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LAST MINUTE NEWS

WEIZMANN TRYING TO BREAK CABINET DEADLOCK; PROGRESSIVE MAY FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- "President Weizmann is very actively concerned with the solution of the government crisis and is conducting constant consultations, seeking to break the deadlock at the earliest moment," Speaker of the Parliament Joseph Sprinzak today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency following his return from a lengthy interview with the President at Rehovoth. Mr. Sprinzak expressed the hope that the crisis will be resolved shortly.

An official spokesman here said that no further developments are expected until tomorrow.

It was reliably learned that Pinhas Rosen, Progressive Minister of Justice in the defunct coalition Cabinet, tops the list of possible candidates whom President Weizmann may call upon to form a new government. The combination of parties which is considered most likely to support a coalition under Dr. Rosen's leadership are the Mapai, General Zionists, Progressives and Sephardim--a combination which can command 63 or 64 votes in the Knesset.

After his conference with the President this morning, at which he reported his failure to form a "caretaker government," David Ben Gurion went to Haifa to witness the embarkation of a brigade of troops aboard transports in an operation in the war games now taking place in the Jewish state.

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NEW ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN ISRAEL; BEN GURION'S ATTEMPT TO FORM CABINET FAILS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion today called on President Weizmann to report his failure to establish a new Cabinet following the vote of "no confidence" which the Parliament returned early this morning, after an all-night session. The result of the vote is that the Knesset must dissolve and a new body must be elected.

Two hours later, President Weizmann summoned Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, to his residence at Rehovot to ask for clarification of the situation. It is expected that Dr. Weizmann will ask the leader of some other party to attempt to form a government.

The vote on refusing to endorse Mr. Ben Gurion's proposal for a "caretaker Cabinet" composed of seven Mapai ministers was 57 to 43, with eight abstentions. Voting against Ben Gurion's proposal were the Mapam, Religious Bloc, Herut and Communist Party; only his own party--the Mapai--supported Mr. Ben Gurion, while the Progressives, Sephardim and WIZO abstained.

Meanwhile, the Knesset Judiciary Committee went to work preparing an election bill, which will include the date for new elections and other technical details. The committee was acting in accordance with instructions from the parent body which, immediately after the vote of "no confidence," ordered it to produce such a bill within two weeks.

At the conclusion of the seven-hour debate, just prior to the vote of "no confidence," Mr. Ben Gurion made a conciliatory speech and appealed to the Religious Bloc's Ministers to remain in the Cabinet and save the coalition. The Orthodox leaders, however, asserting that Mr. Ben Gurion was making no concrete offer of settling their grievances, refused to remain in the government.

Sharett Asks Immigrants to Vote for Ben Gurion in New Elections

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Hope that the newly-arrived immigrants in Israel will support David Ben Gurion was expressed today by Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett when he arrived here by air from New York. Mr. Sharett said he would like to see the immigrants vote for "those chiefly instrumental in creating the state and those who gave them land and work--namely, David Ben Gurion and those who stand by him."

"I hope the party to which I belong will be returned in increased strength," he said. "Everybody knows it is the only party which can serve as a pivot for Israel in this dynamic period to hold the state together." The Ben Gurion government fared "quite creditably" compared with coalition governments in other countries, he pointed out.

Declaring that he was "no prophet," Mr. Sharett expressed hope that Israel's plan for Jerusalem will be accepted by the United Nations. State Department ceremonial officer Raymond D. Muir greeted Mr. Sharett at the National Airport. Mr. Sharett will meet with Secretary of State Dean Acheson later this week.

ISRAEL MINISTER TO LONDON NOT "UNDULY DISTURBED" OVER CABINET CRISIS IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Israel Minister to London Eliahu Elath today suggested that there was no reason to be "unduly disturbed" over the current Cabinet crisis in Israel. Mr. Elath was speaking at the inauguration ceremonies of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

The Minister pointed out that "crisis is not new to us" and that this one is being handled according to old, established procedure. He expressed confidence that a modus vivendi would be found for dealing with the situation.

Siegfried Hoofien, head of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, who addressed the same gathering, said that Israel is following a new concept of sovereignty in extending its responsibilities "to those who have no other place to go." He added that the Israel Government is "not blind" to the economic consequences of its policy of unrestricted immigration.

UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES BEGIN DRAFTING COMPROMISE RESOLUTION ON STATUS OF JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Several United Nations delegations have already begun to prepare a compromise resolution on an international regime for the protection of the Holy Places in Jerusalem, and key delegates are confident that such a move will win the support of this year's General Assembly, it was learned today.

The resolution being drafted is modeled on a proposal introduced unsuccessfully last year by Sweden and the Netherlands. That resolution invited the states concerned in Palestine to pledge full religious freedom and access in the Holy Land and established U.N. supervision over the Holy Places without, however, extending U.N. authority politically or territorially.

One top Western delegate asserted today that virtually all support for last year's Assembly mandate for complete internationalization of Jerusalem had faded away and that a compromise resolution that restricted U.N. authority to the Holy Places only should win almost unanimous support this year. It was indicated that there would be a number of sponsors for such a resolution, which would be ready when the Palestine issue comes up before the Assembly later on in the current session.

It is also understood here that the resolution will omit the two items of last year's Swedish-Netherlands proposal which were most objectionable to Israel--a provision for progressive demilitarization of Jerusalem and the banning of Jerusalem as a national capital.

ISRAEL MILITARY MANEUVERS REPORTEDLY MEASURING UP TO HIGH COMMAND'S EXPECTATIONS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Early results of Israel's fall military maneuvers are measuring up to the high command's expectations, it was learned here today.

Reserve units, ordered to duty only after the "state of emergency" was proclaimed, are rapidly being whipped into shape and some reserve units are already in the "battle line." Operations are proceeding smoothly from "advance air bases" and Tel Aviv defense forces have successfully repelled several mock air raids.

IRAQ REPORTED PRESSING FOR TIGHTENING OF ARAB STATES ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Iraq has suggested to the Arab League states a plan for tightening the economic blockade of Israel, Reuters today reported from Baghdad. Asking for immediate implementation, a government spokesman asserted that the blockade was the most damaging weapon against the Jewish state.

LEGAL COMPLICATIONS WILL NOT DETER U.S. SENATE FROM RATIFYING U.N. GENOCIDE PACT

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Majority support shaped up today in the U.N. Legal Committee for a resolution that would delay for at least a year the termination of the procedure to be used in handling reservations to the genocide convention, which several days ago secured the requisite ratification to bring the pact into force on Jan. 12, 1951.

The world's two major powers--the United States and Russia--are considering ratification of the genocide treaty with reservations, and the Legal Committee's resolution would seek ruling on such reservations from both the International Court of Justice at The Hague and the U.N.'s International Law Commission. The question at issue is whether or not all or only some of a convention's ratifiers must accept reservations before a reserving country's ratification becomes valid.

Proponents of the genocide convention have feared that delay in deciding this question might postpone ratification by the United States. However, Jack B. Tate, American representative on the Legal Committee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that there was no basis for such an assumption. Pointing out that the problem of handling reservations to multilateral conventions had been unsolved for 150 years, he said that the interim period of the next year or so would represent no change from the past and expressed the view that the U.S. Senate would not be deterred by this particular issue.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION TO START SHORTLY IN EIGHT WHOLLY JEWISH SCHOOLS IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Religious instruction in the eight wholly Jewish schools in Turkey is expected to begin shortly, it was learned here today.

Instruction will begin as soon as the government Department of Public Education, which recently ordered the teaching of religion in all schools, approves a new textbook on Jewish religion written by the Chief Rabbinate. Although religious teaching was optional in the past the Jewish schools could not offer such courses because of lack of adequate texts.

The French schools in Istanbul, however, were giving religious instruction to their Jewish students, using French textbooks for the purpose. The trend among Jews in this city is, increasingly, to send their children to French and American secondary schools rather than to the Jewish school where registration has declined severely and where the administration has been criticized by large segments of the community.

RADIO STATION ACCUSED OF ANTI-JEWISH BIAS NOW BROADCASTING "TOLERANCE" PROGRAMS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Radio programs designed to promote understanding and cooperation among various racial and religious groups are now being broadcast over station KMEC, here.

The station is owned by G.A. Richards, who is currently on trial before a Federal Communications Commission board on charges of ordering news broadcasts on the station slanted in an anti-Semitic manner. The new programs are sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

U.S. SECRETARY OF TREASURY TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, and Leon Keyserling, chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, will be among the top American leaders who will address the National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation which will open here October 26, it was announced today.

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CREATION OF CENTRAL ISRAEL FUND IN UNITED STATES URGED BY MORE JEWISH COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging the creation of a central Israel fund in the United States "to insure maximum benefit" from philanthropic contributions through local Jewish welfare funds were passed this week by two more regional conferences of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. One conference was held in Pittsburgh and the other in Philadelphia.

This makes a total of six C.J.F.W.F. Regions--comprising 163 Jewish communities--which have voted similar action at their annual conferences held during the past month. These regional actions support the position taken by the last national General Assembly of community organizations and by many cities individually.

More than 300 delegates participated in the meetings of the C.J.F.W.F. East Central Region in Pittsburgh and of the Central Atlantic Region in Philadelphia. The representatives discussed major problems facing American Jewish communities in planning to meet their total 1951 responsibilities--overseas, national and local. Both conferences emphasized the need for welfare funds to provide maximum contributed funds to Israel--through a strengthened United Jewish Appeal campaigning within the welfare funds--and for all other valid Jewish local, national and overseas causes.

Delegates also considered other forms of aid to Israel in carrying through its three-year program of absorption of hundreds of thousands of immigrants and the attainment of economic self-sufficiency. These forms include loans, private investment and intergovernmental loans. The East Central Conference passed a resolution declaring that funds secured through loans and private investment should be "in addition to and not a substitute for," maximum dollars contributed through welfare funds.

Distinction Between Philanthropic and Investment Campaign for Israel Sought

The Central Atlantic meeting urged the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to initiate discussions with the United Jewish Appeal and other organizations which may undertake philanthropic or investment campaigns for Israel to evolve a clear-cut distinction between programs supported by philanthropic and investment funds. As part of this resolution, the delegates called for the establishment of a firm co-operative agreement on timing, national publicity and themes for the campaigns.

Stanley Kann, Pittsburgh, was elected president of the East Central Region, replacing Julian Freeman, Indianapolis. Moritz Gottlieb, Allentown, was named president of the Central Atlantic Region, succeeding Herbert R. Abeles, Newark. Major speakers at the East Central Conference were Stanley C. Myers, national president of the C.J.F.W.F.; Mr. Freeman; Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Foundation; and Philip Bernstein, associate director of the C.J.F.W.F. At the Central Atlantic meeting, featured addresses were made by Mr. Abeles; Harold Glasser, director of the C.J.F.W.F. Institute on Overseas Studies; Sidney Goldmann, past president of the Trenton Jewish Federation; Ephraim Gomberg, executive director of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal; and Morris Zelditch, director of social planning for the C.J.F.W.F.

The two conferences passed other resolutions citing the "serious need of cash" for Jewish carrying on important work in Israel, overseas and at home, and urged communities to make the maximum amount of cash available as soon as possible.

ORT WORK AIDS U.S. IDEAS ON WORLD SCENE, MRS. ROOSEVELT TELLS WOMEN'S CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The ORT program in North Africa, Israel and Europe helps the United States carry out its idea of elevating the standard of living of people throughout the world through developing the productive capacity of people in the backward areas of the world, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt last night told 2,500 men and women attending a public meeting of the 11th biennial convention of the Women's American ORT. Mrs. Roosevelt added that the U.S. and the United Nations "must do on an international scale the type of work which ORT has been doing."

In a telegraphed message to the convention, which is being attended by 600 delegates, President Truman said: "You are making a real contribution toward the aim of this country--to help peoples throughout the world attain a way of life we want for ourselves." A message from Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to Washington and head of the Jewish state's delegation to the U.N., said that "by training Israel's newcomers to take their place in the industrial and agricultural economy, ORT is proving that immigrants need not remain in the public charge."

Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University, who also spoke last night, stressed the significance of the ORT's work in Europe, North Africa and Israel where it is giving Jews "a sense of dignity, usefulness and purposeful existence." U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Benjamin Cohen and Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, who keynoted the opening session of the conference, also lauded the work of the organization.

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONVENTION CONCLUDES; HEARS APPEAL FOR CONTINUED ISRAEL COALITION

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Mapai as the majority party in Israel to make possible a continuation of a coalition government was voiced here last night by Leon Gellman, chairman of the executive committee of the World Mizrahi Organization. Mr. Gellman was addressing the closing session of the silver jubilee convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

Bartley C. Crum, former member of the joint Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine, accepted in behalf of President Truman a certificate of completion of the planting of Truman Forest in Israel. The project was financed by the Mizrahi Women through the Jewish National Fund.

DENVER JEWISH COMMUNITY HONORS ADOLPH KIESLER ON 70TH BIRTHDAY; TRUMAN SENDS MESSAGE

DENVER, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Leaders of all Denver Jewish organizations, as well as representatives of numerous philanthropic groups here, took part today in a testimonial dinner honoring Adolph Kiesler, president of the local Allied Jewish Community Council, on his 70th birthday. Messages of felicitations were received from President Truman, while Reuven Dafni, Israel consul-general for the West Coast, represented the Jewish state at the dinner.

J. KLAIVIR, LEADING SCOTTISH ZIONIST, IS AMONG 26 VICTIMS OF LONDON-GLASGOW AIR CRASH

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- J. Klavir, a leading Scottish Zionist and an active supporter of the Joint Palestine Appeal of Great Britain, was among 26 persons killed in a crash yesterday of a plane flying from here to Glasgow. Mr. Klavir, who was also a trustee of the Jewish National Fund commission in Scotland, made his home in Glasgow.