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ESHKOL CONFIDENT MAPAM WILL ACCEPT NEW ECONOMIC AUSTERITY PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) - Prime Minister Levi Eshkol voiced confidence here today that Mapam, one of the coalition partners, would go along with the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment in supporting the Government's economic austerity program. The new program is aimed at improving the competitive position of the nation's exports, thereby reducing Israel's unfavorable trade gap. Without Mapam's approval, the new economic program might collapse, and the Government could fall.

The Premier expressed optimism over the program for which he has been trying to round up full coalition support during the past few weeks, at the founding meeting of the alignment's ideological youth circle. He indicated that he would meet shortly with the coalition parties to secure broad agreement on the plan. In reply to a question at the meeting, however, Mr. Eshkol dismissed a proposal that, in view of the economic crisis, the time had come for a government broader than the present coalition.

During the weekend agreement was reached within the alignment on one major point of difference. The Mapai-Achdut Avodah economic committee decided to recommend to the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, that only half of the cost-of-living allowance increase forthcoming as a result of expected price rises be paid in 1967 and 1968 to those earning more than 400 pounds (\$133) a month. Under the compromise proposal, persons earning less than that minimum figure would be compensated in full for all price increases from now on.

While the original austerity program as proposed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir sought to eliminate all cost-of-living increases starting next year, this was opposed by the Histadrut labor leaders.

Compulsory Loan Advocated; Consumer Prices Rise, Averaging 20%

Achdut Avodah, however, continued today to press its demands that the economic program should include a compulsory levy of a loan of 100,000,000 pounds (\$33,300,000) on self-employed persons in the upper income brackets, and also increase the direct taxation of this category as well as of corporations. Mr. Sapir opposes these measures, contending that they would seriously hamper the development of business in Israel.

The remaining coalition partners -- the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals -- while protesting what they termed "neglect and lack of consideration" for their views on the part of the alignment in developing the economic program, generally support the broad outlines of the plan.

Today, meanwhile, the first effects of the program began to be felt by the Israeli consumer as a number of everyday items, such as eggs and other farm products, increased in price. Dairy products, consumed by Israelis in large quantities, are also due to rise in price, along with soap, oil, fats and cotton products. Most increases averaged about 20 percent.

FRANCE ASKS ISRAEL FOR DETAILS ABOUT SURRENDERED SOVIET MIG-21

PARIS, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- France reportedly asked Israel today about the possibility of French experts obtaining detailed information about the Soviet-made MIG-21 which a defecting Iraqi pilot flew to Israel recently. The request reportedly asked either for permission to examine the advanced Soviet jet fighter, or at least for detailed information about it. The MIG is the first to land in a non-Communist or non-Arab country. The request was sent through "normal official channels," it was reported here.

The French apparently are most interested in the MIG's industrial secrets, and want to send a team consisting of an aeronautical engineer, an electronics expert and a test pilot to examine the plane.

(Israel's position is that the plane is exclusively Israeli property and may be examined only by Israelis, a stand which has evoked political debate in Israel. Many other countries, on both sides of the Iron Curtain, have tentatively approached Israeli authorities about an inspection of the MIG.)

BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT VOICES HOPE FOR CLOSER BONN-JERUSALEM LINKS

BONN, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag, lower house of West Germany's parliament, left for Israel today after voicing a hope that his visit there and his contacts with leading officials of the Israeli Government would help further to cement German-Israel relations.

The immediate reason for Dr. Gerstenmaier's trip -- accompanied by his wife -- is to attend the ceremonies in Jerusalem tomorrow in connection with the dedication of the new Knesset (Parliament) building. He will be one of between 40 and 50 leaders of parliaments in many free countries participating in the ceremonies. Incidentally, Dr. Gerstenmaier will be the first top Bonn official to visit Israel since West Germany and Israel established diplomatic relations last year. Dr. Gerstenmaier is scheduled to visit Israel's President Zalman Shazar, confer with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, and met with Kadish Luz, speaker of the Knesset.

As he was being seen off at the airport by Israel's ambassador here, Asher Ben-Nathan, Dr. Gerstenmaier expressed his hope of being able to improve relations with Israel still further, and said: "The presence of so many Parliamentary speakers from all over the world at tomorrow's ceremonies in dedication of the new Knesset building will serve to raise Israel's prestige and to raise understanding between Israel and the rest of the world, thus underscoring the importance of Israel to the world." Last week, at a celebration here in honor of Dr. Gerstenmaier's 60th birthday, Mr. Ben-Nathan presented him with the Israel Government's gold medal.

3 ISRAELI SCHOLARS RECEIVE ROTHSCHILD PRIZES AT JERUSALEM EVENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The annual Rothschild Prizes for achievement in the fields of social science, engineering and applied mathematics were awarded here last night to Prof. Gad Tedeschi, of the Hebrew University; Prof. Haim Leib Pekeris, of the Weizmann Institute; and Prof. Abraham Kogan, of the Technion at Haifa. The prizes of \$3,300 each, are given in memory of the late philanthropist, Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

The prizes were presented at the King David Hotel by Lord Rothschild, who reported briefly on the work of the Edmond Rothschild Memorial Group, a foundation which supports cultural and scientific activities in Israel, such as the country's new educational television system.

Premier Levi Eshkol, who was the principal speaker at the event, said that the prizes were "no mere material awards but recognition that the recipients are enriching us far beyond the value of what they are receiving today. They enrich us with knowledge, the value of which will endure for generations."

Among those attending the ceremony were former Premier David Ben-Gurion, Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Isser Untermann, James de Rothschild of France, Meyer Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute, members of the Cabinet and Pinhas Rosen, a member of the Knesset, who was chairman of the awards committee.

ISRAELI CABINET MEMBERS STUDY PROPOSALS FOR INCREASING BIRTH RATE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Proposals for increasing Israel's birth rate were forwarded by the Cabinet today to a special committee for study. The proposals which were submitted to the Cabinet by the Government statistician, Prof. R. Baki, call for financial help for families with numerous offspring and other aid, especially in the areas of education and housing.

The committee, headed by Minister of Justice Y. Shapiro, includes the Minister of Health, Israel Barzilai; the Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerach Warhaftig; and Israel Galilee, Minister without portfolio. The group is to report its findings to the Cabinet within a month.

Also on the Cabinet's agenda are proposals for legislation against abortion.

PLANS DRAWN FOR EXPANDING ISRAEL'S CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC TIES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Plans aimed at expanding Israel's cultural and scientific ties with other countries were forwarded today to Foreign Minister Abba Eban by a special task force which he had appointed last April.

The committee's recommendations called for the appointment of a scientific adviser to the Foreign Minister, who would advise on scientific ties overseas; creation of an advisory public council on cultural and scientific relations; and a gradual increase of the number of cultural and scientific attaches at Israeli missions abroad. The proposals also recommended more cultural exchanges under Israel's cultural agreements with other nations.

GERMAN JEWS CALL FOR VIGILANCE AGAINST WAVES OF ANTI-SEMITISM

BONN, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Vigilance against "inhuman anti-Semitic acts" was called for today in a pre-New Year statement issued here by the Central Council of Jews in Germany. The Council called on all to be alert against a new hate campaign.

SOVIET UNION EXECUTES MORE NAZI AIDES BELIEVED TO HAVE KILLED JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Vasily Dolin, a member of the Nazi security police during the German invasion of Eastern Europe, was executed by a firing squad in Leningrad today for murder and torture of Soviet citizens, the Tass News Agency reported here. Tass said Dolin's crimes took place in Estonia and in the vicinity of Leningrad. His appeal was denied by a Soviet tribunal because of the "gravity of the crimes committed."

The execution was another in a series of severe punishments meted out to persons who collaborated with the Nazi SS and Gestapo actions. Yesterday, Moscow reported that eight Russian "Quislings" -- convicted of serving with the Nazis and carrying out mass murders -- were executed by other firing squads.

Although there was no mention of Jews in the dispatch, it was believed here that the victims who were killed in the mass murders were mostly Jews. The eight "Quislings," all Russians of German descent, were found guilty of massacres in which more than 3,600 people had died. Three other "Quislings" were jailed for 15 years.

POLITICAL PARTIES URGED TO PROTEST AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an interfaith organization devoted to alerting world opinion to the plight of Soviet Jewry, today called on the major political parties of New York State to join the world-wide protest against anti-Jewish discrimination in the Soviet Union. In letters to platform committee chairmen of the Democratic, Liberal and Republican parties, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, of Congregation Zichron Ephraim, head of the foundation, asked that these parties "join the international and interdenominational resolution to ameliorate religious and cultural restrictions against Jews in Russia."

The situation of Russian Jewry will also be brought to the attention of American Jews during the High Holy Day season by means of a "Declaration of Rights for Soviet Jewry," which will be posted in synagogues and Jewish community centers during the week between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The declaration is being sponsored by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, an association of 25 national Jewish organizations.

GHANA COURT ORDERS EXTRADITION OF AUSCHWITZ DOCTOR TO W. GERMANY

ACCRA, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Horst Schumann, 60, charged with killing 30,000 Jews and non-Germans at Auschwitz, was ordered by a court here extradited to West Germany. The Ghanaian Government, during the rule of deposed President Kwame Nkrumah, had refused to hand Dr. Schumann over to Bonn for trial on the war crime charges.

GERMAN OFFICIALS, UNIONS REACT AGAINST JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATION

BONN, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Forty-five gravestones were damaged and 33 daubed with anti-Jewish slogans in the old Jewish cemetery in Luebeck, in northern Germany this weekend, police reported today.

Helmut Lemke, Prime Minister of Schleswig-Holstein, denounced the desecrations. The German Trade Unions demanded severe punishment for the vandals, and the city of Luebeck has promised to help the Jewish community to restore the cemetery.

EICHMANN AIDE, CHARGED WITH KILLING 400,000 JEWS, FACES NEW TRIAL

VIENNA, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Franz Novak, a former Nazi SS captain, will again be tried here next month on charges of complicity in the murder of 400,000 Jews, men, women and children during World War II. He was arrested in January, 1961.

Novak, a 53-year-old accomplice of Adolf Eichmann, had been sentenced in 1964 to eight years' imprisonment. However, he filed an appeal, and the Supreme Court ordered a retrial.

TWO JEWISH SCHOOLS IN MEXICO CITY CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARIES

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The two Jewish schools here, Yavneh and Tarbut, celebrated their respective quarter-century anniversaries here today. Both were founded in 1914. Yavneh, which is a religious school, is headed by Zelik Shifmanovich, as director. The director of Tarbut, which is Zionist and emphasizes Hebrew studies, is Jacob Blumer.

'GUIDE TO INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE' ISSUED AS AID TO DISCUSSIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- A pamphlet entitled "Guide to Interreligious Dialogue," designed as an aid to encourage interfaith discussion, has been published by the American Jewish Committee. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the Committee's interreligious affairs department, pointed out that the pamphlet includes a list of topics for discussion, as well as a practical working plan which explains how to set up a dialogue, where to hold it and how to attract participants.

ORTHODOX JEWS URGE USE OF U.S. FUNDS NOW IN NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The New York City Board of Education was urged today to allocate funds immediately to help pupils in the city's Hebrew day schools, as provided by the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. While the legislation provides funds for remedial and enrichment programs for both public and non-public school children, the Board has not yet passed on the allocations to parochial school children in New York. Such grants are opposed by some Jewish and non-Jewish groups.

In a joint statement, Rabbi Pesach Z. Levovitz, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, said that delay in granting the funds "may make it impossible to implement the program for the coming year." Any delay in granting the Federal funds, the statement declared, "would prove an irreparable damage for hundreds of thousands of youngsters in New York City, and will adversely affect their future."

Both Orthodox Jewish leaders stressed that their groups are "traditionally opposed" to Federal aid and involvement in religious schools. But they maintained that the present law "is in full consonance with the separation of church and state."

CONN. LEGISLATOR CALLS FOR BAN ON BIASED PHRASING IN REALTY ADS

NEW HAVEN, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Connecticut State Sen. Edward L. Marcus announced here today that he will introduce legislation prohibiting use of the words "restricted area" in any real estate advertising, when the Connecticut General Assembly convenes next year. Mr. Marcus recently complained about an advertisement appearing in a local newspaper, in which the words "restricted area" appeared concerning the sale of a farm.

The legislator demanded an immediate clarification of the phrase, pointing out that discrimination is strictly prohibited in the sale of real estate in Connecticut. The broker's explanation that the phrase meant that the land was zoned and no industrial or commercial use would be permitted, was rejected by Mr. Marcus, who said that this reply does not "ring true." He said, that in his opinion, "the words connote all of the things which the majority of us feel are detrimental to our society."

JEWISH YOUTH URGED TO PRESS FOR CHANGES IN U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- American Jewish youth was urged today to accept its "adult roles" and to "exert pressure for changes" in policies and programs affecting the future of the American Jewish community.

Addressing the national convention of the Student Zionist Organization which opened today at Camp Galil, Ottsville, near here, Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, former secretary of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, said that, while students at American campuses have been demonstrating increasing acceptance of their adult roles in most social and political affairs, "no comparable role is yet discernible in Jewish communal affairs." Only in the Jewish community, Dr. Shapiro declared, "do students still conduct themselves as children, regarding themselves as 'youth movements' of adult organizations."

Stressing the need for Zionists to concern themselves with the "nature and quality of Jewish communal life as a whole," Dr. Shapiro said that involvement in Jewish communal affairs "will require the attempt to make it democratic in order to establish an arena for the debate of the relevant issues and for action to be taken on them by the participation of all who regard themselves as Jewish and who are ready to play a political role in determining the affairs of the Jewish community."

The convention, being attended by 200 delegates, will continue through Friday.

DR. SCHWARTZ ENVISAGES BOND DRIVE REACHING PEAK FIGURE THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- On the eve of the launching of the fall campaign for Israel Bonds, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, conferred today with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir on current economic problems and the need for the expansion of Israel's export trade.

In addition to discussing the role of Israel Bonds in financing various development projects including harbor expansion, irrigation and plans for increasing employment opportunities for new settlers in development towns, Dr. Schwartz reported on the progress of the Israel Bond campaign in the first eight months of 1966, and the prospects for the balance of the year.

The Israel Bond leader declared that sales so far this year show an encouraging increase over the results of last year. If the campaign maintains the same pace in the period from September through December, Dr. Schwartz added, "we shall come very close to ringing up a record total of more than \$100,000,000 in Israel Bond receipts for 1966." In 1965, the sale of \$91,300,000 represented the highest figure ever realized in the 15-year history of the Israel Bond campaign.