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ISRAEL'S TOP LEADERS OPEN CONFERENCES ON FOREIGN POLICY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A series of high level discussions on Israel's foreign policy, particularly her relations with the neighboring states, began here this morning in Premier David Ben Gurion's office.

The Premier presided and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and several other Cabinet members participated, as did Abba S. Eban, Israel Ambassador in Washington and its representative to the United Nations. Eliahu Sassoon, the Foreign Ministry's Arab expert, returned from Turkey where he is serving as Israel Minister, to take part in the talks. Also present today were Army chiefs and various political and military advisors.

Among the vital developments to be reviewed are Israel's recent requests to the Western Powers for arms shipments and her protests against the resumption of large-scale arms deliveries to the Arab states.

Mr. Sharett, the director-general of the Foreign Minister, the heads of the ministry's geographical divisions, Ambassador Eban and Mr. Sassoon will also attend a series of discussions at the ministry beginning tomorrow on the issues that will arise at the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly.

GENERAL ZIONISTS TO NEGOTIATE ON ENTERING ISRAEL CABINET

TEL AVIV, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The council of the General Zionist Party, second largest group in the Israel Parliament, tonight authorized its leader, Dr. Peretz Bernstein, to enter into negotiations with Premier David Ben Gurion for General Zionist entrance into the Government coalition, provided that Mr. Ben Gurion make a specific offer to the General Zionists.

A spokesman for the party said tonight that the Premier had had three meetings with Dr. Bernstein since the "crisis" precipitated by the resignation of the Agudists from the government coalition and cabinet. These meetings, he said, had been devoted to general aspects of the problems confronting the Jewish State, but no concrete suggestions had been presented.

Some General Zionist sources were skeptical over chances of agreement being reached so long as the Premier persisted in "unrealistic" offers on cabinet posts to be given the General Zionists. In negotiations preceding formation of the present cabinet, the General Zionists had demanded the portfolios of Treasury, Trade and Industry, Education and Communications.

The Central Committee of the Progressive Party will meet tomorrow to discuss the situation and the inter-party negotiations. A Progressive spokesman said tonight the party still favors a broad government coalition.

ACHESON WOULD CONSULT ARAB STATES ON MIDDLE EAST COMMAND

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today that the Arab states should be consulted on Anglo-American plans for a Middle East command.

He said England has circulated a draft of such a proposal and that there was no great difference between the British and American views. The Secretary declared that the Arabs would be consulted before views are finally crystalized on the Middle East command, but that it did not appear that such crystalization would occur in the immediate future.

U. N. WILL INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL, AIDE SAYS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- United Nations technical assistance to Israel will be increased in the near future and the U. N. 's calls on the Jewish State for expert assistance to other nations will also be increased, Sune Carlson, resident representative of the U. N. 's technical assistance program to Israel, told a press conference yesterday.

Mr. Carlson said that the U. N. plans to have some 70 experts in Israel as compared to the 21 at work there now. Israel will be asked to send health and irrigation experts abroad to help other nations in the program and there is a possibility of an exchange of experts between Israel and Yugoslavia, he indicated. Israel will also be asked to aid the U. N. 's scholarship program.

(At United Nations headquarters in New York it was announced today that the World Health Organization, U. N. affiliate, has recruited two American nurses to work out a new curriculum and act as instructors at the Israel Government nurses training school at Sarafand.)

JEWISH AGENCY STATUS BILL GOES TO KNESSET NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The bill conferring special status on the Jewish Agency and the world Zionist movement will be reintroduced by the Israel Government early next month on the reconvening of Parliament, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency chairman, reported last night.

He told a conference of American and Canadian members of the Zionist General Council, supreme authority of the Zionist movement between World Zionist Congresses, he was confident the bill would be enacted into law before the Council meets in Jerusalem Nov. 20.

The Jerusalem session will consider proposals for the structural reorganization of the World Zionist movement on a country by country basis, he announced. Such reorganization, he said, was long overdue because the establishment of the State of Israel had reduced the importance of Zionist parties outside Israel. He called for organization of Zionist federations in each country to which the various parties would surrender some of their autonomy.

In the United States, he said, the federation principle would have to be applied in more modified form and additional responsibilities would be vested in the American Zionist Council.

Dr. Goldmann will leave for Israel this week-end in connection with preparatory work for the plenary session of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem on Nov. 11.

AUSTRIAN PARLEY BIDS NOT YET RECEIVED BY JEWISH GROUPS

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here have not yet received invitations from the Austrian Government to send representatives to Vienna this month to discuss problems of restitution to Jewish victims of Nazism, the JTA learned today.

Reports from Vienna yesterday had quoted Foreign Minister Karl Gruber as indicating that the invitations had been sent from his office and Chancellor Leopold Figl as expressing the belief that preliminary talks would start this month.

Vice-Chancellor Outlines Objections to Restitution Claims

VIENNA, Oct. 1 (JTA) -- Although the Austrian Government has announced that it was ready to begin discussion of Jewish restitution claims, these talks will have to overcome much opposition, especially from the Social Democratic Party, one of the two leading government parties, it was learned today.

Dr. Adolf Schaerf, Vice-Chancellor in the Austrian Government, and Social Democratic leader, indicated the nature of this opposition in a one-hour interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He advanced the following arguments:

1. Unlike Germany, the Austrian Government will not recognize as a matter of principle that Israel is entitled to present any claims against Austria.
2. There are 12,000 Austrian Jews in Israel today who do not want to accept Israel citizenship and have retained their Austrian citizenship. Many of them can be expected to return to Austria. As Austrian citizens, they have to be readmitted. The Austrian Government must consider that some of them may fall a burden on the community upon their return and thus add to the number of needy Jews now residing in Austria.
3. Gold and valuables confiscated from the Jews in Austria by the Nazi authorities during the occupation were all shipped to Germany and did not remain in Austria. Thus Germany, and not Austria, should compensate the Jews for these losses.
4. It cannot be expected that Austria should repay to the Jews the amounts they lost in confiscation of bank accounts since the Austrian currency had been devalued and the deposits in these accounts were almost worthless at the devalued rates.
5. Buildings and factories owned by Jews and largely situated in the Soviet zone of Austria are not being returned to Austria by the Soviet authorities who claim them as war reparations. The same is also true with respect to property in the Leopoldstadt section of Vienna which, in pre-Nazi days, was predominantly Jewish.
6. Many Jews who are considered Austrian citizens are actually Polish Jews who lived in Austria for years after World War I, retaining their Polish citizenship and acquiring Austrian papers only a few years before their property was confiscated by the Nazi occupation authorities.
7. No talks can now be held on heirless property since under existing laws, Austrians can still make claims to property considered heirless. When this law expires, the government will begin registration of property for which no heirs are reported and only then will it be established which heirless property is Jewish.
8. Many Jews in Austria declared themselves without religious affiliation and officially declared in the pre-Nazi period that they were not to be considered

members of the Jewish community. Their property therefore cannot be considered as Jewish if they left no heirs.

9. Many Jews in Austria married into other faiths. It is doubtful if heirless property left in such cases can be considered Jewish.

10. The Jewish community in Austria is now composed mostly of aged and needy Jews. Any compensation therefore should go to the communities in Austria to enable them to take care of their needs rather than to Jewish organizations abroad.

Dr. Schaerf said these represented his views on the restitution question and would be advanced by him in any restitution talks.

RIGHTS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES UPHELD BY U. N. BODY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Non-governmental agencies have the right to voice criticism of the policies of member states of the United Nations, it was ruled yesterday in the Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The issue arose when the Soviet Union's representative in the sub-commission challenged statements made by the spokesman for a non-governmental agency appearing before the body. The sub-commission held that in addressing it, representatives of the non-governmental agencies had the same rights of speech as commission members.

TURKEY PLANS NEW STATUS FOR GRAND RABBINATE

ISTANBUL, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Turkish authorities consider the 70-year-old legislation governing the status of the Grand Rabbinate of Turkey as out of date and are now discussing new legislation on the status of the governing bodies of minorities in this country, it was learned today.

As a result, new elections for the lay council of the Chief Rabbinate, scheduled to have been held this year, have been postponed until promulgation of the new legislation. The lay council is in charge of the Jewish community's administrative, social and cultural affairs. The present council was elected two years ago.

TARTAKOWER LAUDS SPIRIT OF LATIN AMERICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The 700,000 Jews of Latin America have created a community life "which in terms of exemplary organization, national consciousness and Yiddish cultural achievement, belongs in the very front rank of world Jewry," Dr. Arieh Tartakower, chairman of the Israel Executive of the World Jewish Congress, said here today in a comment on his five-month tour of duty as special congress delegate in Latin America.

He said that the Jews in Latin America enjoyed a great economic development and that there was virtually no Jewish poverty. The popular level of anti-Semitism there was low, he said, and governments there frequently proclaim their determination to treat all citizens with equality. He warned, however, that a trend to totalitarianism, coupled with a possible economic crisis made the Jewish future there, politically and economically, far from stable.

The situation, Dr. Tartakower declared, was further complicated by the "substantial infiltration" of Nazis in several countries. "These sinister elements," he declared, "know all too well how to capitalize on political maneuvers for anti-Semitic and Nazi purposes."

REP. CELLER CALLS FOR LIBERAL U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, today urged the replacement of the national origins quota system in American immigration law by a policy which will restore "United States liberalism in the area of immigration and naturalization."

Rep. Celler, in whose committee all immigration measures in the House originate, testified before the President's new Commission on Immigration and Naturalization, which concluded its two-day hearings in New York this afternoon. The Commission will now proceed on an 11-city tour of the U.S. during which it will continue to take testimony on current immigration law and on proposals for changes. The unit will report to President Truman by Jan. 1, 1953.

The Congressman reported that during the last session of Congress he introduced a measure to authorize the issuance of 300,000 special non-quota immigration visas to refugees of "iron curtain" countries, to persons of German ethnic origin, and to natives of Italy, Greece and Holland. The Congress failed to act on the bill.

Enactment of such legislation, Rep. Celler asserted, will encourage other countries to do their share in alleviating the problem of displaced and surplus populations, help the U.S. meet its labor needs and reaffirm the humanitarianism of the U.S.

Edward Corsi, New York State Industrial Commissioner and chairman of the state DP commission, also struck out violently against the discriminatory aspects of the national origins quota system, insisting that "it must be junked entirely and out of its ashes a new law must be conceived based on the idea of human equality." Commissioner Corsi told the President's commission that such a new immigration policy "should be based on a realistic appraisal of the needs of our domestic economy, especially as it relates to the adequacy of the labor supply in the present defense economy and in the foreseeable future."

Specifically, Mr. Corsi suggested that a new immigration law should embody the following principles: total immigration based on U.S. manpower needs and U.S. capacity to absorb new immigrants; the major criterion for immigration and naturalization should be fitness of the individual for citizenship, without regard to race, color, religion or national origin; pooling of quotas and use in the future of previously unused quotas; preservation of the right of fair hearings and judicial review in immigration cases; and elimination of distinction between the rights and duties of naturalized and native citizens.

Citing the experience of New York State with DP immigrants, he said that six percent of the labor force provided by the 116,000 DP immigrants admitted under the DP Act of 1948 and settled in New York were professional and semi-professional workers or managers; 36 percent were skilled workers; 19 percent were farmers or farm laborers and the remainder were in commercial or unskilled jobs.

Sen. Smith Condemns McCarran Immigration Act

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Senator H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey Republican, told a meeting of New Jersey Zionist leaders, held at Sommersville, that he had opposed the McCarran Immigration Act and had voted to uphold President Truman's veto because of the discriminatory features of the legislation. He said that "America must go on with the same principles of freedom on which we started and built this great country. Our position of world leadership make it incumbent that we here in America offer equal opportunities to all creeds."

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE ABANDONED JEWISH CEMETERIES

BONN, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The German Federal Ministry of the Interior disclosed today that it would appropriate the sum of 100,000 deutschemarks during the current financial year for the restoration of neglected Jewish cemeteries in towns in which the Jewish communities were destroyed by the Nazis.

DAVID NILES BURIED; ISRAEL REPRESENTED AT FUNERAL

BOSTON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for David K. Niles, executive assistant to Presidents Truman and Roosevelt, who died here this week-end at the age of 63. The Government of Israel was represented at the funeral by Consul General Arthur Lourie and Lt. Col. Giladi, Israeli military attache in Washington.

"The passing of David K. Niles has deprived the Jewish people and the cause of Israel of one of its great friends," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, stated today. Dr. Goldmann paid tribute to the positive aid and invaluable advice given the Israel cause by Mr. Niles during the period when the Jewish State was going through its birth pangs, and concluded: "The Jewish people, the Zionist movement, and all who had the privilege of working with him shall never forget this loyal son of the Jewish people who participated so considerably in the historic development which brought about the establishment of the State of Israel."

A statement issued by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban called Mr. Niles "one of the foremost architects of American-Israel understanding" and added: "History will regard him as one of the decisive agents in the restoration of Israel's sovereignty with American support."

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

ROME, (JTA) -- A new publication, The Voice of the Rome Jewish Community, has made its appearance here.

THE HAGUE, (JTA) -- Jewish communal leaders here are disturbed that the number of rabbis in the Netherlands now stands at only two, Dr. J. Oppenheimer, of Amsterdam, having accepted a pulpit in Buenos Aires. At the end of World War II, there were six rabbis in Holland.

THE HAGUE, (JTA) -- The municipal board here has accepted information that Veit Harlan, producer of the Nazi film, Jew Sues, was not anti-Semitic and made the notorious film under compulsion. Harlan has declared he will not seek indemnification for losses suffered as a result of the municipal ban on his films.

LONDON, (JTA) -- Egypt announced today that she will join the Arab nations protesting to the West German Government against any payment of reparations to Israel. Egypt will ask that the funds be diverted to the benefit of Arab refugees.

STOCKHOLM, (JTA) -- The Swedish Air Force made known today that it is selling 25 Mustang fighter planes to Israel. The planes were used about six years.

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Although the Israel bond drive in Venezuela has been running only two and a half months, some \$400,000 in bonds have already been sold there, it was reported today. The Venezuelan Jewish community numbers about 3,000.

WASHINGTON, (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy has accepted an invitation to participate in the national capital Bible observance marking publication of the new Protestant Bible.