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ISRAEL CABINET TO REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL AFTER NEW GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE HELD

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- An official statement issued by the government today announced that the outgoing Israeli Cabinet will remain in office until new general elections are held. The date for the elections has not been set as yet, but some of the major political parties have requested that the elections be held in June.

RELIGIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISRAEL PROTEST COMPULSORY SERVICE FOR ORTHODOX WOMEN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- About 5,000 members of Jewish religious groups today participated in a peaceful demonstration here protesting the announced intention of Premier David Ben-Gurion of calling up religious girls for compulsory service. Similar demonstrations are being arranged throughout the entire country.

The Chief Rabbinate in Israel today issued a proclamation prohibiting the mobilization of girls in any manner or for any kind of military service. The proclamation was issued after the Premier made it clear to a delegation of rabbis, headed by Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog, that he is not inclined to make any concessions to women who claim exemption from service on religious grounds.

All Israeli women between 18 and 28 are liable to two years of service in the armed forces and are required to take a one-month refresher course every year after their training is completed. Under the Premier's amendment, women claiming exemption on religious grounds would be required to serve two years in agricultural settlements, social welfare agencies or military offices.

In announcing his intention to introduce the amendment, Premier Ben-Gurion charged that thousands of women have been availing themselves of the religious exemption to shirk their duty. He pointed out that the new amendment was requested by the military authorities.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Chief Rabbi Herzog said today: "If the Parliament passes the amendment, the Rabbinical Court will ban it. The Chief Rabbinate will also proclaim a world-wide day of fast in protest against such a decision. Orthodox Jewry is determined to fill the prisons in Israel with their daughters rather than comply with the law, if it is passed."

(Israel is one of four member nations of the United Nations which requires women to serve in its armed forces, it was reported today at U.N. headquarters in New York. A report on "Women in Public Services and Functions," prepared for submission to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, listed the nations as: Chile, Israel, Pakistan and Turkey.)

KNESSET APPROVES SALE OF ISRAELI BONDS IN U.S.; ISRAEL GETS FISHING VESSELS IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The bill authorizing the Israel Government to float a \$500,000,000 bond issue in the United States and other countries was passed at its final reading in Parliament tonight, with only one vote--that of an Arab Communist deputy--cast in opposition.

Israel's Agriculture Minister Pinchas Lavon acquired 30 coastal fishing craft on his recent visit to the United States and two deep-water fishing vessels, the Ministry's agricultural development department disclosed today. The new additions to the Israeli fishing fleet are expected to increase its annual catch by 2,000 tons.

A spokesman for the department also disclosed a two-year plan to make Israel self-supporting in agricultural produce. Areas under grain cultivation, he said, will be increased by 250,000 acres. Tobacco growing will be extended by the planting of Virginia tobacco in quantities which should enable this country to export tobacco after two years. A sugar refinery will also be built, he revealed. An area sufficiently large to meet Israel's entire needs.

ISRAEL-GREEK CUSTOMS PACT SIGNED IN TEL AVIV; PROVIDES FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- An Israel-Greek customs agreement extending preferential tariffs to each other went into effect today. Israeli planes are already allowed to refuel at Greek airfields without paying any duty.

An Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce to encourage and develop commercial relations between Britain and the Jewish state was formed here this week-end at a meeting of leading industrialists, financiers, merchants and government officials. Arish Shankar, president of the Israeli Manufacturers Association, was named chairman of the body.

COL. HOSKINS, ANTI-ZIONIST, NAMED STATE DEPT. CONSULTANT ON NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Col. Harold B. Hoskins, former State Department official known for his pro-Arab and anti-Zionist views, was appointed yesterday by the Department as consultant to George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Col. Hoskins has been president of the Board of Trustees of the American University in Beirut. During World War II, while attached to the American intelligence service, he was sent by President Roosevelt to Saudi Arabia to discuss the Palestine situation with King Ibn Saud. He is also an adviser to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

TWO DRUZE VILLAGES IN ISRAEL GET LOCAL AUTONOMY; 90 ARAB COUNCILS TO BE ESTABLISHED

HAIFA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Two Druze villages near Haifa were granted autonomous municipal status today at ceremonies attended by Israel's Minister of Interior Moshe Shapiro. The Minister personally appointed the councillors who will run the affairs of the villages for a period of 12 months, pending municipal elections. About 90 local councils will be set up in Arab villages this year.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT RETURNS NATIONALIZED HOSPITAL TO BUDAPEST JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUDAPEST, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- One of the two Jewish hospitals in Budapest nationalized last year when the government took over all privately-maintained hospitals has been returned to the Jewish community. This is in line with a new policy which also returned one hospital each to the Catholic and Protestant churches.

The institution, which was formerly an old age home and a sanatorium for incurables with a bed capacity of 320, will continue to serve that function, but 80 of the beds will be assigned for general hospital purposes. The diet will be strictly kosher. Much of the necessary medical equipment is lacking and communal authorities hope to obtain assistance from the Joint Distribution Committee to purchase it.

VIENNA THEATRES BAN FILM OF ANTI-SEMITIC PRODUCER; CONSIDER JEWISH COMMUNITY PROTEST

VIENNA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Following the protest of the Jewish community of Vienna as well as others, two Vienna theatres have announced that they have cancelled scheduled showings of Veit Harlan's newest film "The Immortal Beloved." Harlan has four times been tried and acquitted of crimes against humanity for producing the Nazi anti-Semitic film "Jew Sues."

Protests by the Jewish community were wired to the Minister of the Interior, the municipal authorities in this city and to the company distributing the film. After private showings, Vienna film critics criticized the distribution of the film because of Harlan's role in Nazi Europe. The critics made note of the many protest demonstrations in Germany against the release of Harlan's latest work.

JEWISH GROUPS IN FRANCE TO ERECT MEMORIAL FOR 6,000,000 JEWS ANNIHILATED BY NAZIS

PARIS, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A three-story building to serve as a memorial to the 6,000,000 Jews slaughtered by the Nazis will be built here, it was announced today. An international sponsorship committee for the project is now being organized under the leadership of Dr. Isaye Schwartz, Chief Rabbi of France, and Baron Guy de Rothschild.

The ground floor of the building will be given over to the tomb of an unknown Jewish martyr and will contain ashes from the Auschwitz death camp. The second floor of the edifice will be a museum. The third floor will contain the archives of the Center of Contemporary Documentation. The chairman of the center, M.J. Schneersohn, drew up the plan for the memorial.

FORMER GERMAN MAYOR SENTENCED FOR PARTICIPATING IN BURNING JEWISH BUILDINGS

MUNICH, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Franz Jacob, former Mayor of Furth, was sentenced by the Nuremberg district court to two-and-a-half years imprisonment for leading anti-Jewish demonstrations during the November 1938 pogroms. Jacob was found guilty of participating in the destruction by fire of the Nuremberg synagogue and other Jewish communal buildings. Since Jacob had served that time in detention pending his trial and conviction, he was released.

ISRAEL RESOLUTION PROTESTING GERMAN REARMAMENT SUBMITTED TO CUBAN CONGRESS LEADERS

HAVANA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The resolution adopted by Israel's Parliament protesting German rearmament was transmitted here today by S.M. Kaplan, Israel's representative in Cuba, to the presidents of both houses of the Cuban Congress.

