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ISRAEL CABINET SEEKS FOUR-YEAR TERM FOR PRESENT PARLIAMENT; FACES OPPOSITION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel parliament today referred to its legal committee the bill submitted by the Cabinet fixing the term of the present parliament at four years and providing that the next parliamentary elections be held in January, 1953.

The issue has now become one of the most controversial in the country, in view of the fact that the General Zionist Party, which emerged with heavy gains in the municipal elections on Tuesday, is now demanding immediate parliamentary elections. This demand is being supported by the right-wing Herut Party and by the left-wing Socialist Mapam Party. All of these three groups are not represented in the present Cabinet.

The entire press in Israel today acknowledges the fact that Tuesday's municipal elections represent a marked swing to the right and put the General Zionists in second place behind Mapai, Israel's moderate Socialist party. Although final election tallies are not yet available, the Hebrew papers agree that Premier David Ben Gurion's Mapai party lost ground in all important urban centers while the centrist General Zionists scored sweeping gains.

On the whole, the Israel newspapers agree that national elections should be held to select a new parliament. Davar, however, stated that a nationwide ballot "may differ radically from the municipal elections, since only about 400,000 persons went to the polls on Tuesday, while double that number would vote in a general election, possibly with quite different results."

Official results of the municipal elections in Tel Aviv were announced here last night. The General Zionists won 31 percent of the votes, the Mapai received 23 percent; Herut, 14; Mapam, 10; Hapoel Hmizrachi, four; Agudas Israel, three; Progressives, three; Communist, two; Mizrachi, two; Yemenites, two; Landlords, Sephardim, and Artisans, 0.7 each.

In Rishon leZion the General Zionists scored 30 percent; Mapai, 23; Mapam, 15; Herut, nine; Poale Agudas Israel, seven; Yemenites and Poale Mizrachi, five each; Communists, three; Progressives, two.

Al Hamishar, organ of the left-wing Socialist Party, Mapam, publishes a comprehensive tabulation of the voting which showed that Mapam won 11.6 percent of the ballots as compared with 10.6 in the 1949 parliamentary elections. The tabulation also shows that the General Zionists polled 25.2 percent of the ballots, as compared with 7.3 in the national elections. According to the same table, all other parties "lost more or less heavily," to wit: Mapai dropped from 37.2 to 26.9; Herut from 15.4 to 10.5; Religious Bloc from 15.4 to 12.8; Progressives from 5.5 to 4; Communists from 2.6 to 2.4.

Haaretz, independent General Zionist newspaper, declared today that the "General Zionists are the second party in the state" and urged the holding of new national elections. Davar, the Mapai newspaper, ran a banner stating that the "municipal elections produced a right-wing concentration," while HaBoker, official General Zionist organ, printed a page one streamer announcing the "decisive victory for General Zionists in local elections."

JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE MEETS WITH FEDERATION LEADERS ON U.S. FUND-RAISING PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The executive of the Jewish Agency, meeting in plenary session here today, reviewed with representatives of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds a wide range of problems touching on Israel campaigns in the United States and their relationship to the programs of the local Jewish communities. A memorandum prepared by the Council was discussed in detail.

It was the first time that representatives of the Council, acting as a group, and a plenary of the Jewish Agency executive has had the opportunity for so full and frank an exchange of views. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the executive, who presided at the session, declared at its close that "the exchange was extremely helpful in clarifying many problems."

Representing the Council at the session were Herbert Abeles, of Newark and Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, vice-presidents; Harry L. Lurie, of New York, executive director; Philip Bernstein, assistant director; Arnold Gurin, director of the budget department; Harold Glasser, director of the Institute on Overseas Studies of the Council; Mrs. Abraham Goller of the Women's Division of the New York United Jewish Appeal; Herman M. Pokarsky of the Welfare Fund of Newark, N.J., and Ephraim Gomberg, executive director of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal.

Hears Reports on Immigration to Israel and on Educational Activities

Earlier the plenary heard reports from Itzhak Raphael, director of the Immigration Department, and Hayim Greenberg, director of the Culture and Education Department. Mr. Raphael disclosed that Eastern Europe, Iran and Iraq will provide 90 percent of the 90,000 immigrants expected to arrive in Israel during the coming winter months. He declared that only lack of funds for transport, organization and housing kept the figure from being twice as high.

The head of the Immigration Department declared that 172,340 immigrants from 54 countries arrived in Israel during the Jewish year ending September, 1950. The largest single number--63,000--came from Eastern Europe, with Rumania furnishing 38,000 Arab countries and North Africa provided 65,000 immigrants, while only 6,500 came from Western Europe. "Fund shortages have slowed down immigration to an average of 14,000 a month," Mr. Raphael said, "whereas with sufficient funds, 30,000 could be absorbed monthly. Immigration from North Africa has been limited to 600-700 a month."

Mr. Greenberg reviewed the seminars, "refresher course" and teacher-exchanges engineered by the Culture and Education Department during the last year. Largest of the seminars was held in Israel last summer, in which 100 Hebrew teachers from 12 countries participated. The Department is fostering a conference of educators in Paris in December looking to the establishment of a permanent seminary of Hebrew studies in the French capital, he reported. Mr. Greenberg also reported that 400 American students participated in a nationwide Department-sponsored essay contest on Jewish history and culture.

NEARLY 20,000 JEWS REACHED ISRAEL LAST MONTH; IMMIGRATION TOTAL NEARING HALF-MILLION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A total of 19,567 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel during the month of October, making it the largest contingent to reach the Jewish state in any month since January, the government statistical bureau reported today.

The bureau added that in the first ten months of this year the number of immigrants who arrived in Israel was 145,041 while the total number of Jews who reached the Jewish state since the proclamation of statehood in May, 1948, is 480,017.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE DELEGATION CALLS ON TRUMAN; ASKS U.S. FINANCIAL AID FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Hope that the U.S. Government will extend economic aid to Israel is expressed in a scroll of greetings presented today to President Truman by a delegation of the United Synagogue of America, now holding its annual convention here.

Receiving the delegation at the White House, the President expressed his gratitude for the scroll. Samuel Rothstein, president of the United Synagogue, who headed the delegation, quoted Mr. Truman as saying that he would live up to the faith expressed in him by the wording of the scroll.

In a message to the 800 delegates attending the United Synagogue conference, President Truman described the central body of Conservative synagogues as an effective instrument for the building and developing of Jewish religious life in this country. The President urged in his message that every American join in the fight against "Communist, totalitarian aggression and the infiltration of its materialistic ideology of godlessness."

Mr. Rothstein, in his presidential address to the convention last night, said that religion was chiefly responsible for the United Nations' steps toward building "a world structure for peace and cooperation among the nations of the world."

U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS TO MEET SUNDAY IN CAMERA; SEVERAL HUNDRED PARTICIPATE IN PARLEY

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Problems concerning the Zionist movement in the United States will be discussed at a one-day national conference of leaders of various Zionist groups in this country to be held Sunday at the Astor Hotel here under the auspices of the American Zionist Council.

The conference, which will be attended by several hundred Zionist leaders from all parts of the country, will be held in camera. Members of the Jewish Agency executive will be among those who will address the parley, which will be presided over by Louis Lipsky. One of the major subjects which will come under discussion will be the possibility of securing U.S. Government financial aid for Israel.

U.N. BODY APPROVES ISRAEL PROPOSAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS; WOULD ALLOW GROUPS TO COMPLAIN

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The U.N. Social Committee today approved Israel's proposal asking the Human Rights Commission to consider writing into the covenant on human rights a broadened formula for implementing the covenant.

The Israel proposal, adopted as an amendment to a Committee resolution returning the covenant to the Commission for re-drafting, would allow for complaints of violations of the covenant to be initiated by specified non-governmental organizations and by the Human Rights Committee established under the covenant.

The Committee also approved a Uruguayan amendment asking the Human Rights Commission to consider also the formula originally proposed by the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations under which a U.N. Attorney-General or a High Commissioner for Human Rights would be named to bring before the Human Rights Commission complaints of violations made by individuals or groups.

ISRAEL-EGYPT ARMISTICE COMMISSION TO CHECK COMPLAINT BEDOUIN INFILTRATED NEGEV

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel-Egyptian mixed armistice commission has decided to investigate an Israel complaint that Bedouin Arabs infiltrated from Egypt into Israel territory in the Negev, it was announced today.

LEGISLATION VIRTUALLY ENDING TRIALS OF NAZIS IN AUSTRIA AIL BUT PASSED BY PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Austrian Parliament has all but passed a law which will in effect end the program of prosecuting and punishing Nazi war criminals, Dr. F.R. Bienenfeld, head of the World Jewish Congress legal department, reported here today after returning from Vienna where he consulted with Austrian Ministers on restitution and compensation matters.

Dr. Bienenfeld said that a law to end "People's Courts" has passed the committee stage and is likely to become law before the end of the year. The new law replaces the five-member courts with juries, which have proved reluctant to punish former Nazis. The People's Courts contain two judges and three laymen. Dr. Bienenfeld said that it is likely that the public prosecutors will even refrain from presenting such cases to juries.

AUSTRALIAN JEWS REITERATE THEIR WARNING TO GOVERNMENT AGAINST ADMISSION OF GERMANS

MELBOURNE, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Organized Australian Jewry today made it known that it will strongly oppose any mass influx of German immigrants into Australia. A statement to this effect was issued by Ben Green, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

At the same time, Immigration Minister Harold Holt declared that the question of allowing Germans to immigrate into Australia "cannot be judged on an emotional basis." He stated that the Executive Council of Australian Jewry is the only organization in the country which objected in principle to the admission of Germans.

"I have informed the Executive Council of Australian Jewry that I had no desire to minimize the menace of Nazi and fascist ideologies to democratic countries," the Minister said. However, he added that Australia's security and future development requires rapid increase of the population including the annual admission of 200,000 "suitable" immigrants. The three main countries from which Australia can obtain immigrants with required skills are Holland, Western Germany and Italy, the Minister emphasized.

Mr. Green, taking issue with the policy of the Immigration Minister, said that the federal government would endanger the Australian way of life by admitting Germans who received their education under the Hitler regime. They will probably be thoroughly indoctrinated and unrepentant Nazis, he declared. "Jewish citizens," Mr. Green stated, "feel it their duty to warn the government of the dangers involved in admitting Germans or Volksdeutsche into Australia."

"The inclusion of thousands of these dangerous German elements in our immigration policy can have only one result--a threat to the country's security," Mr. Green pointed out. "We oppose the admission of Germans because we are able to see the dangers realistically," he concluded.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CHARGES ACTIVE NAZI MOVEMENT IS OPERATING IN COLOMBIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today expressed serious concern over the "brazen affirmation" of Nazism by an active Hitler-type movement in Colombia. Citing evidence of "Nazi demonstrations and unhampered dissemination of Nazi propaganda" in Colombia, in a letter to Don Eduardo Zalato-Angel, Ambassador of Colombia to the United States, the Congress charged that on October 27, Colombian students in the city of Medellin held a memorial service in honor of Nazi leaders executed as war criminals.

Those attending the service--which took place on the fourth anniversary of the execution of the Nuremberg war criminals--wore swastika armbands, and listened to the anthems of Nazi Germany. Following the service, Nazi propaganda leaflets and pictures of Adolf Hitler were distributed, the letter stated.

CHARLESTON JEWS CELEBRATE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR COMMUNITY; PROGRAM TO LAST ALL WEEK

CHARLESTON, So. Carolina, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Americans of all faiths will join the Jewish population here this week-end in celebrating the 200th anniversary of organized Jewish life in Charleston. The week-long celebration will start on Sunday and will continue through November 26.

The celebration will be highlighted by a banquet with Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, a leading member of the American Jewish Committee, as the main speaker. Special religious services will be conducted by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. For these services the congregations of Charleston's four synagogues--Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, B'rith Shalom, Beth Israel, and Knesset El--will gather in Beth Elohim, in recognition of the fact that this synagogue, the oldest in Charleston and the second oldest in the United States, is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its founding.

While the earliest mention of Jews in Charleston is in a letter by Governor Archdale dated 1695--in which he wrote of a Spanish-speaking Jew who acted as his interpreter in dealing with a group of Spanish-speaking Indians from Florida--Jewish pioneers actually settled there soon after the founding of the colony in 1670.

Aside from their community religious life, the history of the Jewish community of Charleston is the history of Charleston and of the United States. Joseph Levy, who fought as a lieutenant in the Cherokee War of 1760, was probably the first Jewish officer in America. Francis Salvador, who came from England to Charleston before the Revolution, was a Deputy to the Provincial Congress of South Carolina in 1775, and as such one of the first Jews to hold elective office in the Western world. A plaque to the memory of this Revolutionary hero, the first Jew to die in defense of the United States, will be dedicated on Monday, Nov. 20, under the cooperating auspices of the Charleston Historic Commission, City Council and other patriotic organizations.

The Confederacy, too, had its Jewish notables from Charleston, such as Judah P. Benjamin, who served as Secretary of State; Dr. David C. DeLeon, its first Surgeon-General, and A.C. Mayers, first Quartermaster General. An integral part of Charleston history, Charlestonian Jews played prominent roles in all phases of its development. The indigo industry, Charleston's greatest before the Revolution, was introduced by a Jewish merchant, Moses Lindon, who came from London, to settle in the New World. Isaac DaCosta was a member of Charleston's King Solomon Masonic Lodge in 1753; among the nine Charleston founders of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry in 1801, four were Jews.

CITY OFFICIALS IN BOSTON EXPRESS CONCERN OVER NEW FLARE-UP OF ANTI-SEMITIC BOMBINGS

BOSTON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Top city and state officials are expressing serious concern as a result of the new flare-up of anti-Semitic beatings in the Dorchester area. While a series of conferences are going on between Jewish leaders and public officials, the trial of the 25 youths who were arrested in Hyde Park after they sought to retaliate for the beatings their friends received in Dorchester has been continued to December 1.

The Jewish Community Council received a full report on the situation from Robert Segal, its executive director. Mr. Segal and Sol Kolack, director of the Boston Anti-Defamation League office, reported that they conferred on the situation with Governor Paul Dever. Another conference was held between Albert Harvits, president of the Community Council, and Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan.

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U.A.H.C. ASSEMBLY CALLS ON ISRAEL TO EXTEND EQUAL RIGHTS TO NON-ORTHODOX JEWS

CLEVELAND, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at the closing session last night of its 41st biennial assembly, approved a resolution calling for intensified economic aid to Israel. "As religionists we look for the strengthening of the faith of our fathers and for new religious insights in Israel. We urge that the present situation, which limits the rights of non-Orthodox Jews, be corrected soon and we are certain that this will redound to the benefit of all religion and all of the people of Israel," the resolution added.

In other resolutions, the 2,000 delegates representing 425 Reform congregations across the country voiced "abhorrence" of Communism and other forms of totalitarianism, but at the same time urged "proper caution in rooting out subversives." The assembly also endorsed the United Nations Convention Outlawing Genocide and President Truman's Commission on Civil Rights.

A resolution proposing that the U.A.H.C. change its name was tabled. Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath was re-elected president of the organization, while Jacob Aaronson was named honorary chairman of the board and Dr. Samuel S. Hollander was elected board chairman.

URUGUAYAN ZIONIST PARTIES CHARGE IRREGULARITIES IN WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Allegations of irregularities in the World Zionist Congress elections in Uruguay have resulted in a boycott of the vote count by the representatives of various parties, it was reported here today from Montevideo. As a result of the boycott the count of votes was suspended.

EQUADOR ZIONISTS DESIGNATE BENNO WEISER AS DELEGATE TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Benno Weiser was designated delegate of the Zionists in Ecuador to the World Zionist Congress as the result of an agreement reached there among all Zionist groups, it was learned here today. Dr. Miguel A. Schwind was named as alternate delegate. Both are independents.

BEIGIAN ZIONISTS ELECT FOUR DELEGATES TO FORTHCOMING WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Four delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress were elected here today to represent various groups in the Zionist movement of Belgium. The General Zionists, Zionist Laborites, Mizrahi and Mapam will each be represented at the Congress by one delegate, as a result of today's elections.

S. KUPER ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION; SUCCEEDS BERNARD GERING

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- S. Kuper was today elected chairman of the South African Zionist Federation to succeed Bernard Gering, who recently resigned in protest against the Zionist party system in this country. The vote was unanimous.

DR. AARON PATKIN, AUSTRALIAN ZIONIST SCHOLAR, DIES IN MELBOURNE; WAS 67

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Aaron Patkin, noted Australian Zionist writer and scholar, died here today. He was 67.

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