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GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL DEMAND NEW GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC CRISIS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A demand for the formation of a new Cabinet was voiced here last night by the General Zionist Party in a statement which also rejected the last government economic proposals and labelled Premier David Ben Gurion's recent radio address to the nation on the economic situation a "pre-election speech."

The General Zionist statement called for new Parliamentary elections, insisting that "there is no other remedy." The government program, the statement said, is a palliative which offers no hope of improving "our critical situation" nor of providing a foundation for "restoring the public's confidence in the government's capability to overcome the crisis or provide an appropriate atmosphere for encouraging investments" in Israel.

Parliament to Get Government's Economic Program Next Week

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Legislation to implement the Israel Government's eight-point program to deal with the country's economic situation will be presented at the next meeting of the Knesset, the Israel Parliament, which reconvenes on October 16. A series of bills based on the Cabinet's decisions will be introduced at that time providing measures to increase agricultural production, spur Israel's exports, permit the import of capital in the form of goods, authorizing a public loan based on gold and permitting a local lottery and adding taxes.

A Cabinet re-shuffle, already decided upon by the government, will be announced at the same time.

Eliezer Kaplan, Finance Minister, discussing this program with the press Friday, denied that the Cabinet had decided to allow a free market in gold or would adjust the exchange value of the Israel pound, now fixed at \$2.80, to the free market price.

Mr. Kaplan declared that state revenue for the first five months of the current fiscal year had reached 49,800,000 pounds (\$139,440,000) of which 19,000,000 pounds (\$53,200,000) had been received from taxes.

The balance of payments for the first eight months of the year, he said, reached 75,000,000 pounds (\$210,000,000) of which 67,000,000 pounds (\$187,000,000) represented imports in all forms. Exports during the same period totalled 12,000,000 (\$33,600,000). Imports represented a 25 percent increase over the previous year, he declared.

During the first eight months of this year, Mr. Kaplan disclosed, Israel had received 31,000,000 pounds (\$86,000,000) in foreign exchange, of which 16,000,000 pounds (\$44,800,000) was from the national funds and the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Kaplan also described measures taken by the government to encourage private savings through investment in a "secured loan" guaranteeing repayment in the currency in which the bonds were acquired. He said he was unable to state the exact date of launching the government's proposed billion-dollar loan since many legal problems remained to be solved.

MAJOR DRIVE AGAINST BLACK MARKET ON IN ISRAEL; BEN GURION GETS EXTRAORDINARY POWERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The nationwide anti-black market drive which began late last week is now in full swing with Premier David Ben Gurion utilizing new powers conferred on him by the Cabinet to authorize police and troops to carry out large-scale searches for illicit hoards of consumer goods.

Many persons have already been arrested, including a number of well-known merchants. One merchant has been reported to have been arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to 18 years imprisonment.

The Cabinet this week-end, after receiving the Premier's report on the black market, invested in him for the duration of three months, the powers formerly held by the British High Commissioner of Palestine under the Defense Regulations. These powers give him the right to order arrests and detention of suspects, search of premises and confiscation of goods destined for the black market.

About 40 tribunals have been set up to deal speedily with black market cases and profiteering as numerous organizations, unions and societies met to pledge support to the new campaign.

At Tel Aviv, the Merchants' Associations was on record in support of the Premier's call to the country for an all-out fight against the black market. In a statement denouncing black marketing as one of the main dangers facing the country, the association called on its members to place all their stocks at the disposal of the public at official prices. The statement concluded by expressing hope that the Premier would give due consideration to the demands made by the merchants.

The association opened ten bureaus in Tel Aviv and 20 in surrounding villages to receive and deal with complaints from the public on profiteering and withholding of commodities.

Meanwhile, Davar, the Mapai newspaper, today criticized the Haifa port authorities for confiscating food parcels of immigrants who arrive at the port of debarkation. The newspaper asserted that this food is needed in Israel and if news of the confiscations reach the embarkation centers the prospective immigrants will stop bringing in extra food.

ARMY ANNOUNCES AUTUMN MANEUVERS; NAVY, AIR FORCE, CIVILIAN UNITS TO COOPERATE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The forthcoming autumn maneuvers of the Israel Army were officially announced here this week-end by General Headquarters. However, the actual opening date of the operation is still a secret.

It is understood that the major objective of the maneuvers will be to test the ability of Israel's armed services and civilian auxiliaries to react to a sudden attack from without. For the first time, all units of the Air Force and Navy will cooperate with the Army in the nationwide maneuvers. Also, civilian auxiliary units, which are trained to care for the population in the event of emergency, will be mobilized and tested.

The maneuvers will come at the conclusion of the general mobilization of the Army, which began some nine months ago. During this period all reservists were recalled for a short training period, as were personnel who never saw action in the Arab war. It is reported that the strength of the Army, an official secret, is greater than it was during the war.

U.S. ACTION IN KOREA IS GUARANTEE OF SECURITY TO ISRAEL, MORGENTHAU DECLARES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The United States action in Korea is of great significance for Israel because the United States and the United Nations have demonstrated that "we will not permit Russia and her satellites to overrun other countries," Henry J. Morgenthau, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared this week-end at ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of the settlement of Degania, in Eastern Galilee.

The U.J.A. leader, who is in Israel to confer with government leaders, declared that Israel is at the crossroads of the East and the West and "as you have come closer and closer to the United States it should be encouraging to a country of 1,000,000 population that the United States is prepared to fight and win against any aggression." Present at the ceremonies were Israel's Acting President, Joseph Sprinzak, Cabinet Ministers and leaders of various national institutions.

HENRY MONTOR TO HEAD ISRAEL GOVERNMENT'S BILLION-DOLLAR LOAN CAMPAIGN IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- All activities in the United States for the proposed Israel Government billion-dollar loan will be headed by Henry Montor, now director of the United Jewish Appeal, Eliezer Kaplan, the Finance Minister, disclosed here this week-end.

Mr. Kaplan is expected to accept the invitation extended to him by the 50 American Jewish leaders who attended the recent emergency economic conference here to attend the national conference at Washington on Oct. 27 convened by these leaders to intensify aid to Israel.

WEIZMANN ACCEPTS HONORARY PRESIDENCY OF J.N.F. JUBILEE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israel President Weizmann has accepted the honorary presidency of the World Jubilee Committee of the Jewish National Fund which has just been organized to sponsor celebrations throughout the world of the J.N.F.'s 50th anniversary. The J.N.F. also announced that Premier David Ben Gurion has consented to act as honorary chairman of the same committee.

Last week, the Cabinet decided to transfer an additional 1,000,000 dunams (250,000 acres) of land to the land-purchasing agency of the Zionist movement. The J.N.F. will soon start a program of draining the Huleh marshes.

DOCTOR ON TRIAL IN HAIFA ON CHARGES OF MURDER OF JEWS IN NAZI DEATH CAMP

HAIFA, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Memories of the nightmare of the Auschwitz concentration camp were recalled here this week-end in a Haifa District Court where Dr. Wladislaw Bering, a physician, is standing trial on war crimes charges. Bering is accused of individual and mass murders of Jewish inmates of the camp.

A 38-year-old survivor of the camp testified that in December, 1942, he and 14 other camp inmates were transferred to the camp hospital. There, he charged, Bering administered spinal anesthetics to them. When the needle broke in one man's back, the witness swore, Bering had him killed immediately with a lethal injection.

The remaining 14 inmates, the witness testified, were subjected to partial mutilation. They were later transferred to the sick bay and forced to undergo a number of experiments from which several died. Five of the survivors were sent to the death chamber for execution.

J.D.C. FACES MOST SERIOUS SITUATION SINCE ITS FOUNDING, LEAVITT TELLS AGENCY CONFERENCE

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is confronted with a cash crisis more serious than any situation the organization has faced since its founding in 1914, Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman, today told the opening session of the annual J.D.C. field directors conference here.

Mr. Leavitt, who traced the downward trend of contributions to the United Jewish Appeal for the past two years, said that because of this falling off of cash available for Israel and overseas needs the J.D.C.'s program in most areas has already been reduced to "rock bottom." Any further cuts in the program, he warned, "will spell disaster for tens of thousands of human beings."

Mr. Leavitt outlined the agency's present program as threefold: 1. Transportation and other assistance to refugees; 2. Economic aid to help Jews in various countries become self-supporting; 3. Basic relief assistance to orphans, widows, mothers, "herd-core cases" and others. He added that the conference will have to decide on how to deal with major problems on a reduced budget.

Besides Mr. Leavitt, a number of other American leaders are attending the parley, including Dr. Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. Among the country directors from 29 field officers of the J.D.C. who are attending the conference and who will report on the condition of Jews in their areas are J.D.C. representatives in Hungary, Iran, Morocco, Israel and elsewhere.

I.R.O. AGREES TO ASSIST IN TRANSPORTATION OF 45,000 VOLKSDEUTSCHE TO UNITED STATES

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization, at the request of the United States Displaced Persons Commission, has agreed to place its migration machinery at the disposal of the commission for the transport of "Volksdeutsche" immigrants to the United States on a reimbursable basis, it was announced this week-end.

The agreement was drafted in Germany and Austria at meetings of I.R.O. officials, members of the DP Commission, the High Commissioners for Germany and Austria, and government leaders of both countries. It provides that the I.R.O. will move to the United States Germans eligible under the amended Displaced Persons Act. The costs will be paid by the United States.

Under the agreement, the German Federal Government will establish four staging centers for Volksdeutsche in Hamburg, Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Munich, in areas adjacent to I.R.O. installations. Documentation for Volksdeutsche refugees in Austria will be completed in Salzburg. J. Donald Kingsley, I.R.O. director-general, said the effects of the agreement would in no way delay or hinder the migration of DP's.

The Displaced Persons Act permits the immigration of 54,745 Volksdeutsche from Eastern Europe. Ten thousand, drawn from this total, have already entered the United States under the original DP Act of 1948.

(In Washington, it was reported this week-end that Ugo Carusi, chairman of the DP Commission since 1948, has submitted his resignation to the White House. Mr. Carusi refused to comment on the report, referring all queries to the White House.)

ISRAEL DELEGATION TO UNITED NATIONS HONORS DR. RALPH J. BUNCHE AT LUNCHEON

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation to the United Nations yesterday honored Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, former U.N. Mediator for Palestine and winner of the 1950 Nobel Prize for his work in Palestine, at a luncheon here.

Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was host to the 30-odd guests. Among the guests were the representatives of the nations on the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, representatives of the United States, Britain and Norway and U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie and other top officials of the U.N. Secretariat.

Meanwhile, the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission met at Flushing Meadow for the first time since returning from Jerusalem last month. No details of the meeting were released.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS 55TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT CONCLUDES; REVIEW OF GERMAN POLICY ASKED

ASBURY PARK, N.J., Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The four-day 55th annual encampment of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States concluded here today following the passage of resolutions calling for adoption of President Truman's civil rights program, increased economic aid to Israel and opposition to the creation "now, or at any time in the future, of a new German Army under independent German command."

Earlier, the veterans had urged a review of American policy in Germany and had declared that the establishment of an independent West German Government had failed to meet the chief goals of American policy in eradicating Nazism from Germany's political, economic and educational life. The J.W.V. called for: 1. The democratization of Germany's economy and education; 2. The development of dependable democratic German leaderships to replace Nazis who have returned to influential positions in government and industry and 3. The rejection of former Nazis as allies in the democracies' efforts to curb Communist aggression in Germany."

World War II naval hero Admiral William F. Halsey, who addressed the veterans today, praised the valor of Jewish servicemen and women and pointed out that there is no bigotry in America's national cemeteries where the war dead are buried. Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., spoke last night on the Korean war. Henry Albert of New York was elected national commander of the group, succeeding Jackson J. Holtz of Boston.

JEWISH AGENCY CURTAILING ACTIVITIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA; BLAMES AUTHORITIES' ATTITUDE

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Withdrawal of Zionist representatives from Czechoslovakia and temporary curtailment of Jewish emigration from that country to Israel was reported here this week-end by Itzhak Raphael, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency.

Mr. Raphael said here that the Jewish Agency would shortly withdraw its representatives from Czechoslovakia and close its Prague and Bratislava offices since the Czechoslovak authorities are not now inclined to grant exit permits in substantial numbers.

NUMBER OF JEWS REPORTED ARRESTED IN HUNGARY DRIVE AGAINST MIDDLE CLASS ELEMENTS

ROME, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Reports received here today from Budapest disclose the arrest of a number of prominent Jews in a new campaign aimed at the middle class elements of the country. Among those arrested are said to be S. Weidemann, formerly a prominent industrialist, and L. Kancis, a landowner.

60,000 VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZE TO RAISE CASH FOR U.J.A. IN NATIONAL "C" DAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- An army of 60,000 volunteers visited the homes of 60,000 contributors to the United Jewish Appeal in communities throughout the United States today, which has been designated by the United Jewish Appeal as National "C" Day, in an intensive effort to raise record sums to insure the continued emigration and absorption in Israel of Jews from Europe and the Moslem countries for the balance of 1950.

In a cable, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., U.J.A. general chairman, who is now in Israel for consultation with government officials there, emphasized that failure to realize substantial amounts of cash in the United States today "may seriously jeopardize the mass movement of Jews to Israel from Iraq and North Africa." The deadlines are "rapidly approaching for many thousands of Jews whose right to leave the countries in which they now reside may soon be withdrawn," Mr. Morgenthau said. "The situation is too tense to permit even slight delays."

IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL CANNOT BE LIMITED, MOSHE SHARETT TELLS PIONEER WOMEN

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The present rate of immigration to Israel is an "elemental force" which "is as impossible to stop or even to restrict it as it would have been to arrest the flow of immigration from all parts of Europe to the United States a hundred years ago," Moshe Sharett, Israel Foreign Minister, declared here last night at the Silver Jubilee dinner of the Pioneer Women.

The more than 2,000 persons who attended the dinner also heard Mrs. Beba Udelsan, general secretary of the Council of Working Women in Israel, sister organization of the Pioneer Women, report on the situation of the women of Israel and of their progress in the government service and in industry and agriculture. Another featured speaker at the dinner was Hayin Greenberg, chairman of the cultural department of the Jewish Agency.

PROJECT LAUNCHED TO SEND 100 AMERICAN TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A joint project has been launched to select 100 American trained and experienced social service personnel for immediate employment in Israel as workers in the rehabilitation and resettlement program for new immigrants entering the country, Ellis Radinsky, executive director of the United Palestine Appeal and chairman of the newly-formed National Committee to Select Social Workers for Israel, announced today.

The formation of the committee, Mr. Radinsky disclosed, followed an urgent appeal from the Israel Ministry of Welfare and service agencies in Israel "to meet the drastic need for trained personnel who can serve as a working nucleus in helping to orientate and resettle thousands of immigrants in Israel every month."

DR. WOHL, VETERAN LABOR ZIONIST LEADER, PROPOSES HUMAN "LEND-LEASE" TO ISRAEL

CINCINNATI, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A human "lend-lease" program of 5,000 skilled American Jews to go to Israel will be proposed by Rabbi Samuel Wohl, veteran Labor Zionist leader, to the forthcoming second National Assembly for Labor Israel, which meets in New York, Dec. 16, he revealed this week-end.

Dr. Wohl, chairman of the national planning committee of the Assembly, who recently visited Israel, suggests that the 5,000 persons should be sought in the major American cities on an allocation basis, in the manner of United Jewish Appeal campaign allocations. He also proposes that the 5,000 serve a year and be replaced each year by another 5,000.

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