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ISRAEL'S LEADING FISCAL EXPERTS DISCUSS ECONOMY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, warned here today that the contrast between overheated economies in developed nations and growing needs in underdeveloped countries required urgent steps to avert grave tensions and the peril of war. He spoke at the annual meeting here of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association. Another of the principal speakers, in Washington, was Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Mr. Horowitz suggested that developed nations were doing too little to meet the rising needs generated by the worldwide population explosion and increased demands. He cited a widening "good gap" among underdeveloped nations, and warned of "grave political implications" developing "if we are faced by falling off of trade, investment and rising famine."

Asserting that there was a slowing down of economic aid to the underdeveloped nations at the same time that needs were increasing, he called for a "crash program" by the "affluent society" to apply domestic social solutions to "relations between the developed and underdeveloped world -- a world welfare community."

He advocated application of the "Horowitz Plan," which he first outlined to the United Nations Social and Economic Council in 1965. He summarized the plan as "a simple action of borrowing hard and lending soft, with the whole financial structure underpinned by a suitable set of guarantees and an interest-equalization fund."

Sapir Reports on Israel's Growth in Population, Gross National Product

In his address, Mr. Sapir, who is a governor of the International Monetary Fund, said that Israel's economic experiences promoted appreciation of IMF plans to assure international liquidity for the future. He stated that "In a certain sense, the Israel economy has been a rather extreme example of the difficulties encountered in a developing country where a large inflow of capital enables the economy to expand rapidly."

Mr. Sapir pointed out that, "in Israel, during the last 10 years, we have had an average annual increase in population of 4 percent; our gross national product grew at an annual rate of 10 percent; and we were able to allocate about 25 percent of our total net available resources to investment. These percentages can be considered to be favorable ones, when compared with other countries. But, as is the case in almost all developing countries, we were able to achieve this growth only because of a large inflow of capital -- in our case, mainly through unrequited transfers but to a certain extent also by obtaining long-term loans from international institutions, on the one hand, and attracting private investment on the other hand. In this way, the economy has become adjusted to having a large deficit on current account offset by a surplus in the capital account."

"However, it is clear," he continued, "that if we look to the future, the Israel economy -- just as that of all other developing countries in the long run -- will have to develop itself to a situation in which it will have not only to finance its development out of its own means, but also to return to the rest of the world principal, interest, and dividends on the capital flow which was instrumental in bringing about the development during the take-off period. This process, which can easily be explained in theory and can be outlined by every economist well-versed in national accounting, presents an extremely difficult task for those who are responsible, in a democratic state, for implementing the correct conclusions of our economists."

ITALY DELAYS PAYING GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION TO VICTIMS OF NAZISM

ROME, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Informed sources reported here today that compensation payments to victims of the Nazi occupation of Italy, from a special \$10,000,000 West German fund given to Italy in 1963, will not be completed before 1968. An estimated minimum of 8,000 Jews appear to be eligible for such payments.

The West German Government provided the money for partial indemnification of Italians deported by the Nazis between 1943 and 1945. An Italian law regulating distribution of the funds was adopted in 1964. It excluded servicemen taken to Germany as prisoners of

war after the Italian armistice in 1943. Under that law, it was estimated that applicants would total about 20,000, including one-third who were Jews.

Later it developed that the clause excluding prisoner of war deportees had been incorrectly interpreted, and some 300,000 applications were filed. Current estimates of eligible claimants are between 30,000 and 40,000 persons, and the number of Jewish claimants may be higher than the initial estimate.

The original deadline for submitting documentary proof of eligibility was November 22, 1966. However, final examination of the 300,000 applications by a special commission, eventual appeals against findings of the commission and other procedures assured delay in payments until 1968, the sources said.

It was estimated that the average payment, when finally made, will be about \$250 per person. Since payments will be based on duration of deportation of each victim, the actual payments will vary from that average.

GERMANY SHARPLY DENOUNCES CHARGES OF PRO-NAZISM AGAINST LUEBKE

BONN, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Gunther von Hase, the West German Government spokesman, denounced today the East German Communist leaders, charging them with seeking to undermine the West German regime by accusations that high West German officials had participated in Nazi war crimes.

In a special statement at a press conference, he cited as an example an effort to discredit President Heinrich Luebke by dissemination of charges that the latter had been responsible for building Nazi concentration camps during the war. He cited an exhibit under Communist auspices in Munich containing documents about Dr. Luebke in that connection, some bearing Mr. Luebke's signature which the West German Government promptly denounced as forgeries.

Mr. Von Hase noted that such documents had been confiscated by his Government. He also disclosed that Government officials had considered instituting libel proceedings against persons in West Germany who had repeated the "libel." However, he said, it was decided that the dignity of the President's office might be harmed by such proceedings, and the idea was dropped. He reiterated that material purporting to "prove" that Dr. Luebke had engaged in such activities was "entirely false" and that there was absolutely "no substance to the charges."

GERMAN'S \$1,000,000 GIFT TO ISRAEL MUSEUM, JERUSALEM, MADE OFFICIAL

BONN, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Axel Springer, the West German publishing magnate, reiterated yesterday, at a meeting here with Israeli officials that there were no conditions attached to his offer of a gift of \$1,000,000 to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. He also insisted that he had never asked that his name be commemorated in connection with the gift.

He met on the issue with Asher Ben-Nathan, the Israeli Ambassador to West Germany, M. Chouraki, Jerusalem Deputy Mayor, and Daniel Gelmond, the Museum's administrative director. The money was offered for a new archives structure for the Museum. After the Museum board agreed to accept the gift, following a heated debate, the Israel Government suspended the acceptance, pending a Cabinet review of the matter.

During the meeting, the publisher gave Mr. Gelmond a letter of intent on his proposed gift. A public announcement regarding the donation will be made on October 6 when Herr Springer's new editorial office building is opened in West Berlin. The Deputy Mayor presented the publisher with a 2,000-year-old urn, as a gift for the new Springer building.

SOVIET UNION AGAIN REJECTS OFFER OF PRAYERBOOKS TO JEWS IN USSR

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Appeal for Conscience Foundation, an interfaith group protesting against denial of religious and cultural freedom to Soviet Jewry, made public here today a letter from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, rejecting an offer to send 10,000 Jewish prayerbooks to Soviet Jews but asserting that "a prayerbook and a religious calendar for Jews will be printed in the USSR in the nearest future."

The Foundation made the offer formally last June, and had forwarded to the Embassy in Washington more recently a copy of an appeal by 100 American leaders, noting that Moscow had promised twice to print 10,000 Jewish prayerbooks. The letter disclosed today was a reply to the organization.

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Foundation, described the Soviet Embassy statement about a prayerbook and a Jewish religious calendar as providing "a glimmer of hope" that the Soviet Government would soon honor its "long-standing promise" to provide prayerbooks for Russian Jews.

JEWS VETERANS BACK HALPERN PROPOSAL FOR FREE U.S. ARMS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans of the United States announced here today it will take up with the Administration the proposal made in the House of Representatives two days ago that the United States furnish free arms to Israel in response to reports that Chinese Communist munitions are being shipped to Arab extremists aiming to make war against Israel. The announcement was made by the JWV's national commander, Malcolm A. Tarlov. The proposal that the United States ship free arms to Israel had been made by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican.

ISRAEL STARTS WEEKEND OF BEN-GURION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS TODAY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Jews of Israel prepared today for nation-wide celebrations of the 80th birthday of David Ben-Gurion throughout the coming weekend. The birthday of the man who had played a key role in the struggles leading to Jewish statehood, and who led Israel as Prime Minister for most of its 18 years, is October 1.

President Zalman Shazar and many other of Israel's leading personalities will go to Mr. Ben-Gurion's Negev retreat, Sde Boker, to present congratulations to Mr. Ben-Gurion. Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin and senior military officers also will go to the Negev kibbutz to present the good wishes of the Defense Department to the man who served as Israel's first Defense Minister.

Plans have been made to assemble all members of the first General Staff, as it existed in 1948, to congratulate Mr. Ben-Gurion. Thousands of well-wishers are expected to go to Sde Boker for a public meeting Sunday. Other meetings will be held in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv.

American Jewish Committee Hails Ben-Gurion's 'Pioneer Leadership'

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee sent its congratulations today to Israel's former Premier, David Ben-Gurion, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, which is being celebrated this weekend in Israel.

The cable, signed by President Morris B. Abram, praised Mr. Ben-Gurion's "pioneering leadership and unequalled contributions to the creation of Israel and its dynamic development." The message called Mr. Ben-Gurion's efforts "an inspiration to all," and declared:

"We share your deep concern for the preservation of Jewish life throughout the world and the strengthening of the spiritual and cultural bonds between the Jews of Israel and the United States. May you be blessed with many more years of good health and vigor to carry on in your usual youthful spirit as elder statesman of Israel."

ESHKOL MUZZLES SENIOR ARMY COMMANDERS ON STRATEGIC STATEMENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol has issued an order, in his capacity of Defense Minister, forbidding senior army commanders from making public statements of a political-military nature.

The order reportedly was issued after adverse comments provoked by recent statements of a number of generals, including Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin, dealing with the Syrian situation. The statements had evoked protests from the Mapam Party, a member of Premier Eshkol's coalition, and other political groups, and from most Israeli newspapers.

The order, which was issued several days ago, was seen in political circles as a continuation of a policy followed by David Ben-Gurion and Pinhas Lavon when they served as Defense Ministers. The order means that senior army officers will have to present proposed speeches and interviews, before they are released, to the Army spokesman, to other competent authorities, for review.

GOLDA MEIR REPORTED CANCELING TRIP TO BRITAIN DUE TO ILLNESS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's former Foreign Minister, has canceled a visit to Britain because of illness, according to one of her aides. She was scheduled to address the annual conference of Britain's Labor Party next week at Brighton.

B'NAI B'RITH INSTALLS FIRST LODGE IN INDIA; WORLD TOTAL NOW IS 45

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith announced today that the organization's first lodge on the subcontinent of India has been chartered in Bombay. This expands the number of countries where B'nai B'rith affiliates exist to 45.

Hans Spitz, of Melbourne, Australia, international vice-president of B'nai B'rith and the president of its Australia-New Zealand district, installed the new unit in Bombay. Its 32 charter members include Americans, Britons, Israelis, Germans and native Indians.

COURT UPHOLDS CONDUCT OF SCHOOL CLASSES IN CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE

SPRING VALLEY, N. Y., Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Officials of Ramapo 2 School District, who won a court rejection of a petition to bar the use of facilities of a synagogue and church for public school pupils, indicated today that those facilities had been used for that purpose since the new school year began.

A group of 25 parents filed a petition in White Plains with State Supreme Court Justice John Dillon, contending plans to use facilities of Temple Beth El and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church for an overflow enrollment of public school pupils was unconstitutional in violation of the church-state separation clause. The petition asked that the Rockland County school board be banned from using the facilities of the two Spring Valley religious institutions. On Monday, Justice Dillon rejected the petition.

Leo Pfeffer, counsel for the American Jewish Congress, appeared before Justice Dillon on behalf of the objecting parents. He said that sending children to buildings where the "atmosphere was religious" violated the "sincere, honest religious feelings" of the petitioning parents. David Greenberg, school district attorney, replied that the move was forced by a huge school age population and expansion, for which the district was building two elementary schools and a high school. Meanwhile, he told the court, classes has to be held somewhere.

School district officials said, after the ruling, that they had been using the classroom facilities since the start of the school year on September 7. They also have been using an abandoned military base near Spring Valley for about half of the 800 additional pupils this year, for whom facilities did not exist in the district's public schools. The other 400 are attending classes in the church and the synagogue.

SYNAGOGUE BURNED DOWN ON EVE OF HOLIDAY; TORAH SCROLLS RESCUED

HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Succot was a gloomy holy day today for members of Congregation Sons of Jacob here, whose synagogue was destroyed by fire of unknown origin yesterday. The fire broke out just before Succot evening services were to start.

Thanks to the cooperation of neighbors, many of them non-Jews, who joined Rabbi Moshe Kranzler in the effort, all of the Torah scrolls, prayerbooks and prayershawls in the synagogue were saved. Services are being held temporarily at a nearby motel.

'LANDING DAY' OBSERVANCE MARKS ARRIVAL OF FIRST JEWS TO NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The arrival of 23 Jews from Brazil in New Amsterdam in September 1654 to establish the first permanent Jewish settlement in this country was commemorated yesterday in a brief ceremony at the lower tip of Manhattan.

The event was sponsored by the American Jewish Historical Society. It included a wreath-laying ceremony at the flagpole in Peter Minuit Plaza. A child, whose immigration was assisted by the United Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and by the New York Association for new Americans placed the wreath.

In the evening, a meeting was conducted at the Jewish Museum, now holding an exhibit of documentary materials on Jewish life on the lower East Side in the early years of the 20th Century. Prof. Robert D. Cross, chairman of the Columbia University history department, spoke on the contrasts between Jewish immigration to the United States and those of other ethnic and religious groups settling here.

EDWARD M. M. WARBURG NAMED CULTURAL ASSISTANT TO GOV. ROCKEFELLER

ALBANY, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Edward M. M. Warburg, a top leader in United Jewish Appeal and Joint Distribution Committee activities, was named by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller yesterday as special assistant to the Governor on cultural matters. Mr. Warburg, who is a member of the State Board of Regents, will serve in the new position without compensation.

BERNARD F. GIMBEL DIES, AGED 81; RITES AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Bernard F. Gimbel, the founder and major stock holder of the department store chain bearing his family's name, died here today at the age of 81.

Born in Vincennes, Indiana, the well-known Jewish merchant was a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania, and held honorary doctorates from New York University and the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to operating department stores and specialty stores in cities throughout the country, Mr. Gimbel was active in community affairs. He was a recipient of the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Funeral services for Mr. Gimbel will be held at Temple Emanu-El here on Sunday. The interment will be private.