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ISRAEL CABINET MOVES TO ENSURE MAXIMUM RELIEF TO UNEMPLOYED

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Minister of Labor Yigal Allon was named by the Cabinet today to a new post as coordinator of the development budget for the next fiscal year, beginning April 1. The Cabinet empowered Mr. Allon to coordinate the development plans in such a way as to ensure the maximum relief to the unemployed in Israel. In coordinating the development plans, Mr. Allon is to consult with the Ministry of Finance on budgetary questions.

Ten of the demonstrators who were arrested last week in Tel Aviv during the demonstration of 5,000 unemployed workers, were meanwhile ordered held for another eight days today pending further legal action against them. Simultaneously, 12 zealots who were arrested last week in the Jerusalem rock-throwing demonstration against autopsies in Israeli hospitals were ordered held for another five days today in magistrate's court.

In an unusual development, the committee which organized the riotous demonstration in the center of Jerusalem sent a letter of apology to Police Minister Eliahu Sasson. The letter contained a rare expression of regret from the zealots for the incidents and the injuries to 33 persons, including 20 policemen developing from the melee. Those ordered held included two American Yeshiva students and one Belgian.

ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO CLOSE DOWN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet voted today to close down the National Defense College next June, after the present class at that facility is graduated. The decision was made on the basis of a report by a special committee previously named by the Government, headed by Prof. Yigael Yadin, former chief of staff of Israel's defense forces and a major-general in the Army Reserve.

The committee stated that the one-year classes at the college are comparatively small, consisting of senior army officers and high government officials, and that they have duplicate courses in Israel's universities. If only university graduates were to be admitted, and the college enlarged, there might be a place for the college, the committee declared.

Voting to shut down the college, which was founded in 1963, the Cabinet decided that, meanwhile, summer courses will be offered to replace those given at the college. The Defense Ministry was instructed to study the possibility of reestablishing the college at the university level. Brig. Gen. Elad Peled, commander of the college, has been named as director of Israeli television, for which preparations are now in full swing.

ISRAEL DELIVERS TO JORDAN BODY OF INFILTRATOR KILLED IN CLASH

TEL AVIV, March 19. (JTA) -- Israeli officials handed over to Jordanians today the body of a Jordanian infiltrator who was killed last week in a clash between a group of infiltrators and Israeli helicopter troops.

A second member of the guerrilla group was killed inside Jordanian territory in the running battle between the Israeli troops and the infiltrators. The saboteurs blew up a water tank at Arad six miles inside Israel, the deepest penetration by infiltrators to date. One of the two Israelis wounded in the clash has left the hospital and the other is recovering.

SYRIA CHARGES ISRAEL WITH BOYCOTTING ARMISTICE COMMISSION TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 19. (JTA) -- Syria accused Israel today of "paralyzing" the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission so that the commission could not function "due to Israeli obduracy in boycotting its regular meetings since 1951 until the present date."

The charges were made in a letter to the Security Council by Syria's Ambassador, George J. Tomeh, in answer to an Israeli complaint, filed March 7. In that complaint, Israel accused Syria of responsibility for the suspension of an extraordinary session of the commission which was adjourned after three meetings, starting January 25. According to Syria, Israel's charge in the March 7 complaint that Syria was responsible for eight sabotage incidents between January 28 and March 3 was "deceptive."

U.N. COMMISSION URGES ACTION AGAINST MANIFESTATIONS OF NAZISM

GENEVA, March 19. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights, currently in session here, adopted unanimously this weekend a resolution sharply condemning Nazism and calling upon all states "to take immediate and effective measures against any such manifestations of Nazism and of racial intolerance."

The resolution had been introduced by Poland, one of the 32 members of the Commission, and included originally also a denunciation of neo-Nazism, aimed at such resurgence in West Germany. But, as finally adopted, the resolution failed to mention neo-Nazism, after amendments eliminating such mention had been co-sponsored by the United States, Britain and France.

SURVIVORS OF NAZI CAMPS APPEAL TO BRAZIL NOT TO RELEASE STANGL

TEL AVIV, March 19. (JTA) -- Rumors that Brazilian officials might release Franz Stangl, the long-sought commandant of the Treblinka and Sobibor Nazi death camps, spurred action today by various organizations in Israel of survivors of the Nazi holocaust.

Stangl, who was captured in Sao Paulo on March 2, has been held in protective custody while Brazilian authorities considered requests for his extradition by West Germany and Austria, where Stangl is on an official list of wanted Nazi war criminals. Reports emerged today from Brazil that Stangl might be released because the Brazilian 20 year statute of limitations on such crimes applies to him.

The Israeli Organization of Partisans, the Fighters Against Nazism, and Survivors of Concentration Camps appealed today to the Brazilian Ambassador in Brazil to prevent Stangl's release. The organizations asked the envoy to receive a delegation of their members to give him a detailed and formal request. The Association of Survivors said it planned to appeal to all European anti-Nazi groups to seek to arouse public opinion against any possible release of Stangl.

NEGRO LEADER CHARGES SOVIET EMBASSY WITH EVASION ON JEWISH ISSUE

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Bayard Rustin, Negro rights leader, has accused the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington of "dogmatic denials" and "evasion" of the "stubborn facts" of anti-Jewish discrimination in the USSR, it was reported today. The charge was contained in an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Rustin, chairman of the Ad Hoc Commission on the Rights of Soviet Jews, and Igor D. Bubnov, second-ranking member of the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Last December, Mr. Rustin sent to Soviet Ambassador Antoly F. Dobrynin a copy of a report by the Ad Hoc Commission based on documentary and analytic studies and testimony given at a public hearing earlier in the year on Jewish conditions in the USSR. The report, an 11-page document entitled "Judgment of the Ad Hoc Commission," concluded that "the future of Soviet Jewry is in grave jeopardy" and called on the Soviet leaders to restore full cultural and religious rights to the Jewish community and to permit large-scale emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

Instead of replying in detail to the Commission's accusations, Mr. Bubnov had charged in a letter to Mr. Rustin that the Commission was "deliberately" smearing the USSR and diverting the minds of Americans "from areas really worthy of application." Mr. Rustin, in the letter made public today, denied there were any cold war motives behind the Commission's judgment, and stated: "We are concerned for only two things: the adumbration of the truth and the establishment of full cultural, religious and communal rights to Soviet Jews."

The Ad Hoc Commission had been organized by the Conference on the Status of Soviet Jews. The members of the Commission, in addition to Mr. Rustin, were: Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Protestant Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California; Dr. Eugene Rabinowitch, editor of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists; Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, AFL-CIO; Norman Thomas, Socialist leader; and others.

EBAN CONCLUDES FIVE-DAY VISIT TO JAPAN; WARMLY WELCOMED IN TOKYO

TOKYO, March 19. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, left Tokyo today after a five-day visit to Japan, during which he received a warm welcome from officials, industrialists and the press, as well as from such groups as the Japan-Israel Friendship Association, the Japanese Association for Jewish Studies and the Japan Kibbutz Association.

The Japan Kibbutz Association, it was revealed, is studying the possibility of establishing a kibbutz-type community at Hokkaido, an underdeveloped island in the north. Eighty Japanese youths are now learning at first hand about Israeli kibbutz life by living in kibbutzim in Israel. Among the receptions tendered Mr. Eban here was a luncheon at the Foreign Correspondents Club where the Israeli said, in answer to questions, that neither war nor peace is likely to develop in the Middle East under present circumstances of Arab hostility toward Israel.

BEN-GURION LAUDS AMERICAN JEWRY ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE U.S.

BOSTON, March 19. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion left the United States today after completing a strenuous 19-day cross-country visit at the invitation of the United Jewish Appeal, in which he sought aid for absorbing Israel's immigrants, and for enlarging opportunities for the high school education of their children.

Departing for Canada, for a 2-day stay before leaving for London, Mr. Ben-Gurion had words of thanks and praise for the American people and the American Jewish community, who had received him enthusiastically. "The American people and the American government have long been among Israel's warmest friends," he stated. "I was happy to see that the feeling of friendship for Israel is as strong as ever, and I thank everyone for the warm way they received me and Mrs. Ben-Gurion."

"As for the American Jewish community," Mr. Ben-Gurion declared, "without their deep interest in Israel and their outstanding support it would have been impossible to have established the State, or for us to make the great progress we have made in the last 18 years. American Jews fortunately recognize that their support is still needed for the important progress we must still make."

The former Prime Minister said that two things had moved him most on his visit. The first was the fact that a vastly growing number of American Jewish children now learn and speak Hebrew. The second was the action of a group of American Jewish leaders who presented him with an 80th year birthday gift in the form of \$1,200,000 in contributions to build a new regional high school at Sde Boker, the Negev desert community where he makes his home.

The school will be one unit of a Midrasha -- Institute of Higher Studies which Mr. Ben-Gurion wishes to see built at Sde Boker to train the personnel, and carry out the research, which will help lead to the peaceful conquest of the Negev. The desert constitutes 60 percent of Israel's land mass. The \$1,200,000 sum represents twelve contributions of \$100,000 each, and was furnished by individuals and community groups in a special campaign of the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal.

\$2,200,000 Raised in Boston at Dinner Honoring Ben-Gurion

Last night, Mr. Ben-Gurion addressed 1,200 persons attending the community-wide dinner launching the campaign of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. Mortimer Weiss, general chairman of the campaign, announced that \$2,200,000 had been raised before the opening of this year's campaign. He said this was the largest amount ever raised here in pre-campaign pledges.

Lewis H. Weinstein, a past president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, announced that \$80,000 -- \$1,000 for each of Mr. Ben-Gurion's 80 years -- had been earmarked for projects in the Negev. Sidney R. Rabb, a prominent Boston Jewish leader, presented Mr. Ben-Gurion with a group of lithographs by Mane Katz, the well-known Jewish painter. Dewey D. Stone, national chairman of the United Israel Appeal, Inc., and Bernard D. Grossman, president of the CJP, also addressed the dinner.

Before his departure today, Mr. Ben-Gurion addressed an audience of 500 persons at the Hebrew Teachers College in Boston. Mr. Ben-Gurion, who spoke in Hebrew, was introduced by Philip Lown, president of the college and Dr. Eizig Silbershlag, dean.

The Brandeis University Board of Trustees voted to establish the David and Paula Ben-Gurion Israeli Fellowship Fund, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. The announcement came at a dinner for the Ben-Gurions at the Brandeis campus. The fellowship fund, which will be underwritten by the University, will enable an Israeli graduate student to spend a year at Brandeis.

\$1,000,000 Israel Bonds Sold at Ben-Gurion Dinner in Montreal

MONTREAL, March 19. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 worth of Israel bonds were sold here tonight at a dinner honoring Israel's former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. The event, held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, was attended by 2,500 persons and was one of the largest gatherings of its kind in Canadian Jewish history.

Mr. Ben-Gurion arrived by air from Boston earlier today, and was greeted at the airport by leaders of Canadian Jewry, under the chairmanship of Samuel Bronfman. The reception committee included 50 leaders of the Canadian Jewish community and a number of members of Mahal, Jewish volunteers from abroad who fought in Israel's war of independence in 1948-49.

In his address at the dinner, Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed again Israel's need to develop the Negev desert and Israel's need in general for new technology perfected in North America. Mr. Ben-Gurion, who is accompanied by his wife, is scheduled to leave tomorrow morning for Toronto on the last leg of their American tour, which opened March 1 when they landed in New York. From Toronto, they will leave for Israel, with a stopover in London.

B'NAI B'RITH ANNOUNCES BOOK PUBLISHING PROJECT FOR JEWISH KNOWLEDGE

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- A comprehensive book publishing project to foster Jewish scholarship, stimulate self-education and provide new sources of study covering diverse aspects of Jewish life was announced by B'nai B'rith last night.

The "multi-track" program is designed to reach different intellectual levels, from the scholar to the layman, within the adult Jewish community. Works already commissioned or scheduled for publication will deal with Jewish history, sociology, religion, philosophy and literature.

"The emergence of a rapidly-growing market for books of Jewish content and interest" encouraged B'nai B'rith to undertake the project as an expansion of its adult Jewish education activities, Rabbi Jay Kaufman, B'nai B'rith executive vice-president, said. Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, professor of Bible at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is chairman of a B'nai B'rith publications committee directing the project.

Among works already scheduled is a 50-volume series of classics from Jewish literature edited by Professor David M. Sidorsky, director of graduate studies in philosophy at Columbia University. Dr. Orlinsky said that the series would constitute a "fundamental library of Jewish classics from the Biblical era to the 20th century."

Philip M. Klutznick, who served as president of B'nai B'rith from 1953 to 1959 and was later a U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, said today in addressing a luncheon of the B'nai B'rith board of governors, that the United States should "earnestly re-examine its political motivations" in Viet Nam and, "if the containment policy of 1954 no longer serves the national interest," move to begin peace negotiations or curtail its military commitment. He suggested that President Johnson should call a "limited-size" bipartisan conference of top civilian officials and Congressional leaders to insure that American policy in Viet Nam is suited for 1967 and the future.

NEW JERSEY COURT BARS PROPERTY PACT DIRECTED AGAINST JEWS, NEGROES

TRENTON, N.J., March 19. (JTA) -- The Appellate Division of the New Jersey State Superior Court ruled yesterday that a property covenant used by a country club in Wayne Township, allegedly created to bar Jews and Negroes, was unlawful.

The decision was contained in a dismissal by the Appellate Division of an appeal in a suit charging discrimination against the Packanack Lake Country Club and Community Association. The suit was brought several years ago by two couples, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conover and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mooney who, as members of the Association, owned homes in the area. Homes in Packanack Lake range in price from \$25,000 to \$75,000. The section has its own school and golf course.

The two couples charged that the Association barred anyone from membership, and thus home ownership, who did not have a northern European Christian background, thus allegedly excluding Negroes, Jews, Puerto Ricans and similar groups. By this technique, the plaintiffs contended, the club got around a 20-year-old United States Supreme Court ban on covenants which discriminate specifically against racial and religious groups. The covenant requires that prospective property owners in the section must be approved first as members of the club.

Early this month, a three-judge panel of the Appellate Division ruled that the clause of the covenant barring the minority groups was "null and void" but reserved decision on whether the ruling was to be applied to the Packanack Lake community at large, to a group of 17 previous defendants or to the two originally suing families.

In the opinion handed down yesterday, Judge Milton Conford cited previous decisions banning restrictive covenants and wrote: "There is no doubt that these decisions are sound and that, based upon them and the long-standing common law principles that underlie them, the New Jersey courts would not sustain the validity or enforceability of the covenants here involved."

DR. MICHAEL WEICHERT, NOTED JEWISH THEATER CRITIC, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Michael Weichert, author, theater critic and playwright, died at his home in a Tel Aviv suburb at the age of 77. Born in Galicia, he studied literature and jurisprudence at the University of Lemberg, where he obtained his doctorate in law, then studied the theater under the late Max Reinhardt and other notable directors in Berlin.

In 1938, he emigrated to Palestine, and has lived in present Israel since but participated widely in theatrical activities in many large Jewish centers around the world.