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BEN GURION DEFENDS 'NARROW' COALITION IN KNESSET DEBATE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion tonight defended his "narrow coalition" government and its proposed program and, in an address to the Knesset, blamed the General Zionists and the Mapam for the failure to form a broader based cabinet. A vote of confidence is expected to come during the early morning hours tomorrow and it is expected that the government will be upheld by a majority of 14 votes.

In a speech so free of bitterness toward the parties he held most responsible for the failure to form a broader coalition that it aroused speculation that he still had hopes of attracting at least the General Zionists into the coalition; the Premier presented a detailed picture of the inter-party negotiations. He charged that the final reason for the General Zionist refusal to enter the Cabinet was that it wanted to exclude the Orthodox parties, to which the Mapai would not agree.

He expressed gratification that toward the end of the negotiations the centrists had reduced their demands for control over the supply and rationing machinery, but insisted that the Mapai would not compromise its policy of "a minimum for all before plenty for few." He added that he felt that a system of free enterprise could not provide plenty for all.

The Premier reserved his heaviest attack for the proportional representation system. This, he said, encouraged splinter parties and prevented a single majority party from forming a stable government.

Arab Deputies Present Conditions for Support of Cabinet

The five Arab members of the Israel parliament who are associated with the pro-government Mapai Party indicated earlier today that they are ready to support the newly formed Mapai Orthodox cabinet. However, they presented a 12-point program for the Israeli Arab population to the government.

Speaking for all the five, Seif Edin Zueibi called for a broadening of the program for reunion of Arabs in Israel with members of their families who are still outside of the country. He also demanded the return of property to local Arabs in Israel, the abolition of military government in certain areas in Israel, that Arabic should be the basic language in Arab schools and the establishment of more Arab schools in Israel.

The spokesman for the Arab deputies also requested "absolute equality" for Arabs in Israel, abolition of the trust which markets Arab products, more mechanization of Arab agriculture, more roads, and the re-establishment of the Arab religious bodies of the Waqf with the return of their properties.

DR. NEUMANN PLEDGES "FULL CO-OPERATION" WITH NEW ISRAEL CABINET

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- "Full and loyal co-operation" with the new Israel Government was pledged today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann at a reception given here in his honor by the Manhattan Region of the Zionist Organization of America.

"The choice of a government is the exclusive prerogative of the citizens of Israel," he declared. "But it would be idle to deny that the 'narrow coalition' which has now emerged, has occasioned both astonishment and concern in the Zionist world. We share the general and profound regret over the failure to form a broader coalition, including the General Zionists, and holding the prospect of political and economic stability. The disappointment, however keen, cannot diminish in the slightest our full and loyal co-operation with the new government."

Declaring that he was speaking as a Z.O.A. delegate reporting to his constituency on the progress of the World Zionist Congress, rather than as a member of the Jewish Agency executive, Dr. Neumann said: "It was fortunate that the Congress did not force upon Diaspora Zionists doctrinal commitments which they were not ready to accept." He expressed regret over the fact that the Herut-Revisionist Party was excluded from the world Zionist executive and said that "it is tragic" that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver "was not drawn into a position of leadership, to the detriment of Israel and the Zionist movement."

American Yiddish Press Advocates Widening of Cabinet

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Editorial comment in the Yiddish press here today displayed a lack of enthusiasm over the composition of the new Israel Cabinet. The editorials point out that not only is there practically no change between the new and the old cabinet, but that the solution of urgent problems faced by the old cabinet has now been postponed again.

The Jewish Daily Forward says: "If we are to judge from the past, we can hardly see how the Israel government can go on with its constructive work under the new coalition. It is difficult for us to see how a cabinet dependent on such a small majority in the Parliament can gain the full backing of the people of Israel." The paper says that the possibility is not excluded that Ben Gurion agreed to the new coalition merely to gain a "breathing spell."

The Day expresses the opinion that "to a certain extent" the new cabinet is worse than its predecessor. It expresses the hope that Premier Ben Gurion will see his way clear to widening the coalition and to avoiding a new general election. The Morning Journal points out that the fact that the General Zionists "have been ignored" will not add strength to the new government. It appeals to the Mapai and to the General Zionists to put aside party politics and reach an understanding which would bring the General Zionists into the cabinet.

American Mizrahi Organization Hails Israel Cabinet

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The new coalition government of Israel was hailed as one that will "usher in a period of stability and harmony in the Jewish state," in a statement issued today by Dr. Pinkhós Churgin, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America.

Dr. Churgin expressed the conviction that not only would the new coalition cabinet be supported by the people of Israel but that it would also furnish the basis for the emergence of a wider national coalition "which is so urgently needed during this critical state of Israel's struggle to achieve economic security while continuing to accept immigrants in unprecedented numbers."

ISRAEL DIPLOMAT SAYS ARABS REFUSE TO ACCEPT NON-AGGRESSION PACT

UNITED-NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The conference at Paris called by the U.N. Conciliation Commission on Palestine to seek peace in the Middle East, has been "stuck" on the preamble to the commission's peace plan because the Arab States refuse to agree to a clear-cut non-aggression agreement, Reuven Shiloah, advisor to the Israel Foreign Ministry, said here today.

(The New York Times reported today from Beirut that Egypt has informed high United Nations officials that there can be no peace with Israel until a land bridge is established through southern Palestine from Egypt to the Arab states in Asia. Responsible Egyptians have indicated that either Egypt or Jordan must have the southernmost Negev area on and near the Gulf of Aqaba, now held by Israel, before a peace agreement can be reached, the Times dispatch added.)

Shiloah told a press conference that the Arab refusal to agree to the preamble of the Commission's five-point plan for peace, which contained the commission's proposed non-aggression agreement, was proof that the Arab States were in no mood to discuss the possible solution of any of the outstanding problems between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

The Israeli diplomat cited three possible reasons for the Arab position: 1. The Arab States hoped for a "second round" of fighting against Israel; 2. They took reports of Israel's economic crisis too seriously; 3. The rule of "pistol and assassination" made Arab leaders afraid to negotiate.

He criticized the commission's procedure at Paris and said mistakes had been made. The greatest was, he said, the submission of proposals to both parties before sitting down with them and working out an agenda for the meetings. "The sooner we sit down together, the sooner we can come to terms," Mr. Shiloah said. "But certain things that were offered three years ago cannot be offered now."

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ADDRESSES ARAB PARLEY IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The prospect of Mutual Security Aid for Israel loomed closer this week-end as Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee told a conference of American Arabs here that he entertained "firm hopes that before many more weeks pass, the mutual security program will be an operating actuality."

A warning against Arab "neutralism" was issued by Mr. McGhee who cautioned the Syrian and Lebanese American Federations of the Eastern States that the Soviet Union has aspirations in the Near East. He said that "although the United States makes no conditions for a quid pro quo return for the mutual security program, it does hope that the Near Eastern governments and people will co-operate fully with the program and that it will be accompanied by a rebirth of spirit and teamwork in the Near East."

The Assistant Secretary told the Arabs that the Arab states can expect a "substantial proportion" of the \$160,000,000 in mutual security funds voted for the Near East and Africa. He said that this substantial proportion will be for development projects and "the reintegration of the Palestine refugees as productive and contributive members of their communities."

ADENAUER'S OFFER TO JEWS VIEWED WITH CAUTIOUS RESERVE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is anxious to bring conversations on Jewish restitution as soon as possible, Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said at a meeting of the board yesterday. He added that Dr. Adenauer's statement on German willingness to discuss restitution with representatives of the Jewish people and the State of Israel must be received with cautious reserve. "Its worth will be assessed by the criterion of deeds," he declared.

Dr. Cohen stressed that a major question facing the Jews is who shall represent the Jewish claimants who are not citizens of Israel. He expressed the opinion that Jewish non-governmental consultative bodies are most suitable for this purpose and said that he feels that the final decision should be taken by the meeting of Jewish groups from all parts of the world which has been called by the Jewish Agency. The Board voted to accept the invitation of the Jewish Agency to participate in the conference to be held in New York at the end of this month.

A new influx of anti-Semitic literature emanating from Sweden was reported by the Board's defense committee. The Board decided to bring the matter to the attention of the Swedish Legation and the British authorities in an attempt to end "this recurring nuisance."

A sub-committee of the Board, appointed earlier this year to examine the status of aliens resident in Britain, reported to the Board that no great hardship existed for these aliens although it expressed doubt as to the desirability of continuing the principle that the Home Secretary should have the sole power to order the deportation of aliens without trial. The Board also heard a report that a plan for collection of food in this country under its sponsorship for shipment to Israel for distribution to needy persons was under way.

NAZI WHO DRAFTED ANTI-JEWISH LAWS GETS IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT

LONDON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A former Nazi official, described as the man who was responsible for the drafting of the Nuremberg racial laws against the Jews, has been designated by the West German Republic to investigate charges that government officials are selling cabinet secrets, the Manchester Guardian reported.

The official is Dr. Glodke, who was government counsellor to the Ministry of the Interior in the Nazi regime and was considered a foremost Nazi expert on racial legislation. With Dr. Stuckart of the National Socialist Jurists Association, he was the author of a multi-volume "commentary on German laws" which defined the Nazi anti-Jewish position.

JEWS IN AUSTRALIA START CAMPAIGN AGAINST ADMISSION OF GERMANS

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Council to Combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism has opened a campaign in Sydney and Melbourne asking the residents of these two major cities to oppose the admission of German immigrants. The Council, which plans to hold a number of mass meetings around this program, hopes to obtain an impressively large list of names of people opposing the government's immigration program for Volksdeutsche and then present it to the Federal Government.

In New South Wales the Jewish Board of Deputies has established a special committee to aid and encourage Jewish immigration from Britain. The National Council of Jewish Women of the Commonwealth has expressed a desire to participate in the campaign.

JEWISH CONGRESS COMPLAINS TO U.N. AGAINST VISA DISCRIMINATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today submitted a memorandum to the United Nations charging a number of U.N. member states-- particularly in the Western Hemisphere --with discrimination against applicants for visitors' visas or transit visas "solely on the grounds of their place of birth."

The memorandum, which was submitted to the U.N. Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, pointed out that this practice has inflicted "serious hardships" on many people accused of no crimes. It emphasized that discrimination is being practiced even with regard to applicants who "left the countries of their birth in infancy and have faithfully discharged the obligations of citizenship in other countries over long periods."

The Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities this week-end expressed its "satisfaction" with the work of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the field of preventing discrimination and protecting minorities.

Samuel Spanien, French member of the Subcommittee, criticized the member states of the United Nations for the fact that three years after the General Assembly, without a dissenting vote, had adopted the convention against genocide only 31 nations had ratified it. He also deplored the fact that the crime of genocide had not yet come under international jurisdiction.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GREECE ASK GOVT. FOR FORMAL RECOGNITION

ATHENS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Central Board of Jewish Communities has sent messages to King Paul and the Greek Government requesting promulgation of laws ratifying the status of the Jewish communities in Greece and recognizing the board as the representative body of Greek Jewry. The board also sent a message to the Joint Distribution Committee expressing gratitude for its aid to Greek Jews since the liberation of the country.

J.C.A. DECIDES TO RESUME VOCATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES

BRUSSELS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- At a meeting here, the Jewish Colonization Association decided to resume its vocational training programs for Jewish young men and women and to grant loans to needy Jewish workers. Delegates attending the meeting include those from Belgium, France and Britain.

A report submitted by the Association's director-general, Victor Girmunsky, noted that of the 3,500 Jews settled on J.C.A. in Argentina, 3,000 had already become owners of their own holdings. He added that the Canadian settlers were also doing well.

UPTON CLOSE'S PROPAGANDA ORGANIZATION LOSES TAX EXEMPTION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Federal tax exemption has been revoked from Broadcasts, Inc., the propaganda organization of Upton Close, a radio commentator who has been accused of anti-Semitism. Rep. Abraham J. Multer of New York has been informed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that Close's preferential status has been terminated.

Close had been enjoying an exemption for his "Broadcasts, Inc.," because of its designation as an educational institution purporting to disseminate objective information on current events.

