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PRESIDENT WEIZMANN GIVES PROGRESSIVE LEADER UNTIL TODAY TO FORM NEW COALITION CABINET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- President Weizmann today gave Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Progressive Party leader and Minister of Justice in the Cabinet which fell last week, an additional day to try to form a coalition government which will be able to muster the support of the Parliament.

President Weizmann's action followed a telephone call from Dr. Rosen requesting the delay. The Progressive leader will journey to Rehovoth tomorrow morning, several hours before the Knesset resumes its session.

From sources close to Dr. Rosen it was learned that a tentative agreement by the General Zionists to enter a coalition Cabinet was withdrawn late today, leaving only the Mapai and the Religious Bloc among the large parties which could unite to form a government capable of receiving the support of a Parliamentary majority.

After a report late this afternoon by David Ben Gurion the Mapai executive committee decided that the only solution for the present situation is the conducting of national elections immediately, unless a stable government can be assured on the basis of Mr. Ben Gurion's program--including his demand for a Cabinet re-shuffle.

The Orthodox parties were still conferring this evening. Sources close to the Religious Bloc assert that the Mapai has agreed to concede a Deputy Ministership and another important government post to the Religious Bloc. It is further reported that the Mapai has agreed to the constitution of an inter-Ministerial committee of two Religious Bloc Ministers and two of other parties to examine the remaining demands of the Orthodox parties.

Speaking at his party's municipal election rally here yesterday, Dr. Rosen expressed the opinion that national Parliamentary elections would not settle the issue because no one party could achieve a majority of the votes. He outlined a program for a stable government capable of bringing to speedy conclusion the problem of immigration. He also called for a strengthening of ties with American Zionism which, he said, is closest to that of his party.

National Issues Overshadow Israel Municipal Elections

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- National issues, including the current Cabinet crisis and the anti-black market drive, highlight municipal election campaigns throughout the country. The municipal elections will be held November 14.

The possibility of national elections being held within the next few months gives added significance to the local elections at this time. It is hoped that the municipal balloting will give the country a preview of the relative strength of the various political parties.

Political observers generally agree that the Mapai will remain the leading political party in the country with the General Zionists and the Mapam registering increases while the Herut is expected to drop some of its strength. Few observers care to make a definite prediction of the strength of the Religious Bloc whose base is believed to be strong among the new immigrants.

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER ARRIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The present Israel Cabinet will continue to function until either a new Cabinet is formed or until national elections are held, Eliezer Kaplan, Israel Finance Minister, declared here this week-end upon his arrival from the Jewish state. Mr. Kaplan is in this country to attend next week's National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation in Washington.

The Minister refused to make any further comment on the Israel Cabinet crisis. He said that Israel's two major problems are the threat of inflation and the scarcity of foreign currency.

Over 40 major Jewish organizations, whose membership includes the majority of America's 5,000,000 Jews, have indicated that they will participate in the National Planning Conference. Some 1,500 Jewish leaders will participate in the October 27-29 sessions.

The Zionist Organization of America, meanwhile, has announced that its newly-formed national economic committee, charged with the task of encouraging the investment of private capital in economic enterprises in Israel, has urged the more than 800 districts and regions of the organization throughout the country to form local economic committees for the implementation of this phase of the Z.O.A. program.

STATE DEPARTMENT DISCOURAGES EGYPTIAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FREE WEAPONS FROM U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The State Department has discouraged, at least temporarily, the bid of Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Salah el-Din for free American arms.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson said at this week-end press conference that he discussed arms with the Egyptian Minister, who is now in Washington, but that they did not get down to specific proposals. In any event, said Mr. Acheson, Atlantic Pact countries and other areas would be given priority on arms before Egypt could be considered.

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL CALLS MEDIATOR TO TESTIFY ON JORDAN'S CHARGES AGAINST ISRAEL

IAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Security Council this week-end heard Jordan's charge that Israel had violated its frontier and had broken the armistice agreement.

At the suggestion of the United States delegate, the Council agreed to invite Maj. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. truce chief in Palestine, to attend its next session on the problem. No date was set for the next meeting.

SHARETT RETURNS TO ISRAEL; SAYS EGYPT SHOULD CONCLUDE PEACE BEFORE IT GETS U.S. ARMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett last night flew back to Israel, where he is scheduled to arrive Monday morning.

Prior to his departure, Mr. Sharett, commenting on the demand of Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Salah el-Din for free American arms, suggested that Egypt first prove its "peace-loving character" by concluding peace with Israel. Mr. Sharett emphasized that Israel stands ready to conclude peace with the Arab state, but that the latter still refuses to restore peace and stability to the Near East. Mr. Sharett, who conferred with Secretary of State Dean Acheson last week said that they had not discussed the arms situation.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY ASK COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES DUE TO LOOTING DURING WAR

ROME, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Compensation for Jewish property looted during the war in Italy is demanded in a memorandum prepared here by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities for submission to the Parliamentary Committee for War Damages.

The memorandum points out that Jewish communities in Italy feel that the families whose homes and stores were pillaged are entitled to war damages in view of the fact that only Jewish property was looted. Under the present law on government compensation for damages, only damage caused by bombing and military operations is considered in compensation claims.

JEWISH DP CAMP IN GERMANY MUST BE VACATED BY NOVEMBER 1; 1,000 PERSONS AFFECTED

FRANKFURT, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Landsberg DP camp in which more than 1,000 displaced Jews still live must be evacuated and the DP's relocated by November 1, according to the latest order of John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner in Germany. The camp will be used for troops.

The emigration of Jews from Germany has slowed down in the last few months and 25,000 Jews, including 11,000 in camps, remain in the country. A reduction in the number accepted by Israel had brought the total down to 75 a month, with an additional 50 per month being accepted if their relatives in Israel provide accommodations for them. Immigration to the United States and other countries has also fallen off.

26 NAZIS TO GO ON TRIAL IN GERMAN COURT ON CHARGES OF PARTICIPATING IN 1938 POGROMS

MUNICH, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Twenty-six former Nazis are scheduled to be tried on charges of having participated in pogroms during November, 1938, before the Aschaffenburg district court within the next few weeks, it was reported here today.

The 26 participated in anti-Jewish activities in the towns of Kleinheubach, Lohr and Hoerstein. The trial of another ten Germans accused of being involved in the persecution of Jews, but without having participated directly in these activities, will be held at a later date, the report said.

ASHKANASY REPORTED TO HAVE RESIGNED AS HEAD OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN JEWRY

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- M.J. Ashkanasy, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and of the Victorian Board of Jewish Deputies, has resigned both positions, it was reported here today in a Melbourne dispatch.

Although no official explanation is given for the resignations, it is understood that Mr. Ashkanasy's action was due to the rejection of his demand that the Executive Council alone carry on the fight against German immigration to Australia. Hitherto the campaign has been conducted by both the Executive Council and the Jewish Council to Combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism.

Mr. Ashkanasy is reported to have charged that the latter body has "Communist tendencies." He is also said to have maintained that the Jewish community, in its fight against "Volksdeutsche" immigration, must approach the government with "clean hands."

FRENCH PRESIDENT COMMUTES DEATH SENTENCE OF FORMER SUPERVISOR AT NAZI DEATH CAMP

PARIS, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- President Vincent Auriol of France this week commuted to life imprisonment a death sentence imposed on Pinkus Chmielnycki, one-time supervisor at the Oswiecim death camp.

NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTS 1951 BUDGET OF \$2,000,000

CHICAGO, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A 1951 budget of \$2,049,922 for the National Jewish Welfare Board was recommended here by the JWB's national finance council at the closing session of its seventh annual conference, and was adopted by the J.W.B. executive committee at a meeting presided over by J.W.B. president Irving Edison. The 1951 budget recommended by the national finance council, composed of leaders of Jewish communities from all sections of the country, provides \$1,675,000 to meet known needs of the J.W.B. in serving the religious, morale and welfare needs of Jews in the armed forces and in veterans hospitals, and to continue J.W.B. programs for affiliated organizations and 331 Jewish community centers.

Included in the 1951 budget is \$374,900 to cover the organization's 1950 deficit, incurred because of unanticipated services and supplies furnished the armed forces in connection with the Korean emergency and the deactivation of the U.S.O. earlier in the year. The budget earmarks \$602,225 for the work of the work of the three J.W.B. divisions serving the armed forces. The opening of additional training centers and military posts to accommodate an expected 3,000,000 GI's by mid-1951 demands that the J.W.B. plan to meet the religious and morale needs of American troops wherever they may be assigned.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE ADOPTS CALL FOR FIGHT ON COMMUNISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the combatting of "the menace of Communism to the constant development of American democracy and the security of the Jewish community" was adopted here today at the conclusion of the two-day session of the national committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The resolution was adopted following the submission of two reports which called for a fight on Communism on the basis of the fact that "the fate of the Jewish community is inextricably bound up with the fate of democracy." A subcommittee was formed to work out the details of a program based on this resolution.

F.C.C. ENDS HEARINGS ON RADIO BIAS IN LOS ANGELES; WILL RESUME INQUIRY IN DETROIT

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Federal Communications Commission has concluded its hearings here into charges that G.A. Richards, owner of local radio station KMPC, ordered anti-Jewish bias inserted in radio news broadcasts. However, the hearings will be resumed in Detroit where Mr. Richards owns station WJR.

Station KMPC recently began broadcasting programs designed to promote tolerance and understanding among various racial and religious groups. The programs are sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL OF MONTREAL SETS GOAL OF \$1,000,000; DRIVE OPENS NEXT MONTH

MONTREAL, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal has adopted a 1950-51 goal of \$1,046,000 as compared to its last year's goal of \$976,000.

The figure was set at a pre-campaign dinner here at which Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Western Hemisphere executive of the World Jewish Congress, was the featured speaker and Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, presided. The Appeal campaign opens November 2.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ADOPTS \$625,000 BUDGET; LARGEST IN ITS HISTORY

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The largest budget in the history of the National Council of Jewish Women was adopted here this week-end when the group's national board set a figure of \$625,000. This figure exceeds last year's budget of \$616,000.

UNION OF POLISH JEWS OF ARGENTINA CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY; HALLED BY JEWISH LEADERS

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of the existence of the Union of Polish Jews in Argentina was celebrated here last night at a gala festival attended by delegates from this country and Uruguay. The organization received many messages of greetings including one from Yeacov Tsour, Israel Minister to Argentina and Uruguay.

The entire Jewish press carried articles stressing the contributions made by the Union toward the progress of Argentine Jews. A large number of Jews who came here from Poland play an important role in Jewish communal activities. The Union of Polish Jews furthers Jewish cultural work in Latin America through its publishing house in Buenos Aires, which has published many books in Yiddish, and which are widely read in all Latin American countries.

The emigration of Israel-bound South American Jews will probably be doubled next year, Eliahu Dobkin, Jewish Agency immigration leader, declared here this week-end prior to leaving for Chile en route to the United States where he will attend next week-end's National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation. Mr. Dobkin stressed the need for spreading Hebrew culture among Latin America Jewish youth and for encouraging the migration to Israel of skilled workers.

DR. MARCUS, W.J.C. LEADER, LEAVES FOR ARGENTINA ON FIRST LEG OF LATIN AMERICAN TOUR

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Robert S. Marcus, director of the World Jewish Congress' central office, is scheduled to leave today for Argentina on the first leg of a trip through a number of Latin American countries. During his tour, Dr. Marcus will meet with leaders of various Jewish communities to prepare for a continent-wide conference of representatives of Jewish groups called by the W.J.C.

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL OFFERS THREE PRIZES FOR POETRY IN ENGLISH, HEBREW AND YIDDISH

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Three literary awards for works of poetry of literary merit and Jewish interest will be made by the Jewish Book Council of America, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, it was announced today by Dr. Mortimer J. Cohen, council president. An award of \$100 will be made for a book of poetry in English, one of \$100 for a volume of poems in Hebrew and a similar award for a book of poetry in Yiddish.

Funds for the poetry prizes, called the Harry Kovner Memorial Awards, will be provided by the family of the late Harry Kovner. The three awards will be given to authors of books published during the calendar year 1950. To be considered, the volumes must have been published in the United States.

LOS ANGELES GROUP PLEDGES \$500,000 TO AMEAL AT LARGEST MEETING OF INVESTMENT GROUP

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Over \$500,000 was pledged to AMEAL--American Palestine Trading Corporation--at a meeting here sponsored by the organization. The audience of 350 was the largest gathering to attend a meeting of an Israel investment group in the United States.

JULIUS BISNO NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Los Angeles Jewish Community Council this week named Julius Bisno to the permanent post of executive secretary with responsibility also for direction of the 1951 United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. Appointed to fill the post of acting assistant executive secretary was Charles Zibbell, who has been director of the Council's Research Department.

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