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PRESIDENT WEIZMANN OPENS TALKS WITH ISRAEL PARTY LEADERS ON FORMATION OF NEW CABINET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- An official announcement issued here today indicates that President Chaim Weizmann started discussions with leaders of various political groups in Israel in an attempt to form a new government coalition to replace the Cabinet which fell last week.

The announcement said President Weizmann today received representatives of the right-wing Socialist Mapam, the left-wing Socialist Mapam, as well as representatives of the Religious Bloc. Leaders of other political parties will be received by the President tomorrow, the announcement stated.

The Mapai Party, of which Premier David Ben Gurion is the leader, was firmly on record during the week-end as opposing participation in a new coalition Cabinet and in favor of new general elections. The executive body of the party issued a statement last night endorsing the stand taken by its members in the Cabinet and in the Parliament, and calling on all party members and sympathizers "to volunteer for the election struggle" for a new Parliament.

A statement urged the public to draw the conclusion from the government crisis that the destiny of the state should not be entrusted to minor parties which undermine the strength of the parliament and the government and lower their prestige. It declared that the electorate must now bestow full responsibility on a stable Mapai majority in the forthcoming general elections.

Reviewing the causes of the government crisis, the statement blamed it on the refusal of the Religious Bloc to recognize the right of the Mapai to operate its own religious schools. "Mapai," it stated, "was unable to surrender to political pressure camouflaged under the cloak of religion. Nor could it see its way clear to give to two religious trends a monopoly on the country's religious education."

The central committees of Israel's other political parties were in conference today formulating their positions. Most of the parties, it was clear, are in favor of new elections to be held as early as possible.

ISRAEL-JORDAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION SETTLES BORDER FIGHT IN "TRIANGLE" ZONE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan mixed armistice commission today announced a peaceful settlement of the incident which broke out on Friday in the Arabana region, eight miles west of Beisan, between Arab shepherds and Israel border patrols.

The two-hour gun battle in the Arabana region started when Arab villagers from the disputed "triangle" area--an area reaching from the Jordan frontier through Nabulus and Jenin to Tulkarem--began to graze their cattle on border land claimed by

Israel. The armistice commission immediately sent a mixed inquiry team to the scene with orders to investigate the disturbance and stop the fighting.

Today's announcement by the commission says that a breach of the armistice line may have been committed by both sides owing to the fact that the demarcation line is not clearly defined. The commission called on both sides to take the most severe steps to avoid conflicts in the future.

One hundred and seven complaints were struck off the Jordan-Israel mixed armistice commission list at a meeting of a sub-committee of the commission. About 100 remaining complaints will be considered for possible cancellation. The delegations of Jordan and Israel, in agreeing to the removal of these complaints from the agenda of the mixed armistice commission, agreed also that this action in no way implied that the respective parties should not carry out investigations they consider desirable, passing the results on to the other party for the latter to take any action it thinks fit. Rights were reserved on all questions involving compensation.

At the same time, the deputy chiefs of staff of the armed forces of Jordan and Israel met and devised specific measures to reduce border incidents. They agreed to establish effective communications between the local commanders of both sides to ensure rapid interchange of information concerning marauders, and pledged mutual co-operation in apprehending such marauders. The question of the prompt return of prisoners was also discussed.

#### U.J.A. NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AT MIAMI CONFERENCE; \$10,150,000 RAISED AT FARLEY

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 18. (JTA) -- A total of \$10,150,000, the largest sum ever given to launch a nationwide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, was contributed here today at the final session of the U.J.A.'s national inaugural conference which met to initiate the 1951 campaign activity in more than 2,500 communities.

This outpouring of individual gifts set a new philanthropic record for the opening of a U.J.A. campaign and exceeded by close to \$4,000,000 the sum contributed one year ago at a similar campaign conference when a like number of Jewish leaders gave a total of \$6,400,000.

The action came in response to a plea by Edward M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who urged American Jews to advance before May 31, the major part of the U.J.A.'s 1951 requirement of \$203,684,000. Israel's ambassador to the United States, Abba Eban, who joined with 500 nationally prominent Jewish leaders from 40 states in launching the drive, said that Israel can succeed in the race to become self-sufficient only if large-scale outside help is made available through the United Jewish Appeal and other sources.

Mr. Eban expressed gratification at the unprecedented support given the United Jewish Appeal at the outset of its 1951 campaign. He asserted that this and other actions could help achieve "a high standard of development" in Israel which in turn would be of the "utmost importance in the cause of defending world democracy." Other speakers included Dr. Joseph Schwartz, U.J.A. executive vice-chairman, Morris W. Berinstein, chairman of the U.J.A.'s National Campaign Cabinet, who presided, and Joseph Mazer of New York, who announced that he and his family would help set the standard of generosity requested by Mr. Warburg with a gift of \$300,000.

Other major contributors who responded to Mr. Warburg's appeal included Abraham Levitt of New York who announced that his contributions along with those of his sons William and Alfred would be "substantially more than \$250,000"; Robert and Saul Schiff of New York and Columbus, Ohio, who informed the conference that their gift

would be "more than \$150,000; Joseph Cherner and A.S. Kay, both of Washington, D.C. who contributed \$150,000; and Mrs. Louis Altschul of New York who gave \$150,000. Another contribution of \$150,000 was announced in behalf of the Jacob Blaustein family group of Baltimore. A gift of \$110,000 was made by Louis Holtz and Saul Reinfield of Newark, and a contribution "of more than \$100,000" was announced by Jack Weller and Ben Swig of New York and San Francisco while Y.D. Markson of Los Angeles and Boston donated \$100,000.

(A resolution pledging "unprecedented support" to the 1951 United Jewish Appeal campaign was adopted in Houston, Texas today by 1,000 Jewish leaders from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Substantial cash gifts were brought to the conference by the delegates. Principal speakers were radio comedian Jack Benny, Moritz Gettlieb, U.J.A. National Chairman for Regions, and Rabbi Charles Shulman of New York.)

#### J.L.C. URGES BROADCASTS TO JEWS IN SOVIET LANDS; OPPOSES REARMING OF GERMANY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Feb. 18. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the U.S. Government to intensify the broadcasts of the "Voice of America" to Jews in countries behind the Iron Curtain was adopted here today at the concluding session of the annual conference of the Jewish Labor Committee at which Soviet Russia was accused of the spiritual genocide and physical enslavement of Jews.

Another resolution expressed the opposition of the 600,000 persons represented by the Jewish Labor Committee to the re-arming of Germany. The conference also pledged continued support to Israel.

The delegates endorsed the fight against racial bigotry and intolerance in the United States and stressed the role of Jewish labor in the life of the American Jewish community in the United States. They deplored the fact that some Jewish organizations permitted Communist elements in their ranks and urged these organizations "to clean house."

The conference also adopted a resolution authorizing the administrative committee of the organization to present before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights "all the known facts concerning the cultural and spiritual destruction of Jewish life in the satellite countries and the Soviet Union," and to demand that a thorough investigation of the matter be made by the United Nations.

The resolutions on Russia and the satellite countries were adopted following a report by Nathan Chanin, chairman of the administrative committee of the Jewish Labor Committee. The report, based on information gathered by labor sources and J.L.C. agents both inside and outside the Iron Curtain brought out a picture showing that no sign of Jewish life remains in the Soviet Union today and that the spiritual liquidation of the Jewish people in the satellite countries goes on at a rapid pace.

Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, told the delegates that there was no people on earth that has suffered as much from Communism as has the Jews. Jacob Pat, executive secretary, revealed at the conference that about 1,000 Jews who were refused exit visas in Soviet satellite countries were rescued from this country by members of an "underground railroad" operated by the Jewish Labor Committee.

Charles S. Zimmerman, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, who recently returned from Israel, reported to the conference that "the most serious problem confronting the state of Israel remains the economic problem." The only salvation for Israel is outside aid in the form of loans, investments and relief funds, Mr. Zimmerman said. This can come only from the United States, he added.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK STARTS IN 6,000 COMMUNITIES IN U.S. AND CANADA; SOUTH BEND CITED

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, was started today in more than 6,000 communities throughout the United States and Canada with special services in synagogues and churches. The Week will continue until next Sunday with programs aiming at promoting better understanding between men and women of different faiths and racial backgrounds.

The city of South Bend, Ind., was selected as the winner of the 1951 Community Human Relations award presented by the Conference "for outstanding improvement in relations among its religious and racial groups." Noting that the Ku-Klux-Klan once ran rampant in Indiana, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, said that South Bend deserved praise "for giving the nation an example to follow." South Bend is now free of discrimination or segregation in any public place, Dr. Clinchy said.

President Truman is honorary chairman for Brotherhood Week. Eric Johnston, Director of Economic Stabilization is general chairman and a long list of distinguished public, business and religious figures are serving as co-chairmen. World Brotherhood Week is being celebrated for the first time in the free nations of Europe under the sponsorship of World Brotherhood, an organization formed in Paris last June to eliminate hostilities caused by national, religious and cultural differences.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL PASSES BILL PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN CITY-AIDED HOUSING

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- A bill prohibiting discrimination against prospective tenants in city-assisted private housing projects has been unanimously passed by the City Council. The measure must now be approved by the Board of Estimate and Mayor Impellitteri before becoming law.

The bill outlaws discrimination because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry for future tenants in any private housing development which is financially assisted by the city. Violations would be punished by a \$500 fine. Directly affected by the bill are housing developments which enjoy tax-exemptions or government assistance in obtaining a site.

HENRIETTA SZOLD AWARDS PRESENTED BY TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY TO SCIENTISTS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The Henrietta Szold annual awards made by the Tel Aviv Municipal Council in memory of the late American woman Zionist leader and founder of the Hadassah Organization, were presented today for outstanding contributions in the field of science.

The awards went to Prof. A. Sadowsky, for two works on women's diseases; Dr. A. Weinberg for work in the field of psycho-sociology; and to Dr. Sarah Bawly and Dr. G. Cydrovitz jointly, for their study of the nutrition problems of urban populations. Dr. M. Cohen, Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv, in making the awards, paid tribute to Miss Szold.

BANK OF AMERICA IN SAN FRANCISCO HONORS HEAD OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The Bank of America gave a luncheon here in honor of Dr. Abraham Granott, World head of the Jewish National Fund. Dr. Granott is currently visiting the larger communities on the West Coast.

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