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PRESIDENT BEN ZVI TO BE SWORN IN TODAY AT ELABORATE CEREMONY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Itzhak Ben Zvi, the new President of Israel, will be sworn in tomorrow at an elaborate ceremony in the Israel Parliament. A salvo of 21 guns and the sound of Shofars blown by two rabbis will announce his assumption of the Presidency.

President-elect Ben Zvi spent today as usual working at his desk at the Institute of Near East Research. The news of his election was conveyed to him yesterday by Premier David Ben Gurion and other members of the Cabinet.

The streets leading to Parliament will be lined with troops tomorrow when the President-elect is escorted by a guard of honor to the building. The sergeant-at-arms will meet the new President at the door of the Knesset chamber and will lead him down the aisle where Speaker Joseph Sprinzak will be waiting to administer the oath of office.

May Have To Cope With Resignation of Cabinet

The first problem with which President Ben Zvi may have to cope is the expected resignation of the Ben Gurion Cabinet within the next few days. Mr. Ben Gurion's action is expected to be taken in view of the fact that the leaders of the Agudah Labor Party -- Benjamin Mintz and Rabbi Kalman Kahane -- who had agreed to enter the coalition government, again called on the Premier last night and officially informed him that they are not rejoining the Cabinet.

It is understood that the two Agudah Laborites reversed their decision to join the Cabinet because of heavy pressure from leading members of the Agudas Israel Organization in Jerusalem. They told the Premier that they were forbidden to enter the coalition government by top religious leaders as long as the government insists on mobilization of Orthodox women for military service.

In order to put an end to such pressures, Premier Ben Gurion, it was learned today, will submit the resignation of his Cabinet to President Ben Zvi before the next Cabinet meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday. The President will then invite Mr. Ben Gurion to form a new Cabinet and may also call a special session of Parliament, it was indicated.

The Israel Post Office today issued a special Weizmann memorial stamp, imprinted with a profile of the late President flanked by an Israel flag. The first stamp of the issue was presented yesterday to Mrs. Weizmann by Minister of Posts Mordecai Nurok, who travelled to Rehovoth to make the presentation. Today is the thirtieth day after Dr. Weizmann's death and marks the end of the month-long period of official mourning. (In New York, the end of the 30-day mourning period will be marked by a meeting in Carnegie Hall tomorrow night, under the sponsorship of the American Zionist Council.)

ARABS SEEK TO BALK U. N. RESOLUTION ON DIRECT PEACE TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The Arab states, faced with a United Nations call for direct peace negotiations with Israel, moved today to cancel the whole Palestine debate by withdrawing the item which they had originally submitted to the agenda of the seventh General Assembly. The U. N. Special Political Committee adjourned today's session, including a scheduled vote on the eighth power appeal for direct talks, until tomorrow to give the Arab states an opportunity to present a formal motion to wipe the Palestine debate off the record.

Dr. Fadil al Jamali of Iraq, after attacking the revised eight power resolution, told the committee that it would be better to have no resolution at all than this resolution. The Iraqi delegate, in answer to a question by the Australian delegate, said he wanted to withdraw the Arab item from the agenda. The chairman said there must be a motion to this effect and that such a motion must be carried by a majority. If carried, the motion would recommend to the Assembly that the Arab item be dropped from the agenda.

Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel fought the move. He said that it would be a "fantastic event" in international life if a resolution had to be satisfactory to the Iraqi representative or else must be withdrawn.

The "firm conviction" of the Government of Israel, he declared, was that "this item, once having been accepted by the United Nations and the views of the majority having been crystallized in a mild resolution, calling for direct negotiations," it would be regarded throughout the Middle East as bad for the prestige of the United Nations if this committee should now throw it out. Mr. Eban said that if no resolution had been adopted except one satisfactory to the Arabs there would not have been an armistice in Palestine at all.

However, Mr. Eban did not receive much support. The Mexican delegate said that he was convinced that in order to have a resolution with any chance of success it must be acceptable to both sides -- otherwise it would be an "evil resolution." Finn Moe of Norway, who introduced and revised the eight power proposal, declared that he would have to discuss the situation with the other sponsors.

Response to Israel Peace Plan "Gratifying," Eban Says

In reply to the recurrent Arab allegations that Israel would not accept U. N. resolutions, Mr. Eban quoted the Egyptian delegate as saying that Egypt had the right not to comply with U. N. resolutions. He pointed out that Egypt had refused to abide by a Security Council resolution forbidding a blockade of Israel-bound shipping in the Suez Canal.

In the course of his statement to the committee, Mr. Eban pointed out that there had been a "gratifying response" to the Israeli peace plan which he outlined to the committee last week. The plan had been published widely in the Arabic press, especially in Jordan and Egypt, without criticism, he underlined. He also stressed that on the problem of territory, refugees and a Jerusalem settlement the Israel plan "conforms with the objectives of the United Nations.

Before he made the request that the Arab item be stricken from the agenda, Mr. Jamali said that the eight power resolution was "totally unacceptable" to the Arab states and that it "leaves in the air the main rights remaining to the Arabs of Palestine." He asserted that the resolution "increases the suspicion of the Arabs."

SYRIAN PLANES FLY OVER ISRAEL TERRITORY; ISRAEL PROTESTS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Israel has lodged a strong protest with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission over the violation of Israel air space yesterday by Syrian planes. Two Syrian fighter ships flew over Israel territory in northern Galilee yesterday morning and later returned to Syrian territory by the same route.

Eight Israeli sailors rescued by the Lebanese two weeks ago from a sinking vessel were returned safely to Israel yesterday. The sailors were on one of two ships which slipped their moorings near Haifa in a violent windstorm. Their vessel was driven into Lebanese waters before it foundered. The Israel authorities yesterday gave up the hunt for the second missing ship.

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES POPULATION FIGURES; HAS 179,000 NON-JEWS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The population of Israel stands currently at 1,629,000, of whom 1,450,000 are Jews and 179,000 are non-Jews, according to J. Shai, director of the Israel Government Immigration Service.

Immigration brought 22,500 newcomers to the Jewish State in the first 11 months of 1952, Mr. Shai said, but 12,500 others left. The natural population increase through births amounted to 33,000 for the same period, or 77 percent of the total increase. This, Mr. Shai contrasted with the year of 1949 when the highwater mark of immigration was reached and the increase by births amounted to only eight percent of the total.

During the four years of Israel's statehood some 39,000 emigrated from this country, a figure which amounted to six percent of the number who came here from other lands. Some 20,000 of Israel's permanent residents have refused to surrender their present nationality in order to receive Israel nationality, including some nationals of the Soviet Union and other East European countries.

ATTEMPT TO BURN AUTO OF SOVIET MINISTER MADE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Police were today investigating an attempt by unidentified persons to burn the car of the Soviet Minister to Israel.

An employee of the legation in Tel Aviv last night noticed a fire under the car. He extinguished the blaze and called the police, who found a can filled with oil under the vehicle. One tire was damaged.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES SASSON AS NEW ISRAEL MINISTER

ROME, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The Italian Government today approved the nomination of Eliahu Sasson as the new Israel Minister to Italy. Mr. Sasson formerly was Israel Minister to Turkey.

Brig. Moshe Dayan has been named Deputy Chief of Staff of the Israel Army of Defense to replace Gen. Mordecai Makleff, who has been appointed Chief of Staff succeeding retiring Gen. Yigal Yadin.

PRICES ON TEA AND COFFEE RISE 100 PERCENT IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Tea and coffee prices rose 100 percent in Israel today. The increase followed a doubling of the customs duty imposed by the government.

Goldmann Predicts Early Ratification of German-Israel Pact

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) — The reparations agreements concluded in Luxembourg between the West German Government, Israel and world Jewish organizations will be ratified by the Bonn Parliament "within the next four to six weeks at the latest," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency and of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, predicted at a press conference here today on his return from Israel and Germany.

"Returning from a visit to Germany where I again met Chancellor Adenauer and several of his colleagues, I am fully convinced that the implementation of the Luxembourg treaty between Israel and Germany is assured," Dr. Goldmann stated. "Technical reasons, primarily Germany's concern to assure a financial cover for the expenditure assumed by Bonn under the settlement agreements with Israel, delayed submission of the Luxembourg treaty to the German Parliament. This will now be done speedily, and my guess is that the treaty will be ratified within the next four or six weeks at the outside. In Israel, preparations are being made for the selection of goods to be ordered in Germany under the Luxembourg treaties. Both the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency have drawn up budgets which take into account this additional revenue, in the form of goods, from Germany.

"I also attended the plenary sessions of the Jewish Agency executive and the Zionist Action Committee in Jerusalem last month. These meetings were primarily devoted to a discussion of the budget of the Jewish Agency, the largest in its history — over 50 million pounds. More than half of this budget is earmarked for the preparation of new large areas for agricultural cultivation and the settlement on this land of another five thousand families, in addition to 20,000 families which the Jewish Agency has already settled on land since the establishment of the State of Israel.

"The Zionist Action Committee also has dealt with plans for strengthening the Zionist movement throughout the world. Its main attention was focused, of course, on the American scene. Efforts to introduce greater unification and inter-party effort were begun by the Jewish Agency executive in New York early in 1952. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion took an interest in this problem.

"Last month Mr. Ben Gurion, jointly with Mr. Berl Locker of Jerusalem and myself, as co-chairmen of the Jewish Agency, invited leaders of the major American Zionist groups for a conference in Jerusalem. Full agreement was reached on proposals for strengthening the American Zionist Council which is now the co-ordinator of American Zionist public relations. Under the new plan, the American Zionist Council is to become spokesman and co-ordinator of American Zionist activities in additional areas.

"I am glad that the executive of the Zionist Organization of America, at its meeting last Sunday, approved the plan and I am hopeful that the other Zionist groups will very soon do likewise. The implementation of the plan would be greatly beneficial to the Zionist movement and would lead to a closer relationship between the largest democratic Jewish community in the world and Israel."

Commenting on the recent Prague trials at which Zionism was bitterly attacked, Dr. Goldmann said that "Zionists have never been discouraged by obstacles, frightened by fear, nor dissuaded by persecution." The aim of Zionism, he said, is to give the Jewish people security from persecution. Dr. Goldmann is scheduled to address the annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal here on December 13th.

ANTI-JEWISH POSTCARDS DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE MAILS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Postcards urging Americans to "free America from the Jews" and calling on all patriots to "vote anti-Jewish," have been received in Chicago in the mails, the Jewish Sentinel reported here.

The cards were postmarked in Atlanta, Ga., and were mailed by an organization describing itself as the "Christian Anti-Jewish Party." They carry a bid to "white Christian Americans" to join "our patriotic party" and give P. O. box addresses in Atlanta and Birmingham, Ala., for membership inquiries.

The party's program, according to the card, calls for the expulsion of the Jews to Palestine and the confiscation of their property. The card promises that "the Jews have too much money, but soon, it will be ours!"

AGUDAH LABORITES CRITICIZED IN U. S. FOR JOINING ISRAEL CABINET

SPRING VALLEY, N. Y., Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing approval of the stand adopted by the Agudath Israel organization in Israel to remain outside the government coalition, was adopted at a national conference of delegates of Agudath Israel branches from all parts of the country, which closed here tonight.

The resolution condemned the leadership of Poale Agudath Israel for accepting a ministerial post in the reshuffled Israeli Cabinet. "Continued persistence in defying the will of the world's acknowledged Rabbinic authorities must result in the public expulsion of the Poale Agudath Israel leadership from the movement," the resolution declares. (See Page 1 for withdrawal story.)

Other resolutions called upon the American Agudath Israel Organization to sponsor fifty new religious schools for immigrant children in Israel during the next six months.

AMERICAN HECHALUTZ MEMBER KILLED IN AUTO CRASH; SEVERAL INJURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Barbara Citron, a member of the Hechalutz training farm in Heightstown, N. J. was killed and several other Chalutzim were slightly injured in an accident on the Lincoln Highway when an automobile collided with a truck which was carrying them from New York to Heightstown. The drivers of the automobile and of the truck were also killed in the collision.

ABRAHAM EPSTEIN, NOTED AMERICAN HEBREW WRITER, DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Abraham Epstein, noted American Hebrew writer, died last night of a heart attack in Mt. Sinai Hospital here. He was 70 years old. Born in Slutzk, Russia, he came to the United States about 30 years ago. His Hebrew books were published in New York and Tel Aviv.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED TO GREEK JEWS MARTYRED BY NAZIS

ATHENS, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A memorial to 2,200 Jews from the town of Kavalla who were deported to death camps by the Nazis was unveiled in the town, it was reported here.