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LAST MINUTE NEWSMAPAI FIRST IN ISRAELI NATIONAL ELECTIONS; GENERAL ZIONISTS RUN SECOND, MAPAM THIRD

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- Latest official returns in Israel's second general election, with only 30 of some 1,500 election precincts missing, gives the Mapai Party first place with 37.1 percent of the votes and the General Zionist Party second with 16.4 percent. (See earlier story and tabulations by cities on the following two pages.)

The standing of all parties--except those which received one percent of the votes or less, and were omitted from the listing--are:

Mapai Party	37.1 %
General Zionists	16.4
Mapam	12.3
Poale Mizrahi	6.8
Herut	6.6
Communists	3.9
Progressives	3.3
Poale Agudas Israel	2.0
Sephardim	1.7
Agudas Israel	1.6
Mizrahi	1.5
Three Arab parties	4.9

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MAPAI LEADS IN ISRAELI ELECTIONS; GENERAL ZIONISTS SCORE HIGH IN TEL AVIV, HAIFA

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Although the final results of the Parliamentary elections which took place yesterday throughout Israel may not be known for several days, final returns for Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and other cities were tabulated today, as were the returns from some of the settlements.

With results from 987 precincts tabulated out of 1,500 throughout the country, Premier David Ben Gurion's Labor Party was leading in the elections with 38.63 percent of the votes cast. The General Zionist Party, which had campaigned on a program of free enterprise, was second with 19.89 percent of the total.

The standing of all parties in the election, on the basis of returns from 987 out of 1,500 voting precincts, are: (Parties receiving one percent or less are not listed.)

Mapai Party	38.63%
General Zionists	19.89
Mapam	11.85
Herut	7.45
Hapoel Hamizrachi	6.36
Progressives	3.58
Communists	3.32
Agudath Israel	2.25
Mizrachi	1.76
Poale Agudath Israel	1.72

In Jerusalem and the Corridor settlements the final results showed that the religious parties had done better here than in the remainder of the country, while the vote that went to the Mapai and General Zionist Parties was somewhat less than the ratio these parties reached throughout the country generally.

Of a total of 93,722 eligible votes in Jerusalem and the Corridor settlements, 62,105, or 65.45 percent went to the polls yesterday in Israel's second general election. The final results in this area:

Mapai Party	37.00%
General Zionists	11.86
Herut	10.20
Poale Mizrachi	7.13
Agudath Israel	7.20
Mapam	4.64
Progressives	3.93
Mizrachi	2.50
Communists	2.07
Poale Agudath Israel	2.00

In Tel Aviv, the General Zionist Party showed its greatest strength, running

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a close second to the Mapai Party. With only 18 polling booths still to report final returns, the results by parties stood as follows:

Mapai	59,572
General Zionists	50,032
Herut	18,995
Mapam	15,556
Hapoel Hamizrachi	8,057
Progressives	5,625
Communists	6,251
Agudath Israel	4,339
Mizrachi	3,905

In Haifa, both the Mapai and General Zionist Parties did slightly better than they did throughout the rest of the country. The final results, by percentages, follow:

Mapai	39.67 %
General Zionists	20.31
Mapam	14.57
Hapoel Hamizrachi	5.33
Herut	4.66
Progressives	3.66
Communists	4.00
Poale Agudath Israel	2.48

In Ramat Gan: Mapai, 36.08; General Zionists, 21.39; Mapam, 11.52; Herut, 8.29; Hapoel Hamizrachi, 8.06; Poale Agudath Israel, 4.47; Agudath Israel, 4.0; Progressives, 3.29; Communists, 2.01.

In Methanin: Mapai, 37.21; Hapoel Hamizrachi, 12.25; General Zionists, 12.06; Mapam, 12.60; Herut, 7.15; Progressives, 5.99; Communists, 4.44.

In Patach Tikvah: Mapai, 41.40; General Zionists, 17.59; Mapam, 10.60; Hapoel Hamizrachi, 8.36; Herut, 5.0; Communists, 2.08; Progressives, 1.99.

In Ramleh: Mapai, 41.92; Mapam, 12.39; Hapoel Hamizrachi, 12.23; General Zionists, 10.37; Communists, 7.98; Herut, 5.07; Progressives, 4.06.

STATE DEPARTMENT PLEASED WITH POOR SHOWING OF MAPAM AND COMMUNISTS IN ISRAEL ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- State Department sources were pleased to see the initial poor showing of the pro-Soviet Mapam Party and of the Communist Party in the general elections in Israel.

The results are considered an effective answer to Arab propaganda circulated in Washington that East European Jews arriving in Israel were bringing Communism with them.

JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE OPENS PLENARY SESSION TODAY; TO DRAFT AGENDA FOR CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive will meet in plenary session tomorrow with the drafting of an exact agenda for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress as its first order of business. (A preliminary agenda was announced last week.)

Among the proposals for the Congress agenda is that the two-week session open with three major reports on the central activities and problems of the World Zionist Organization. This suggestion is coupled with another, that a discussion of the various phases of Jewish Agency activity be held until various committees and sub-committees report to the Congress.

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SENATE TO ACT ON BILL ALLOWING JEWISH GROUPS TO CLAIM \$3,000,000 FROM GERMAN ASSETS

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- A bill which would allow Jewish organizations to claim not more than \$3,000,000 from German assets held by the United States may be passed by the Senate this month. The bill, drawn up on behalf of the victims of the Nazis and organizations which aid the victims, was reported out by the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday.

The bill was sponsored by Senators Robert Taft, of Ohio, and Herbert O'Connor, of Maryland. The same bill, however, was passed by the Senate during the last session of Congress and sent to the House which failed to pass it.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRIA HAMPER RETURN OF COMMUNAL PROPERTY TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

VIENNA, July 31. (JTA) -- Soviet insistence that Jewish property confiscated by the Nazis in Austria must be held for reparations and is not subject to return to its original owners blocked the return this week of four pieces of communal property whose recovery was claimed by the Chief Rabbinate of Austria.

The Office of the Chief Rabbi appealed last month to Chancellor Leopold Figl for the return of a former synagogue at Klosterneuburg, near Vienna, which is now used as a warehouse; for a Jewish cemetery near Deutsch-Wagram, currently used as a railway repair yard; for a synagogue in Storchengasse, now occupied by the headquarters of a trade union; and for a former kindergarten in Leopoldstadt.

Chancellor Figl forwarded the application for the return of the property to the Allied Commission, where the return of the property was supported by the American, British and French representative but opposed by the Soviet delegate, who claimed sole jurisdiction in the matter as in previous similar issues.

The American representative asserted that property obtained by force or duress could not appropriately be used for war reparations. He added that it was especially regrettable that religious property could not be restored. The Soviet representative proposed a resolution referring Chancellor Figl to the Soviet High Commissioner. The question was dropped in disagreement.

ANTI-ZIONIST CAMPAIGN IN RUMANIA INTENSIFIED; NEW VICIOUS CHARGES ADVANCED

VIENNA, July 31. (JTA) -- The Rumanian anti-Zionist campaign reached a new degree of viciousness this week when the newspaper *Viata Noua*, published by the Communist-controlled Jewish Democratic Committee, charged Rumanian Zionists with collaboration with Hitler and Antonescu during the war.

The newspaper quotes Zionist organs allegedly lauding the Nazi and Rumanian armies and declares that the "Jewish bourgeoisie bitterly regretted that it could not participate directly without intermediaries in the pillage." It also asserts that "Zionist leaders continually assured the Hitlerite governors of their devotion, showing that they had 'full confidence' in the bravery and wisdom of the King and of the leader of the Rumanian state."

The Communist Jewish publication, in an attempt to destroy the status of the Zionists, adds that the "devotion of the Zionist bourgeoisie to the Hitler regime went so far as to accept cynically the massacre of the Jewish population." It publishes a facsimile of a statement issued July, 1941, by the Union of Jewish Communities and signed by president William Filderman, Chief Rabbi Alexander Shafran and secretary-general A. Carp at the insistence of the authorities, calling on the Jewish population to obey the laws of the country. *Viata Noua* says that this document "unmasks the treason of the Jewish bourgeoisie."