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ESHKOL OUTLINES HARSH ECONOMIC MEASURES FOR ISRAELIS; CITES DEFECTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol called upon all of Israel tonight to take a fresh look at the economic facts of life, pull in its belt more tightly than ever, and work together in all sectors -- public and private -- toward the stabilization of the country's economy, increasing productivity so that exports may rise, and thus giving employment to more workers.

The principal aims of the State of Israel, he stated, in a radio broadcast, are the same as they have been since the rebirth of Israel: "Peace with our neighbors; the fusion of the various communities in our land into one nation; moving our economy forward toward self-sufficiency." The Prime Minister then turned his message to the nation into a somber lecture on the state of the economy, its shortcomings and its near future.

He said that, despite the nation's affluence and well-being, and despite the fact that exports have risen by scores of millions of dollars yearly, the economy has been unable to provide enough productive employment. Productivity, he stated, has been low; management has been bad; organizational methods have been backward; high spending has been indulged in only to create impressions; staffs have been inflated; the wage demands of workers have been much too high.

Says Government Will Check Tendency to Get Rich Easily

"Maybe all of this could have continued for some years," said the Premier. "It might even have increased the popularity of the Government. But the price we would have had to pay later would have been still higher." Since the Government's call upon Israelis for self-restraint had gone unheeded, he declared, the Government has had to step in and make a number of decisions as follows: Prices will be held down rigidly; no new taxes will be imposed, except on increased capital gains; investments will be encouraged; services will be overhauled; expenditures will be cut drastically.

The Government, warned Mr. Eshkol, will take measures to prevent any tendency toward getting rich easily. Bank charges will be reduced. Exports will be encouraged by various administrative and fiscal means. Many workers, he said, will find themselves without jobs during the transition period between their dismissal from certain services and their placement in jobs in productive enterprises. "Hardships," he warned, "may be caused to thousands, perhaps to tens of thousands."

However, the Prime Minister concluded, it is up to all to make a common effort to face the situation -- "up to all workers, managements, services, banks and the Government to work together toward stabilizing the economy and make it more productive, so that exports will increase and additional workers can be employed."

ISRAEL CABINET FINALLY APPROVES NEW ECONOMIC AUSTERITY PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet approved here today the new economic austerity program for the country, affecting wages and prices, intended to fight inflation, cut production costs, increase production, and make Israeli exports more competitive on the world markets. The plan was outlined by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol in a broadcast to the country tonight.

The decision was taken by the Cabinet after an unusually long session, today, lasting nine hours. The action followed a decision this weekend by the Mapam Party, the left-wing member of the Government coalition, which had staunchly opposed the Government's program but finally voted "to fight in the Government, in Parliament and in Histadrut (the labor federation backbone of the Government) to eradicate unemployment, stabilize prices and distribute the economic burden equally."

Outright refusal by Mapam to endorse the program, worked out by Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir and backed fully by Premier Eshkol, would have meant the downfall of the existing coalition Government. The Mapam decision was adopted by a 52 to 20 vote of its central committee. The continued Mapam opposition stemmed from refusal of the plan's sponsors to levy a compulsory loan and higher taxes on higher income groups, the failure to provide sufficient funds, in Mapam's view, to cut joblessness, and the failure to stabilize prices.

ISRAEL SUBMITS NEW COMPLAINT AGAINST SYRIA TO U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Israel complained to the U.N. Security Council today that Syria has "deliberately resumed a systematic and planned attack on the territory and population of Israel, in pursuance of its so-called 'People's War of Liberation.'"

In a letter from Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, to Dr. Nikolai T. Fedorenko, of the Soviet Union, this month's Security Council president, Israel noted that Syria had carried out three mining raids into Israel in within four days, causing injury to seven Israelis in the first action and to three others in the second.

In addition, Mr. Comay informed Dr. Fedorenko, four Syrian infiltrators tried to get into Kfar Yuval, a village near the Syrian border. Challenged by an Israeli army patrol, the infiltrators tried to fight back, Mr. Comay reported, with the result that two of the men were killed while the two others fled back across the Syrian border. Mr. Comay reported that the two dead infiltrators had carried guns, ammunition and other equipment identifying them as members of Syrian army commandoes.

The Israeli Ambassador, who did not request a Security Council meeting on the issue but asked only that his letter be distributed to all members of the Council, said that the Israel Covernment considers Syria's actions "of violence and aggression" as a "dangerous and irresponsible course" and gross violations of the Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement as well as of the cease-fire negotiated between Syria and Israel by the United Nations only last month.

HERUT ELECTS MERIDOR AS LEADER OF THE PARTY AT STORMY SESSION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Yakov Meridor was elected here to another term as chairman of the executive of the right-wing Herut Party after a riotous session of the badly-split party's central committee.

Tension became apparent immediately when the session opened with the expressed intention to choose a new executive. Supporters of Shmuel Tamir, an attorney who has challenged Herut's current leadership, proposed a non-confidence motion against Dr. Johanan Bader, Herut chairman. The proposal was beaten 56 to 36. A similar vote defeated a proposal by Mr. Tamir to postpone the meeting.

Charges and counter-charges greeted Mr. Tamir's effort to explain his position about the party's long-time leadership, including his opposition to Menahem Beigin, who gave up the party leadership this summer. Suddenly supporters of the present leadership threw a handful of nipples of baby bottles at the opposition with shouts of "babies." In the uproar that ensued, Mr. Tamir and his followers left while the remaining executive members continued the meeting. Mr. Meridor was instructed to propose a new executive to the central committee.

Mr. Meridor said he would invite some members of the outgoing executive to serve in the new one. He added, however, that a party tribunal would have to clear Mr. Tamir of charges of initiating and backing an allegedly slanderous letter against Mr. Beigin which was the basic cause of the turmoil in the party. Mr. Meridor said that if Mr. Tamir was "miraculously cleared," by such a tribunal, he would also be invited.

DR. JAKOBOVITS ELECTED CHIEF RABBI OF BRITAIN AT LONDON CONFERENCE

LONDON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, of New York, a 44-year-old Orthodox rabbi who was born in Germany and educated in London, was elected today as chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the British Commonwealth.

He was elected by the Chief Rabbinate Conference which is the electoral college for such a choice, and is composed of representatives of the United Synagogue as well as of delegates from communities in provincial Britain, delegates from Commonwealth countries, and other bodies which recognize the authority of the chief rabbi and contribute financially to the expenditures of the Chief Rabbinate. Dr. Jakobovits is scheduled to assume his new post some time after next Passover.

Sir Isaac Wolfson was chairman of the Conference, which traditionally dissolves after electing the chief rabbi. He is president of the United Synagogue, with which approximately 80 percent of the British Commonwealth's Jews are affiliated.

Dr. Jakobovits is now rabbi of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, an Orthodox house of worship in New York. He was rabbi of London's Great Synagogue in 1947. After two years in that post, he became the chief rabbi of the Jewish communities in Ireland, serving in that post from 1949 to 1958. He came to the United States and his present rabbinate in 1958.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS' LEADER ISSUES STATEMENT ON TALK WITH JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Malcolm A. Tarlov, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, today issued a supplementary statement on his "impressions" arising from a meeting with President Johnson last week. He said the JWV delegation reported to the President on the continued support of the organization for the President's policy in Viet Nam.

"We discussed with the President the U.S. treaty commitments in Southeast Asia. The President observed that the United States must live up to its written agreements in Southeast Asia just as it has to live up to the commitments to provide military support for free world countries in the Middle East and elsewhere, even where our country has other than formal military assistance commitments. It was mentioned that the problems of maintaining American commitments against Communist aggression in the Far East, in the Near East and elsewhere in the world are all inter-related and interdependent," Mr. Tarlov stated.

"We assured the President that JWV plans to bring its message to the entire Jewish community concerning the importance of supporting the President's policy in Viet Nam as well as elsewhere," the JWV statement said. Mr. Tarlov stressed to the President the recent JWV resolution stating that "we endorse the courageous action of President Johnson in increasing our military commitment, while searching every possible channel for the peaceful settlement that must be negotiated to end the conflict in Viet Nam."

Washington Critical of Johnson's Request to Jews on Viet Nam

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Disagreement with President Johnson's request for a publicity campaign by American Jewry in support of the Administration's involvement in Viet Nam was indicated here by a number of State Department officials.

Such officials thought the President was mindful of domestic political considerations. From a foreign policy viewpoint, however, they thought that purely "Jewish" expressions within the United States might injure diplomatic objectives in Arab states where the United States was trying to win support for its Viet Nam stand.

It was pointed out that if Jewish personalities and leaders, including businessmen and Zionists, publish statements identifying themselves as Jews with the U.S. position on Viet Nam, this might be exploited by Arab propaganda and Hanoi sympathizers to depict the war as "backed" by Zionism, reaction, colonialism, and imperialism."

A view emerging in the State Department, in the wake of publication of the President's request to the Jewish War Veterans, was that Jews should adhere as individuals to their Government's commitments in Viet Nam but that a special Jewish pro-Viet Nam campaign might prove "counter-productive."

One official explained that "expressions on Viet Nam by known supporters of Israel would not make our task easier in the Middle East, North Africa, and large areas of Asia including Indonesia. Their views as individual Americans are welcomed but a special Jewish demarche would pose problems abroad." Some Administration Congressmen, who advocate President Johnson's Viet Nam policies, took a similar position. They asked not to be quoted.

(In Israel, reaction to the report that President Johnson, in his talks with the delegation of the Jewish War Veterans, bracketed his friendship to Israel with his desire for greater Jewish backing of his Viet Nam policy, has been moderate and meager. The press reacted mildly while awaiting clarification on exactly what had been said by the President.)

ROCKWELL ARRESTED IN CHICAGO MARCH; WAS REFUSED PERMIT TO PARADE

CHICAGO, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- George Rockwell, the American Nazi, was arrested here yesterday by Chicago police as he led a march of his Nazi followers in Gage Park, an all-Negro section of Chicago. Police also arrested a Los Angeles man, Ralph Forbes, on charges of trying to interfere with Rockwell's arrest. A man named Ralph Forbes headed an American Nazi Party headquarters in Glendale, California.

Rockwell sought in federal district court yesterday to obtain a court order to force the city of Chicago to give him a permit for a parade. In denying the request, Judge Joseph Sam Perry said Rockwell had failed to show that the denial of the permit was unreasonable. The Nazi said he would lead a group of his Nazis into the all-Negro neighborhood without the permit and did so. His parade was one of the counter-demonstrations against marches by Negroes into all-white neighborhoods in protest against segregated housing.

Judge Perry also denied a Rockwell petition for an order to bar Cook County from prosecuting Rockwell on disorderly conduct charges. Rockwell was arrested August 29 on disorderly conduct charges by Sheriff Richard Ogilvie, who had promised to arrest Rockwell

on sight if he came to Chicago. Rockwell filed suit to have the charge dropped on grounds it was "illegal and unconstitutional." Judge Perry said Rockwell had failed to show he could not get a fair trial in Chicago.

Judge Denies Jewish War Veterans' Request Against American Nazis

The judge also denied a request by the Jewish War Veterans for an order to prevent Nazis from holding "white power" rallies and marches in Chicago on Saturday. He left the way open for appeal. The JWV said the rallies and marches would be an incitement to riot.

Judge Perry said the feeling for free speech in this country was so strong that he felt "we must give every American the right to exercise it." He was shown literature which the Nazis had distributed through Chicago neighborhoods. He described the material as "objectionable, offensive, abusive and incitive of riot and revolution."

FARBAND CONFERENCE DECIDES TO START CAMPAIGN AGAINST ASSIMILATION

HIGHLAND MILLS, N.Y., Sept. 11. (JTA) -- A concerted drive against assimilation, with highest priority given to specific steps to counter the erosive effects of Jewish illiteracy and the lack of Jewish foundation in many so-called Jewish defense activities, was decided upon by the national advisory board of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order at its annual conference at Unser Camp here today.

The more than 100 key Farband leaders, including the national executive and representatives of city committees in communities throughout the United States and Canada decided to intensify the drive against "Jewish ignorance" through the following program:

1) Incentive scholarships to Jewish students who follow teacher training courses which will prepare them to become teachers in Jewish schools; 2) An intensive drive to set up at least four or five new day schools within the next five years; 3) To devote special efforts to organize adult Jewish education study groups by Farband branches in communities throughout the United States and Canada; 4) To extend the Farband-Israel scholarship program to enable young people to go to Israel whether as students at the Hebrew University or other schools of higher Jewish learning in Israel, or to join as members of work-study groups on kibbutzim, or to become members of some service groups of American youths in Israel.

PARENTS OPPOSE USING CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSES

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Sept. 11. (JTA) -- A State Supreme Court justice took under advisement this weekend a petition by 25 parents opposing plans of the Rockland County school board to use a church and a synagogue for public school classes.

The parents, in a petition calling the plan "unconstitutional" and in violation of the church-state separation clause, asked that the board be banned from using St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Temple Beth El for classes. Both are in Spring Valley.

Leo Pfeffer of New York, counsel for the American Jewish Congress, appeared for the parents before Justice John Dillon. He argued that sending children to buildings whose "atmosphere was religious" was in violation of the "sincere, honest religious feelings" of the petitioning parents.

David Greenberg, school board attorney, said the move was forced by a huge expansion of the school population for which the board is building two elementary schools and a new high school. Meanwhile, he said, classes must be held somewhere. Classrooms at the church and synagogue will hold 371 of the 800 additional school pupils and the rest will go to school at an abandoned Nike base, he added. He said the board had tried to find room in a factory and other places, and emphasized that the school district had "gone to extremes" to remove all religious symbols from the house of worship buildings used for classrooms.

Justice Dillon said he "could not help but wonder" what would happen to the children if the petition was accepted, adding "what is the school board to do?" Mr. Pfeffer replied that "there are times when you must sacrifice some convenience for our constitutional principles." He suggested raising class totals from 20 to 35 and using trailers and prefabricated buildings for the children.

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN TO BE HONORED IN NEW YORK ON 70th BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, world chairman of the Keren-Hayesod-United Israel Appeal and member of the Jewish Agency executive, arrived in the United States from Jerusalem for his annual High Holy Days visit to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of which he is Rabbi Emeritus. Dr. Goldstein's 70th birthday will be celebrated by the congregation next Saturday.