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ESHKOL HOLDS IMPORTANT TALKS WITH DE GAULLE; HONORED BY FRENCH PREMIER

PARIS, June 29. (JTA) - - Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, who arrived here yesterday for a visit to France, conferred here today with President Charles de Gaulle, Prime Minister Georges Pompidou and Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, as well as other top ranking officials of the French Government including French Defense Minister Pierre Messmer. Accompanying Mr. Eshkol was Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, as well as Walter Eytan, Israel's Ambassador to France.

The first of the political talks that opened a busy day's schedule was held with M. de Murville. Mr. Eshkol described that session as "very friendly and cordial." Other Israeli sources said that "a full identity of views was reached" at that session. The two leaders were understood to have discussed the international situation and various aspects of the links between France and Israel, reaching full understanding on all the points under discussion.

Escorted by police outriders, Mr. Eshkol arrived at the Foreign Ministry accompanied by Mr. Peres and Mr. Eytan. The automobile carrying Mr. Eshkol flew the Israeli flag. In the Foreign Minister's study, the Israeli Premier met Olivier Lucet, head of the Ministry's Political Department and Bernard Nantet, the chief of the Middle East Department, in addition to M. de Murville, and the conference got under way immediately. The conference was conducted in English.

After the conference, and following formal handshakes in front of cameras, Mr. Eshkol took leave of M. de Murville, went to his hotel for a brief rest, and then proceeded to the Hotel Matignon, the official residence of Premier Pompidou, where the latter tendered a luncheon for the visiting Israeli statesman.

Present at that luncheon, in addition to the Israeli party and the French Foreign Minister, were also Louis Joxe, French Minister for State Planning, and the French Ambassador to Israel, Jean Bourdillette. The two Premiers held a political discussion after the luncheon. That talk, it was believed, was probably the most important of the day's political conversations. The meeting with President de Gaulle, however, which followed, was the most significant of the day's events.

The talk with M. Pompidou involved concrete problems of Franco-Israeli cooperation in a number of fields. While the Eshkol visit was officially a "private" trip by the Israeli leader, the "private" character was quickly dissolved as the day proceeded, French observers conceding it was "the least private visit" made to France in recent years.

The meeting between Mr. Eshkol and President de Gaulle was attended by five persons, including two translators, one for each of the statesmen attending that "tete-a-tete" session. The official interpreter for the French side was Rene Sirat, a young rabbi of Algerian origin who is currently working in France as a teacher in the School of Oriental Studies.

The schedule for tomorrow calls for a visit to the UNESCO building here; Premier Eshkol will be the luncheon guest of UNESCO's director-general. In the afternoon Mr. Eshkol will confer with the French Minister for Education Christian Fouchet and later with Defense Minister Pierre Messmer. The following day, Wednesday, July 1, the Premier will be received in the morning by the French National Assembly.

On Thursday, Mr. Eshkol will be the guest of honor at a banquet given in his honor by French Defense Minister Messmer and will also visit local Jewish institutions. In the evening 3,000 guests are expected to attend a reception tendered by Ambassador Eytan in the Premier's honor.

ISRAELI ORTHODOX YOUTHS REFUSE TO PLEDGE GOOD BEHAVIOR; PREFER JAIL

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) - - Five of 12 Israeli Orthodox youths sentenced by a court here to pay fines for participating in Sabbath disturbances a year ago chose today to go to jail rather than sign "good behavior" pledges which would bind them to keep from disturbing the peace for a year. The seven others signed the pledges required by the court.

ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U. N. ARMISTICE COMMISSION AGAINST SYRIAN ATTACK

Tel Aviv, June 29. (JTA) -- Israel complained today to the Mixed Armistice Commission against an attack by Syrian gunners on a tractor working on land near the border. The driver was unhurt. Syrian shooting set the field ablaze, and firemen battled the flames while Syrians continued to fire at the Israelis.

An infiltrator was killed last night near Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak in the Gaza Strip area, after disobeying an order to halt. Another infiltrator eluded an army patrol and escaped across the Egyptian border.

ISRAEL PREPARES LAW IMPOSING SPECIAL TAX ON NEW LUXURY APARTMENTS

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- A draft of a new law that would impose a special tax on newly constructed luxury apartments, aiming to use the proceeds of such a levy toward slum clearance projects, will be introduced by Israel's Government this week in the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, it was announced today.

Under the law, the owner of a new luxury apartment would be required to pay 100 pounds for each square meter of space above an initial 125 square meters. The special tax would be paid once, and will not be an annual levy.

ISRAEL CABINET TO HEAR REPORT ON EGYPTIAN DEFECTOR NOW BACK IN CAIRO

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- Acting Defense Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Cabinet today that he would submit, at the next meeting, information concerning the reported return to Cairo of Abbas Hilmi, the Egyptian Air Force pilot who defected with his Czech-built training plane to Israel last January.

It was reported earlier that, according to Israeli sources, Hilmi had been kidnapped from Argentina by Egyptian agents. The circumstances under which Hilmi was brought back to Cairo are still shrouded in mystery. In Cairo, the newspaper "Al Ahrām" reported yesterday that Hilmi had returned to Egypt after going to the Egyptian Embassy in Argentina last week and asking for repatriation. "It is illogical," Israeli sources stated, "that he returned of his own free will as the Egyptian radio asserts, because under the circumstances his future is not very bright."

According to Israeli sources, Hilmi went to Argentina about 10 days ago, after he had asked for permission to leave Israel and go to South America. Israel, these same sources say, paid the Egyptian officer's airline fare. Some cabinet ministers have asked for an investigation to ascertain whether there was any negligence in the handling of the affair. The Liberal Party faction in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, has requested that the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee take up the matter immediately.

ISRAELI JOURNALIST RELEASED FROM SPANISH JAIL; WAS HELD THREE YEARS

PARIS, June 29. (JTA) -- An Israeli journalist who has just been released from a Spanish jail after three years' imprisonment told a press conference here today that Spain had become a major haven for former Nazis and Nazi collaborators of a dozen nationalities.

Zvi Aldouby, the journalist, was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment by a Spanish military court on charges of having tried to kidnap the former Belgian Nazi, Leon Degrelle. He was arrested at the Franco-Spanish border in August 1961, and charged with possession of guns and ammunition. Jacques Finsohn, a young French Jew, was arrested with him. The two were said to have been part of a Jewish underground movement organized to kidnap Degrelle and other former Nazis in the hope of tracing through them the whereabouts of Hitler's personal aide, Martin Bormann.

The journalist said that his investigations had revealed that scores of former top Nazis were now living in Spain, and that former SS officers were serving in the Spanish Foreign Legion. He said that a special regiment was officered almost completely by former Iron Guard Rumanian officers. He identified as prominent ex-collaborators living in Madrid Floria Sima, one of Rumania's leading anti-Semites, as well as Ukrainian and Russian Nazi collaborators.

POLICE RAID HEADQUARTERS OF AUSTRALIAN NAZI PARTY; SEIZE WEAPONS

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 29. (JTA) -- Police in Sydney made a night raid on the headquarters of the Australian National Socialist Party, and arrested five of the neo-Nazis. The police also seized weapons, explosives and a variety of Nazi emblems and insignia.

Those arrested included the leader of the movement, Arthur Smith. The raid was the first police action since Australia was stirred into debate by a national television showing of a meeting of the neo-Nazis in their headquarters in Ashfield, a Sydney suburb.

When the police made the raid, they found that 15 members were attending a meeting. They wore Nazi uniforms with swastika emblems, and were shouting "Sieg Heil." Police took possession of property at the headquarters alleged to have been stolen by the Nazis. They continued to question the arrested members.

GOLDMANN CONFERS WITH GERMAN CHANCELLOR ON INDEMNIFICATION ISSUES

BCNN, June 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in his capacity as president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, had a number of conferences here this weekend with top-ranking German officials on matters concerning compensation to Nazi victims.

Dr. Goldmann met with Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, Finance Minister Rolf Dablgren, and the Finance Ministry's indemnification expert Dr. F. De La Croix. He also met with former Chancellor Conrad Adenauer. Dr. Goldmann suggested that a conference on indemnification problems be held next October with the participation of Chancellor Erhard, Mr. Dablgren and the leaders of West Germany's three major political parties.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GREECE HOLD PARLEY ON REHABILITATION PROBLEMS

ATHENS, June 29. (JTA) -- More than 40 delegates representing the 16 Jewish communities of Greece met here today in an effort to try to cut the Gordian knot of financial problems strangling Greek Jewry and put through a rehabilitation program for the community's 5,000 Jews.

The two problems that are tangling up rehabilitation efforts are a Greek communal property law and the unwillingness of many communities to accept central administration. Under Greek law, the total communal fortune--estimated at \$50,000,000--belongs to all the Jews who had lived in Greece in 1939. Of the 90,000 prewar Jewish population, only 20,000 survived the Nazi persecutions; 5,000 of them are living now in Greece, and 15,000 in Israel, the United States and other countries.

The main problem of the convention is how to make use of this hitherto unexploited fortune for the rehabilitation of the community while arranging for the participation of Greek Jews living outside the country. The problem has become particularly pressing, as the assistance the Greek Jewish community has received from the Claims Conference until now will soon come to an end.

The second problem, that of organization, was discussed at the meeting by the representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, Haim Ben Rubi, who proposed that the rehabilitation program should be drawn up in the name of the Central Board of Jewish Communities, in order to avoid possible misuse by small communities and for the purpose of forming a strong Jewish community in Greece. However, many delegates spoke against central administration, declaring that they prefer individual rehabilitation for each community.

JEWS IN GERMANY URGE AUTHORITIES TO BAN CONFERENCE OF NAZIS

DUSSELDORF, June 29. (JTA) -- Dr. H.G. Van Dam, secretary-general of the Council of Jews in Germany, appealed today to West German officials to intervene against plans of former members of the SS from Belgium and The Netherlands to hold a meeting, July 4, in West Germany.

The former SS members, now members of a European Committee for Hero Worship, with headquarters in Antwerp, met in Muenstereife, in North Rhine Westphalia, in 1963, the same place set for the July 4 meeting. They were forbidden last year to hold any public activities other than a memorial service, but speeches were delivered and a torchlight procession was held.

Officials here said that the West German Embassy raised the issue with the Belgian Foreign Office, which said that, under Belgian law, there was no way to prevent Belgians from organizing meetings of that kind in West Germany.

Socialist Party members asked Willy Wyer, North Rhine Westphalia Interior Minister, whether he planned to reject the application of the SS group for permission to hold the July 4 meeting. Dr. VanDam met with the Interior Minister for a discussion of the situation, and also asked the West German Interior Minister, Hermann Hoehner, to intervene.

IMMUNITY WITHDRAWN FROM GERMAN MINISTER SUSPENDED FOR NAZI PAST

BONN, June 29. (JTA) -- The West German Bundestag deprived of Parliamentary immunity today Hans Krueger, who was suspended last February from his post as Minister for Refugees in Ludwig Erhard's first Nazi-past scandal as Chancellor.

Krueger, who was the only new member of the West German Cabinet to take office with Chancellor Erhard last October as the Chancellor's personal choice, came under East German charges of having been a judge in a Nazi terror court. After denying the charges despite publication of documentary proof by the East Germans, Krueger was suspended by the Chancellor.

An investigator of the Coesfeld court in Westphalia has asked the Israel Consulate in Cologne for a visa to visit Israel for further investigation into the charges against Krueger.

LOS ANGELES POST OF AMERICAN LEGION LOSES CHARTER; CHARGED WITH BIAS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 29. (JTA) -- The California State Executive Committee of the American Legion today revoked the charter of the Legion's Signal Hill Post No. 490, at Los Angeles, for engaging in anti-Semitic and anti-Negro activities.

The Legion conducted a two-day trial of the Signal Hill Post last April, at Hollywood. After reviewing the proceedings of that trial, the State Executive Committee voted revocation of the post's charter for "engaging in practices and a course of conduct that allowed the displaying and distribution at or about Legion meetings of anti-Semitic and anti-Negro literature." The post will be given an opportunity of appealing the state executive committee's decision to the Legion's national headquarters.

74 AMERICAN STUDENTS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO STUDY AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- Seventy-four American college students sailed for Israel today for a year of study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The students, from all parts of the country, representing 40 colleges, were selected from many applicants by the American Student Program Committee of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, under the chairmanship of Professor Oscar I. Janowsky.

The number of students participating in the program this year is almost double last year's enrollment and the largest group to date. The program, now in its tenth year, is designed to afford the American students a broader scope in their chosen field of study as well as give them an opportunity "to savor Israel's culture at first hand and to contribute to a better understanding in Israel of America and American Jewish ideals and institutions." Students participating in the program will receive credit from their schools in this country for their study in Israel.

CONNECTICUT JEWISH LEDGER CELEBRATES 35TH ANNIVERSARY; IS LAUDED

HARTFORD, Conn., June 29. (JTA) -- Connecticut Gov. John Dempsey, and the Mayors of the leading cities in this State, paid high tribute today to the "Connecticut Jewish Ledger" and to the newspaper's editor, Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, of West Hartford, as the "Ledger" celebrated the 35th anniversary of its founding in 1929. A special, enlarged anniversary edition of the "Ledger," including a 12-page feature section, contained articles and congratulatory messages from leading Jewish personalities.

While the anniversary edition constituted primarily a tribute to Dr. Feldman, praise was also lavished on the newspaper's founder, the late Samuel Neusner, who established the weekly in 1929, with Rabbi Feldman as editor. Gov. Dempsey stated that the "Connecticut Jewish Ledger," since its founding, was "representative of independent American Jewish newspapers," which observed "the precepts of responsible journalism and, under the skill and wisdom of its editor, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, and the competence of his associates earned a reputation for integrity."

KANSAS CITY JEWISH CHRONICLE ISSUES SPECIAL EDITION ON SOVIET JEWS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 29. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning Soviet anti-Semitism and calling upon the USSR authorities to restore religious and cultural rights to the Jews in the Soviet Union was adopted here at a city-wide rally to "arouse public conscience." The participants included leaders of the Catholic Protestant and Jewish communities of this city.

The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, local weekly, distributed at the rally a special edition of the newspaper, containing a copy of the prayer on behalf of Soviet Jewry prepared by Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim.

SOCIOLOGY OF BRITISH JEWRY TO BE STUDIED AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

LONDON, June 29. (JTA) -- The first research fellowship for the study of the sociology of British Jewry has been established at the London School of Economics by the Jewish Journal of Sociology here; The Journal's editor, Dr. Morris Ginsburg, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the London School of Economics, said his periodical had sponsored the fellowship in the hope of encouraging students to enter this field, in which so little research has been done.

FIRST DOCTORATE OF HEBREW LETTERS BESTOWED BY SAO PAULO UNIVERSITY

SAO PAULO, June 29. (JTA) -- The first Doctorate of Hebrew Letters granted by Sao Paulo University was awarded to the cultural attache of the Israel Consulate here, Zvi Caspi, for his thesis on "The Language of the Dead Sea Scrolls as Compared with the Language of the Bible."

Brazil's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Fritz Pinkuss, Professor of Hebrew at the university, presided over the examination board which heard Mr. Caspi defend his thesis.