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ISRAEL'S NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT WINS CONFIDENCE TEST IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Israel's new coalition Government faced its first parliamentary test of confidence today -- and won, by a vote of 66 to 28 -- when Gahal, the fusion of the Herut and Independent Liberal parties, tried to put through a resolution of non-confidence in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

The resolution attempted to censure the Government in connection with the recent increases on many commodities and services, and for plans to raise taxes and customs duties. In the balloting, two of the opposition parties, David Ben-Gurion's Rafi and Agudath Israel, abstained, both explaining that the questions of the changing Israeli economy and higher taxation would be debated when the Government's new budget comes before the Knesset next week.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol denied to the Knesset the Gahal charges to the effect that the Government has no constructive solution to the economic situation. He said a stable Government's prerequisite is the implementation of sound economic policy. He noted that, even during the recent election campaign, which returned him to power in last November's general balloting, he had not hidden the economic shortcomings. However, he said, there is no panacea for a stable economy and declared that various measures must be taken to hold down the inflationary pressures on Israel's economy.

More Price Rises Announced in Israel; Taxes on Services Planned

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Further price increases were announced today, and other consumer cost hikes are in the offing, as the spiral of the cost of living in Israel continued to rise.

The latest increase concerns the cost of telephone installations in homes and offices. That cost, heretofore 450 Israeli pounds (\$150), is to go up to 830 pounds (about \$293) by April 1. This increase is one of the sharpest yet announced in the present wave of rising prices caused by higher taxes and duties, aimed to provide revenue for Israel's next budget, which is about 12 and a half percent above the current budget.

The Finance Ministry, it was learned today, is also planning to impose taxes on services like repair work in garages, advertising and electrical repairs.

The drastic cost increases indicate that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir has decided to change the customary procedure regarding tax increases. Instead of spreading out those increases over a period of several months, he is believed to prefer a policy of "giving it to the public in one big dose over a short period." His plan is believed to be centered on a hope that, after costs have risen, he may be able to stabilize the country's economy on a new plateau.

Meanwhile it was disclosed today that the Government is to cut sharply its expenditures on new housing for immigrants in development areas. The decision is to reduce new housing of that type to 3,000 units from a previously contemplated program involving the construction of 13,000 dwelling units, unless there is a sharp and unexpected increase in immigration.

GERMANY TO START TALKS ON LOANS TO ISRAEL; DATE OF MEETING SET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Talks on concrete formulation of economic aid to Israel by the West German Government will start February 28, it was announced here today. The Israeli team will be headed by this Government's envoy to Bonn, Asher Ben-Nathan, while the German delegation will be headed by Dr. Rolf Lahr, State Secretary in the Bonn Foreign Ministry.

Israel is understood to be requesting from West Germany long-term loans to be used as Israel sees fit. The Germans, on the other hand, are reported to want to grant loans only on a project basis. The overall sum demanded by Israel has not been announced, but it is understood to involve \$50,000,000 a year for at least five years.

THREATENED GENERAL STRIKE OF ACADEMIC STAFFS AVERTED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7: (JTA) -- A threatened general strike by the academic staffs of all five of Israel's institutions of higher learning was averted today, when the Government met the demands by professors, lecturers and instructors for the payment of retroactive pay increases due them under an agreement signed last November.

Israel's Cabinet agreed to allocate 3,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$1,000,000) so that the arrearages will be cleared up by July 1. The institutions whose academic staffs threatened a general strike are the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University here, Bar-Ilan University at Ramat Gan, the Israel Institute of Technology-Technion at Haifa and the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot.

SEN. KENNEDY ADVOCATES THREE-POINT U. S. PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A three-point program of United States guarantees of Israel's security and Middle East peace was advocated here last night in an address by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. He voiced the program at the 58th annual dinner of Bnai Zion, an American fraternal Zionist organization, after receiving the Bnai Zion Bill of Rights Gold Medal in recognition of "his inspiring leadership in the furtherance of the letter and spirit of the Bill of Rights." At the same event, the Bnai Zion America-Israel Friendship Gold Medal was awarded to Maurice Levin.

Asserting that there must be no further armed confrontation between Israel and the Arab states, Sen. Kennedy said: "All of us who are concerned with the fate of Israel must now redouble our efforts, for we are now in a critical time, one as full of danger and promise as any that Israel has yet seen." Then he spelled out the program for United States Government action in the region as follows:

"1) We should affirm our commitment to peace and stability in the Near East. Any leader who does not understand that no Near Eastern war can be a local war should have that misapprehension corrected in the most forceful terms.

"2) We should continue to assure a reasonable balance between Israel's arms and the arms of those who threaten her security. In courage, in determination, in alertness, Israel is equal to any challenge, as she has been in the past. Her arms must also be equal to any challenge.

"3) We should intensify disarmament efforts in the Middle East. It would be far better for Israel and for every nation in that part of the world if money now spent on arms were spent instead on bringing a better life to the children of all the region. Equality of arms is preferable to imbalance; but absence of armaments under appropriate safeguards is better still. The Soviet Union must be brought to recognize that arms competition in this region is harmful to all."

"We must, in short," Sen. Kennedy stated, "ensure that what President Kennedy called 'the shining light of the Middle East' -- the light of Israel's freedom, traditions and people, will continue to glow, increasing its importance as its contributions to the world increase."

HADASSAH URGES MOSCOW TO FULFILL THREE PROMISES GIVEN TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, today urged the Soviet Union to "demonstrate its good intentions towards its Jewish citizens" by fulfilling three promises. These promises, she said, are to permit the printing of a new Hebrew prayer book, reopen the rabbinical seminary in Moscow, and provide matzo's for Soviet Jewry for Passover, 1966.

Mrs. Jacobson spoke at a special session this afternoon welcoming 200 Hadassah leaders to the organization's annual midwinter conference. The conference participants will concern themselves with evaluating Hadassah's programs in Israel and in the U. S. They will also make decisions that will affect the organization's activities in the U. S.

In her address, Mrs. Jacobson said that six months ago, acting on behalf of Hadassah, she had sent an appeal to the Soviet Union, urging that authorities there permit Jewish education inside the USSR. "My letter remains unanswered," she reported. "The other 103 nationalities in the USSR are permitted to provide the necessary instruments for the perpetuation of their national traditions and heritages," she pointed out. The 3,000,000 Jews in the USSR constitute the only group to be denied this right that is guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution."

"Liberal public opinion in the Western world has voiced the demand for the restoration of the rights of the Jews of the USSR, including their right to be reunited with their families abroad. No power can remain insensitive to world public opinion. We shall continue to help mobilize all the resources of that public opinion until justice is done to the Jews of the USSR," Mrs. Jacobson stated.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS REACTS ON TRAINING OF GERMAN TROOPS IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress issued a statement here expressing the hope that the emotions and reactions of a large number of Canadians "will not be flouted" by the fact that West German troops are to receive training at Camp Shiloh, in Manitoba.

The CJC noted that "the Jewish citizens of Canada recognize with other Canadians" the value to Western democracy of Canadian commitments to NATO and the need for training forces for NATO. "At the same time," the statement declared, "it is an inescapable fact of social and political life that emotions are deeply stirred when such obligations confront a large number of people who personally, or whose families, underwent unparalleled pain and suffering at the hands of Nazi Germany, of which the Wehrmacht and allied military units were the symbol."

"The Canadian Jewish Congress must assume," the statement continued, "that in the discharge of Canada's treaty obligations, whereby responsibility exists for the training of military personnel by a cadre of German officers, care is taken that this country is not hospitable to those very forces which were integral parts of the machinery of death and destruction of millions of innocent civilians. It is therefore hoped that the understandable emotions and reactions of a large number of newcomers to this country, particularly, as well as of others of our population, will not be flouted by a disregard of the principles involved."

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN LAUDED IN SENATE FOR IDEAS ON AID TO AGED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Credit was given to the National Council of Jewish Women for contributing creative ideas on helping the nation's aged, in a Senate speech today by Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr., New Jersey Democrat. In introducing a bill to establish a national senior community service corps within the administration on aging of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Sen. Williams said the Jewish group was "especially helpful" in proposals that may be implemented by the legislation.

An outline of the National Council of Jewish Women's senior service corps was supplied to the Senator at his request. The corps was conceived to enable the elderly to use their lifelong experiences and skills in volunteer service to the community, and particularly in teaching skills to young people. It suggests a new answer to the needs of useful activity for people after retirement.

WORLD ORT UNION ADOPTS RECORD BUDGET OF \$12,020,000 FOR 1966

GENEVA, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The World ORT Union executive committee adopted a record budget of \$12,020,000 for 1966 at the close of a two-day meeting which reviewed the ORT program of activities in 22 nations. Daniel Mayer, of Paris, World ORT chairman, and Dr. William Haber, of Lansing, Mich., president of the ORT central board, presided at the two-day session.

Attending delegations included ORT officials from the United States, Canada, Denmark, France, Britain, Israel, Iran, Italy, the Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and Tunisia.

Max A. Braude, ORT director general, reported that, for the first time, national organizations would meet two-thirds of the 1966 expenditures. He said that this reflected "the development of our national organizations as well as the esteem in which they are held by their governments and community organizations in their countries of operation."

Dr. V. Halperin, ORT director, told the executive committee that the total enrollment in ORT schools at the end of 1965 had increased by 12 percent over the previous year, and that a total of 46,000 persons had benefited from ORT training programs in 1965.

In adopting the budget, the executive committee endorsed the agreement between ORT and the Joint Distribution Committee, which provides \$1,950,000 to ORT from United Jewish Appeal funds. The committee also thanked the Jewish Colonization Association for increasing its grant this year to the World ORT Union. It also expressed appreciation to the Women's American ORT for its continued support and for assuming additional financial obligation to help a proposed doubling of ORT trade schools in Israel.

1,365 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM HEBREW U.; 610 RECEIVE DEGREES TODAY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- With the award of 610 bachelor degrees in the humanities and social sciences scheduled here by the Hebrew University for tomorrow, the university is graduating a total of 1,365 students this week at its main campus here and in Tel Aviv and Rehovot. The total of Hebrew University graduates since its founding is being brought to an aggregate of 13,400. In addition to the 610 bachelors of arts diplomas being granted here tomorrow, 266 students will receive the bachelor of science degree Wednesday in mathematics and the sciences, and 119 will get law degrees.

U. A. H. C. LAUNCHES EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR JEWISH COLLEGE YOUTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has launched a series of experimental programs for college youth dealing in such areas as worship, theology and social action as a means of strengthening their religious commitments, it was announced here today. Reform Jewish students at ten universities in the United States and Canada are currently involved in these pilot efforts.

UAHC president, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, in announcing the plan, expressed the hope that "if these projects proved successful they could result in a new bridge of communication between the present and new generation of Jews and thus begin the long road to combat problems of assimilation, intermarriage and apathy."

The new projects were made possible by a grant from a St. Louis philanthropist, Charles H. Yalem, and an additional contribution from the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. Mr. Yalem said that he considered the problems of reaching college Jewish youth "one of the major concerns of the Jewish community and one in which Reform Judaism, with its modern and flexible outlook, can play a vital role."

PUPILS IN N. Y. REFORM JEWISH SCHOOL ATTEND MASS IN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Eight Reform Jewish teenagers attended mass at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle here yesterday in a program arranged by the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue aimed at enabling the youngsters to learn about the Roman Catholic Church.

The Jewish youngsters, pupils of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue School, were also given special instruction in the procedures and religious articles and vestments used in the Catholic ritual at the St. Paul the Apostle School and were guests at a brunch given by the Sisters of the Holy Cross who staff the Catholic School. In the instruction period, the Jewish youngsters watched a demonstration of Catholic ritual which was explained to them by a faculty member of the St. Paul School.

Last year, the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue School was host at a model Passover seder to a group of Catholic youngsters.

WORLD PREMIERE OF PROF. BUBER'S 'ELIJAH' GIVEN IN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The world premiere of Prof. Martin Buber's "Elijah" was given at the Little Theater of the Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart at Purchase, N. Y. The play was translated into English by Prof. Maurice Friedman, formerly philosophy professor at Sarah Lawrence College.

The play has 23 scenes and 66 roles and 25 actors. It tells the story of Elijah's being summoned by God to save Israel from idolatry and worship of Baal. It is considered one of the last works of Prof. Buber.

BUENOS AIRES MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BANS SHOWING OF 'THE DEPUTY' PLAY

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Municipal Council here has banned the controversial play, "The Deputy," which portrays the late Pope Pius XII as acting passively in the face of the Jewish extermination in World War II.

The play opened at the Buenos Aires La Salle Theater last month but was canceled today by municipal decree.

DR. DAVID KAHANE NAMED CHIEF RABBI OF ARGENTINA; LIVED IN ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. David Kahane, an authority on Jewish religious law and former rabbi in Warsaw, has been named the new Chief Rabbi of Argentina, it was announced here today by Zvi Feinguersch, president of the Central Council of the Jewish Communities in Argentina and of the Buenos Aires Kehilla.

The author of a number of works in the field of halachah, Rabbi Kahane was a Polish Army chaplain during the Nazi invasion of that country and later served as Chief Rabbi of the Polish forces in the territories liberated from the Nazis. In 1945, he was designated as chairman of the Vaad Hakehilot in Poland. In 1950, Rabbi Kahane immigrated to Israel.

CHARLES GOLDMAN, PROMINENT N. Y. PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Charles Goldman, a prominent Jewish industrialist and philanthropist, who died of a heart attack this weekend at the age of 63. Among his major philanthropic contributions were the establishment of the Goldman Wing of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem and the gift of the \$650,000 Goldman-Schwartz Art Studios to Brandeis University. He was also a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University.

Mr. Goldman was an industry leader in the drives for the United Jewish Appeal, Israel Bonds and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York. He contributed a number of items from his extensive collection of French impressionist paintings to auctions for the benefit of the UJA.