEM QUARTERS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 20. (JTA) -- Gen. Odd Bull, newly appointed chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, conferred with highest United Nations officials here today, preparatory, to taking over his new post, with headquarters in Jerusalem's no man's land, on June 1. Formerly the head of Norway's air force, Gen. Bull will succeed Gen. Carl C. von Horn of Sweden, in the UNTSO post.

TESTIMONY OF NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS IN THE UKRAINE PRESENTED AT TRIAL

NUREMBERG, May 20. (JTA) -- The jury court trying three former Nazis for wartime murders of 2,400 Jews in the Rovno area in the Ukraine, heard today a suicide's testimony that one of the victims appealed to him to spare the Jews from torture before they were murdered.

The testimony was that of former Nazi policeman Friedrich Attinger, who was on duty in the Sdolbunow Ghetto, and who committed suicide in prison in 1961, apparently while awaiting trial. According to Attinger's statement, which was read to the court, the chairman of the Jewish Council of the ghetto said to him: "I know that all of us will have to die, but if you are in a position to do so, see to it that we shall not be tortured."

The three Nazis, Joseph Paur, Wilhelm Wacker and Otto Koeler, are being tried for the slaughter of the Jews in Sdolbunow, Misotsch and Ostrog in October 1942. The trial is taking place in the same court where the Allies held the postwar Nuremberg trials of the major Nazi figures. Testimony heard in the first few days of the trial, which opened last week, apparently was aimed at clarifying for the jury the question of whose orders the defendants had obeyed in the mass murders.

Another witness, Fritz Lorge, Karlsruhe former police colonel, who is 70, testified that if German police officers in the occupied areas had refused to carry out execution orders, nothing much would have happened to them. However, he added, the ordinary policemen were afraid of the SS courts and of the Nazi Security Police who in 1942 had been responsible for handling of Jews.

BISHOP ATTACKS PLAY ON LATE POPE'S STAND TOWARD NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS

FRANKFURT, May 20. (JTA) -- Germany's most controversial drama, "The Deputy," by Rolf Hochhuth, a play that accuses the late Pope Pius XII of indifference to the mass murder of the European Jews during the wartime Nazi holocaust, drew the fire of Dr. Wilhelm Kempf, Bishop of Limburg, yesterday. In his sermon at the Limburg Cathedral, Bishop Kempf said the play had been based on "mere assumptions, not on facts." Hochhuth, a young German, is considered one of the country's outstanding playwrights.

Not since the Eichmann case has any public event stirred so much controversy in this country as has the production of "The Deputy." Since its debut in Berlin, last February, the play has stirred bitterness and sharpest dispute. Catholic churchmen, scholars and laymen have accused the playwright of anti-Catholicism. There are reports that the Papal Nuncio at Bonn is investigating whether a legal case exists for a possible libel suit against the playwright, who is accused of defaming the memory of the late Pius XII.

Meanwhile, wide interest around the world has increased the scheduling of performances of the play in various world centers. Israel's Habimah Theater, in Tel Aviv, is scheduled to do "The Deputy" under the aegis of the famous German producer, Erwin Piscator. Ingmar Bergman has been asked to direct the play in Stockholm, and London's Royal Shakespeare Theater will put on "The Deputy," probably under the direction of Peter Hall. (In New York, it was announced today that the famous impresario, Billy Rose, will produce "The Deputy" on Broadway.) Film rights to "The Deputy" have also already been bought by a Parisian producer, Georges Beauregard.

GERMAN STUDENTS WANT OBERLAENDER TO GIVE UP SEAT IN PARLIAMENT

BONN, May 20. (JTA) -- The Association of Liberal Students of West Germany urged Theodor Oberlaender, former West German Minister for Refugee Affairs, to resign his new seat in the Bundestag.

The request was made in an open letter in which the students said that the reasons leading to his forced resignation from the West German Cabinet in 1960 had not been resolved. Oberlaender was accused of having been involved with the slaughter of the Jews in the Lvov ghetto during the war.

The former Cabinet Minister had made an unsuccessful bid for the Bundestag. Subsequently he was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of a Christian Democratic deputy from Lower Saxony. His appearance in the Bundestag as a Lower Saxony deputy on May 15 attracted no attention from other deputies.

EUROPEAN EX-INMATES OF BUCHENWALD CAMP HOLD CONGRESS IN BELGIUM

LIEGE, Belgium, May 20. (JTA) -- The annual congress of the Association of Former Prisoners of Buchenwald was held here today with the participation of delegates from Belgium, France, West Germany, Austria and Italy. The main purpose of the meeting is to study the physiological effects of the concentration camp on the inmates.

WARSAW MUNICIPALITY NAMES STREET AFTER ORGANIZER OF GHETTO REVOLT

VIENNA, May 20. (JTA) -- The Warsaw Town Council has named one of the city's streets in memory of Ephraim Fundaminski, one of the early organizers of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt in 1943.

CHRISTIANS SEE ISRAEL AS 'THIRD FORCE' BETWEEN COMMUNISM, DEMOCRACY

NEW YORK; May 20. (JTA) -- Israel offers the world a third alternative --in the choice between the Soviet system as against democracy-- because the Israeli pattern could be applied to underdeveloped nations, Dean Alfange, well known attorney, told the annual meeting here of the American Christian Association for Israel, this weekend. The session, held at All Souls Unitarian Church, elected Dr. Howard M. LeSourd, of New York, as president.

Statesmen of the free world, said Mr. Alfange, should study the Israeli pattern, since "Israel has made a notable contribution in a critical area of the cold war." Israel, he maintained, offers "a third alternative" between Communism and democracy, "a pattern of life which offers decent living standards plus the essential freedoms. It is altogether possible that the free world could win the battle with the Soviet Union for the loyalty of these nations by promoting the Israeli pattern as a third alternative to the countless millions of Africa and Asia who are yearning for freedom and a just share of the good things of life."

Another of the principal speakers, Dr. Russell Henry Stafford, president emeritus of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, speaking on "The Christian Ethic and the State of Israel," told the meeting: "When the African nations grow up to full stature, no small measure of the credit will be due to the State of Israel for the men and women it has sent to them as missionaries of progress, and the throngs of students who come from them to Israel to be trained for leadership at home. The Christian ethic means a warm heart and a helping hand. The State of Israel deserves them."

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL REAFFIRMS ITS NON-IDENTIFICATION STAND

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Zionism in countries outside Israel must support the totality of Israeli life, and not align itself with any internal, political parties in Israel, Samuel M. Daroff, president of the American Jewish League for Israel, declared today, in summarizing discussions held at a meeting of the League's board of directors here this weekend.

The League, he said, reaffirms "the unequivocal support of the concept of non-identification with the political parties in Israel espoused by the World Confederation of General Zionists under the co-chairmanship of Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, of which the League is an affiliate."

"In support of this concept," he said, "the League strongly feels that the existence in the Diaspora of Zionist political parties is a negative and stultifying factor for the movement. For this reason, the League advocates the establishment in the United States of a strong, single Zionist organization, since only through such a centralized force can the best interests of Israel and the American Jewish community be served."

SEN. MORSE ATTACKS NASSER'S HYPOCRISY AT HISTADRUT CONVENTION IN CANADA

MONTREAL, May 20. (JTA) -- Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser is practicing "hypocrisy" when he joins Yugoslavia's President Tito in calling for world-wide disarmament while, at the same time, employing German Nazi scientists for development of missiles, U. S. Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, charged here last night. Mr. Morse was the principal speaker at the fifth national convention of Histadrut of Canada.

Histadrut's convention followed the closing of the annual conference held here by the Canadian Labor Zionist movement where Leon Kronitz, of this city, was re-elected national chairman. One of the major resolutions adopted at the closing session of the Labor Zionist group constituted a call to world Jewry to "continue every effort to secure for Jews in the Soviet Union even minor concessions that will enable continuation of Jewish awareness in Russia or emigration of even small groups." Another resolution noted "with alarm and regret" the current policies of anti-Semitism in the USSR.

ISRAEL CHIEF RABBINATE PROCLAIMS DAY OF PRAYER ON TENSIONS

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) - A world wide day of prayer for deliverance of Israel and world Jewry from tensions, and for deliverance of Jews in the Soviet Union from persecutions-- without identifying the Soviet Union by name --was proclaimed here today by Israel's Chief Rabbinate. The date fixed is Thursday, Iyar 29 (May 23).

A proclamation signed by Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, called on Jews all over the world to congregate on that day in their synagogues "for prayers and supplications for deliverance from stress, for strengthening Israel's might, and for making Jewry worthy of full redemption."

KENNEDY NAMES LEWIS WEINSTEIN TO MEMBERSHIP ON FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) - Lewis H. Weinstein of Boston, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, was appointed by President Kennedy this weekend to membership on an eight-member President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing, a recognized authority on housing, Mr. Weinstein has been chairman of the Massachusetts State Board of Housing and the Massachusetts Emergency Housing Commission.