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BEN-GURION REOPENS THE 'LAVON AFFAIR'; SUBMITS CHARGES TO GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion renewed officially today his contention that it was Pinhas Lavon who, as Defense Minister, gave the order which led to a disastrous security mishap in 1954.

The decade-old controversy between the former Prime Minister and Mr. Lavon was revived again today when Mr. Ben-Gurion presented a "White Book" to Justice Minister Dov Joseph at the latter's home in Jerusalem. Attorney General Moshe Ben-Zeev also was present.

In his "White Book," Mr. Ben-Gurion, who forced Mr. Lavon out of the dominant Mapei party in 1961, cited his conclusion that Mr. Lavon gave the order and said that the document should be the basis for the Justice Minister's consideration of whether a Governmental committee should be named to review the entire Lavon Affair.

Shortly after Levi Eshkol became Prime Minister, he sought to end the controversy by inviting Mr. Lavon, who also had been forced out of his post as secretary-general of the Histadrut -- Israel's Labor Federation -- to return to Mapei councils; Mr. Ben-Gurion demurred strongly and a special meeting of Mapei leaders decided to leave the matter in abeyance. There the issue rested until Mr. Ben-Gurion reopened it today.

Mapei circles were uneasy over Mr. Ben-Gurion's action. The move had been expected but it took place just one day before the Mapei party was to make a decision on some form of alignment with the Ahdut Avodah party.

Mr. Lavon had been cleared by several investigations, including one by a Cabinet committee, of responsibility for the mishap, details of which have never been publicized. However, Mr. Ben-Gurion continued to insist on Mr. Lavon's responsibility. He told the Justice Minister and the Attorney General today that his "White Book" contained documents which were not presented to the various committees which exonerated Mr. Lavon which would shed "new light" on the affair.

ESHKOL REPORTS TO U. J. A. MISSION ON ARAB PLANS TO INTENSIFY AGGRESSION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Arab plans to step up anti-Israel aggressions, as manifested recently at the Arab summit conference in Alexandria and at the meeting of "non-aligned" nations in Cairo, make it increasingly necessary for Israel to stay on the defensive alert, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol declared here last night.

Addressing a dinner in honor of the 140-member study mission of the United Jewish Appeal, Mr. Eshkol summarized the aggressive threats currently facing Israel, and declared: "The knowledge that millions of Jewish hearts beat in unison with us, out of a sense of common history and destiny, lends us courage and strength."

Referring to the Alexandria and Cairo conferences, he said: "The fact remains that Nasser is steadily building up his military potential and war machine. During the coming months, we will require increased vigilance in the face of Arab plans to step up aggression in every field."

Mr. Eshkol took the occasion to praise the work of both the UJA and the Joint Distribution Committee, a major beneficiary of the UJA. He asked both organizations to help insure Israel's future by aiding emigration of American Jewish youth to Israel at this period "when Israel must begin to think carefully of her need for more immigrants equipped with skills, know-how and the traditions of democratic life."

Today, at a final luncheon tendered to the members of the mission, Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman, presented two paintings as a gift from the mission to Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency, in celebration of Mr. Sharett's 70th birthday. The mission's final act here, as it concluded its visit to Israel today, was a visit to President Zalman Shazar, who tendered a reception to the visiting Americans.

U.N. Secretary General Declines to Act on Arab Threats to Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant said at his press conference here today that he does not find it necessary at this time to summon the Security Council to deal with the declaration issued recently by the 13 Arab states at their summit meeting in Alexandria, threatening the liquidation of Israel.

GERMAN COURT ABANDONS PLAN TO HOLD TRIAL SESSIONS AT AUSCHWITZ

FRANKFURT, Oct. 22: (JTA) -- A long-pending plan for the court, the 22 defendants, prosecutors and defense counsel to travel to the site of the former Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland, for some of the court sessions in the trial of the 22 men accused of murdering hundreds of thousands of Jews at Auschwitz, was abandoned today.

Instead of moving the entire proceeding to Auschwitz, it was announced, one member of the court will go there to study the camp site and all circumstances there relevant to the trial. The court representative will then report back to the full tribunal here. The Auschwitz trial here has been under way since last December.

COMMANDANT OF TREBLINKA CAMP ADMITS GIVING ORDERS TO GAS JEWS

DUSSELDORF, Oct. 22: (JTA) -- Kurt-Hubert Franz, the last commandant of the Treblinka murder camp, reversed himself in trial testimony today. He insisted first that he always left the camp when a transport of new victims arrived because he was "unable to watch" but later admitted he had seen how the victims were handled. An estimated 700,000 victims were murdered at the camp, most of them Jews.

Franz, one of 10 former Treblinka personnel on trial, said he always gave orders to another camp official and then left the camp for a horseback ride. Prosecution witnesses, however, had testified that Franz watched every detail of the killings and he admitted in today's testimony that he had seen other Jews driven by Ukrainians "with whips when I took over the job."

Otto Stadie, a former warden, testified how the victims were handled on arrival of a transport. He said the SS men or Ukrainians on the camp staff would get the Jews who were still alive out of the trains. "There were always some dead," he stated.

He recalled a transport of 4,000, "half of them dead, the others half-dead from the long journey without food or even water." He said he told the newcomers that after they were bathed and disinfected, they would be sent to labor camps, adding "I knew that was a devilish lie but they believed me." He said those who could not understand German were addressed in Polish or Yiddish.

He was asked by the judge whether the guards had tried to separate mothers and children and replied that "this was impossible even for us. You don't know Jewish mothers." He broke down at this point and wept before proceeding with his testimony.

Nazi Warden Describes Killing of Jews in Six Gas Chambers

He said each of the six gas chambers of the camp could "accommodate" 200 to 300 victims, who were marched to the chambers and pushed in. The iron doors were locked and the next group waiting outside could not hear them die. In about 45 minutes, he testified, the doors were opened and the bodies removed, the mothers with babies still held tightly, and tossed aside until there was a pile of about 300 bodies. These were then burned with wood and gasoline, he said.

Willi Mentz, who served in the so-called camp hospital, testified that those too old or sick to walk were killed sitting or lying on the edge of huge mass graves. He said he marched down the line, shooting each victim in the neck. When the judge asked if any of the victims cried or begged for their lives, he replied, "No, most of them were praying and sometimes one would say, 'kill me first.'" He added that victims were never checked to see if they were really dead.

Franz Suchmomel, a former Czech tailor who became an SS sergeant, and who was in charge of the personal effects of the victims, said their shoes were always tied together "as the commandant wanted it all proper." He described the arrival of a transport from Bialystok whose passengers threw hand grenades and bottles at the waiting Guards when the transport was opened "and hurt some of them."

Gustav Muenzberger, another Czech, admitted he had been cruel and struck prisoners with a whip but said that he never shot them. "I hurried them because I couldn't bear to see the poor women and children waiting in the cold," he stated. He was asked by the judge as to how many persons the defendants killed in Treblinka. He estimated the number as between 300,000 and 500,000.

ADENAUER TO VISIT ISRAEL; WILL SEEK TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

BONN, Oct. 22: (JTA) -- Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West Germany's former Chancellor, said today he definitely intended to make a visit to Israel to help improve relations between the two countries. He did not indicate a date for the visit.

Dr. Adenauer, now 88, received the invitation from David Ben-Gurion, former Premier, when both were in office. Dr. Adenauer is now national chairman of the ruling Christian Democratic party.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SUBMITS IMPORTANT REQUESTS TO GOVERNMENT

OTTAWA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress urged the federal government today to remove the words "the founding races" from the preamble to its Royal Commission on Biculturalism and Bilingualism, to ban hate-literature from the mails and jail its proponents, and to raise the question of anti-Semitism in Russia at the United Nations.

The Congress also asked the government to urge West Germany to amend its criminal law so that the German statute of limitations will not apply to war criminals; Under present German law, war crimes cannot be prosecuted after next May.

The views of the Canadian Jewish Congress were put before Prime Minister Lester Pearson and members of his Cabinet by Michael Garber of Montreal, CJC president, in its annual submission to the Government. The Congress' views on Israeli-Arab tensions were simultaneously submitted in a joint appearance before the Cabinet with the United Zionist Council.

The CJC said it was disturbed last year when the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism was appointed with terms of reference that mentioned an equal partnership between "the two founding races"--English and French. Mr. Garber pointed out that while one could become a member of a culture, one had to be born into a "race." The brief urged the Government to amend the terms of reference to assure the Canadian people that nearly one-third of the population is not to be deprived of its equality as part of the nation;

The CJC suggested amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada making it a crime, punishable by two years in prison, to incite violence or provoke disorder against any class of persons, or against any person as a member of any class in Canada; It also suggested that the public mischief provisions of the code be widened to include statements intended or calculated to promote hatred and contempt of, or hostility against, a group of persons by reason of their particular race, nationality or ethnic origin, color or religion.

The Congress brief said the use of the mails to promote hatred or contempt of any group of persons for their race, nationality or ethnic origin should be banned; But the brief stressed that a clause should be put in the code making clear that legitimate argument over controversial social, political, economic, and religious questions could continue.

Present at the interview were Prime Minister Pearson, Foreign Secretary Paul Martin, Justice Minister Guy Favreau, and Secretary of State Maurice Lamontagne. In addition to Mr. Garber, Sydney M. Harris, of Toronto and Saul Hayes, of Montreal also participated.

NOTICES OF INTERMARRIAGES IN AMERICAN JEWISH PRESS PROVOKE DISCUSSION

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The question whether American Jewish newspapers should print notices about intermarriages between Jews and non-Jews has become a problem in the Anglo-Jewish press in this country. Articles, editorials and comments from readers have been printed this week in at least two weeklies, the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, and the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle, of Milwaukee.

Both newspapers raised the question editorially, asking their readers to express their opinions on the issue. The Kansas City newspaper noted that, "because of our firm disapproval of such marriages, we have heretofore declined to print wedding reports of such non-Jewish marriages."

The Milwaukee newspaper, noting that some readers have asked why it does print such announcements, stated it had replied "why not?" continuing: "We know it happens and we know there is some apprehension as to what extent it will continue. We would be less than cognizant of modern-day Jewish life if we buried our head in the sand like an ostrich and denied its existence."

Both newspapers deplored the trend regarding intermarriage, but asked their readers to express themselves on whether to print or not to print such notices. In the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, readers seemed to be divided on the issue. Some insisted that no such notices be used. Others maintained that it was not the business of the editor to suppress news, even if he disagreed with a development on principle.

50,000 REPORTED TO HAVE ATTENDED B'NAI B'RITH VOCATIONAL CONFERENCES

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- More than 50,000 youth participated in career conferences conducted by B'nai B'rith Vocational Service during the past year, it was reported here today. There were 175 such conferences in 30 cities, Milton Berger of Philadelphia, BBVS national chairman, stated.

The value of career conferences was pointed up in a comprehensive study of college and career plans among Jewish youth, Mr. Berger said. The study, jointly conducted by BBVS and B'nai B'rith Women, showed that 45 percent of those who had attended a career conference were, to some degree, influenced by it in selecting occupational careers.

EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE GETS \$3, 750, 000 U. S. GRANT FOR RESEARCH

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A federal grant of \$3, 750, 000 to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, for the building of a center for research in mental retardation, was announced yesterday by Secretary of Welfare Anthony Celebrezze.

The Center will be linked to the Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center which is affiliated with Einstein College. The grant was made by the National Institutes of Health of the U. S. Public Health Service. The structure is to be completed in 1968 and will be the first of its kind in this part of the United States. Land has been provided by the City of New York.

The Center will have a staff of more than 200 scientists, directed by Dr. Harry H. Gordon, Professor of Pediatrics of the National Association for Retarded Children and Professor of Pediatrics and Research Professor of Obstetrics at Einstein College. Yeshiva University specialists will be involved in special aspects of the Center program.

The federal grant will cover most of the construction costs of the center. Supplementary funds will be obtained from voluntary sources.

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY REPORTS 30 PERCENT INCREASE IN STUDENT BODY

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Bar-Ilan University in Israel increased its student body this year by 30 percent to 1,500 but was compelled to refuse admission for lack of facilities to some 500 qualified candidates, Matiyahu Alder, the university director-general, reported here today.

Mr. Alder, who is en route to New York to attend a meeting of the university's board of governors, also reported that the teaching staff had been expanded by 35 percent and that two new buildings for the university's departments of physics and sociology, were virtually complete. Four more buildings will be completed next year.

The board of governors meeting will be attended by Moshe Shapiro, Israel's Interior Minister, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University of New York, Prof. Saul Lieberman of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Astorre Mayer of Milan, Prof. M. Jammer and Bialik prizewinner Dr. Baruch Kurzweil, he said.

Mr. Alder said that the university's current budget had reached 4,500, 000 pounds (\$1, 500, 000) and its development budget 5, 000, 000 pounds (\$1, 666, 000). He reported that the university student body included 200 from overseas and that 18 percent were of Sephardic or Oriental origin.

POLAND TO PUBLISH HISTORY OF JEWS IN POLISH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Polish Institute for Party History has set up a special unit to collect material and prepare a history of the participation of Jews in the Polish revolutionary movement since its start in the middle of the 19th century, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

The project will cover such participation until the present time. The unit has already collected more than 1, 000 documents relevant to its task. It was indicated it would take some time before the history is completed and ready for publication.

TWO FILMS DEALING WITH JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM WIN PRIZES IN ITALY

ROME, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Two films dealing with the Jewish victims of the Nazi Holocaust have been awarded second and third prize at a festival of resistance films held in the town of Cuneo in northern Italy, it was reported here today.

Winner of the second-place prize was a Czech film by Zbigniew Brynych entitled "Convoy from Paradise" and concerning the evacuation of Jews from the Theresienstadt concentration camp. The third place prizewinner was a Polish film directed by Wanda Jakubowska entitled "The End of Our World" dealing with the sufferings and revolt in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

GUIDE TO FUNERALS ADOPTED FOR MEMBERS OF CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A guide to Jewish funeral practices has been adopted by the board of directors of the United Synagogue of America for the use of members of Conservative synagogues.

The guide recommends that each congregation establish a burial committee along the lines of the traditional "Hevra Kadisha" to assist families in funeral arrangements. Among practices which the guide disapproves of are embalming, ostentatious coffins, viewing the dead person and floral displays.