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NEW ISRAEL CABINET HOLDS FIRST MEETING; DISCUSSES REORGANIZATION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The new Israeli Cabinet today paid a visit to President Chaim Weizmann and its members were presented to him by Premier David Ben Gurion. The Cabinet held its first meeting today and discussed the reorganization of certain ministries.

Such reorganization has become necessary in view of the fact that the Ministry of Immigration is being dissolved and its duties are being taken over by other ministries. Similarly, the functions of the old Ministry of Agriculture are being split up between the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the new Ministry of Agriculture.

(The new coalition government of Israel, composed of the Mapai and the Religious Bloc, is endangering the Jewish state because of its dependence for a parliamentary majority on five Arab votes in the Knesset, Leo Wolfson, chairman of the National Council of Zionist-Revisionists of America, said in a statement to the press today. The new Cabinet received a vote of confidence in the Knesset Monday. The vote was 56 to 40.)

A party of 144 Iranian Jews arrived at Haifa this morning aboard a Turkish vessel. The Persian Jewish immigrants, all of whom had travelled via Turkey, arrived with a large quantity of luggage and personal effects. A majority of the party was composed of young and middle aged people.

The immigrants currently arriving from Rumania are presenting the settlement authorities and institutions in Israel with a major problem because they are mostly of an age group whose members are unfit for the work of settling new land. A predominant group among the immigrants is made up of old people, widows and hard-core cases of one sort or another.

TRUMAN SIGNS FOREIGN AID BILL; HOUSE DISCUSSES AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Objections to grants-in-aid of \$50,000,000 to Israel for refugee resettlement were raised in the House of Representatives today when discussion began on the appropriations measure to implement the Mutual Security Act, which was signed yesterday by President Truman.

Rep. Harold D. Cooley, of North Carolina, opposed the grant to Israel which, he said, would provide \$14,000 for each refugee family living in Israel. He warned that this would be "only the beginning of a very expensive program" and complained that the program of refugee resettlement on which these funds would be spent had not yet been adequately outlined. Rep. Cooley's figures were sharply disputed by Rep. Christian Herter of Massachusetts and other members of the House.

EGYPT FEARS ISRAEL MORE THAN RUSSIA, EGYPTIAN MINISTER SAYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- Egyptian Foreign Minister Saleh Ed-Din Pasha told the U.S. News and World Report, in an interview released here today, that the Egyptian government is "not as concerned about the supposed threat to Egypt from Russia, which seems more distant to us than the existing occupation of our soil by Britain and the immediate threat by Israel." He said this in an interview outlining Egypt's reasons for demanding the removal of British troops from the Suez Canal zone.

"After all," said the Egyptian Minister, "the Israelis talk quite freely of building an empire from the Euphrates to the Nile. How do you expect us to remain indifferent as long as you permit such people to ignore the decisions of the United Nations and to do what they please?"

Saleh Pasha said Egypt would not co-operate with the West in a regional defense pact unless the West changed its attitude toward Israel. Asked about the possibility of an understanding between Israel and the Arab states, he replied:

"Let us put it this way: somebody comes into your house and settles down in a room - uninvited, unwanted. Some strong people say you must keep him in your house. But they cannot force you to be friends with the man who has moved into your house and driven you out of part of it. We do have an armistice with Israel. That is practical peace, but not peace with Israel in the sense of accepting their unwanted presence in our house."

U.N. COMMISSION DETERMINED TO CONTINUE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE TALKS

PARIS, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine was today still hoping to keep the Arab-Israeli peace talks here going despite this week's blow by the Arab League's political committee, which rejected out of hand the commission's five-point peace proposal. The Arab League asserted that the commission had no right to make "certain of the proposals."

Observers here feel that this week is the crucial one for the conference. The Arab League's rejection of the commission's plan was seen by some observers as a repudiation of earlier promises by the Arab states to consider the U.N. proposals.

The commission, however, seems determined to keep the parley alive although the results so far seem meaningless. One U.N. spokesman declared "that the Arab League decision does not affect us." He based this view on the fact that the League, to which all four of the Arab states at the conference are affiliated, has no official status at the talks here.

The spokesman added that the commission has "never insisted" that any party accept its proposals. He stated that the commission itself was always ready to consider all other suggestions. However, he refused to comment when asked to explain the apparent contradiction between the Arab offer at the outset of the talks to discuss the commission's proposals and this week's refusal to consider them.

Although the commission has refused to make public the results of the conference thus far, it is understood that both parties are considering whether they will accept the commission's latest proposal to disregard the preamble to its own five-point plan. The preamble asked all parties to pledge that they would not use force to settle mutual problems, and was supported by the Israeli offer to accomplish this purpose by signing non-aggression pacts with the four Arab states at the parley. The commission's proposal to forget the preamble was contained in letters to Israel and the Arab states last week-end asserting that it took for granted that both sides had good intentions and would not use force.

W.J.C. SUBMITS PROPOSALS ON DISCRIMINATION TO UNITED NATIONS BODY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. Oct. 11, (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today urged continuation of the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities, while at the same time suggesting a number of items concerning these problems for inclusion on the agenda of the forthcoming sessions of the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

Speaking for the Congress, the fifth non-governmental organization to voice its regret over the recent Council decision to discontinue the subcommittee after its current session, Maurice L. Perlzweig, said that his organization would like to see the decision reconsidered and the subcommittee given a new mandate. If this proves impossible, Mr. Perlzweig told the subcommittee, the Council should authorize the U.N. Secretary-General to appoint a committee of experts to advise any organ of the U.N. concerned in the future with the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities.

The first of the W.J.C. recommendations for agenda items for the next Council session concerned discrimination in immigration regulations. In a number of countries, Mr. Perlzweig said, immigration of members of certain religious or ethnic groups "is virtually barred" either by regulation or by administrative practice. Secondly, he continued, the council should deal with discriminatory restrictions on freedom of movement. A number of states, "especially in the Western Hemisphere," he said, refused transit visas solely on the ground of place of birth, even if the applicant had left his native country in infancy. Such discrimination was not only irrational but inflicted gravest hardships on innocent people.

Thirdly, he suggested that an objective study be made of unofficial practices amounting to the enforcement of a "numerous clausus" or even the exclusion of members of certain groups from schools and universities. Such a study, he said, could be undertaken in consultation with UNESCO as a necessary preliminary to any action by the Economic and Social Council. The fourth question mentioned by Mr. Perlzweig concerned international safeguards for minority rights in newly established states. Pointing out that a number of countries had become, or were in the process of becoming, independent states with the help of the U.N. nations, he said that the history of their emancipation showed that independence was sometimes followed by repression or persecution of minorities. He urged that the U.N. devise a system of safeguards which would entail recognition by new states of "international concern" in the fate of their minorities.

Meanwhile, the subcommittee today adopted, with the U.S.S.R. and Poland voting against, a recommendation for the "establishment, as part of any general implementation of the Covenant on Human Rights, of international machinery directly accessible to minorities, a method which would remedy the fact that, as matters now stand, a minority cannot put its case before the United Nations except through a foreign government, whose intervention may create international tension."

ISRAEL FULFILLING HISTORIC MISSION, SHARETT TELLS NEW YORK RALLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- The State of Israel is well on its way towards fulfilling "its historic mission" of providing a home for every Jew in the world who needs one," Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, of Israel declared here last night at a mass rally held to promote the sale of Israel bonds. Mr. Sharett said that the new Hebrew year of 5712 would "go down in history as the greatest year of construction and progress for the Jewish people."

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE LAUDS MACIVER'S REPORT

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- A statement of policy recommending "continuing consideration of the MacIver report, which is replete with a searching analysis of the causes of existing anti-Jewish feeling and valuable suggestions for an overall program," was adopted here today by the Los Angeles Community Relations Committee.

The statement was accompanied by a resolution lauding Prof. Robert M. MacIver for the "significant contribution" he made through his survey of the activities of the American Jewish groups engaged in combatting anti-Semitism. It approved "in principle" Prof. MacIver's recommendation that the National Community Relations Advisory Council in New York--the central co-ordinating body of all Jewish groups fighting anti-Semitism in this country--set up a standing committee for overall strategy in the field of community relations.

Local evaluation of Prof. MacIver's report by a subcommittee of the Community Relations Committee established that "MacIver's recommendations for eliminating costly duplications were remarkably alike to those made by the subcommittee itself last year when it studied the inter-relationships of agencies in Los Angeles alone. These recommendations were approved last fall and put into practice. Some of them were praised by MacIver in his report and other communities were urged to follow the pattern developed.

Wants N.C.R.A.C. to Prevent Duplications and Conflicts

The statement of policy adopted today says that "the National Community Relations Advisory Council in fact as well as in theory should serve as co-ordinating agency to prevent duplications and conflicts and to evaluate programs and policies." It recommends that "membership in the N.C.R.A.C. be conditioned upon agreement by each agency that it will abide by the majority decision of the N.C.R.A.C. in matters of program and policy."

With respect to financing, the policy statement recommends that the N.C.R.A.C. be financed directly by the local communities. Heretofore the largest part of the N.C.R.A.C. budget was provided by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish War Veterans.

Prof. MacIver's recommendations for national allocation of funds was not approved. The subcommittee was directed to give further consideration to his other recommendations for financing of national agencies.

LOS ANGELES STATION DISCONTINUES BROADCAST CONTAINING BIAS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- Dr. James Fifield, controversial figure here, will no longer broadcast his Sunday Evening Club program over the local radio station KMPC, it was announced today. The station said the program "has been the object of complaints in recent months for what many people believe to be anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish policies."

Bruce McDaniel of Los Angeles, former Office of Price Stabilization executive, has accepted the position of director of the United States Technical Cooperation Administration for Israel.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD APPEALS FOR BLOOD PLASMA FOR ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- Irving Edison, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, today appealed to the board's 321 affiliated centers and YMWYHA's throughout the country to initiate immediately among their 250,000 adult members a campaign to meet the blood plasma needs of the military forces. Mr. Edison's appeal was made at the request of Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett.

RIVAL CANDIDATES JOINTLY REPUDIATE QUESTIONS OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

CLEVELAND, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- Candidates for election to the Cleveland Heights School Board united this week in a joint declaration repudiating questions of religious beliefs of the candidates and their supporters as issues in the election. The move was taken in an effort to prevent duplication of the bitter whispering campaign in 1949 involving charges of anti-Semitism, radicalism, communism and reaction.

In their statement, which was endorsed by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council, the four candidates said: "We have been disturbed by reports that issues in no way related to our election have been irresponsibly injected into the campaign. It is an irresponsible disservice to the community in this campaign for anyone to raise questions concerning the religious beliefs or attitudes or the integrity or patriotism of the candidates, or the religious beliefs or patriotism of their supporters."

MEMORIAL UNVEILED FOR SO. AFRICAN JEWS WHO DIED ON BATTLEFIELDS

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- A memorial to South African Jews who died in the armed services of their country during World War II and in defending Israel during the War of Liberation was unveiled here. Leading members of the community and civil and military personalities attended the ceremonies.

The memorial consists of six plaques listing the names of some 400 Jews who died during the World War and nine who gave their lives for the Jewish state. Services were conducted by several rabbis, including Major S. Weinstein, who was Jewish chaplain of the Union's forces during the second World War.

U.S. REVISIONISTS TO HOLD PILGRIMAGE TO JABOTINSKY'S GRAVE TODAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- Brit Trumpeldor of America, Revisionist youth group in this country, will hold its annual pilgrimage to the grave of its founder and leader, Vladimir Jabotinsky, tomorrow. The cemetery is located at Pinelawn, Long Island.

The organization has already sent five groups of young Americans to settle in Israel. Brit Trumpeldor has founded the colony Mevo'ot Betar in the Jerusalem corridor, which is the farthest Israeli outpost in the area.

AMERICAN SOCCER TEAM LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO PLAY AGAINST HAPOEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 11, (JTA) -- An all-star American soccer team left for Israel last night by plane to play against an Hapoel team in Tel Aviv. Members of the 14-man American team represent an international cross section, including players of Irish, Spanish, Scottish and Jewish descent. They were accompanied by three officials of the American Soccer League.