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ISRAEL CABINET MEETING TODAY ON ECONOMIC CRISIS; EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS GROUPS PARTICIPATE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Faced with increased economic difficulties, the Israel Cabinet will meet here tomorrow for the sole purpose of discussing the country's economic situation. Also attending the meeting--to which economic circles attribute great importance--will be top-flight economic experts of various political groups.

In advance of this meeting, the members of the Cabinet belonging to the Orthodox Bloc held an urgent conference today with economic experts of the religious parties. It is understood that as a result of this parley, the religious Ministers will suggest at tomorrow's Cabinet session that the government allow free trading in gold, in order to force down the price of gold which has jumped to 16 Israeli pounds for one British gold sovereign, which currently is valued at \$8.12 in American currency.

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan last night summoned the heads of all Chambers of Commerce throughout the country and discussed with them the economic situation, explaining the causes of the present crisis. The Minister spoke for more than an hour calling for cooperation from all circles. The parley was adjourned till after the conclusion of the meeting which the Cabinet and the Jewish Agency will have this weekend with 44 delegates from the United States who have been invited by Premier David Ben Gurion to Jerusalem to discuss the economic and financial problems of Israel. Meanwhile, the Chambers of Commerce will prepare practical proposals for their economic cooperation with the government.

Israel Will Seek A Loan and Contributions from U.S. Jews, Locker Says

At a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive today, Berl Locker, chairman, reported on the forthcoming economic consultations which will start on Sunday with the American Jewish leaders. Mr. Locker said that the Americans will be told that Israel will need a loan and contributions in order to bring 200,000 Jews annually into the Jewish state from various countries during the next three years.

Practical proposals to this effect will be outlined at the parley by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan and Levi Eshkol, Agency treasurer, Mr. Locker reported. They will be followed by a general debate.

A Parliamentary committee which was named to study the problem of rationing clothing and shoes met today and heard a report from Dov Joseph, Minister of Supply, on the background of the rationing of these commodities. The Minister also outlined the prospects for future rationing.

In the meantime, some General Zionists today made a last-minute approach to the government, asking that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver also be invited to Sunday's Jerusalem economic parley. An editorial in Haaretz, General Zionist newspaper, expressed surprise that Dr. Silver is not among the American Jewish leaders invited by the Premier to the economic talks.

ISRAEL TO TAX PERSONS TRAVELLING ABROAD; CABINET ACTS ON RETURNING OF ARAB PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- A tax on persons travelling abroad will be submitted to the Israel Parliament for approval, it was today decided by a Cabinet meeting.

The Ministers also formed a committee to investigate the possibilities of stone quarrying in the Negev. A committee to make recommendations concerning the manner of releasing property now held by the government as custodian for Arabs who abandoned it but did not flee the country was named, as was a council to handle former German property in Israel.

In addition, various Ministers reported on the current international political situation, the agreement reached last night between the government and the teachers' union and a proposal to halt traffic in Jerusalem on Saturday.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERS WITH U.N. CONCILIATION GROUP; DISCUSS ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The members of the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine today resumed discussions with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in an effort to iron out a number of points involved in a peaceful settlement between Israel and the Arab states.

A communique issued after the two-and-a-half-hour parley said that Israel had agreed to reactivation of the special mixed Israel-Transjordan committee on Jerusalem, with Dr. Abraham Biran, Jerusalem district commissioner, and Uriel Heid, former counsellor of the Israel Legation in Turkey, representing the Jewish state. It is understood semi-officially that the parley discussed the resettlement of Palestine Arab refugees in Arab countries. Earlier, the American member of the commission had been received by Premier David Ben Gurion.

The Commission is expected to recess its session this Sunday and its members will leave Jerusalem next week for Ankara, the Turkish capital. It is expected that from there the members of the three-nation body will go to Geneva and then to Lake Success where they will probably reconvene at the end of September.

FOUR JEWS IMPRISONED FOR WEEK BY EGYPTIANS ARE RETURNED TO ISRAEL; WERE WELL-TREATED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Four members of a new settlement for Tripolitanian immigrants located near the Egyptian-held Gaza area, who were reported missing last week, were returned to Israel territory yesterday, following intervention by the mixed Israel-Egyptian armistice commission.

The four Jewish settlers reported that they were well-treated while they were in Egyptian custody. They said the Egyptians questioned them about the Israel Army and about Tripolitanian immigration to Israel.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN PRESENTED WITH Z.O.A. PLAQUE FOR AIDING ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today presented a sterling silver plaque to President Truman. The plaque thanks the President for "his never-to-be forgotten part in the founding of Israel" and the prompt recognition by the U.S. of Israel as a member of the United Nations. Mr. Browdy was accompanied to the White House by Congressman Abraham Multer, of Brooklyn.

After the plaque was presented to the President, Rep. Multer told newsmen that Mr. Truman expressed pleasure at receiving the trophy. He said the President asked Mr. Browdy to pay his respects to President Weizmann of Israel. Mr. Truman noted the current friction between Israel and its Arab neighbors and expressed the hope for speedy settlement, Rep. Multer said.

STRIKE OF ISRAEL TEACHERS AVERTED BY LAST-MINUTE AGREEMENT; SCHOOLS OPEN TODAY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- A last-minute agreement between the Ministry of Education and the Israel Teachers Union last night averted a strike which had been threatened for tomorrow, the first day of the new school session. An agreement was signed at midnight.

Minister of Religions Judah L. Maimon today visited Eylath, in Southern Israel, and reviewed Israel troops stationed there. Rabbi Maimon was flown to Eylath in a military plane. He was accompanied by the Army's chief chaplain. After the review, he addressed the troops and wished them a happy new year.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT CUTS OFF WATER OF ARAB VILLAGES IN RETALIATION FOR BOMBING OF CAR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Israel today retaliated for the Arab planting of a landmine near Beit Jibrin which yesterday killed five Israel soldiers by refusing to supply water from Israel to several Arab villages across the border in Transjordan territory. The men died when the military car in which they were travelling hit the mine.

It is known that further measures are contemplated by the Israel Government, which is taking a very serious view of the mining of the road by Arab "commandos" from Transjordan territory. It is understood that the incident was the subject of a high-level discussion at Israel Army headquarters last night.

JERUSALEM MAYOR EXPLAINS OPPOSITION OF POPULATION TO PLACING CITY UNDER U.N. CONTROL

LONDON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Mayor Daniel Auster of Jerusalem, who is here en route to The Hague to attend the International Conference of Mayors meeting, explained at a press conference today the political and economic reasons for Jerusalem's resistance to internationalization. He said that international control of Jerusalem, "by ignoring the will of the population, is contrary to the United Nations Charter and the right to self-determination."

Replying to questions concerning the Neturei Karta--the ultra-Orthodox religious sect opposed to the Israel Government--Mayor Auster said the group is "completely insignificant" and added that the Jerusalem municipality is now studying the introduction of Sabbath observance laws covering the closing of stores and the halting of vehicular traffic on Saturdays. He stressed, however, that there is "no intention to interfere in the private lives" of the city's residents.

VETERAN ZIONIST LEADER ADVOCATES REMOVAL OF WORLD ORGANIZATION FROM STATE OF ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Organization is doomed to failure unless Zionists outside of Israel create an organized movement completely independent of Israel, Dr. Sami Groneman, veteran Zionist leader and president of the court of the World Zionist Congress, declared here today in an article in Yediot Aharonot.

Dr. Groneman advocated removal of the executive of the world Zionist movement and the World Zionist Congress from Israel. He urged that Israel Zionists be denied the right to vote in the World Zionist movement, but continue to be responsible for the purchase of shekels and membership in the organization. He suggested that the world movement concentrate on immigration to the Jewish state, cultural and educational activities and the creation of "rapprochement between foreign nations and Zionist vision."

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NEGOTIATIONS FOR ANGLO-ISRAEL AIR AGREEMENT OPEN IN LONDON; TOP OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE

LONDON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Negotiations for an Anglo-Israel air agreement opened here today at the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The Israel delegation is composed of David Pinkus, managing director of El-Al, Israel's national airlines; A. Gore-Gruber, director of civil aviation in the Israel Ministry of Communications; and Dr. E.F. Shinnar, commercial attache of the Israel Legation here.

The British delegation includes senior officials of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, a representative of the Foreign Office, A. Hilary, managing director of British Overseas Airways, and Commander B. Wolfson, of British European Airways.

Equipment for the establishment of a new, large cement factory in Ramleh, Israel, has been acquired by J. Ophir, general manager of the Nesher Cement Works, it was reported today. Mr. Ophir signed a contract with the well-known firm of J.L. Smith, specialists in cement factory equipment, providing for the delivery to Israel of equipment valued at more than \$1,000,000. The new factory in Ramleh is expected to have a 400,000-ton annual capacity.

NEW AUTOMOBILE RESTRICTIONS TO BE IMPOSED IN ISRAEL WILL SAVE \$1,400,000 IN CURRENCY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- About \$1,400,000 in hard currency is expected to be saved through new restrictions on private automobile owners, which will be imposed as of October 1, Michael Bar, Israel road and transport controller, announced today at a press conference.

Eight thousand automobiles are now in operation in Israel, he said. Their movements will be restricted to three principal districts in five "varying classes of essentiality," Mr. Bar said, predicting that this will yield "considerable savings in fuel and tire consumption, compatible with the needs of an austerity regime."

The U.S. Consul and a number of high Israel officials attended in Haifa the inauguration of an assembly plant for refrigerators, which is expected to turn out 1,000 units monthly within the next three months. Twenty percent of the plant's refrigerators will be exported to Middle East countries. The remainder will be sold to Israel residents under a system of controlled distribution.

HOLLAND JOINS IN PROTEST TO EGYPT OVER BLACKLISTING OF VESSELS SERVING ISRAEL PORTS

LONDON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government has joined the United States, Britain and Norway in protesting to the Egyptian Government over its decision to blacklist and forbid the facilities of the Suez Canal to any vessel which has carried a cargo to an Israel port, it was learned here today from a Foreign Office source. The same source revealed that the Egyptian Government has not yet made any reply to the British representations on this matter.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY RESUMES OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL AFTER TEN-YEAR INTERRUPTION

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The American Express Company today resumed operations in Israel for the first time in almost a decade. The Agency's service was interrupted by World War II. Branch manager for Israel is M. Salaman, former head of the company's Jerusalem office.

Jews in Vienna Hold Protest Meeting Against Government Bill Affecting Jewish Property

VIENNA, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- A big Jewish protest meeting was held here today against a measure now before the Austrian Parliament which provides for confiscation of all Jewish-owned land not managed directly by the owners themselves. The bill also calls for the creation of a fund from Jewish property for which no heirs can be found, the proceeds to be used to compensate those people who had to surrender Jewish property to their original owners.

Pointing out that there is a great deal of this type of property as a result of the slaughter of the Jews by the Nazis, the sponsors of the rally declared that the proposals would amount to "a 1950 edition of the Nuremberg racial laws" under which Jews in Nazi Germany were persecuted. The proposal is being supported by some Socialist and People's (Catholic) Party members of the Austrian Parliament, but there has been no indication that a majority of M.P.'s favor it.

U.S. COURT RULES GERMAN CITIES MUST PAY FOR VALUABLES JEWS FORCED TO SELL AT LOSS

BERLIN, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Thousands of German Jewish survivors of Nazis now scattered throughout the world may be entitled to large sums as a result of a decision by the United States Court of Restitution Appeals, it was stated here today by an American spokesman.

The American court, in a decision reversing a Bavarian German court, yesterday decided that Jews forced to sell their jewelry and other valuables to municipal pawnshops during the Nazi regime may recover the true value of the items from the municipality involved. The American spokesman, however, would attempt no estimate of the amount of property involved.

The case which ended in Frankfurt yesterday involved the claim of Mrs. Rosa Moschkowitz, who was compelled to sell family silverware to the Nuremberg pawn shops. The municipality's defense in the case was that it had accepted such items as an agent for the Nazi Government and was not responsible for the losses inflicted on the Jews.

The American court ruled that the municipalities could not hide behind the Hitler regime and must compensate the victims. It ordered the German court to reconvene and set a value on the objects confiscated from Mrs. Moschkowitz. Pointing out that in the case of such forced sales the money received by the victims was almost invariably placed in blocked accounts, the American court labelled the entire procedure "wholesale robbery."

World Parley on Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Condemns Jewish Ritual Slaughter

THE HAGUE, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Delegates from 26 countries, by a 90 percent majority, voted today to condemn Shechitha, the Jewish ritual slaughter of animals, as "cruel" and "immoral." The delegates from 116 Associations for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals approved a charge made by H. Kuehnle, of Switzerland, that Jewish ritual animal slaughter was "out of date, cruel toward animals and an immoral act." The conference decided to set up a permanent world organization for the protection of animals.

British Foreign Office Gives Reception for Israel Editors Visiting London

LONDON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office last night tendered a reception in honor of a delegation of Israel editors and newspapermen who are now visiting Britain. Foreign Office officials, M.P.'s, Jewish leaders and British newspapermen were among the guests. Earlier the Jewish Chronicle, outstanding London newspaper, tendered a luncheon for the Israelis.

FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE ON JEWISH EDUCATION IN AMERICA OPENS; TOP EDUCATORS PARTICIPATE

PORT JERVIS, N.Y., Aug. 30. (JTA) -- A four-day conference to discuss current problems in Jewish education opened here today under the auspices of the American Association for Jewish Education. More than 40 top Jewish educators from the United States and Canada are participating in the parley, which is being held at Camp Cejwin.

The educators will reevaluate the programs of local bureaus of Jewish education, discuss the "establishment of minimum educational and attendance standards, tuition fees, licensing of teachers and transportation of pupils to school," and review the question of budgeting for Jewish education. Judah Pilch, executive director of the Association, announced that participants in the conference come from Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Newark, Pittsburgh, Savannah, Toronto and other cities.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA ADOPTS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CHAPLAINS FOR U.S. ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- A self-imposed draft to provide Jewish chaplains for the U.S. armed forces, was unanimously adopted by the Rabbinical Assembly of America at a special meeting held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, it was announced here today by Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the 491-member Conservative rabbinical group.

The plan is similar to the method used by the Rabbinical Assembly in providing more than 100 of its members for the chaplaincy in World War II. A Chaplaincy Availability Board has been appointed which will follow selective service procedure in establishing categories for equitable selection of candidates for chaplains' commissions in the current emergency. This effort is in conjunction with the call issued by the Joint American Rabbinical Chaplaincy Council of the Division of Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR; ADDRESSES CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

QUITO, Ecuador, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Assurances that the Government of Ecuador would consider favorably the new Israel proposals to the United Nations regarding the future status of Jerusalem were given today to Moshe Tov, head of the Israel Foreign Ministry's Latin American division, who is on a visit here. Mr. Tov received these assurances after meeting with President Galo Plaza and Foreign Minister Neftali Ponce.

Earlier, the Israel diplomat was honored at a specially-convened session of the Chamber of Deputies. Addressing the Chamber, Mr. Tov thanked the government and people of Ecuador for the aid which they have rendered to Israel. Mr. Tov was later assured that the government is considering the establishment of Israel-Ecuador diplomatic relations. Mr. Tov's next stop on his Latin American trip is Panama. Before coming here he visited Colombia, where he was received by the President and Foreign Minister.

MILTON KAHN, BOSTON JEWISH LEADER, NAMED CHAIRMAN OF BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATES

BOSTON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The appointment of Milton Kahn, nationally prominent leader of philanthropic and communal activities, as national chairman of the Brandeis University Associates was announced today by George Alpert, president of the Brandeis Board of Trustees. The Brandeis University Associates is a national organization established in some 20 communities across the country for the support of the University.

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