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GENERAL ZIONISTS GAIN IN ISRAEL'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; HISTADRUT LEADS IN VOTING

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Provisional and unofficial figures in the municipal elections which were held in various parts of the country yesterday indicated that the Centrist General Zionist Party has picked up considerable strength as compared with the Parliamentary elections which took place in January, 1949. General Zionist leaders today claim that the party had 29 percent of the total vote as compared with the 5 percent it received in the previous election.

The Histadrut slate, representing the Mapai Party alone, was leading in a number of municipalities, but not in Tel Aviv. The unofficial returns from Tel Aviv-Jaffa indicated that the General Zionists there received 33 percent of the votes; Histadrut, 22; the rightwing Herut Party, 13; the left-wing Socialist Mapam Party, 9; Orthodox groups, 10; Progressive Zionists, three; Communist Party, two. The remainder of the votes were split up among various small groups, including the Yemenites, Sephardim and Landlord group.

Voting throughout the country was extremely orderly, with only one clash reported. The elections took place in 43 cities, towns and regions. The overall picture, as it emerged from preliminary figures, shows that while the General Zionist Party gained and the Histadrut lost slightly, the Mapam, Herut and Religious Bloc lost heavily.

In Jerusalem, semi-official final figures reveal that the Histadrut received about 24 percent of all the votes, Religious groups 11 percent; General Zionists 22 percent; Herut about 9 percent; Progressive Party about 4 percent and Mapam about 10 percent. The Communists received two percent.

General Zionists Gain In Haifa, Petach Tikvah, Rehovoth and Natanya

In Haifa, where the final results were announced, the Histadrut received 33 percent, General Zionists, 22 percent; Mapam 14 percent; Religious groups 12 percent; Progressives-Sephardim 8 percent and Herut 6 percent. The Communists received only 3 percent of all the votes. Although the Histadrut emerged as the first party, it lost considerable strength as compared with the 1949 elections. The General Zionists received only about 7 percent of the votes in Haifa at the last elections.

In Petach Tikvah, the Histadrut slate and the General Zionists tied for the first time in yesterday's municipal elections. Both parties received 30 percent of the vote, with the Mapam receiving 9.5 percent; Herut eight percent; and Communists 1.5 percent. The General Zionists gain was considerable as compared to the vote in the general elections of January, 1949. At that time the centrist party received only 8.5 percent of the vote, as compared with Histadrut, 35.7; Mapam, 11.5; Herut, 12.2; Progressives 2.8; and Communists 1.7.

In Natanya, the General Zionist Party became the leading party. It received 22 percent of the total vote, edging out the Histadrut slate with 21 percent.

The other parties ranked as follows: Herut, 15 percent; Mapam, 10 percent; Progressives, 11 percent. In the last election in January, 1949, the relative party strength was: Histadrut, 39.5 percent; Herut, 14 percent; Mapam, 9.4 percent; Progressives, 8.2 percent; General Zionists 4.8 percent; and Communists, 1.1 percent.

In Rehovoth the Histadrut remains the leading party although it lost almost half its strength in yesterday's election. The tally revealed the following standing: Histadrut, 26 percent of the vote as compared to 40 percent in the last election; General Zionists, 18 percent as compared to 8.2; Mapam, 12 percent as compared to 11.6; Herut, seven to 7.7; Progressives, five to 6.4; and Communists, two as compared with 1.3 percent.

In Lydda, the Histadrut slate again emerged as first. The final tabulations reveal the following picture: Histadrut, 40 percent of the total vote; Mapam, 18 percent; Religious groups, 13 percent; Progressive Arabs, ten percent; Communists, seven percent; General Zionists, six percent; Progressive Party, one percent.

The only untoward incident reported from any major center in the country occurred in Haifa where at least a dozen Arabs were involved in a brawl in which six were injured, although not seriously. The police broke up the fight and later announced that 12 persons were arrested and two pistols had been confiscated. A police communique stating that shots were fired, stones thrown and clubs swung during the fracas was denied by Mapam and Communist circles which insist that no shots were fired.

KNESSET DEBATES TERM OF OFFICE; GENERAL ZIONISTS DEMAND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today began its discussion of Premier David Ben Gurion's proposal to fix the term of office of the present Parliament at four years and order the holding of the next general election in 1953.

A representative of the General Zionist Party, which increased its strength considerably in yesterday's municipal elections demanded the dissolution of the present Knesset and the immediate holding of new national balloting. In this proposal he was supported by the Mapam and Herut Parties, both of which suffered heavy losses in this election.

In Tel Aviv Dr. Peretz Bernstein, General Zionist leader, commenting on the election results, also demanded an immediate general election. "The present Parliament cannot go on in view of yesterday's election result," he insisted.

ISRAEL BOUGHT \$2,000,000 WORTH OF GOODS FROM TURKEY; EXPORTED ONLY \$30,000 TO ISTANBUL

ISTANBUL, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Israel has imported \$2,000,000 worth of Turkish goods and has exported to Turkey only \$30,000. worth of merchandise, including drugs, radios and refrigerators, it was reported by Turia Arazi, commercial attache of the Israel legation here. He expressed the hope that a better trade balance between the two nations would be established in the near future.

Mr. Arazi also revealed that a trade delegation from the Jewish state has been conducting commercial negotiations here for the past three weeks. As a result of the talks, Turkish businessmen have already agreed to purchase increased quantities of electrical appliances and kitchen utensils from Israel, including 100,000 hot plates.

TRUMAN RECEIVES DELEGATION OF JEWISH LEADERS; IS ENCOURAGING ON FINANCIAL AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- President Truman today received a delegation of 15 representatives of all major Jewish groups in this country and indicated to them that he is deeply interested in Israel's economic situation. He promised that he would immediately look into the matter to see what he could do on behalf of the American Government.

The delegation presented the President with a memorandum urging that the U.S. Government include Israel in its policy of extending financial aid to democratic countries. The memorandum was presented by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, who emphasized that its contents were approved in principle by the 2,000 American Jewish leaders who attended the recent National Planning Conference in Washington.

Speaking for the delegation as it emerged from the President's office at the White House, Dr. Goldmann said that the Jewish leaders consider the meeting "very encouraging." He added that the delegation expressed to the President the joy of American Jewry that the recent attempt on his life had failed.

Israel's Role As "Democratic Bastion" in Near East is Emphasized

The memorandum emphasized that the Government of the United States under President Truman's leadership "played a decisive role in the establishment and recognition of the state of Israel." It stressed Israel's role as "a democratic bastion" in the Near East, and therefore deserving of American support. It also pointed out that the Jewish state's admission of scores of thousands of people from German DP camps had taken a great financial load off the American Treasury.

Henry J. Morgenthau, who recently returned from Israel, told the President that the Jewish state is a "dynamo of energy courageously facing stupendous problems, which deserved and could wisely use American financial help." The former Secretary of the Treasury added that a strengthened Israel could have "incalculable influence" in spreading democracy through the Middle East, while its failure would tend to make neighboring countries "turn to other political forms."

The delegation comprised: Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Pinchas Churgin, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America; Herbert B. Ehrman, chairman of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Committee; Abraham Feinberg of New York; Saul Gold, national vice-chairman of the Jewish War Veterans; Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith; Dr. Goldmann; Dr. Hayim Greenberg, member of the executive of the Labor Zionist Organization of America -- Poale-Zion; Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of the Hadassah; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee; Edward Jacobson of Kansas City; Mrs. Harold Levin, vice-chairman of the executive committee of the National Council of Jewish Women; Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress; Mr. Morgenthau, Jr. general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

JORDAN ASKS BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR 10,000,000 POUND LOAN; ALSO SEEKS POINT FOUR AID

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Jordan has asked Britain for a 10,000,000 pound loan; the Arabic daily newspaper Falastin published in the Old City, reported today. The paper said that the Amman government has asked that Jordan be included as a recipient of economic aid from the United States under President Truman's Point Four program.

GERMAN JEWISH COUNCIL ASKS PART OF RESTITUTION FUNDS BE USED FOR WORLD JEWISH RELIEF

LONDON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- A portion of the moneys and assets due German Jewry in the form of restitution should be used to help the major Jewish relief organizations of the world which are facing extreme financial difficulties in meeting their tasks, it was decided here today at a meeting of the executive committee of the Council for the Protection of the Rights and Interests of Jews from Germany. The Council is the central representative body of German Jewish organizations throughout the world.

At the same time, the executive, whose session was chaired by Dr. Leo Baack, former Chief Rabbi of Berlin, expressed the hope that a substantial portion of the funds from heirless and communal restitution would be made available to the Council itself to be used for German Jews now in the United States, Britain, Israel and other countries.

The Council also stressed that the restitution laws will serve their purpose only if facilities are granted immediately for the transfer of funds and property. It stressed the need for providing old age homes for impoverished German Jews, for establishing loan agencies and for protecting the records of German Jewish communities -- all of which projects are being postponed for lack of funds.

JEW ELECTED TO GIBRALTAR'S NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; 800 JEWS LIVE ON FAMED "ROCK"

GIBRALTAR, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- One Jew has been elected a member of the Gibraltar Legislative Council which will for the first time in history begin to exercise a measure of home rule over Britain's famed "rock" community.

The nine-member council, of which only five are elected, will include Joshua Hassan, leading member of the Jewish community. Abraham Serfaty, another Jew, was defeated in the elections. Gibraltar's Jewish community numbers about 800 persons.

DIFFERENCES OVER METHOD OF PAYMENT HOLDS UP SALE OF JEWISH HOSPITAL IN GREECE

ATHENS, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Last-minute differences over the method of payment has held up the proposed sale of the Baron de Hirsch Hospital in Salonika, a Jewish community property, it was learned here today.

The American mission in Greece has agreed to pay 71,500 pounds for the property, which will be transferred to the Greek Government. The mission has agreed to make the payment directly from E.C.A. funds, but the Greeks insist upon using their own channels for payment.

The proposed sale, meanwhile, has aroused controversy in Israel and in the Athens Jewish community where claims are made for shares of the sale price. Some Salonika Jews who have resettled in Israel demand that a portion of the money be used to help 15,000 Salonika Jews in need of assistance in Israel. The Athens community also claims a share because many destitute Jews who formerly lived in Salonika now live in Athens and received relief and other assistance from the Athens community -- itself a recipient of aid from the Joint Distribution Committee.

NEO-NAZI AUSTRIAN PARTY POLLS ONE-FIFTH OF VOTE IN INNSBRUCK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

VIENNA, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The neo-Nazi Austrian Union of Independents received 8,600 votes -- or one-fifth of the total cast -- in recent Innsbruck municipal elections. The Socialist and Catholic parties polled 18,000 and 11,600 votes respectively.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION OPENS IN WASHINGTON; DELEGATION TO SEE TRUMAN TODAY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The United Synagogue of America, national organization of 500 Conservative congregations, today opened its biennial convention at the Willard Hotel here "to explore new frontiers for Jewish living" in the United States. More than 800 delegates are attending the convention. Tomorrow, a delegation from the organization will call on President Truman at the White House.

Judge Simon H. Rifkind, chairman of the national convention committee, said that a plan evolved from the results of the Survey of Synagogue Life conducted by the United Synagogue in cooperation with Columbia University will be presented to the convention. The convention will discuss the "reaching of the unaffiliated, the relationship between the rabbi and congregation, making the synagogue a social center, financing the congregation," and various other problems.

U.A.H.C. CONVENTION OPENS \$1,875,000 DRIVE; APPROVES CENTRAL PLACEMENT PLAN FOR RABBIS

CLEVELAND, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Following a sharp debate, delegates attending the 41st biennial assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations voted last night for the establishment of a voluntary rabbinical placement plan. Under the plan all requests for rabbis will be channelled through a placement bureau to be set up by the Joint Placement Commission, composed of an equal number of lay and rabbinic representatives. The voluntary plan was adopted as a substitute measure in place of one binding all congregations and rabbis to arrange pulpit appointments only through the placement bureau.

Addressing the 2,000 representatives of 425 Reform congregations at a banquet last night, Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States, termed the creation of Israel the "chief expression of the collective genius of the Jewish people in its modern history." He told the assembly that Israel has achieved a fully coherent pattern of democracy; that the democratic institutions of Israel are flourishing in a region where democracy does not generally prevail; and finally, instead of imitating existing social forms, "Israel is building its own individual society, unique in its capacity to harmonize individual and collective efforts and to give support of the state to both."

Ambassador Eban continued: "The support which Israel has given to the defense of world peace and conciliation by the United Nations is in full conformity both with the spirit of modern Israel and with the heritage of Israel of old, from whose writings the concept of universal brotherhood was derived."

The nation-wide campaign for \$1,875,000 in behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion was formally opened at a luncheon-session. Dr. Samuel S. Shollender of Chicago, general chairman of the drive, announced that \$300,000 had been raised toward the goal.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS APPROVES PLAN TO "DRAFT" RABBIS FOR CHAPLAINCY

CLEVELAND, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis, meeting here concurrently with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations biennial assembly, today unanimously approved a chaplaincy procurement program which incorporates features similar to Selective Service. The plan was adopted at an extraordinary session of the C.C.A.R.

Under the plan, rabbis will be divided between those who have previously served in the chaplaincy and those who have not. These divisions will further be classified as follows: single rabbis, married, married with one child and married with more than one child. The Central Conference's action was taken in connection with the nationwide campaign being conducted by the National Jewish Welfare Board to recruit an additional 100 Jewish chaplains urgently needed by the U.S. armed forces.

CONSERVATIVE WOMEN'S CONVENTION PLEDGES EFFORTS FOR "VIBRANT AMERICAN JUDAISM"

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Delegates attending the convention here of the Women's League of the United Synagogue of America today pledged themselves to a "fellowship plan" in which they said they would "participate consciously in the creation of a vibrant American Judaism for today and tomorrow." The delegates said they would "make the Sabbath operative" in their lives. Mrs. Emanuel Siner, of Long Island, N.Y., was elected national president.

The convention approved a \$250,000 goal for the League's Torah Fund program, which is in behalf of the educational programs conducted by the Jewish Theological Seminary. One of the principal speakers at last night's session was Rabbi Judah Nadich, of Brookline, Mass., former Advisor on Jewish Affairs to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower during World War II. Rabbi Nadich said he feared a "possible and gradual diminution of Jewish loyalties among American Jews unless there is an immediate intensification of spiritual and cultural life."

20 A.S. TO HOLD ECONOMIC PARLAYS IN 20 AMERICAN CITIES; WILL DISCUSS ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- A series of 20 Economic Seminars on Israel will be held in major cities throughout the United States under the auspices of the Economic Department of the Zionist Organization of America, it was announced here today.

The seminars, to be held in prominent industrial centers during the next several months, will serve to bring together for authoritative discussions on Israel's economic potentialities many of the foremost businessmen and industrialists in their respective communities. Outstanding economic and financial authorities will speak on such topics as industrial life in Israel, imports and exports and foreign trade.

It is expected that the seminars will be most effective in the dissemination of first-hand information on every aspect of Israel's economic needs and potentialities as well as in defining the part American Jews must play in the general upbuilding of Israel.

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE MAY PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH PLANS FOR RESEARCH FACILITIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Israel doctors will aid the U.S. Public Health Service in gathering research data on cancer of the womb -- a condition rare in Jewish women -- Dr. Zalman Grinberg, medical director of Beilinson Hospital in Israel, said today after a tour of government medical facilities.

Dr. Grinberg was honored at a luncheon tendered him by U.S. Surgeon-General Leonard Scheele and members of his staff. He is in the U.S. in connection with the \$10,000,000 fund-raising campaign of the Histadrut. Doctors of the U.S.P.H.S. conducted Dr. Grinberg on a tour of the Service's national institutes for health at Bethesda, Md. Dr. Grinberg said the U.S.P.H.S. may provide copies of plans of American research facilities so that they may be incorporated into new designs for hospitals and research centers in Israel.

DISPLACED JEWS, SETTLED IN JACKSONVILLE, CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- All but one of this city's newly-arrived group of Jewish DP families have contributed to the United Campaign of the Jewish Community Council, Leonard Moss, council president, reported today. Campaign contributions of the new citizens, Mr. Moss said, indicate that "they feel their responsibilities as community members and strongly desire to aid their fellow Jews in need."

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