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PREMIER ESHKOL REPORTS TO CABINET ON HIS PLANNED TALKS IN WASHINGTON

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, preparing to leave for the United States for an official visit with President Johnson to begin next Monday, reported on the details of his American stay to the Cabinet here today.

In addition to meeting with the President, Mr. Eshkol will also confer in Washington with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Secretary of Defense Robert MacNamara. He will also meet other prominent Americans, including leaders of the Republican Party. Among the latter will be Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York. Walworth H. Barbour, United States Ambassador to Israel, left for Washington today to help prepare official American Administration arrangements for the Eshkol visit.

During today's meeting, the Cabinet also received from Foreign Minister Golda Meir a report about the visit paid to Egypt by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. She submitted to the Cabinet copies of Mr. Khrushchev's addresses in Egypt. While the Cabinet discussed preliminarily the implications of the latest Soviet-Egyptian relations, as reflected through the public statements and the joint communique issued in Cairo by Mr. Khrushchev and Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, Mrs. Meir told her fellow Ministers that the real significance of the Khrushchev visit to Egypt is still to be fully assessed.

The Government announced that, during Mr. Eshkol's absence, Deputy Premier Abba Eban will be Acting Prime Minister. Since Mr. Eshkol is also Minister of Defense, that post will be assumed temporarily during his absence by Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Finance and Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Prime Minister Eshkol is due to meet President DeGaulle in Paris about a week after returning from his forthcoming United States visit. The Prime Minister's office here confirmed today that a meeting between the two leaders has been scheduled for early July.

Washington Makes Elaborate Arrangements for Eshkol's Visit

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- The White House and State Department went ahead today with elaborate arrangements for hospitality to Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Mrs. Eshkol when they arrive here next Monday.

State Department sources said today that protocol considerations prompted Secretary of State Dean Rusk to receive late yesterday afternoon the Ambassadors from 13 Arab states who protested the forthcoming visit of Mr. Eshkol to this country as a guest of President Johnson. Secretary Rusk told the Arab envoys that the United States was aware of Arab views and would follow its policy in the Middle East from the viewpoint of national interest and its desire to see peace preserved in the area.

The Arab diplomats jointly warned the State Department that the real objective of the Eshkol visit was to exploit an election atmosphere here "to destroy Arab-American relations to gain liberty of aggression in the Middle East." The appointment for the Arab group was requested by Ambassador Mostafa Karmel of the United Arab Republic and granted by Secretary Rusk.

Ambassador Karmel predicted that "Eshkol will ask for more arms, money, and even a guarantee of security. We think Israel has more arms than it needs, more money than any other country and we think that the Charter of the United Nations provides enough guarantee of its security." He said "we discussed very frankly the coming visit" of Mr. Eshkol.

U.S. URGED IN CONGRESS TO ISSUE DECLARATION ON PROTECTION OF ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- A strong statement on the U.S. commitment to Israel in case of an Arab attack was urged today in the House of Representatives by Seymour Halpern, New York Republican. Speaking on Soviet Premier Khrushchev's visit to Egypt and his increasing military support to Egypt, Rep. Halpern said that this now "unflinchingly means that peace in the Middle East becomes less of a surety."

"Nasser will never surrender his war on Israel if he can lean upon the support of a great power," Rep. Halpern continued. "The Colonel will continue to play one side off against the other, and his own adventures can continue unchecked."

'SLOWDOWN' STRIKE OF ISRAEL'S POSTAL EMPLOYEES ENDS; CONDITIONS ACCEPTED

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- The slowdown strike of Israel's postal workers ended early this morning following negotiations which resumed after a general meeting of the workers had earlier rejected a proposal for arbitration without prior acceptance of a series of conditions, some of which were finally accepted.

Last night, Israel's Parliament rejected opposition motions of non-confidence in the government's handling of the slowdown by the postal workers and by government tax revenue officials. The slowdown actions had been underway for nearly a month, crippling Israel's mail and cable services and tax revenue collections.

Just before this morning's decision to end the slowdown, the Israel army began a special postal service for troops. Letters to military personnel were to be sent through the military mail service and thus bypass civilian mail facilities which are virtually useless.

During the slowdown strike, airmail letters from the United States have been received by recipients 15 or more days behind schedule. Express letters were delayed almost as long as regular mail. Printed material is not being processed at all.

Premier Levi Eshkol, replying last night to the non-confidence motions, denied charges that the government had neglected the needs of the workers. He listed a number of steps that had been taken, including creation of a Horowitz wages committee and an Institute for determining national output to prevent inflationary effects from wage increases beyond the capacity of Israel's economy. He said the problem must be tackled comprehensively on the objective basis of job evaluations.

ARAB PICKET JEWISH CONGRESS AND A.D.L. OFFICES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Arab pickets marched today in front of the national headquarters of the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. They carried signs denouncing "Zionist totalitarianism" and accusing both organizations of bias.

Arab officials in New York said earlier this week that they would picket the Jewish organizations if there was any picketing of the Jordan Pavilion at the World's Fair. Twelve American Jewish Congress officials, including President Joachim Prinz, were arrested at the Fair yesterday for picketing the Jordan Pavilion without a permit which had been refused them by Robert Moses, World's Fair president. They were protesting a mural in the Jordan Pavilion which the AJCongress and many other Jewish organizations have denounced as anti-Israel and anti-Semitic.

One sign carried by the Arab pickets this morning had the word "Emet" in Hebrew and "Truth" in English. Another bore the legend "AJC and ADL Believe in Freedom for All Except the Arabs." Spokesmen for the two Jewish groups issued statements upholding the right of the Arabs to picket but assailing the pickets' motives and point of view.

In Washington, U. S. Government sources said today they could understand the motivation of the 12 American Jewish Congress officials arrested for picketing the Jordanian exhibit at the New York World's Fair but thought the demonstration "unwise and counter-productive." They predicted the real result of the picketing and arrests would be to focus more attention on the Jordanian exhibit and increase its attendance.

Government officials made clear they felt Jordan used dubious judgment in exhibiting the controversial inscription. But, after the initial appropriate protests, "the resort to picketing only had the effect of inadvertently publicizing and promoting attendance at Jordan's pavilion."

ARAB RESUME TALKS ON PLAN COUNTERING ISRAEL'S WATER DEVELOPMENT

LONDON, May 26. (JTA) - The Arab Technical Committee for Jordan Waters began another series of secret meetings in Beirut yesterday to continue discussion of a plan to divert Jordan River tributaries as a counter to Israel's National Water Carrier plan, it was reported here today from the Arab capital.

The Arab plan is secret, but is known to fall into two stages, one immediate and the second long-term. The immediate stage involves diverting the headwaters at a cost of \$20,000,000. Arab technicians hope to complete this stage within 18 months. The second stage involves building dams and canals and is expected to cost \$215,000,000.

Meanwhile, it was reported here today from Cairo that Egyptian President Nasser and President Abdel Salam Arif of Iraq, who has been visiting Cairo, have agreed to the military unity of the United Arab Republic and Iraq. This was officially made known without further details, after a meeting of the two heads of state. A spokesman said there would be an "important announcement."

ARGENTINE JEWS WARNED TO BE PREPARED FOR ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE

SANTA FE, Argentina, May 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of the DAIA, representative body of Argentine Jewry, called for a "state of preparedness" by the Argentine Jewish community against anti-Jewish violence, which, he said, was continuing to occur in spite of the "sincere good intentions of the Government."

Addressing the opening session of a three-day national convention of the DAIA attended by 170 delegates from 17 Argentine communities, Dr. Goldenberg denounced Egypt as a center of "well-planned aggression and psychological warfare against Jews."

Herzl Gesang, general secretary of the organization, said that it was now time for action since "Buenos Aires is the operation center of the Arab League." Asserting that it was not enough "to receive wonderful statements by Government officials," Mr. Gesang said that "our timely reaction may prevent irreparable damage."

DIRECTOR OF AUSCHWITZ MUSEUM TESTIFIES ON GASSING OF INMATES

FRANKFURT, May 26. (JTA) -- The director of the Auschwitz Museum in Poland, himself a former inmate of that camp, today told the court trying 22 former Auschwitz guards, doctors and administrators that at least 3,000,000 persons had been murdered there by the Nazis "but the final toll is still unknown."

The witness was Kazimierz Smolen, who had spent almost five years at Auschwitz, working most of the time as a clerk in the registration section. He said that, "by the turn of 1943-44, we knew that about 3,000,000 were gassed there. Many more died in 1944, but it is immensely difficult to calculate the total figure. So far, it has not been done."

The witness identified two of the defendants, Oswald Kaduk and Hans Stark, as murderers at Auschwitz. He testified that Kaduk participated in the last two hangings at the camp, on December 30, 1944. He charged also that Kaduk was one of the chief figures in the selection of inmates--most of them Jews--for gassing in the Birkenau chambers adjoining Auschwitz. He accused Stark of many murders, although Stark was barely out of his teens at the time.

SWISS JEWS HONOR MEMORY OF 1,200,000 CHILDREN KILLED BY NAZI

GENEVA, May 26. (JTA) -- Jews in Geneva observed Jewish Children's Day, an annual event held in memory of the 1,200,000 children murdered during the war by the Nazis.

The program was opened by Claude Levy, president of the French-speaking Switzerland Committee of Friends of the Swiss Children's Village, Kiriat Yearim in Israel. M. Levy spoke first of the memory of the murdered children and then about the way of life of young people in Israel today.

In a related ceremony, the Geneva Jewish community placed a plaque on the wall of the synagogue here in memory of the Jewish martyrs of Nazism. The inscription in French read: "Because they were Jewish, 6,000,000 men, women and children were killed during the Nazi era, innocent victims of a world heavy with sin."

ARAB PROPAGANDISTS IN U.S. SEEK TO INFLUENCE CATHOLIC BISHOPS

KLAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 26. (JTA) -- The Arab League was accused tonight of plotting to attempt to wreck Pope Paul's efforts to bring about better understanding between Christianity and Judaism.

Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, charged that Arab propagandists have arrived in the United States to seek to persuade American Catholic Bishops to take their side when the Ecumenical Council reconvenes in Rome in September. However, Mr. Forster declared, American bishops have turned "a cold shoulder to the Arab plans."

"The Arab purpose is to prevent the Roman Catholic Church from considering a reinterpretation of the Crucifixion story," Mr. Forster told 1,500 delegates from New York and New England at the 112th annual convention of District No. 1 B'nai B'rith at the Hotel Concord here.

At the meeting, Assistant United States Attorney Moses L. Kove, of New York, a Nuremberg War Crime Prosecutor, was elected president of District No. 1 B'nai B'rith to succeed Dr. Alexander Lipson of Toronto, Canada.

CATHOLICS OPEN INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK TO STUDY INTERFAITH PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The John LaFarge Institute, a center that will focus study on ecumenical, interracial, community relations and international-peace problems, has been established by the Jesuit editors of America, the National Catholic Weekly Review. The work of dialogue among Catholics, other Christians, Jewish leaders and other non-Christian scholars will be an important part of the Institute's program.

TCRCNTO CLOSES U. J. A. CAMPAIGN; WILL RAISE \$2,650,000 IN 1964.

TORONTO, May 26. (JTA) -- A final total of \$2,650,000 is expected to be raised in the 1964 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, it was announced here at the closing campaign celebration by Theodore D. Richmond, chairman. Mr. Richmond stated that this is an increase over last year of \$40,000.

Nineteen men and women who made "an exceptional contribution of time and energy to the campaign" were presented with the "Chairman's Award," the highest campaign honor of the UJA. Mr. Richmond was given a Keren Hayesod medal in recognition of his work as chairman, by Stephen E. Berger, chairman of the UJA administrative committee.

CANADIAN LEGION URGES GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST HATE LITERATURE

TORONTO, May 26. (JTA) -- The Royal Canadian Legion urged Government action to combat distribution of hate literature through the mails. The 1,500 delegates at the Legion's 20th national convention voted unanimous approval of a resolution asking the Government to apply "the full force of existing laws to prohibit the use of the mails" for such literature. It also asked that existing legislation be strengthened if it is insufficient to curb the practice.

The vote followed a talk by Municipal Affairs Minister Robert Smellie of Manitoba on the activities of the National White Americans Party. He told delegates the organization--a successor to the Nazi Party in Canada--distributed literature from a Scarborough, Ontario, address calling on Canadians to hate Jews. Mr. Smellie read a letter given wide circulation through the mail from Col. J. P. Fry, described as the Party's national organizer. It called for the sterilization of Jews to prevent their growth.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL TO STUDY HATE PROPAGANDA IN CCOUNTRY

TORONTO, May 26. (JTA) -- The Canadian Citizenship Council at its 24th annual general meeting in Ottawa authorized a study of hate propaganda by the directors. "Consensus was reached by the group about the apparent lack of protection under the Criminal Code against the vilification of racial and religious groups," stated the resolution. The report of the directors on this problem should be given to the Government, it added.

The Council also condemned what it termed an increasing threat to individual liberties, requesting further safeguards. It asked as well for the setting up of an arrangement for the protection of persons accused in law courts who do not have the benefit of counsel.

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AWARDS TWO GRANTS TO YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University has received two special grants from the Atomic Energy Commission to further the university's undergraduate educational and training programs in the nuclear aspects of chemistry and physics, it was announced today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

The two grants, totaling \$24,000, will enable the university to build up its nuclear science education program in chemistry and allow the department of physics to increase its experimental and theoretical courses. Students will be afforded the opportunity to work with radioactive materials and nuclear instrumentation.

GENERAL LASKOV ARRIVES IN U. S. TO AID IN ISRAEL'S BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Major General Haim Laskov, Chief of the Israel Port Authority and former Army Chief of Staff, arrived in New York today to take part in the State of Israel Bond drive. He will tour more than a dozen cities in behalf of the drive.

On June 5, General Laskov will be the principal speaker at a luncheon opening the Mid-Year Conference of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, which will pay tribute to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel. Mr. Eshkol will address the Israel bond conference at a dinner session on Saturday evening, June 6.

CHIEF REFORM RABBI IN SOUTH AFRICA RESIGNS HIS POST; RETURNS TO U. S.

JOHANNESBURG, May 26. (JTA) -- The resignation was announced today of Rabbi Dr. Ahron Opher as Chief Minister of the United Progressive Jewish Congregation of Johannesburg, largest Reform congregation in South Africa, with three constituent Temples. Formerly Rabbi of South Shore Temple, Chicago, Dr. Opher came to South Africa two years ago in response to a call from the Johannesburg congregation, supported by the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

In a statement accompanying his resignation, he said he has completed the mission which brought him to South Africa to give Reform Judaism new direction in this country, and he now wishes to return home. A statement by the Congregation's Governing Council expresses profound regret at Rabbi Opher's resignation and paid glowing tribute to him for his achievements in his two years of spiritual leadership as the congregation's Chief Minister.

JACOB LEMEL, JEWISH AUTHOR, DIES IN BELGIUM; RECEIVED 1961 PRIZE

BRUSSELS, May 26. (JTA) -- Jacob Lemel, a prominent Jewish journalist and author, died here today at the age of 63. He was the author of a book on war memories which was awarded the 1961 prize by Yad Vashem in Israel, the archives of the Nazi holocaust.