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LIPSKY RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL; BLAMES CONFUSION IN U.S. ZIONISM

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The resignation of Louis Lipsky as chairman of the American Zionist Council, representing seven national Zionist groups in this country, was announced today.

"It is impossible to cope with the confusions of functions and authority that prevail in the Zionist movement in the United States," Mr. Lipsky stated in his letter of resignation. He took office in the Council in September, 1949, following the resignation of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

ISRAEL GROUPS SEEK AGREEMENT ON NAMING OF MAYORS; FINAL ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The negotiations among the various parties for the naming of mayors of cities and large towns in Israel continue to hold the center of the political stage in this country. In virtually no city or region did any one party gain a clear majority of the votes and negotiations for coalition municipal administrations must be completed before mayors can be named.

An agreement between the Mapai and the Mapam on a united labor front in cities where the labor forces together gained a majority was almost reached yesterday at a meeting of the political committees of both parties. However, a last-minute hitch prevented the signing of the pact.

Meanwhile, the Mapai is exploring the possibility of uniting with the Religious forces in areas where the two groups may be able to control the administration. However, in Jerusalem a serious snag has been hit with the demand by the Orthodox parties that they be given the right to name the mayor. The Religious groups have not yet come to any agreement among themselves as to whom they will offer. A Mapai spokesman said today that if a Mapai mayor cannot be named in Jerusalem, the Labor Party will back Daniel Auster, Progressive, the current Mayor.

In Haifa the negotiations have been complicated by the Mapam's strong opposition to the Mapai candidate, Aba Chushi. Mr. Chushi is secretary of the Haifa Labor Council and a member of the Histadrut executive.

A report on the elections by the Knesset Committee on Internal Affairs today presented the following final results: The Mapai received 92,589 votes, which comes to 27.9 percent of the total and represents a loss of 6.7 percent compared to the general election results of January, 1949; the General Zionist Party received 80,222 votes, 24.9 percent, an increase of 17.8 percent.

The Mapam received 37,364 votes, 11.2 percent, an increase of 0.3 percent; Herut, 33,317, 10 percent; Progressive Zionists, 15,055, virtually unchanged; and the Communist Party, 7,385, 2.2 percent, a loss of 0.3 percent. No figures were given on the Orthodox groups as a whole.

JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSSES; WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN JULY

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The date for the 1951 World Zionist Congress has been set for the first half of July, it was announced today at the New York headquarters of the Jewish Agency. It will be the first gathering of the supreme representative body of the world Zionist movement since 1946 and the first since the establishment of Israel.

Announcement of the date was made by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section, in a report to the press on the decisions made during the two-week plenary of the Jewish Agency executive, which closed yesterday. The two chairmen explained that the exact date for the opening of the Congress will be determined by the availability of the Congress Hall now under construction in Jerusalem. Other major decisions reached by the plenary in the last two weeks were listed by Mr. Locker and Dr. Goldmann as follows:

1. Financial stringencies have forced a shake-up of budgetary items designed to free as much money as possible for direct use in immigration, absorption and colonization programs. Jewish Agency offices in Europe and North Africa were consolidated and other economies instituted. The new budget reveals that several millions of dollars heretofore required by the Absorption Department for running the immigrant camps will be saved next year for more productive purposes under the new "Operation Homestead" through which the bulk of the newcomers never get to see the inside of a camp.
2. The executive, after a discussion with a representative body of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, went on record as opposed to the Council plan for a Central Israel Fund and to any attempt by the Council to replace the United Jewish Appeal. The executive decision was based on its conviction that the Council conception of a central fund would result in a loss of revenue to Israel.
3. The executive voted to give the Youth Aliyah permission to seek agreement with the central fund-raising agencies--in all countries of the world where such exist--for independent Youth Aliyah campaigns. The executive stressed that the independent campaign would be authorized only where the central agencies agree that the major campaigns would not be injured thereby.
4. The executive voted to continue allocations to the Mizrahi Palestine Fund and to the Constructive Fund of the World Confederation of General Zionists for constructive work in Israel. Each party was given a percentage designed to give it the same proportion of Jewish Agency income as it received last year.

"The executive plenary which just closed," the statement issued by Mr. Locker and Dr. Goldmann declared, "was the first to have been held in the United States for two years. It was a successful plenary in achieving a maximum of results under adverse financial circumstances arising from Israel's increasing needs and a decrease of the flow of money from the United States.

"It is clear that grave responsibilities now confront the American Jewish community upon whom, in the end, responsibility for the success of the four-point program devolves. The Israel members of the executive join with the American members in urging the American community to back the United Jewish Appeal to the limit this year and to be ready to support the Israel Government's bond drive when it opens in the spring," the statement concluded.

ISRAEL MINISTER ASKS EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS GOVERNING PRICE CONTROL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen today asked the Israel Parliament for a six-month extension of legislation governing economic restrictions, price control, distribution of scarce commodities and similar matters. The legislation now in effect, which expires December 10, is based on legislation of the Mandatory regime.

Dr. Rosen disclosed that the government has prepared new measures to replace the emergency British legislation, but estimated that at least six months will be required before the Knesset will adopt the laws. Representatives of the Mapam, Herut and General Zionist Parties severely criticized the government for prolonging the emergency regulations of the Mandate.

ISRAEL ARMY TO TAKE OVER IMMIGRANT WORK CAMPS FOR FOUR WINTER MONTHS; CALLS UP DOCTORS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Army will take over some 40 work villages and semi-permanent camps on December 1 for a period of four months during which the military will provide essential services for the immigrants.

During the winter the Army will operate transportation facilities for the camps, will keep open the roads to them, will provide medical assistance and some child welfare help. It is estimated that some 1,500 children will be wintered in Army camps which are better winter proofed than the work centers, and members of the Army's women corps will help take care of younger children.

The present Jewish Agency and Histadrut sick fund staffs maintained in the camps will come under the Army's supervision. In addition, some 200 physicians have been called up from the reserves to serve in the camps, as have been nurses and teachers.

The Jewish Agency announced today that it has spent about \$9,000,000 for the repair of dwellings for new immigrants and for the renovation of 8,500 rooms in cities and in villages, thereafter making them available to the newcomers.

ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS TO U.N. ON PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN JEWISH STATE

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Israel representative Dr. Alfred Bonne told the U.N. Economic and Financial Committee today that the problem of employment of large numbers of newcomers in Israel was being solved, because the problem was being met as a human problem and not merely as an economic one.

Pointing out that providing work for a population which had increased by an average rate of 25 percent annually was a task for which no economic textbooks nor experiences elsewhere offered a solution, Dr. Bonne said that nevertheless "there is a sense of confidence in Israel that the goal of integrating hundreds of thousands of newcomers will be achieved."

ISRAEL VESSEL OFF FRENCH COAST PROCEEDS TO HAIFA AFTER RADIOING EARLIER S.O.S.

PARIS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel freighter Japos, which last night radioed a distress message from a position 250 miles off the French Atlantic coast, has succeeded in overcoming its difficulties and is proceeding to Israel, it was reported here today. The former Danish freighter was recently acquired by the Zim Shipping Company of Tel Aviv. All of the vessel's crew members are Israelis while the captain is a Dane.

ISRAEL NOT WORRIED ABOUT COMMUNISTS, AMBASSADOR EBAN SAYS; DENIES ISRAEL IS A THEOCRACY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban told the National Press Club today that Israel has many anxieties but that he does not consider any internal Communist threat among them. He pledged, however, that Israel would fight "invasion from without or subversion from within."

In response to a question on whether the Communists might seize power in Israel, Mr. Eban replied that, in contrast to some other countries, there was little Communist influence on Israel workers. Asked why the United States should grant economic aid to Israel when that country has a "Socialist" government, Mr. Eban explained that opposition to Communism in Israel is strongest in the labor organizations which support the governing party.

Mr. Eban refuted charges that Israel is a theocracy. He said that while there is "a common sense of adherence to Jewish culture," there is "no statutory compulsion" on religious matters in Israel. The Ambassador admitted that in two years his country has not found all the answers to questions "which have baffled other countries for thousands of years."

Outlining Israel's support of United Nations action against aggression, Mr. Eban said that Israel stands with the U.S. for world peace and the principles of democracy. He denounced the continued refusal of the Arab states to make peace with Israel. Present at the luncheon meeting were the Ambassadors of Canada and Australia, diplomatic representatives of England, France, and other countries, and a number of U.S. government officials.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO DECLARE OFFICIALLY DEAD ITALIAN JEWS DEPORTED BY NAZIS

ROME, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Italian Government has granted a request of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities that Jews deported from Italy by the Nazis and fascists during the war be declared officially dead if they were still missing three years after hostilities ended.

The request was addressed to the government after the Union had received complaints that local courts had, in some instances, refused to apply the law on declaration of death of missing persons to deportees. The government agreed to send a clarification of its order to the presiding justices of all Italian appellate courts.

NEO-FASCIST PARTY IN NORTHERN ITALY APOLOGIZES TO JEWS FOR DESECRATION OF MEMORIAL

ROME, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Ferrara, in northern Italy, today received a formal apology from the neo-fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano for the desecration of a monument commemorating the death of Jews and other victims of fascism. The community had protested to the party against the pasting of anti-Semitic posters on the monument by members of the M.S.I.

FRENCH JEWS TO HELP TRAIN YOUTHS AT HAIFA NAVAL SCHOOL; SEEK WINTER CLOTHING FOR ISRAEL

Paris, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The French section of the Israel Maritime League decided today to launch a campaign for the establishment of scholarships for young French Jews who wish to undergo training at the Israel Naval School at Haifa.

A campaign to collect winter clothing for immigrants in Israel was launched here today at a conference of Jewish women's organizations convened by the Jewish Agency. The dire need of the immigrants was described at the conference by a representative of the Jewish Agency. He pointed out that the Jews in Israel themselves last year provided clothing to 50,000 newcomers. This, he said, will not be possible to achieve this year in view of the austerity regime.

JEWISH GROUPS DEFEND FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM BY RADIO STATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations today vigorously defended the right of the Federal Communications Commission to inquire into the allegations of anti-Semitism and news distortion in the operation of radio stations owned by G.A. Richards.

The F.C.C., on the basis of a complaint filed by the Radio News Club of Los Angeles, is investigating charges that over a period of years Richards issued instructions to news-staff members of stations KMPC in Los Angeles, WJR in Detroit, and WGAR in Cleveland to slant the news so as to reflect Richards' personal prejudices. The action of the Jewish organizations was in response to a resolution adopted recently by the National Association of Broadcasters which condemned the F.C.C. inquiry into operations of radio stations as an invasion of Richards' privacy and rights under the First Amendment.

In a joint letter to the National Association of Broadcasters signed by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, and Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the organizations attacked the N.A.B. resolution as "betraying a basic misunderstanding of the necessary and natural functions which the F.C.C. must serve if it is responsibly to acquit itself of its obligations to the American people." The statement was issued by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which is the coordinating body for the six national groups.

ALIENS IN U.S. URGED TO FILE THEIR ADDRESSES WITH IMMIGRATION SERVICE IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Attorney General J. Howard McGrath today directed attention to the requirements of the Alien Registration Act of 1940, as amended by the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Attorney General said that under the amended law any alien residing in the United States on Jan. 1, 1951, except one lawfully here in a temporary status, must notify the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington of his current address within ten days thereafter and during the same period in each succeeding year.

A.R. Mackey, Acting Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, cautioned all aliens that failure to comply with these provisions of the law will subject them to prosecution. Mr. Mackey also said that an address report card should be used in making the required reports, and that Alien Registration numbers should be printed on the form. The card may be obtained at any Immigration and Naturalization Service Office or any post office.

ADMIRAL STRAUSS SPEAKS AT CHARLESTON JEWISH COMMUNITY'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES

CHARLESTON, So. Carolina, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, former member of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, yesterday declared that the concept of the U.S. as a "melting pot" does not mean standardization of all Americans. He spoke at the starting exercises of a week-long celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Jewish community of Charleston.

Citing the history of American leaders in various fields, Admiral Strauss pointed out that they were of different religious faiths and of varied cultural groups. Earlier in the day, a plaque was dedicated to the memory of Francis Salvador, the first Jew to die in defense of America in the Revolutionary War.

