

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH CONVENTION HEARS REPORTS ON ARMED SERVICES; DISCUSSES MOBILIZATION

URBANA, Ill., Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The 28th annual national convention of Aleph Zadik Aleph, the B'nai B'rith youth organization, opened at the University of Illinois today with 250 delegates from all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico participating.

Prior to the official opening, representatives of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force met with the delegates in a series of forums on mobilization and information about the armed services. Representatives of the Treasury Department and of the Red Cross have similarly conferred with the delegates, who represent a membership of about 11,000 young men between the ages of 14 and 21.

In his presidential message to the convention, Ronnie Weiss of Houston, Texas, president of the youth organization, emphasized A.Z.A.'s service program relating to national mobilization. Discussions on the theme "Youth Mobilizes for A Strong Free World" will be one of the major features of the convention.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL MISSION DEPARTS TODAY FOR ISRAEL; WILL HOLD TEN-DAY DISCUSSIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A three-man mission of the United Jewish Appeal will depart tomorrow for Israel to participate in a ten-day series of discussions concerning U.J.A. aid to the Jewish state. Members of the mission are Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the U.J.A.; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman, and Morris W. Berinstein, chairman of the U.J.A. Campaign Cabinet.

The mission will confer in Jerusalem with leading members of the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government on both long and short range programs related to the mass rescue of threatened Jewish populations in Eastern Europe and the Moslem world and on means for expediting the absorption of each new wave of newcomers.

The mission will give special attention to the immediate housing and settlement needs of 150,000 immigrants transferred to Israel with U.J.A. funds since the start of the year, and will seek to estimate costs for the movement, reception and initial shelter of some 60,000 Jews whose transfer to Israel from Balkan and Near Eastern trouble zones must be effected before December 31.

Mr. Warburg, Dr. Schwartz and Mr. Berinstein will follow their talks in Jerusalem with a field survey of existing and projected immigrant reception and medical facilities, temporary housing and rural settlements either financed through the United Jewish Appeal or dependent on the Appeal's nation-wide campaign for early construction and operation.

ISRAEL'S WAR DEAD HONORED IN CEREMONIES AT MILITARY CEMETERY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The delegates to the World Zionist Congress participated in ceremonies honoring Israel's war dead at the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl, overlooking the city.

The procession of delegates, led by members of the World Zionist executive including Premier David Ben Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of American section of the Jewish Agency executive, made its way up the hill behind a color guard bearing a large wreath on which was inscribed: "From the 23rd World Zionist Congress to Israel's heroes."

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ISRAEL CABINET HEARS REPORT ON FIGHT AT U.N. TO SECURE LIFTING OF EGYPT'S BLOCKADE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today met to hear a report from Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett on the latest developments in Israel's fight at the United Nations to break Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal.

(On a U.N. radio program tonight, Egyptian delegate Mahmoud Fawzi Bey said that Egypt will not accept any Security Council decision on the Suez Canal blockade which it does not consider wise, just or in conformity with the U.N. Charter.)

Mr. Sharett, who is scheduled to leave for the United States in the middle of next month, also outlined the position taken by him with regard to the U.N. invitation to an Israel-Arab peace conference to start in Paris on Sept. 10.

The Foreign Minister reported on the latest communication received from Lt. Gen. William E. Riley, Chief of the U.N. truce staff, regarding the latter's complaint against Israel in connection with the Huleh situation. Mr. Sharett informed the Cabinet that he told Gen. Riley two weeks ago that the Israel Government is ready to discuss the complaint in an effort to settle the difficulties, but no reply has yet been received by the Ministry.

Israel Welcomes U.N. Truce Chief's Efforts to Settle Huleh Dispute

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will gladly support the efforts of Lt. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. truce chief, to bring about a meeting of the mixed Israeli-Syrian armistice commission to settle the Huleh dispute.

A letter to this effect, written by Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban to the U.N. Security Council, was made public here tonight. The letter points out that it would be of doubtful value to discuss at the present time the charges made by Gen. Riley against Israel in his report to the Security Council this week and that Israel reserves the right to reply to statements and assumptions in this report at a later date.

The letter also emphasizes that the Israeli delegation maintained close contact with Gen. Riley during his stay at the U.N. Members of the delegation held regular consultations with him on all outstanding problems, seeking to clarify the issues for Gen. Riley's further discussions with the Israel Government upon his return to the Jewish state.

It was also revealed here today that Ambassador Eban wrote to Gen. Riley early this month that the drainage project in the Huleh area is held up at its most crucial point. "This means that the purpose of the project itself, affecting some 20,000 acres and the legally acquired property and concession rights of the Palestine Land Development Company are at this moment being virtually annulled in deference to the property rights of the owners of six and one-half acres of land, mostly unoccupied, along the bank of the Jordan."

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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT NOT HAMPERING PRIVATE INVESTMENTS. MINISTER TELLS ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, AUG. 22. (JTA) -- Israel's Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, "in a fighting speech winding up the general debate in the 23rd World Zionist Congress last night, vigorously denied that the Israel Government was impeding the flow of private investment capital into Israel and strongly defended the Israeli austerity regime.

Replying to critics of the government's "tzena" (austerity) program, the Finance Minister said that "we had the choice of providing minimal needs for every resident or of permitting those with means to get all they could and let the others shift for themselves. We will never agree to the latter alternative."

Mr. Kaplan warned delegates to the Congress that the people of Israel are fatigued by the great burdens they have had to carry and by their consciousness of the fact that "the very soil is burning under our feet." He called on the Congress and every delegate to be fired by this "sacred restiveness" and called on Zionists abroad and Israelis to work hand-in-hand. "I do not appeal to you for money alone," he exclaimed. "I am calling on you to be the carriers of this great restiveness and to serve as examples to Jewry."

Says Jewish State Admits All Jews Except War Criminals

Replying to critics of the immigration policy, Mr. Kaplan maintained that the Jewish state admits all Jews except war criminals. He also insisted that the high rate of taxation is intended to make the state increasingly independent. He reported that the rate of immigration to Israel, which is subsidized, depends upon the availability of funds.

The Finance Minister reported that Israel spends 20 per cent of its revenue on the reception of immigrants and upon colonization activities. The government has assigned 140,000,000 pounds for these purposes he said. For colonization alone, he added, the government has spent 31,000,000 pounds, while 30,000,000 pounds has been expended to provide employment for the immigrants and 40,000,000 pounds allocated for their housing, including tents for which money is frequently lacking. He concluded this presentation by comparing the expenditures of the Israel Government for these purposes with the funds received from abroad.

Since August, 1948, he continued, the national security budget has been covered completely by the government's own revenue, although the mobilization of manpower and means for this purpose exceed, percentage-wise, those of any single Western country, including the United States.

Josef Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament, appealed to American Jewry to launch an immediate program designed to send pioneering elements to Israel. He also appealed to the delegates to submerge their differences in an all-out effort to "capture the Jewish people, capture the heart of our youth." Mr. Sprinzak lauded the activities of the youth immigration program of Hadassah, and called upon all American Zionist groups to match this record with youth immigration programs of their own.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, called for the continued existence of "an independent and autonomous J.N.F." He asserted that the J.N.F. is a source of revenue and an instrument for Zionist education.

BEN GURION CONFERS WITH GENERAL ZIONIST LEADERS ON FORMATION OF NEW CABINET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- In a continuation of his week-long consultations aimed at the formation of a broad-based coalition government for Israel, Premier David Ben Gurion today met for three hours with Dr. Peretz Bernstein, former Minister of Trade, and Israel Rokach, Mayor of Tel Aviv, both leaders of the General Zionist Party.

The centrists reportedly told Mr. Ben Gurion that they are ready to join in any government which cooperates with private and collective enterprises on a basis of equality. The Premier accepted this condition, stating that this was an established principle of his last government and would continue to be the keystone of any future Cabinet he headed.

The main issue seems to be the number and type of portfolios assigned to the General Zionist Party, second largest in the country. The final number await the exact make-up of the government, but it is known that the centrists want at least one major post--either Finance, in view of the persistent reports that Eliezer Kaplan will be forced to retire soon because of ill health, or a revitalized Ministry of Trade and Industry with power over economic controls, licensing of industries and apportionment of foreign exchange.. These last functions are currently in the hands of the Finance Ministry.

Mr. Ben Gurion is said to be more favorably inclined toward granting the General Zionists the Trade and Industry Ministry than Finance. The centrists also indicated a willingness to join a coalition including the leftwing Socialist Mapam Party on condition that neither the present economic nor foreign policy of the government is changed "sharply."

Meanwhile, Ben Gurion's Mapai Party and the pro-Soviet Mapam Party have appointed a joint committee to study foreign policy with the view of the two parties agreeing on a minimum program. This is the outgrowth of a series of parleys between Ben Gurion and Mapam leaders last week and yesterday. The two groups are expected to confer again later this week.

Ben Gurion also conferred with Mizrahi leaders yesterday. The chief obstacle still remains the question of religious education, over which the first Israel Cabinet fell and new elections were held July 31.

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE VISITS SHARETT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Leon Marchal, the newly-appointed French representative to the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, today paid a series of calls on Israeli officials, including Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. The visits were described here as "purely courtesy calls with responsible officials."

M. Marchal is scheduled to leave tomorrow for a tour of the capitals of Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt where he will make similar calls. He has already met Syrian officials in Damascus.

SOAP PLANT BLAZING AFTER MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION; 4 DEAD; LOSS SET AT \$280,000

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- One of Israel's largest salad oil and soap factories is still blazing late today after an explosion last night tore through the facility, killing at least four workers and starting a fire which has caused an estimated \$280,000 worth of damage. Police have already begun an investigation of the unexplained blast, while fire brigades from Tel Aviv and nearby towns are still battling to bring the flames under control.

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TWO ISRAELIS KILLED. TWO WOUNDED BY ARAB INFILTRERS; ISRAEL PROTESTS TO U.N. BODY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today submitted a strongly worded protest to the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission following the killing of two Israeli surveyors by Arab infiltrers near Sodom. Two other Israeli surveyors were wounded by the Arabs.

The Israel protest says that the Jordan authorities are "fully responsible" for the attack. The Jordan Government, the protest points out, has not taken strong enough action to secure its borders and prevent armed bands from crossing and attacking Israeli points. British-made cartridges were found at the spot where the attack took place.

JEWISH COUNCIL IN GERMANY SAYS EX-NAZIS ARE RETAINING KEY POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT

BERLIN, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany, at the conclusion of a two-day conference here, issued a statement last night emphasizing that the situation of the Jews in Germany desires constant watching in view of the fact that former leading members of the Nazi party are again coming to power.

The statement pointed out that the Nazis are retaining their positions in government offices and that they enjoy the support of a large part of the German population in "glorifying the memory of mass murderers" who directed the annihilation of Jews in Germany and in Nazi-occupied countries in Europe.

CEREMONY MARKS LIQUIDATION OF LAST CAMP FOR DISPLACED JEWS IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

HAMBURG, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The liquidation of the last camp for displaced Jews in the British zone of Germany was marked here by a special ceremony tonight attended by representatives of central Jewish organizations, including the Joint Distribution Committee and the World Jewish Congress.

Lord Henderson, British Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in a message to the gathering expressed regret that he could not attend the ceremony. "I should not wish the departure of the last Jewish DP's from the British zone to take place without wishing them Godspeed," he said in his message. "May the fine human qualities which have sustained them in the past years of adversity reap their reward in their new homelands."

CANADIAN COMMUNITIES TO HOLD TWO-DAY CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL AND JEWISH REHABILITATION

TORONTO, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Relief Agencies of Canada announced that a two-day conference of Jewish communities in the maritime provinces will take place next month in Moncton, N.B., for the purpose of implementing the program of the National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation which was adopted in the spring.

The National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation has been set up to ensure the full Canadian participation in the three-year \$1,500,000,000 consolidation program designed to settle an additional 600,000 Jews in Israel. It was organized by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the United Zionist Council of Canada, the Canadian Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the lodges of the B'nai B'rith.