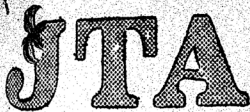


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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TODAY IN ISRAEL; CABINET MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Special policemen and civil guards were today assigned to maintain order at tomorrow's municipal elections which will take place in various parts of the country. With the polling places open from 7 A.M. to midnight the election results are not expected to be known until fairly late on Wednesday.

The intense electioneering, in which even Cabinet Ministers and the Premier participated, continued right up to this evening with many political leaders and government officials touring various cities to speak over loud speakers and at public rallies. Work will stop in the 43 constituencies where the electors will vote for 527 municipal councillors.

In Tel Aviv the electorate numbers some 168,000--including the recently incorporated city of Jaffa. One hundred and sixty-eight polling places will be used. In Jerusalem the 51,000 voters will have a choice of 14 different slates in the first municipal elections to be held in the city since 1936. The only voting that took place since was the balloting for members of the Parliament in January, 1949, when some 35,000 of an eligible 43,000 men and women went to the polls.

One of the interesting developments of this election is that some 5,500 Arabs in the five principal cities of the country will participate in the elections. Arabs will vote in Jerusalem, the Jaffa section of Tel Aviv, Haifa, Ramleh and Lydda.

Three independent all-Arab slates are in the field in Haifa, Lydda and Ramleh. Three all-Jewish lists are appealing for the Arab vote, while two parties have mixed slates. In Haifa a slate called "Arab and Minorities" is running a list of candidates headed by the Deputy Mayor of the city, Shehadeh Effendi Shalah. The slate is supported by the Arab Workers Party which is affiliated with the Histadrut and includes representatives of Christian groups such as the Christian Brotherhood League of Nazareth and the Greek Orthodox Youth League.

Both the Mapam and the Communist Parties have Arabs on their slates, while the Sephardic Party is campaigning in Arab areas on the basis of the "close and traditional relations" between the Arabs and Sephardic and Oriental Jews. In Jerusalem only the Sephardim and the Progressives are appealing to the 1,000 Arab voters who have entered no independent slate. In Tel Aviv-Jaffa the Histadrut list includes several Arabs.

One of the major points of interest in this election is that it is expected to give an indication of the relative strength of the parties. The arrival of tens of thousands of immigrants, many from Oriental countries, plus the enfranchisement of many more Arabs is expected to change the relative party positions.

DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN OVER CONVOY TO MT. SCOPUS SETTLED; AGREEMENT REACHED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Israel and Jordan authorities here today reached an agreement which will permit an Israeli convoy, held up for a number of days, to proceed to the Hebrew University at Mt. Scopus. The agreement reached today is the result of an "unofficial" meeting, in which United Nations representatives also participated.

ISRAEL AT U.N. CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADE BY EGYPT; ANNOUNCES CONCESSION

TAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Israel told the United Nations Security Council today that it would evacuate its troops from the disputed area of Beir Katar, and called for removal of the Suez Canal blockade as a token of good faith by the other side. Abba Eban, the Israel delegate to the Council also urged compliance of Jordan with the armistice agreement in respect to free access to the Holy Places and Mt. Scopus and free passage through Iatrun.

Israel forces occupied Beir Katar sometime ago on the ground that the charts of the armistice agreement with Egypt did not classify it in the area for which military limitations had been prescribed. Subsequently, the mixed armistice commission ruled on the complaint of Egypt that Beir Katar did fall within that area.

Revealing that conversations here with the armistice commission chief, Gen. William E. Riley, had failed to achieve any change, Mr. Eban said Israel is now ready to comply with the decision in the interests of concession and harmony. He stressed, however, that Israel reserved the right to make security arrangements, in accordance with the armistice pact, for its settlement of Ein Netafim, which is in the area.

At the same time, however, Mr. Eban characterized as "flimsy, false and frivolous" the other charges brought before the Council by Egypt and Jordan, and categorically denied that any of them had any foundation. These charges include the expulsion of Bedouins from certain areas and illegal occupation of land on the Jordan River near the Rutenberg electrical concession. Mr. Eban added that the examination of Gen. Riley and former Acting Mediator Ralph J. Bunche had made clear that Israel had not committed any illegalities.

JEWISH AGENCY AND FEDERATION LEADERS TO DISCUSS TODAY FUND-RAISING PROBLEMS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A memorandum on fund-raising and budgeting procedures on behalf of Israel in the United States was the subject of debate at today's plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive. The memorandum was submitted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Six of the Council's representatives will attend the plenary session tomorrow for further discussions. They are: Herbert Abeles, of Newark, vice-president of the Council; Julian Freeman, Indianapolis, vice-president; Herman M. Fekarsky, director of the Newark welfare fund; Harry L. Lurie, New York, executive director of the Council; Philip Bernstein, assistant director of the Council; and Harold Glasser, director of the Institute on Overseas Studies of the Council.

Shlomo Eisenberg, general secretary to the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency executive, arrived here by air today to take part in the plenary session, which will continue for the rest of the week.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ORDERS HALT TO CONFISCATION OF FOOD PARCELS FROM IMMIGRANTS

HAIFA, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Customs officials have been ordered by the Ministry of Agriculture to cease confiscating food parcels brought by new immigrants as a procedure contrary to Premier David Ben Gurion's declaration in the Knesset last week.

Three thousand Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel today aboard four vessels. Twenty-three hundred came aboard three vessels early in the morning and seven hundred landed at night.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OPENS NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH ENROLLMENT OF NEARLY 1,700 STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Hebrew University, today protested the ban by Jordan last week of Israel convoys bound for Mt. Scopus. "The recent Jordanian decision, not to allow the usual convoy to proceed to the University at Mt. Scopus is beyond understanding," he said. Dr. Brodetsky was speaking at ceremonies marking the opening of the University's new academic year.

The University president urged the government to use its influence, in the United Nations and elsewhere, to obtain the return of Mt. Scopus to the Jewish part of Jerusalem. "We must never allow any doubt to exist in our minds that we in any way have departed from our constant demand for the return of Scopus," he stated.

Prof. Brodetsky revealed that the University staff now consists of 42 full professors, 30 associate professors, 75 assistants, 26 "external" teachers, 11 research fellows, 45 lecturers, 38 instructors, nine teachers holding B.A. degrees, and 11 language teachers. The number of students enrolled in the current academic year is 1,656, of whom 194 are enrolled in the medical school. Dr. Brodetsky, who said he expected the enrollment to increase by 2,000, reported each student costs the University about \$1,400 annually. He appealed to the government to increase its present subsidies.

\$1,600,000 TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND FINLAND SIGNED; TO BE IN FORCE ONE YEAR

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The first commercial agreement under which Israel imports will be covered in full by exports from the Jewish state was signed here today between Israel and Finland. The agreement, which will be in force for one year, will cover goods valued at \$3,600,000.

Under terms of the pact, Israel will ship to Finland citrus concentrates, chemicals, woolens, alarm clocks, knitted wear, silks, rayons and other goods, including Kaiser-Frazer passenger vehicles and Mack trucks. The vehicles, manufactured in the United States, are assembled in Israel plants. Finland will sell to the Jewish state newsprint, paper and cardboard products, cement, timber, telephone poles, railway sleeping cars, prefabricated housing units and fishing vessels.

GENERAL ZIONISTS SPLIT IN ARGENTINA; TWO GROUPS PRESENT SEPARATE LISTS TO CONGRESS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The General Zionists here today presented two separate lists of candidates for the election of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. One list was presented by the Zionist Federation of Argentina and is headed by local leaders, the other was presented by the Centrist Zionist group and is headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, of the United States, and Dr. Peretz Bernstein, of Israel. The elections will take place November 19.

In connection with the presentation by the Centrist Zionists of their separate list, the central committee of the Zionist Federation decided to expel from the Federation all those appearing on the list of the Centrists, including Samuel Rabinovich, former president of the Federation. The expulsion also involves Egon Gluckmann, president of the Latin American Confederation of General Zionists; Dr. Francisco Belzer, former vice-president of the Federation; Hersh Gessang, former editor-in-chief of "El Estado Judío," official organ of the Federation, and other former leaders of the Federation.

EX-GESTAPO AGENT ACCUSED OF BETRAYING FRENCH JEWS TO NAZIS IS SENTENCED TO LIFE TERM

PARIS, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Almyre Simondant, former Gestapo agent charged with having betrayed hundreds of Jews to the Nazis during the German occupation of France, was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor today. The prosecution did not ask for imposition of the death penalty for the defendant, who had pleaded guilty to all but one of a series of charges against him.

Jewish witnesses told the court that Simondant, on the pretense that he was smuggling Jews into Vichy French territory, advised his victims to bring with them as much baggage as possible, as well as all of their jewels and other valuables. Instead of taking them into Vichy France, Simondant's truck transported the Jews to Belgium where they were transferred to trains waiting to deport them to Nazi death camps in the East.

BRITISH JEWS URGE SPEEDING OF PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION AND COMPENSATION TO GERMAN JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Barnett Janner and A.G. Brothman, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the foreign affairs committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, today, called on Lord Henderson, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, to urge the speeding up of restitution and compensation claims payments in the British zone of Germany. They also urged that funds due victims of Nazism who now reside outside Germany should be transferred to them.

The Board delegation also asked that in view of the resurgence of Nazism in Western Germany steps should be taken to insure that international guarantees for the implementation of human and civil rights be included in the proposed revision of the German occupation statute. Later, the same delegation saw A.G. Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, in order to raise the question of heirless and unclaimed property in this country belonging to Jews who perished under the Nazi regime.

ALL CLAIMS UNDER WEST BERLIN'S COMPENSATION LAW MUST BE FILED WITHIN ONE YEAR

BERLIN, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- All claims under the West Berlin compensation law recently passed by the municipal council must be filed within one year, it was announced here today.

The announcement also said that victims of the Nazis would be entitled to claim five deutschmarks for each day spent in a Nazi prison or camp. Widows of victims are eligible for a pension of 110 deutschmarks monthly and a rent allowance of 50 deutschmarks a month. Orphans and parents of victims are also eligible for compensation.

Ralf Schweiger, free lance journalist, who has contributed articles to Der Wer, Berlin Jewish community publication, has disappeared, it was reported here today. It is feared here that he was kidnaped while visiting friends in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

FIRST JEWISH GRAMMAR SCHOOL AGREES TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL AID FROM BRITISH GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Aviator School of North London has become the first Jewish grammar school ever to accept state aid, it was announced here today.

Under a Ministry of Education order, the London County Council will henceforth pay the salaries of the teachers, provide equipment and meet other expenses of the institution. The Council will also control the appointment of teachers.

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL ADOPTS \$5,784,321 BUDGET FOR 1951; SIDNEY MEYER ELECTED CHAIRMAN

CINCINNATI, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The National Conference of the Joint Defense Appeal, which is the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, concluded its three-day session here last night with the adoption of a \$5,784,321 budget for 1951. Sidney S. Meyer, of Youngstown, Ohio, was elected chairman of the National Council, and Paul H. Sampliner of New York was named chairman of the Council's executive.

Mr. Meyer, in accepting national chairmanship, declared: "The Joint Defense Appeal can look back upon nearly a decade of achievement in the fight against the bigot and the hate-monger. We have seen the slow but steady growth of a public opinion hostile to the blandishment of the anti-Semites and their cohorts. But the work of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee is far from finished. It is work that will become increasingly important in the years ahead."

Mr. Sampliner called attention to the nation-wide programs of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. He declared that "the existences of prejudice today is a threat, not alone to minority groups, but to the very foundations of our democratic order." He warned against "permitting bigotry to divide America by setting one group in our population against the other." A nation weakened by prejudice is a nation weakened in the face of the totalitarian foe, he said.

JEWISH IMMIGRANT DONATES \$1,000,000 FOR MT. SINAI HOSPITAL LABORATORY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A million-dollar gift for the Mt. Sinai Hospital laboratory donated by Frank Z. Atran, a Russian-born Jew who immigrated to the United States in 1940, was announced here today. The gift will be used to complete the construction of a laboratory building with space and facilities for 350 laboratory workers now engaged in one of the largest research programs in medical science.

Mr. Atran, who was born in 1885 at Smila, near Kiev, studied in Lodz where he was active in the Jewish Socialist Bund. After the Russian Revolution he left Russia and went into business in France and Belgium. When the Nazi armies invaded these countries, in 1940, he emigrated to the United States. Following the defeat of Hitler Mr. Atran reorganized his business enterprises in Europe, but at the same time settled permanently in the United States and became an American citizen.

The million-dollar gift to Mt. Sinai Hospital was contributed through the Atran Foundation, which he founded several years ago. One floor of the Atran Building which will be constructed at the hospital will be used for the Physics Department, with facilities for research and routine studies of radio-active agents. Two floors will house the Department of Bacteriology and Virology, and another two will be available for the Chemistry Department. The two top floors will house a complete hospital for animals to be used for research.

C.I.O. ASKS AMERICAN DELEGATION AT U.N. TO HELP SPEED ADOPTION OF GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- American delegates to the United Nations were asked today by the C.I.O. to "do all in their power to prevent legal barriers being erected to the speedy adoption of the International Genocide Convention. Jacob S. Rotofsky, chairman of the C.I.O. International Committee, wrote Ambassador Warren Austin that "nothing should be done to block American participation in the genocide convention."

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD PARLEY DECIDES TO GEAR ITS ACTIVITIES TO U.S. DEFENSE NEEDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- After expressing determination to have the activities of the Jewish Welfare Board geared to the defense needs of the United States, the nine-state western regional conference of the J.W.B. concluded its session here yesterday.

Over 150 people heard national president Irving Edison, of St. Louis, stress the importance of cooperation between the Jewish center, synagogue, and religious school in order that American Jewish life would be enriched in all its aspects. As a result of the three-day conference it was decided that an experiment in cooperation between the Center facilities of large communities and their smaller, outlying neighbors would be attempted.

\$70,000,000 BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN U.S. JEWS AND ISRAEL REPORTED BY AMBAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- American Jews have carried out business transactions with Israel through the AMBAL-American Palestine Trading Corporation--to the extent of \$70,000,000, it was reported yesterday by Abraham Dickenstein, president of AMBAL, at the annual stockholders luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Mr. Dickenstein revealed that 16,000 American Jews are holders of AMBAL shares and bonds. Principal speakers at the dinner included Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, Robert R. Nathan, economic director of the Jewish Agency, and Abraham Harman, director of the Israel Office of Information.

JUSTICE DOUGLAS HONORED BY YESHIVA UNIVERSITY AND B'NAI B'RITH; LAUDS STATE OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas declared yesterday that there are two bright spots in the East today--Israel and India, both of which he said are "real democracies." Justice Douglas, speaking at the sixth annual conference of the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith, where he received the 1950 Civil Rights Award of the Council, added that there "is not an ounce of Communism in the whole state of Israel."

Later in the day, Justice Douglas was honored by Yeshiva University at a Charter Day dinner in the Astor Hotel. He was presented with the annual Morris Morgenstern Award of the University, for "his outstanding contributions in furthering humanitarian principles and brilliant espousal of our democratic way of life." The award was conferred by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva.

JUDGE FOREMAN, NOTED JEWISH LEADER, TO BECOME CHIEF JUDGE OF FEDERAL COURT IN NEW JERSEY

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Judge Philip Foreman, noted Jewish leader, will become Chief Judge of the Federal District Court in New Jersey, it was reported here today. He will succeed Chief Judge Guy L. Folsom, who will reach the age of 71 next week and who requested President Truman to place him on the active retirement list before the end of 1950.

DR. TRAVERS HERFORD, WORLD AUTHORITY ON EARLY JUDAISM, DIES IN ENGLAND; WAS 90

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Travers Herford, 90, world authority on Judaism at the time of the rise of Christianity, died in his home near Chester on Friday. He was the author of numerous works on the Talmud and on the Pharisee movement. In 1941 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

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