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ISRAEL EXTENDS COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE FOR MEN TO 30 MONTHS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol announced in Parliament today that compulsory military service for men will be extended from 26 months to 30 months. The decision was understood to be strictly a defensive measure brought about by continued El Fatah and other terrorist raids into Israel.

Observers stressed that the extension was proof of Israel's non-aggressive intentions. It was explained that additional manpower was needed to provide effective guard over Israel's borders, a duty which requires more men than would a retaliatory raid plan. However, the lengthened service will pose new burdens on Israel's budget at a time of serious economic difficulties.

Military service for both men and women was 24 months during the early years of statehood. Then the callup period for men was extended to 30 months. Three years ago, the period was reduced to 26 months for men and 20 months for women. Under the regulations announced today, women will serve for 20 months as before.

The Premier also told Parliament that Israel's border police contingents will be strengthened. Their main responsibility is to guard Israel's borders against infiltration. The border police have recruited many non-Jews, principally members of the Druze minority.

ISRAEL PROPOSES TO U.N. PROGRAM FOR ACTION ON ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Israel called on the United Nations today to implement a "bold, imaginative" program for dealing with the Arab refugee problem, going back to original U.N. concepts which envisioned the Arab refugee question as one calling for the economic and social rehabilitation of the refugees and their integration into the Middle East economy.

Israel's Ambassador Michael S. Comay, chairman of his government's delegation to the General Assembly, made this proposal in his first major address to the Assembly's 121-member Special Political Committee which has been debating the Arab refugee problem for the last two weeks. He told the committee:

"What is required is a bold new rehabilitation and compensation program, with massive funds placed at its disposal. This could be done without prejudice to the political positions and claims of any party. We should stop being imprisoned in the semantics of the problem, and come to grips with its actualities. If such an imaginative and forward-looking international initiative could be taken for reintegration and compensation, my government could be counted upon to play its own part."

The essence of Israel's program included the following points:

"1) No use of threat of force or violence can be condoned by the United Nations, and the refugees themselves can only be the victims of such designs.

"2) The governments concerned are required to negotiate a settlement of the refugee problem, as well as other matters in dispute between them. The function of the Palestine Conciliation Commission is to promote such agreement. It is unable to exercise that function as long as the Arab governments concerned are unwilling to negotiate or seek concern agreement, even in principle.

"3) The only alternatives to agreement are to project the problem into the indefinite future, on the present basis, or a fresh international effort to stimulate and strengthen the existing processes of integration. This is the course best adapted to promote the welfare and future of the refugees as human beings, rather than as pawns in a political and military struggle. In any such international initiative, the Government of Israel would play a worthy part.

"4) The refugee problem can best be understood as a two-way migration and exchange precipitated by the upheaval of 1948 and after. Peace and stability in the area, and the interests of the persons involved, require recognition that such a two-way exodus cannot be put into reverse. The existing realities are the basis for constructing a better future."

ISRAEL SECURITY POLICE TIPPED OFF THE U.S. ON ZAMBIA 'COPPER PLOT'

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Israeli police officials said today that the Israeli Security Services tipped off United States and Zambian authorities about an international plot to blow up a Zambian bridge in which five persons have been arrested in Israel and two in the United States.

According to authorities, the goal of the plot was to destroy a bridge which is essential to the transport of Zambian copper and thus to affect the world price of the metal. Israeli officials had intended to keep the story secret but after the United States authorities revealed contacts between Israelis and Americans in the plot, the Israeli police revealed Israel's detective work against the alleged plotters.

(As pieced together from Israeli and United States sources, Jay Aubrey Elliott, a traveling representative of the Friedrich Zoellner Corporation, a metals company associated with a German concern, was alleged to be the key personality in the plot. He and Rolf Duenbier, a vice-president of the metals firm, were arraigned yesterday in New York City before U.S. Commissioner Earle N. Bishopp, on charges of having conspired in the United States to injure or destroy property in a foreign country, a violation of the U.S. Neutrality Act. Mr. Duenbier, a German-born naturalized citizen, was held in \$20,000 bail. Mr. Elliott was held in \$50,000 bail.)

Leader of Plot Watched by Israeli Security; Arrested in New York

Israeli officials said Israeli security put a watch on Elliott when he and his wife came to Israel as tourists. They started the surveillance after learning that Elliott was trying to recruit former experts in explosives among friends of Mrs. Elliott's wife, according to the Israeli police. Mrs. Elliott, a former Israeli citizen, is now an Austrian citizen, police said.

The police said that Elliott apparently learned that he was being watched and left Israel on October 13, leaving his wife behind. The police then moved in and arrested four Israelis and Mrs. Elliott. All five were released on bail after being charged with conspiring against a friendly nation. Details were then reported by the Israeli Foreign Ministry to the United States and Zambia and the arrests in the United States followed.

The four men arrested in Israel were Itzhak Berkowitz, a former member of the underground Stern group; Benjamin Edutti, a former member of the underground Irgun; Efraim Romen and Raphael Zoriano. The four Israelis and Mrs. Elliott stood mute during arraignment. The Israeli police said that Elliott visited Israel twice in his efforts to enlist Israelis in his plan.

(Stephen E. Kaufman, Assistant U.S. Attorney, said, in reporting on the two arrests in New York, that the two defendants allegedly offered two Miami men \$25,000 plus expenses to blow up the bridge. The Miami men, who were named as co-conspirators but not as defendants, informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation about the approach, Mr. Kaufman said.)

REORGANIZATION PLAN OF JEWISH AGENCY WILL INVIGORATE ZIONIST MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Itzhak Korn, chairman of the interparty committee on the reorganization of the Jewish Agency, now in the United States on a visit made the following statement to clarify recent press reports that members of several Zionist parties had criticized the current reorganization plans of the Jewish Agency:

"The plan for the reorganization of the Jewish Agency is a most significant turning point in the history of modern Zionism. Approved by 84 percent of the voting strength of the parties in Israel, it is to be hoped that this first step in the reorganization of the Jewish Agency will invigorate and strengthen the entire world Zionist movement.

"Before I left Israel on November 1, the plan for the reorganization of the Jewish Agency executive agreed upon by the interparty committee was approved by all Zionist parties with the exception of the Herut Revisionists which voted against it and the Mapam, which abstained from voting. Latest information is that all parties who originally voted for the plan are continuing to support it. The criticism voiced was by individuals, not parties."

VETERAN LEADERS OF MAPAI APPROVE MOVE TO UNITE WITH ACHDUT AVODAH

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Veteran leaders of the Mapai Party approved here a move to unite Mapai and Achdut Avodah into one, single party. Achdut Avodah is now a partner with Mapai only through a political alignment, but full union of the two groups is being pressed by the Mapai veterans.

VIENNA JURY SENTENCES TWO NAZIS TO PRISON FOR MASS KILLING OF JEWS

VIENNA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A Vienna jury court sentenced today two brothers, Johann and Wilhelm Mauer, former SS officers, to prison terms at their second trial of charges of mass murders of Jews in occupied Poland. Johann Mauer received an eight-year term. His brother was given a 12-year term.

The Polish-born brothers, who voluntarily joined Hitler's SS Elite Guard, were charged originally with participation in the "Bloody Sunday" massacre of October 12, 1941 when about 20,000 Polish Jews were driven from the Stanislaw Ghetto to the cemetery and 12,000 were killed on the spot.

A Salzburg jury acquitted the two Nazis last February on grounds they had acted under "compulsory orders" but the Salzburg Senate immediately suspended that verdict and the Austrian High Court ordered a new trial. Many witnesses, many of them Israelis testified at the second trial that the brothers had personally shot Jewish men, women and children.

GERMANS CLOSED THEIR EYES ON MASS KILLING OF JEWS, NAZI MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Albert Speer, Hitler's Minister for Munitions, told the Daily Express today that the German people accepted wartime explanations that Jews were being placed in war camps after Nazi roundups because they wanted to believe it and could have learned the truth "but we did not seek to find it."

Speer, who was released last month from Spandau Prison in West Berlin after serving a 20-year sentence for war crimes imposed by the Allied Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, included himself as one of the Germans who could have made "forceful inquiries" and did not do so.

"There is nothing that can absolve me," he added in the interview. He asserted that "it was made clear at Nuremberg and the court accepted it that I did not know about the concentration camps." He added that he was "overcome when forced to look at the films of those camps in court."

Speer told the interviewer that "no German could complain about the Nuremberg trials" and that he welcomed the trials as the first positive fact that took some of the collective guilt from the German people and apportioned it squarely on the shoulders of the leadership. "I have a conscience about the Jews and it is one of the hardest things I have to bear," he stated. "I think of it constantly."

SUCCESS OF NEO-NAZI PARTY IN GERMANY EVOKES JEWISH CONCERN

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The surprising success of the ultra-right-wing National Democratic Party -- which is considered a neo-Nazi group -- in the elections last Sunday in the province of Hesse, West Germany, polling more than 200,000 votes and securing 10 percent of the total ballot was viewed with concern by major Jewish organizations in the United States and in other countries. As a result of its victory, the NDP will hold 8 of the 96 seats in the Hesse Parliament, being the first time that it won seats in a state parliament.

The American Jewish Committee issued a statement today emphasizing that it has sent a mission recently to West Germany to investigate the rising tide of rightist sentiments there and that this mission expressed its anxieties both during its visit in Germany and on its return to the United States.

"Sunday's results, which show the rising strength of the National Democratic Party, not only confirm the fears of our mission," Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, said in his statement. "They go beyond these fears since Hesse, a Socialist stronghold, disturbingly now seems to have become infected with the neo-Nazi virus. The American Jewish Committee hopes that the Bonn Government will redouble its efforts to maintain an alert in which the growth of the National Democratic Party and all other extreme-rightist elements is carefully observed, using the schools, the churches, the mass media, and the courts to counteract these growing vestiges of Nazism."

The Board of Deputies of British Jews and the British section of the World Jewish Congress expressed concern today, in separate statements, over the electoral success of the National Democratic Party in the Hesse state elections. A spokesman for the Board of Deputies said also that the Board's foreign affairs committee was giving the development its immediate consideration.

Jacob Halevy, chairman of the WJC British section declared that the NDP was led by former active members of the Nazi Party and "staunch supporters" of Hitler's policies. He added that the German people "must take the warning."

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PRESENTS ANTI-HATE LEGISLATION TO PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government introduced today its anti-hate legislation into Parliament via the Senate. Three new sections would be added to the federal criminal code.

Advocacy of genocide would bring a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment. Inciting hatred or contempt against an identifiable group in a public place where this is likely to lead to a breach of the peace would incur a maximum penalty of two years. Promoting hatred and similar responses by communicating written or spoken statements, signs or gestures would also be liable to two-year maximum prison terms.

Courts would be empowered to seize such literature. No conviction would ensue if statements were held to be true or believed to be true and relevant to public interest. Identifiable groups would be defined as based on race, color, or ethnic origin. Religion would be excluded.

There already have been two government committee reports. The Parliamentary external affairs committee met and held hearings. A specially appointed study committee, under the chairmanship of Prof. Maxwell Cohen, Dean of the McGill Law School, recommended such legislation last April.

Three readings are required in the Senate and in the House of Commons. Introduction of the legislation constituted the first reading. The second reading is the significant one, the third being perfunctory. Introduction in the House is expected shortly. Observers here believe that the legislation will pass, though there will probably be debate on some phases, including the exclusion of religion as a basis for group identification. Opposition parties are on record as favoring such legislation.

MEXICAN JEWISH LEADER REPORTS ON STATUS OF CUBAN JEWS IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Marcos Maus, president of HIAS of Mexico, reported today to leaders of United Hias Service on the status of Cuban Jews who sought temporary haven or permanent resettlement in Mexico. "Since the advent of Castro, a total of several hundred Cuban Jews have come to Mexico -- some staying for periods as long as six months -- while they awaited processing for the United States and other countries of resettlement," he said.

He praised United Hias Service which processed the refugees and arranged their documentation, transportation from Mexico and resettlement which was mainly in the U.S. At the same time, he spoke highly of the members of the Mexican Jewish community who cared for their coreligionists from Cuba during the lengthy processing period. "Substantial sums," he said, "were raised to provide food, clothing and shelter. The refugees arrived with little more than the clothing they were wearing."

Gaynor Jacobson, United Hias executive director, reported that the Jewish community of Cuba numbered about 11,000 when Castro came to power. "Today, there are fewer than 2,500 Jews in Cuba. The vast majority of those who left were assisted by United Hias to establish new homes in 113 communities in 32 States in the United States. In addition, a substantial number of Cuban Jews are being resettled in Venezuela, Panama and Canada."

COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL NAMED FOR MRS. LEHMAN DEDICATED IN NEGEV

DIMONA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Dimona, a Negev desert township halfway between Beersheba and the Dead Sea, was host today to a group of members of a mission of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal at dedication ceremonies for the Edith Lehman Comprehensive High School. Mrs. Lehman is the widow of the former Governor and Senator Herbert H. Lehman.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Keren Hayesod, and Education Minister Zalman Aranne addressed the ceremony which was opened by Dimona Mayor G. Sabag. Mrs. Burt Siris of New York headed the visiting women UJA leaders. The school will provide secondary education for hundreds of Dimona's currently idle youth. The school was built with contributions by the New York Women's Division through the UJA Israel Education Fund.

CLERGYMEN OF ALL FAITHS PAY TRIBUTE TO RABBI ADELMAN; DIED IN DENVER

DENVER, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Clergymen and laymen of all faiths paid tribute today to Rabbi Samuel Adelman, a leading Denver rabbi, who died suddenly at the age of 50 from a heart attack.

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious and lay leaders expressed shock and called the death "a great loss to our community." Rabbi Adelman was a member of the executive committee of the Rabbinical Council of America and in 1949 he was honored by Gov. Alfred Driscoll of New Jersey for his civil rights leadership. He then held a pulpit in Dover.