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BEN GURION ANNOUNCES CABINET'S RESIGNATION; CONFERS WITH WEIZMANN; KNESSET MEETS TODAY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann of Israel late today told David Ben Gurion--who earlier had announced that the Israel Cabinet has resigned--to form a new Cabinet and remain in office in the interim. The appeal to Ben Gurion was delivered on the basis that he is the leader of the largest party of the Jewish state.

Political observers here doubt, however, that a new Cabinet can be formed at least until the Knesset convenes here tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Ben Gurion, who proceeded to Rehovot, official residence of the President, shortly after announcing that his Cabinet had resigned owing to rejection by religious groups of his proposals for changes in the government, returned here later from Rehovot. He welcomed Henry Morgenthau Jr. and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his outstanding services to Israel.

Religious Bloc leaders, including Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency this afternoon, said that they withdrew from the government not only because of economic reasons, but also because their religious demands were rejected. The religious leaders also emphasized that the issue of religious education in the immigrant reception camps has worsened.

It was reported here that following Mr. Ben Gurion's announcement of the Cabinet's resignation, President Weizmann met at Rehovot with leaders of all political groups in parliament. Earlier, it was announced that the decision by the Mizrahi to withdraw from the present coalition government was decided on Friday by a special seven-member committee elected by the Mizrahi executive.

An official announcement issued here late tonight said that Mr. Ben Gurion handed President Weizmann a letter announcing the Cabinet's resignation, that he conferred with the Israel President for an hour explaining the reasons for the Cabinet's resignation, and that Dr. Weizmann called a meeting of all party leaders. Following this meeting, the communique added, the President asked Mr. Ben Gurion to form a new Cabinet, for presentation to the Knesset.

Late tonight it was reported that top Mapai leaders have begun an urgent meeting in the Knesset building to discuss the critical situation.

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL SET TO STUDY TRUCE VIOLATION CHARGES BROUGHT BY ISRAEL, ARABS

PALESTINE, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council was scheduled to meet here tomorrow afternoon to consider charges and counter-charges of truce violations by Israel and her Arab neighbors.

The Council's agenda includes a complaint lodged by Egypt alleging that the Israelis have expelled thousands of Palestine Arabs into Egyptian-held territory, as well as a Jordanian protest against alleged Israel violation of Jordan territory by the Jewish state's armed forces. The Israelis filed four counts of armistice violations by the Egyptians and Jordanians.

EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO ASK SECRETARY MARSHALL FOR U.S. ARMS, WASHINGTON HEARS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- American munitions will be asked of Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Salah el-Din when the two confer here early next week, informed quarters said today. The Egyptian Foreign Minister will also meet with Secretary of State Dean Acheson and George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

(An Associated Press dispatch from Amman reported yesterday that a new Jordanian Cabinet has been formed by Premier Said Pasha Mufti, following resignation of his former government in protest against militant policies pursued against Israel by former Foreign Minister Mohammed Shuraqi. The new Foreign Minister is Rawhi Pasha Abdul Hadi.)

ISRAELIS, LEBANESE STUDY BOUNDARY DEMARCATION; 75 ARAB FAMILIES REPATRIATED TO GAZA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The Israel-Lebanese mixed armistice commission met today at Metullah, on the Israel-Lebanon border, and discussed the completion of boundary demarcation between the two states and the return of Arab infiltrates to Lebanon. At the conclusion of the meeting the Lebanese officers were invited by the Israelis to visit the nearby Israel settlement of Kfar Giladi.

Transfer of the last 75 Arab families in Migdal Gad, in the southern part of Israel, to Gaza, in the Egyptian-held coastal strip, was completed yesterday. Before leaving Israel territory, the Arabs surrendered all their Israel currency, receiving in exchange the equivalent in the silver coins issued under the old Mandatory regime. The Mandate currency is backed by the Palestine Currency Board in London and is still the currency used in Jordan.

Some of the Arab families who were interviewed by newspapermen said they had not been subject to any pressure to leave Israel territory. About 150 Arabs still remain in Migdal Gad awaiting transfer to Ramleh of Galilee.

MORGENTHAU LEAVES FOR U.S. TODAY; REGRETS JORDAN'S FAILURE TO OPEN MT. SCOPUS ROAD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Henry J. Morgenthau, Jr., newly installed chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University who will return to the U.S. tomorrow, toured the deserted grounds of the University and the Hadassah Hospital atop Mt. Scopus during the week-end. Mr. Morgenthau travelled through the Arab Legion lines with the special permission of the mixed Israel-Jordan armistice commission and was escorted by a United Nations observer.

Upon his return Mr. Morgenthau expressed regret over Jordan's failure to open the road to the height overlooking Jerusalem. "It is an inhuman waste to have the Hebrew University and the Hadassah Hospital stand empty and useless when both the Arabs and the Jews are in desperate need of these institutions," he said.

"Mt. Scopus is a symbol of the culture and learning which the Jewish people is ready to place at the service of all humanity. The laboratories of the medical school and particularly the outstanding cancer research equipment cannot and dare not remain idle. The institutions are vital instruments for peace and mutual cooperation among all peoples, and everything possible must be done to return them to the service of mankind," Mr. Morgenthau declared.

Two members of the Jewish Agency executive will leave for Washington on Tuesday to attend the National Planning Conference on Israel, it was announced here today. They are Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem section of the executive, and Levi Eshkol, treasurer.

ANTI-JEWISH DISORDERS ARE REPORTED IN DJERBA, ISLAND OFF EASTERN COAST OF TUNISIA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Word was received here today of anti-Jewish disorders on the island of Djerba, off the eastern coast of Tunisia. According to the information, Arab mobs attacked Jewish pedestrians in the streets. A Jewish delegation appealed to the Arab elders of the island to intervene, but the latter reportedly approved the mob action.

TOTAL OF 170,000 INDEMNITY CLAIMS FILED BY NAZI VICTIMS WITH BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES

MUNICH, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A total of 170,000 claims for indemnity for victims of the former Nazi regime in Germany have been filed with the authorities in Bavaria up to the end of September, according to a report by Restitution Commissioner Dr. Philip Auerbach to the budget commission of the Bavarian Parliament. Of these claims, he told the commission, 10,000 had been settled.

He said that 23,000,000 Deutsche Marks (\$5,000,000) had been paid out to 2,000 ex-victims, partly in the form of advances. The restitution commissioner proposed provisions of the restitution law drafted by the American authorities in Germany which concerned farm property. German farmers who acquired in good faith "Aryanized" Jewish farm properties, he declared, should not be forced to make restitution. He estimated the value of confiscated Nazi property in Bavaria at 260,000,000 Deutsche Marks (\$57,000,000) exclusive of jewels and art objects.

SON OF JEW MURDERED BY VICHYITES ACCUSES EDITOR OF ANTI-SEMITIC INCITEMENT IN 1944

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A dramatic plea that Charles Maurras, Vichy editor, be called to account for his responsibility in the murder of Pierre Worms, Jewish banker in 1944, was made in a Lyons court by the son of the murdered man, Roger.

The son told the court that he was disappointed in the fact that the tribunal had thus far ignored the role played by Maurras, who in an editorial on the day before the banker was murdered, called for "action" against the Jews, specifically mentioning Worms by name. The son told the court he believed the responsibility of those who incite to murder is much greater than that of the murderer.

Meanwhile, very little conclusive evidence has yet been introduced at the trial to prove that the defendants, Marc de Susini and Emil Arnus, formerly members of the Vichy police, killed the banker and ransacked his villa on the Riviera on February 1, 1944.

BARON VON WEIZSAECKER, CONVICTED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL, TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISON TODAY

MUNICH, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Baron Ernst von Weizsaecker, former Nazi diplomat, will be released from Landsberg prison tomorrow by order of U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy, after serving one-and-a-half years of a five-year sentence as a war criminal.

The sentence was commuted for "good behavior" and after Mr. McCloy's office received numerous letters from persons in many countries attesting that the former Nazi official had protected many Jews and had attempted to alleviate the harshness of the German occupation of Norway. Weizsaecker was convicted in Nuremberg of deporting 6,000 Jews from France to Poland in 1942.

MIZRACHI LEADER CHARGES "CERTAIN FORCES" IN ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SEEK TO DESTROY ZIONISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Leon Gellman, chairman of the World Mizrahi Executive, who arrived here last week from Israel, today blamed "certain forces within the present Israel Government who are directly or indirectly seeking to weaken, and perhaps even to destroy, the authority, power and influence of the World Zionist Movement." This policy has been developing ever since the establishment of the state of Israel," he added.

The World Mizrahi leader said he believed "the attempts to deprive the Jewish Agency and the Zionist movement of all authority, power, and every activity in Israel, and the attempt to take all fund-raising activities out of the hands of loyal and stalwart Zionists and transfer them to non-Zionists and even anti-Zionists, and the constant wooing by the government of these non-Zionists and even anti-Zionists, are apparently part of a plan to achieve the complete disarmament of the world Zionist movement."

Such a policy, he added, will only tend to "widen the breach between the state of Israel and Jews of the diaspora." This, he stated, seems to be of "little concern to those responsible for this policy of alienating Zionists." Mr. Gellman expressed the hope that the forthcoming plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive will face these problems and find some sort of working solution which, through the Zionist movement, will give the Jews of the diaspora more than a passive spectatorial interest in the state" and which will find means of arousing the enthusiasm of world Jewry towards the ingathering of exiles and more effective financial support of Israel.

Mr. Gellman insisted that "only a fully-mobilized and reinvigorated World Zionist movement, whose American membership alone numbers more than 700,000 can guarantee the success of the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel bond issue, private investment drives, and other fund-driving endeavors for the benefit of Israel." He further added that "it is absolutely essential that the world Zionist movement become more deeply involved in the operation of Israel's enormous immigration program, since 'Kibbutz Galuyot' is the age-long concern and duty of world Jewry."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN EXTENDS GREETINGS TO MIZRACHI WOMEN ON OCCASION OF SILVER JUBILEE

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- President Truman today congratulated the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America on the completion of a quarter of century of activity in behalf of Israel's youth. The President's message cheered preliminary meetings planning the four-day conclave which will see more than 1,000 Mizrahi Women delegates, representing some 50,000 members throughout the country, begin deliberations on the expansion of child-care and social-welfare activities conducted in Israel by the organization.

Foreign Minister of Israel Moshe Sharett will be the principal speaker at the keynote session of the convention tonight, sharing the platform with him will be Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York; Mrs. Lionel Golub, national president of Mizrahi Women; and Mrs. Bessie Gotsfeld, of Tel Aviv, honorary national president and Israel representative of the organization. The convention will continue through Wednesday, adopting a budget for the coming year's activities and electing national officers before it adjourns.

WORLD SEPHARDIC CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN LONDON IN DECEMBER, IS POSTPONED

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The World Sephardic Conference, originally scheduled to be held in London December 9-14, has been postponed and the date on which it will open will be announced later, Neville Laski, chairman of the Council of Elders of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, revealed today.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HEAD URGES U.S. TO BRING ABOUT ISRAEL-ARAB RAPPROCHEMENT

CHICAGO, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government was urged last night by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, to take the lead in effecting an immediate rapprochement between Israel and the Arab states. Such a peace, Mr. Blaustein told a meeting of the A.J.C.'s national executive committee here, would establish the Near East as a "vital and strong outpost of the democratic nations."

The A.J.C. leader also appealed to the United States Government to extend grants-in-aid to the Israel Government, maintaining that such aid would help Israel resolve her most pressing economic difficulties. Some 100 delegates from 50 cities are participating in the executive committee meeting, which will continue through tomorrow.

Mr. Blaustein said that "Israel is the best friend America has in the Near East" and voiced the belief that the Arab countries would align themselves with the Western bloc if "there is peace between them and Israel." For this reason, he emphasized, the United Nations--particularly the U.S. and Britain--must "exert themselves to even a greater degree than heretofore toward that peace objective."

The A.J.C. leader, pointing to the Jewish state's serious economic situation, which he attributed to her policy of unrestricted immigration, declared that if grants-in-aid were extended to Israel, "there must be no lessening in the contributions of American Jews to Israel, as this may be the last chance for Jews behind the Iron Curtain to get out and come to Israel." He added that Israel's people "want democracy and will oppose vigorously any form of totalitarianism from within and without." Mr. Blaustein held that a "Jew cannot live up to the tenets of his religion and be a Communist; they are incompatible."

(In New York, Democratic mayoralty candidate Ferdinand Pecora, in a letter to Benjamin G. Brody, president of the Zionist Organization of America, urged that the U.S. Government extend immediately a grant-in-aid of \$500,000,000 to Israel to assist the new state in its present economic crisis. He termed Israel an "oasis of democracy in the Middle East" which merits the "wholehearted support of the American people.")

NATIONAL ISRAEL PLANNING CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES FORMULA FOR COMMUNAL REPRESENTATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Reconstruction, which will be held in Washington from October 27-29, has devised a formula to "guarantee adequate local Jewish community representation" on the steering committee of the conference, which will convene October 26 and will comprise some 200 delegates who will "review major resolutions for presentation to the Conference." The steering body will also work out rules and procedures for the parlay.

Under the formula for communal representation announced today, each welfare fund in communities with a Jewish population of more than 40,000 was asked to designate three representatives to the steering committee; communities with a Jewish population of between 15,000 and 40,000 will designate two representatives; and communities with a Jewish population of between 2,000 and 15,000 will name one delegate.

EDWARD NORMAN, HEAD OF FUND FOR ISRAEL INSTITUTIONS, RETURNS HOME AFTER ISRAEL SURVEY

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Edward A. Norman, president of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, who returned here yesterday from a survey of Israel institutions supported by the Fund, said that the cultural, educational and social welfare organizations aided by the Fund are making "exceptional progress" despite present financial difficulties. Mr. Norman added that "Israel is forging ahead visibly, notwithstanding the immense financial burdens placed upon it by the influx of immigrants."

ALL JEWISH DP'S ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. ENTRY CAN BE RESETTLED IN YEAR, U.S.N.A. HEAD SAYS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- All Jewish survivors eligible for United States immigration can be resettled within the next year if U.S. consular officials abroad are prepared to issue 20,000 visas a month, Arthur Greenleigh, executive director of United Service for New Americans, today told 250 West Coast Jewish leaders assembled here for a U.S.N.A. regional conference.

Mr. Greenleigh reported that approximately 30,000 Jewish survivors, eligible under the liberalized DP Act, were awaiting clearance and transportation for resettlement in the United States. Praising community support of the U.S.N.A. program, he said that communities throughout the country responded immediately to an urgent appeal for community job and housing assurances under the amended Act, and that provision was being made to care for every eligible newcomer.

First of Shanghai DP's Detained on Ellis Island Return to U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The first of the group of 106 Jewish refugees from Shanghai whose detention on Ellis Island last June and subsequent repatriation to Germany aroused nationwide interest, will return to the United States for permanent settlement in about a week's time, the United Service for New Americans reported today.

Dr. Hugo Lewensohn, leader of the group, and his wife Marietta, have received their visas and will arrive in New York in a week. The remainder of the group is expected to follow shortly. The group has been kept together in the I.R.O.'s Camp Grohn at Bremen, while awaiting visa clearance. Visas for the group are being issued under a government ruling obtained by the U.S.N.A. and the Joint Distribution Committee enabling the Shanghai refugees to apply for reentry.

Israel-Bound Shanghai DP's Make Stopover in Canal Zone

CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The S.S. Anna Salen docked here during the week-end carrying 1,320 Jewish displaced persons en route from Shanghai to Israel. Although the vessel normally holds only 350 persons, the passengers said that they were not too inconvenienced. A drive for the Jews launched here netted some \$5,000 in cash and quantities of blankets, clothing, food and medicines.

LOUIS IAMED FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF HEBREW AND YIDDISH LITERARY AWARDS FOR 1949

DETROIT, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The 1949 literary prizes offered annually by the Louis Iamed Foundation here for the advancement of Hebrew and Yiddish literature were awarded to Rachel Korn, Eliahu Lipiner, Aaron Zeitlin, Hillel Bayli and S.Z. Zetzer, it was announced here today. Each of the winners received a \$500 prize.

Mrs. Korn, of Canada, and Mr. Lipiner, of Brazil, were honored for works in Yiddish, the former for a volume of verse entitled "Barshertkeiten" (Preordinations), and the latter for a book called "By the Waters of Portugal," which deals with the Spanish Inquisition. The Hebrew literature awards went to Mr. Zeitlin for his work, "Songs and Poems," and to Mr. Bayli for his translation into Hebrew of Shakespeare's "Anthony and Cleopatra." Mr. Zetzer, essayist and scholar, was honored for his contributions to the literature of both languages.

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