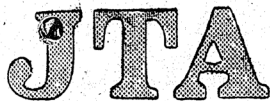


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ISRAEL PARTIES MEET ON CABINET CRISIS; RELIGIOUS BLOC WANTS BEN GURION AS PREMIER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Urgent meetings were held today in Tel Aviv by leaders of all political parties in connection with the Cabinet crisis which President Chaim Weizmann is trying to resolve in the speediest possible way.

An official announcement today said that President Weizmann charged Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice in the defunct Cabinet, with the formation of a new government. Dr. Rosen, who is a member of the Progressive Party, asked the President to give him until Sunday to investigate the possibilities of bringing the various parties to agreement on the composition of the Cabinet.

Dr. Rosen expects to confer with David Ben Gurion and with the leaders of other parties today and tomorrow. Leaders of the Religious Bloc met this afternoon to consider conditions under which they would join the new Cabinet.

Authoritative Orthodox circles today declared that the Religious Bloc will join a new Cabinet only if it is headed by David Ben Gurion as Premier. Dr. Rosen today invited Moshe Shapiro, leader of the Orthodox Laborites, for a conference, but the opinion prevailing here is that Dr. Rosen's attempt to form a new Cabinet has little chance of success. The General Zionists announced today that they have decided not to participate in a "caretaker Cabinet."

The general consensus is that the only viable solution would be to maintain the former coalition until after the new elections. President Weizmann today met several leaders of the Mapai, Israel Labor Party, with whom he discussed the possibility of their party's participation in the new Cabinet. Observers express the belief that Mr. Ben Gurion is determined to definitely relinquish the Premiership in order to have a free hand in the forthcoming national elections.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan left today by plane for the United States to attend the National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation which will open in Washington October 27. The conference will also be attended by Golda Myerson, Labor Minister, who will fly to the United States during the week-end.

Members of U.S. Cabinet Attend Reception for Sharett in Washington

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was honored last night at a reception at the Statler Hotel here, attended by Secretary of State Dean Acheson, other high American officials and ambassadors of foreign nations.

Guests included the Ambassadors of India, Soviet Union, Norway, France, Canada, Luxembourg, Mexico, Denmark, Nicaragua, Ireland, Ceylon, Panama, Switzerland, Finland, Philippines, Ecuador, South Africa, Presidential Advisor Harriman, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, Secretary of Interior Chapman, Solicitor-General Perlman, Secretary for Air Finletter, Associate Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter, Undersecretary of State Webb, Assistant Secretary of State McGhee and others.

RESIGNATION OF CABINET WILL NOT ALTER ISRAEL'S BASIC POLICIES, MORGENTHAU REPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- "The resignation of Israel's Government cannot alter the basic democratic policies of the Jewish state, and particularly the all-important open-door policy for immigrants," Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said on arrival here today from Jerusalem. Mr. Morgenthau met with members of the government during his two-week stay in Israel.

"The open-door policy," Mr. Morgenthau stressed, "has the overwhelming support of the great majority of the people of Israel, regardless of party affiliation. The government crisis is fundamentally a problem of party differences within the coalition, and cannot change the unalterable fact that Israel is dedicated to the freedom of the individual and to the principles of democracy as we Americans practice them."

Governmental changes in Israel, he pointed out, must not obscure plans to formulate a long-range program to meet that country's need for economic development. "Israel is the fastest growing democracy in the world," he said. "There is more building and more pioneering going on in Israel today than in any other country. But it must receive the fullest help from the United States to fulfill its mission of blazing a new road for democracy in the Middle East. Israel's economic potential must not be wasted," he warned.

Outlines Four-Point Aid Program for Jewish State

The former Secretary of the Treasury outlined a four-point aid program for Israel which he described as "vital" for the country's development. He said that Israel required: 1. Grants-in-aid from the United States Government; 2. A continued high flow of philanthropic funds through the United Jewish Appeal; 3. A rapid increase of private investment capital; 4. Generous subscription by the American public of a projected Israel bond issue.

In commenting on the Israel governmental crisis, Mr. Morgenthau stated: "There may be differences that sharply divide the various political parties, but these parties are united in keeping Israel's door open to homeless Jews from all parts of the world. I am sure that most people will not fail to see in this dramatic governmental change the healthy and vigorous character of the Israeli people and the democracy they have built up in the past two-and-a-half years."

He said that during his stay in Israel he gave assurances that the United Jewish Appeal would seek to raise added funds for the transfer of Jews from Iran. He pointed out that emigration assistance provided for these Jews would be in addition to current programs for the transfer to Israel of tens of thousands of Jews from Iraq, Rumania, Tripolitania and other parts of the world.

Mr. Morgenthau expressed satisfaction at the decline of the immigrant population in temporary reception camps, but warned that this could change overnight. He pointed out, however, that 50,000 immigrants are still in the camps and that housing continues high on the list of critical needs. During his two-week stay, Mr. Morgenthau assumed his new post as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ON MATTERS CONCERNING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, conferred this week on Israel with Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee, it was announced here today by the Committee. The conference followed two meetings which Mr. Blaustein had with President Truman following his return from his recent visit to Israel. Mr. McGhee is in charge of Middle East affairs in the State Department.

EGYPT ASKS U.S. FOR FREE HEAVY ARMS; EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS WITH MARSHALL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Egypt has asked the United States for free heavy arms so that she can "defend herself and guarantee security for the Near East" and also furnish the United Nations forces with troops under the new world security plan, Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Salah el-Din told a press conference at the Egyptian embassy today.

Salah el-Din said that he has asked Secretary of Defense George Marshall and Secretary of State Dean Acheson to include Egypt among nations receiving U.S. arms without cost. He said that Egypt should be supplied along with Iran, Turkey, Greece and other democracies. Explaining that American arms would enable Egypt to participate in a U.N. police force, Salah el-Din said that the U.S. should give Egypt arms proportionate to her strategic importance, size and population.

BRITAIN PROTESTS EGYPT'S DECISION TO CHECK PLANE PASSENGERS IN SUEZ CANAL ZONE

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The British Government is protesting against the Egyptian Government's decision to check passengers of planes landing at a British military airfield in the Suez Canal zone as contrary to a 1936 treaty, a Foreign Office spokesman announced today.

The British Parliament was told today by Minister of Immigration Holt that property valued, at pre-war rates, at 10,000,000 pounds and owned by the Templar Society--whose headquarters are now in Australia--has been frozen by the Israel Government. The Society is composed of Germans formerly residing in Palestine.

The Australian Government, Mr. Holt said, is pressing a "just settlement of the Templars' claims, hoping that their assets and property will be liquidated satisfactorily and the proceeds transferred to the Templars in Australia."

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER MCCORMACK URGES U.S. TO EXTEND FINANCIAL AID TO ISRAEL

BOSTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- House Majority Leader John W. McCormack last night declared that it was time to include Israel "as a beneficiary of funds established by the United States to aid democratic nations financially." Describing the new state as "an ally of the U.S." and a "truly democratic nation," Rep. McCormack said:

"Israel should be included in our defense program along the lines of the Marshall Plan in the same manner as other democratic nations who are receiving assistance to resist aggression. Israel is the only land in the Near East the U.S. can rely on. In Israel there exists the fullest expression of freedom, free elections, a free press and the dignity of the individual is recognized on the basis of complete equality," Rep. McCormack spoke at a meeting of Temple B'nai Moshe, in Brighton.

U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMS MANUFACTURERS ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL HAVE WORSENEED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- American manufacturers have been informed by the Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, that economic conditions in Israel became worse during the late summer of 1950.

"Less favorable economic conditions in Israel were indicated by the steady decline of the Israel pound in the free markets, increase of black market activities, rise in gold quotations on the Tel Aviv exchange and the rationing of textiles and shoes," the report said.

U.N. COMMITTEE BEGINS DISCUSSION ON DRAFT OF INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The U.N. Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee today started consideration of the draft of the first international covenant on human rights. The first stage of the debate was restricted, by decision of the committee, to the question of the general adequacy of the first 18 articles of the draft.

Principal speakers today were the representatives of Canada and Lebanon. Both considered the draft inadequate. The Canadian delegate said his delegation would welcome the opportunity to submit in writing to the Commission on Human Rights its views on the draft covenant, as revised by the Commission. The representative of Brazil said his delegation considered the draft of the first 18 articles satisfactory.

ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES SEEK RELAXATION OF LAW GOVERNING THEIR BUYING PROPERTY

ROME, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has asked government leaders to raise the value on property that they may buy and sell without government authorization. The Union, in memoranda addressed to the President of the Cabinet, President of the Senate and President of the Chamber of Deputies, noted that a similar request from Catholic institutions has already been granted.

Under present Italian law, religious groups may not sell or purchase property above a given value without governmental consent. When the lira was devalued, the limit in force was raised for Catholic institutions and is now five times greater than what it was in 1947. No modifications were granted, however, for Jewish institutions.

ABOUT 8,000 JEWISH DP'S IN BRITAIN MAY BE AFFECTED BY NEW CHECK-UP ON ALIENS

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Between seven and eight thousand Jews may be affected by the new check on war aliens residing in Britain which was announced last night by Home Secretary James Chuter Ede, it was indicated today. These Jews are among the 275,000 displaced persons brought here from Germany to serve in a variety of labor forces. None of these DP's was ever individually screened.

Elderly Jewish DP's who were admitted to Britain under the "distressed relatives" plan will not be affected by the new check since they were admitted on individual visas. Similarly, Jews who served in the Polish armed forces attached to British units are not expected to be touched by the new regulation since most of them have already become naturalized citizens.

CANADIAN MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION INVITES GERMANS TO SETTLE IN DOMINION

MONTREAL, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- An open invitation to Germans to enter Canada has been extended by Walter Harris, Minister of Immigration, in an address before a local gathering, who said that a continuous flow of immigrants is necessary if Canada is to be developed in keeping with her resources.

ROME JEWISH COMMUNITY HONORS MEMORY OF 2,200 JEWS DEPORTED FROM CITY BY NAZIS IN 1943

ROME, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- A memorial service honoring the 2,200 Jews from this city who were deported in 1943 to Nazi death camps in the East was held at the Great Synagogue here. Participants in the service included Shlomo Ginossar, Israel Minister to Italy, and Prof. Ugo Della Seta, who conducted the service.

AMERICAN HONORED FOR FOCUSING WORLD ATTENTION ON FLIGHT OF JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- John Hersey, author of "The Wall," and Gian-Carlo Menotti, composer, author and director of "The Consul," were today awarded citations by the 11th biennial convention of the Women's American ORT for focusing world attention on the plight of the Jewish people in Europe. Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan was reelected president of the organization at the closing session of the convention.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD OPENS THREE-DAY PARLEY TODAY IN CHICAGO; WILL REVIEW 1951 BUDGET

CHICAGO, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Problems concerning Jewish participation in the mobilization of America's armed strength will be discussed at a three-day conference of the National Finance Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board which opens here tomorrow at the Hotel Stevens. An analysis on how this mobilization will affect the work of private agencies will be given at the council by Frank L. Weil, chairman of the President's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the armed forces.

Principal business before the Council, an objective body of Jewish community leaders and representatives of Jewish communal fund-raising agencies from all sections of the country, will be a review of the J.W.B.'s proposed budget for 1951. This appraisal will be based on factual presentations dealing with the mounting need for the J.W.B.'s religious, morale and welfare work for men and women in uniform and with increasing demands for the J.W.B.'s services to its more than 300 affiliated Jewish Community Centers in this country. The organization's 1950 budget is \$1,799,255.

The Council will hear reports on the need for expanding the J.W.B.'s armed services program in 1951, and the impact of such expansion on the proposed budget to finance JWB operations next year. The J.W.B., through its Division of Religious Activities, recruits, endorses and serves Jewish chaplains in all branches of the armed forces, and has a corps of close to 200 part-time chaplains to minister to the needs of servicemen and hospitalized veterans where no full-time chaplains are on active duty.

ROLE OF U.S. PHILANTHROPY IN ISRAEL ECONOMY DEPICTED AT CONFERENCE OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- American philanthropy has been a primary bulwark for Israel's economy, and has been by far its greatest source of aid, Stanley C. Myers, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds declared here, addressing a regional conference of representatives of Jewish federations and welfare funds.

"American Jewry's philanthropic efforts during the past year have not only been translated into relief and rehabilitation programs, but have provided the foreign exchange by which Israel has been enabled to import the products which it urgently requires, and has provided the ultimate assurance of repayment of loans and foreign credits," he stated.

Israel's needs over the next three-year period--particularly in 1951--are critical, Mr. Myers told the delegates. At the same time, he added, indispensable services supported by welfare funds nationally in this country, and in local communities, must be continued.

"These needs must be viewed in their totality and the primary task of the Jewish community welfare funds for 1951 will be to provide maximum philanthropic funds for Israel, overseas, national and local causes," Mr. Myers asserted. "The Jerusalem conference emphasized that nothing must be done to harm this primary source of priority dollars for Israel, and that the United Jewish Appeal should be strengthened by continuing its campaign within the local welfare funds."

AMERICAN MIZRACHI WOMEN CONCLUDE CONVENTION; ADOPT BUDGET OF \$1,413,000 FOR NEXT YEAR

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The silver jubilee convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America concluded here today following adoption of a budget for next year of \$1,413,000. The record sum voted by the 1,000 delegates attending the convention will be used for maintenance and expansion of the network of schools and children's homes operated by the organization in Israel. Mrs. Lionel Golub was reelected national president of the 50,000-member organization for a second successive term.

U.S. JEWISH EDUCATOR ASKS AMERICAN-ISRAEL COOPERATION IN WRITING HISTORY OF JEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- A proposal that scholars of the Hebrew University and the Dropsie College combine forces to produce the manuscript of a history of the Jews from the earliest times to the present was made to Hebrew University authorities by Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of the Dropsie College, he revealed here today on his return from a four-month trip to Europe and Israel.

DR. JOSEF FREUDENTHAL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH MUSIC FORUM; GROUP MARKS 10TH YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Josef Freudenthal was elected today president of the Jewish Music Forum, which is devoted to the advancement of Jewish musical culture in the United States. The group, comprising composers, musicologists and performers, recently marked the tenth anniversary of its founding. Dr. Freudenthal succeeds Harry Cooper-Smith.

RABBI NAMED NATIONAL CHAPLAIN OF AMERICAN LEGION; SERVED WITH ARMY IN WORLD WAR II

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi David Lefkowitz of Shreveport, La., has been elected National Chaplain of the American Legion at its convention here. Rabbi Lefkowitz, who was unopposed for the office, was an Army chaplain in the last war and served as Louisiana Department chaplain of the Legion in 1947-48.

VICTOR BERKOWITZ, JEWISH ARTIST, DESIGNED CALIFORNIA COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Victor Berkowitz, 30-year-old Los Angeles artist, designed the three-cent commemorative California centennial postage stamp which is currently on sale in post offices throughout the country, it was announced here today.

ISRAELI LEADERS HONOR LATE JUDGE ROTHENBERG AT CONCLUSION OF 30-DAY MOURNING PERIOD

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The end of the traditional 30-day mourning period following the passing last month of Judge Morris Rothenberg, American Zionist leader, was marked here yesterday at a meeting attended by representatives of all national institutions and presided over by Rabbi Zeev Gold, Jewish Agency executive member.

Among other top Israelis participating in the memorial meeting were Labor Minister Golda Myerson, Education Minister Zalman Shazar and Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel. Dr. Abraham Granott, world head of the Jewish National Fund, described the late U.S. Zionist as a "leader and a friend."

M.J. HARRIS, FORMER MAYOR OF JOHANNESBURG, DIES AT 75; WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH GUILD

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- M.J. Harris, former mayor of this city and for many years a leader of the Johannesburg Jewish Guild here, died today at the age of 75. He was the son of the late Rev. Mark Harris, one of the first Jewish ministers in this city. Mr. Harris was elected mayor of Johannesburg in 1923, becoming the second Jew to hold that office.

ISAAC GRUNBERG, ARGENTINE AGRONOMIST, DIES AT 64; HAD BEEN INVITED TO ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Isaac Grunberg, agronomist and afforestation expert affiliated with the University of Buenos Aires, who had been invited by the Israel Government to conduct a scientific survey in the Jewish state, died here today at the age of 64. A native of Poland, he was an ardent Zionist and was active in the local committee aiding the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot.