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BEN-GURION LEAVING FOR U.S. TOMORROW; STATES AIMS OF HIS TRIP

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's former Prime Minister, envisaged here today the expansion of the population in the Negev Desert to 2,000,000 in the next 20 years, and said that advocacy of Negev development is the main reason for his forthcoming trip to the United States.

Mr. Ben-Gurion discussed the plans for Negev development at a conference today with foreign correspondents here, who honored him prior to his departure, scheduled for Wednesday, for a tour of the United States, Canada and Britain.

Another of his principal aims during the tour, he declared, will be to urge an increase in the teaching of the Bible to the younger generations of Jews. He called the Bible "one of the main links among the Jews today, a link which will become even more important in the future."

The development of the Negev, he told the journalists, is "practically the key to Israel's future." To accomplish that goal, he said, the Negev will need an increase in pioneering as well as "the most efficient tools of modern technology, both in industry and in agriculture."

"If I had my choice," stated the ex-Premier, "I would want every Jew immigrating to Israel to settle in the Negev." Asked whether he thought many American Jews would do so, he replied: "Maybe not many, but certainly some."

Mr. Ben-Gurion declared that on his three-week tour abroad, he will not confer with any national leaders in the countries he is to visit, and that he will refrain from discussing internal Israeli political affairs.

In the United States, he is scheduled to deliver five major addresses under the sponsorship of the United Jewish Appeal and the UJA's Israel Education Fund, as well as before the Israel Bond conference to be held at Miami Beach. Among the cities he will visit will be New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston and Philadelphia, as well as Miami. In Canada he will spend several days.

During the trip, Mr. Ben-Gurion will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of his marriage. He and the former Miss Paula Munweis were married in Brooklyn in 1917. Mr. Ben-Gurion recalled that the marriage was in the afternoon because, that morning, he was busy addressing a meeting of the Poale Zion in New York.

ISRAEL MINISTER REPORTS 96,000 UNEMPLOYED; PROPOSES UNEMPLOYMENT AID

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Israel had 96,000 unemployed persons by the end of 1966, out of a total labor force of 857,000, Yigal Allon, Minister of Labor, reported here today to the Knesset (Parliament). Going into those figures, during the Knesset's budget debate, he noted that by the end of 1965 the unemployed in Israel numbered 32,000.

"These data, looked at in the perspective of Israel's current economic recession, reveal the weakness of Israel's economy, and force us to the moment of truth," he declared. "This truth must be found by reducing living standards, transferring service workers into production work, and raising the country's productivity."

He proposed that unemployment compensation be paid "at least during the transition period" to persons registering at labor exchanges but unable to find work. The compensation, he said, should range from \$35 monthly to a single person to \$78 a month to the heads of large families. In addition, he said, family allowances should be paid by the Social Insurance Institute.

Persons entitled to benefits, he advised, should include all age brackets, from age 21 to age 65. However, he added, new immigrants should be entitled to receive benefits from the age of 18, and those newcomers who support families would get benefits even if they are under 18. Special arrangements, he declared, should be made to pay benefits to sailors and to professionals unable to get work through their own labor exchanges.

In evaluating the current recession, the Labor Minister said that the economic difficulties are now "more than half-way over." He predicted that unemployment will gradually decrease in 1967, while production and export figures will continue to rise.

PUBLICATION OF ISRAELI STUDENTS UNION CENSORED; CARTOON DELETED -

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- An all-out offensive against Government censorship of the press was launched here today by the Israeli Students Union which announced that the last issue of its organ, Nitzot (Sparks), was forced to eliminate a cartoon found offensive by two representatives of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's office.

The incident is the second involving Government censorship revealed here recently. A week ago, it was discovered that two editors of the illustrated magazine Bul (Stamp) had been secretly tried, convicted, and sentenced to one-year prison terms for publishing material found by the Government to have violated the State Security law.

According to the Students Union, publication of the last issue of Nitzot was held up when the editors of the student publication refused to eliminate a cartoon to which the Premier's representatives, Adi Jaffe and Sharon Keidan, objected. The issue was finally released today, with the cartoon deleted.

The lead editorial in the independent and influential morning daily, Haaretz, criticized the censorship and revealed that even Haaretz was censored when it was forbidden to run a story about a meeting of the Students Union on the cartoon matter. In its leading editorial, today, Haaretz asked: "Is this information also top secret? Is it against the security of the state?"

Maariv, the leading evening daily, said today that the latest instance of Government censorship of the press "presents an unwholesome trend" forcing Israeli citizens to complain to the foreign press, asking the latter "to right what they believe is wrong." At the same time, however, Maariv deplored the "stubborn refusal" of the student paper to agree to the elimination of the cartoon, and regretted the fact that the students made the affair public.

HISTADRUT TO BUILD MULTI-STORY POPULAR-PRICED HOTEL IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A longtime Tel Aviv landmark, the "Red House" of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, will be torn down and replaced by a multi-story popular-priced hotel.

Yehoshua Levy, head of the Histadrut Hotel Corporation, said 140 rooms would be built in the first stage and 200 rooms later in the second stage. Funds for the project will come from Histadrut and the Government. The Histadrut structure got its name from its color, which was camouflaged during World War II, and never restored to its full original red color. Nevertheless, the structure kept its name.

In another building development, a group of British investors invested about \$350,000 in a huge commercial center now under construction in Tel Aviv. The purchase will give the investors the entire ground floor which they will furnish and equip for re-sale.

CANADIAN JEWISH FINANCIER HALTS TALKS ON ACQUIRING ISRAELI BANK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Benjamin Dunkelman, of Toronto, who last week was given by the Bank of Israel an option to purchase Ellern's Bank at Tel Aviv, was reported here today to have bowed out of his bid to buy that financial institution. His Israeli representatives were reported to have halted negotiations for the purchase.

Ellern's had been acquired last year by another Tel Aviv bank, Feuchtwanger's. Both institutions were taken over by the Bank of Israel several weeks ago when, according to the Government, some of the Feuchtwanger directors were found to have engaged in some practices which endangered the soundness of the institution. However, the Bank of Israel has announced since that Ellern's financial position was perfectly sound. The only two contenders left in the field now as possible purchasers of Ellern's are the Manufacturers Association Bank and the Workers Bank.

ISRAEL TO TRAIN SOUTH VIETNAMESE YOUTHS IN IRRIGATION METHODS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Five South Vietnamese youths are expected here shortly for a training course in irrigation methods and stock-breeding techniques within the framework of technical cooperation between the two countries, it was reported here today. Israel's decision to accept the group was taken at the Government level following a request from Saigon, it was learned.

The Israel Cabinet, however, has decided not to enter into any negotiations with South Viet Nam concerning diplomatic relations between the two countries. It is believed, however, that Foreign Minister Abba Eban will discuss the possibility during contacts with other Asian leaders during Mr. Eban's forthcoming trip to Southeast Asia. He is due to leave on that trip this week.

PROMINENT NEGROES CONDEMN NEGRO ANTI-SEMITISM; QUIT THE 'LIBERATOR'

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Two prominent Negro intellectuals -- James Baldwin, author, and Ossie Davis, actor and playwright -- sharply condemned Negro anti-Semitism in letters published today by "Freedomways," a quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement. Both attacked also the Negro monthly, "Liberator," and a writer for the latter magazine, Eddie Ellis, for an article in "Liberator" last year which, according to Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Davis, had virtually called for "a war against the Jews."

Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Davis had resigned from the advisory board of "Liberator" because of the Ellis article, and demanded that "Liberator" print their retorts. Having been refused such publication in the monthly, they sent their letters to "Freedomways" and made the replies available in advance to the American Jewish Committee.

"I think it is distinctly unhelpful, and I think it is immoral," wrote Mr. Baldwin, "to blame Harlem on the Jew." Mr. Davis assailed the "wild and unsupported contentions" in the article, "Semitism in the Black Ghetto," stating: "Whatever Jews are guilty of exploiting Harlem are not guilty because they are Jews but because -- along with many Catholics, Protestants, Negro and white -- they are exploiters."

MAJOR NAZI WAR CRIMINALS REPORTED BY JEWISH LEADER AS LIVING IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has documentary evidence that at least six major Nazi war criminals are living in Canada, according to executive vice-president Saul Hayes.

Mr. Hayes made the statement in testimony before a Montreal hearing of the federal Senate-Commons immigration committee studying the Government's White Paper on immigration. He told the committee that "we know of at least six major cases where people who were arch war criminals entered Canada. Once they become citizens they are innocent no matter how heinous their crimes."

He said he approved of a White Paper clause which makes a distinction between landed immigrants and citizens because for some time to come, Canada has to protect itself in the event certain people come into the country who were part of the Nazi death machine.

Mr. Hayes told the committee that since the war, 76,000 Jews had come to Canada, 90 percent of whom settled in Montreal and Toronto. He added that recently more French-speaking Jewish immigrants had arrived but they must educate their children in English-language schools.

MONTREAL POLICE DISCOVER NAZI-TYPE GANG OF YOUTHS; FIVE ARRESTED

MONTREAL, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Montreal police reported today an intensive search for a man they described as the leader of a gang of young toughs who have chosen Nazi symbols as their emblem after five alleged members were arrested.

Detectives of the Criminal Investigation Bureau made lightning raids on the homes of members and found in one of them a desk with a large swastika painted on it. In the desk, they said, they found a copy of Hitler's "Mein Kampf," crudely-made swastika arm-bands and similar material.

Two of the five suspects were arraigned in Criminal Court. The others, all 17-year-olds, were held for Juvenile Court. Richard Jones, 20 and Pasquale Pietrinferno, 19, were charged with conspiracy to construct explosive devices when they appeared before Judge Jean Tellier. The judge ordered them held without bail for preliminary hearing tomorrow.

The charges stemmed from an incident at a Montreal sports center on January 24. A youth threw a crude incendiary bomb into the hall during a teenage dance. Police discounted reports that the gang might have as many as 100 members, but estimated that there were only about a dozen members.

BRAZIL WARNED AGAINST DANGER OF REVIVAL OF BANNED PRO-NAZI PARTY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Resurrection of a once-dangerous Fascist party, Acao Integralista, now banned, was revealed by the newspaper Jornal Do Brasil here. During World War II, the party collaborated with the Nazi espionage apparatus and the party leader, Plinio Salgado, was compelled to flee from the country.

The executive committee of the party, among whose members is an army general, has distributed a letter to all former members of the group, calling them "back into the ranks." Brazil forbids political organizations except the official government party and an opposition.

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY BOARD ADOPTS \$10,000,000 BUDGET FOR YEAR

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The board of trustees of Tel Aviv University adopted a budget totaling 30,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$10,000,000) at a meeting here today. The board stated that it adopted the financial schedule "in full knowledge that the budget will be unbalanced, but with assurances that everything possible will be done" to obtain the necessary funds. Dr. George Wise, president of the university, left today for the United States where, he said, he will make every effort on behalf of the university.

Z.O.A. PRESIDENT CHARGES C.I.A. WITH FINANCING ARAB STUDENTS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- About one half of the 8,000 Arab students now studying in American universities are conducting a U.S.-financed campaign against Israel on the campuses at over 100 American colleges and universities, Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America charged yesterday. He also alleged that "many of these students are allied with outright anti-Semitic groups."

The Zionist leader made these charges in connection with the revelation that the pro-Arab American Friends of the Middle East is listed among the domestic American organizations that have been provided with American funds through the C.I.A. He further accused the latter organization with being "the driving force behind the subversive Arab propaganda onslaught on the campuses."

Mr. Torczyner spoke before 200 Zionist leaders assembled from all parts of the country at a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, the ruling body of the organization between conventions, held in the Hotel New York Hilton. He sharply criticized the National Student Association which he charged "adopted a resolution at a national meeting in Madison, Wisconsin in August 1965 phrased by the Arab Student Association viciously attacking the State of Israel."

Mr. Torczyner strongly opposed the new attempts made under the new spirit of ecumenism for a dialogue between religious faiths. He termed the call of religious elements in this country to fight secularism as "dangerous." It would be very dangerous at this time to trigger a battle between religious and secular elements in the Jewish community. He said that "such a battle would split the Jewish community." He endorsed the position taken by the Orthodox leader, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik who opposed such dialogue as this as "this can only lead to new difficulties and trouble."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, World Zionist leader, who is national chairman of the 70th Jubilee Convention committee, announced that the 70th Anniversary Convention of the Zionist Organization of America will be held in Israel in July with an expected attendance of 1,200 delegates from all parts of the U.S.

ARMAND BRUNSCHWIG, LEADER OF SWISS JEWRY, DIES IN GENEVA; WAS 85

GENEVA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Armand Brunschwig, honorary president of the Geneva Jewish Community and for many years a leader in Jewish and Israeli causes in this country, died here at the age of 85.

Mr. Brunschwig was president of this city's Jewish community until recent years. He was also president of Swiss ORT, and held many important positions in non-Jewish as well as in Jewish and especially Israeli causes here. A generous contributor to Israeli causes, he was president of the Geneva committee for the sale of Israel bonds.

During World War II, he devoted his energies and influence to aiding Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied countries. He had also been vice-president of the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities, and honorary president of the ORT Central Institute here. His widow, Madame Suzanne Brunschwig, is honorary president of the Geneva section of the Women's International Zionist Organization. Another survivor, a son, Jean, is president of the Keren Hayesod, the fund-raising arm of the World Zionist Organization in French Switzerland.

DR. SAMUEL SOLOVEICHIK, YESHIVA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, DEAD; WAS 58

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Samuel Soloveichik, associate professor of chemistry at Yeshiva University and an authority on the history of chemistry, who died at Montefiore Hospital Saturday at the age of 58. Last year, Dr. Soloveichik proposed the first classification of aliphatic organic compounds which provide organic chemists with a research tool similar to the periodic table developed in the 19th century.

Born in Poland to a renowned family of rabbinic scholars, Dr. Soloveichik emigrated to the United States in 1934 and served with various Government organizations during the Second World War. He joined the faculty of Yeshiva University in 1953 and had been associate professor since 1959. Among Dr. Soloveichik's survivors are two brothers -- Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, recognized authority on Jewish religious law, and Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, dean of the Hebrew Theological College in Chicago.