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SHARETT URGES BEN GURION TO RETAIN PREMIERSHIP; CITES EFFECTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett last night made an impassioned plea to Premier David Ben Gurion to reconsider his decision to resign his Cabinet posts this month. The plea was made at a meeting of the Mapai's political committee which heard the Premier's reasons for resignation.

Despite all pleas and arguments Mr. Ben Gurion was reported firm in his resolve to drop all Cabinet posts, although he is said to have indicated a desire to hold his seat in Parliament. He stated that the reason for the decision to retire was that after 20 years of strenuous political activity he was very tired. He denied rumors that his resignation was caused by differences of opinion with other party leaders.

Mr. Sharett told Mr. Ben Gurion that his stepping down would have a serious effect on the party, on the coalition and on the international factors relating to Israel. Almost every member of the political committee participated in the debate which ended in a decision to refer the resignation to the Mapai central committee, which meets tomorrow evening in Tel Aviv. If the central committee accepts it, the political committee will meet again next week to name a successor to Mr. Ben Gurion.

DULLES IMPLIES HE FORCED ISRAEL TO HALT WORK ON JORDAN RIVER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today said at his press conference that Israel's assurances that the work on the Jordan River hydroelectric project would be halted while the United Nations Security Council discusses the issue, was considered by him sufficient to justify the resumption of American financial aid to Israel.

When his attention was drawn to the fact that Israel's offer at the Security Council was nothing new because the Jewish State had previously agreed to a temporary halt, prior to the cutting off of American funds, Mr. Dulles replied that it was his understanding that Israel had not been ready to do what was necessary until the Israel representative expressed willingness at the Security Council to halt the project.

The Secretary said he did not think the United States was entitled to be more demanding than the Security Council itself, noting that the Security Council was satisfied by Israel's action on the hydroelectric issue. The American economic measures, said Mr. Dulles, were aimed originally at maintaining the authority of the United Nations.

Israel Minister Reuven Shiloah today exchanged views on issues before the Security Council with Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State.

DR. GOLDMANN REVIEWS JEWISH AGENCY PROBLEMS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The complicated problems involved in enlarging the Jewish Agency by inviting non-Zionist leaders to join its executive, were outlined here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann at a session of the Agency's executive.

Dr. Goldmann also dealt with the status of the Jewish Agency in Israel and with the "normalization" of relations between the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency.

In addition, Dr. Goldmann reviewed a number of problems which will be discussed at a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee at the end of this year, including methods of conducting elections and deciding on representation to the next World Zionist Congress, and on territorial unity of Zionist groups.

ISRAEL DIPLOMAT SEEKS PERMIT TO VISIT ISRAELIS IN PRAGUE PRISON

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Israel's Charge d'Affaires in Prague, Shlomo Kaddar, yesterday made a formal request of the Czechoslovak authorities for permission to visit Mordechai Oren, Israeli Mapam leader, and Israel Shimon Orenstein, former employee of the Israel legation in Prague, who have been sentenced to prison for "espionage" activities against Czechoslovakia, it was announced here today. Previous attempts to visit the men have been rebuffed.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today reported to the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee on the Czech note reporting the conviction and sentencing of the two Israelis, who disappeared from sight in Prague 22 months ago.

The Mapam newspaper Al Hamishmar today demanded the immediate release of Oren and Orenstein, pointing out for the benefit of the Czechs that such a move will not help foster better relations between Israel and the East European states. The Histadrut's newspaper Davar also demands their release and calls their imprisonment an injustice, adding that it wants to believe that there was a mistake in the judgment.

Mapam Leaders Say Oren Is Innocent; Will Fight for His Release

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Yitzchak Ben-Aharon, member of the Knesset and a delegate to the Inter-Parliamentary Union party in Washington and Zvi Lurie, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency--both leaders of the Mapam Party--today issued the following statement:

"The sentence imposed on M. Oren will stun all his friends who have known him as being innocent of the accusations under which he had been arrested for two years and now sentenced for 15 years' imprisonment. Mr. Oren had never conspired against the Czechoslovakian State. We have no knowledge of the procedure of the trial but there is no question in our minds that the outcome is an obvious and severe miscarriage of justice.

"Both the United Workers Party in Israel, the party of M. Oren, and all his friends will never acquiesce to the sentence and will continue the fight for his liberation and for his return to his homeland and to his family. We will not cease to proclaim the innocence of M. Oren."

BRITAIN PROPOSES TROOPS TO JORDAN AS PROTECTION AGAINST ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Diplomatic sources here reported today that Britain is negotiating with Jordan on a proposal to station British troops in Jordan under the Anglo-Jordanian treaty as a "safeguard against Israel."

The British have initiated this move, according to these sources, because British troops may have to evacuate the Suez Canal zone and wish to maintain a strong base in the vicinity. Arab reports of the last few days from Egypt said that Arabs objected to the British scheme because it "means the creation of a new British base in the Arab east and in a state which is regarded as the heart of the Arab body."

The idea of the British troops functioning against Israel was described by the Arabs as a "pretext." The Arab reports maintain that the British would like to keep troops at Aqaba and strategic locations elsewhere in Jordan.

BRITAIN OUTLINES CONDITIONS FOR AID TO JORDAN AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The conditions under which Britain would go to the assistance of Jordan against "aggression" by Israeli forces were outlined by Foreign Undersecretary Anthony Nutting, in a written statement to P. A. D. Baker, Conservative M. P.

The Undersecretary carefully outlined provisions of the British-Jordan treaty of alliance which involves the two states acting in concert to settle by peaceful means disputes between one of them and a third party and the conditions under which one will come to the assistance of the other in the case of hostilities.

Mr. Nutting's statement also detailed what Britain had done in bringing the recent Kibya incident before the United Nations Security Council and recalled Britain's acceptance of responsibility to prevent aggression under the Tripartite Declaration of 1950.

BRITISH MINISTER TERMS KIBYA INCIDENT "DISTURBING FACTOR"

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- British Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe last night expressed the hope that ways will be found to eliminate from Anglo-Israel relations "such disturbing factors as the recent border incidents which have deepened the estrangement between Israel and its neighbors."

Speaking at a dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association, the Home Secretary paid tribute to such Israeli achievements as the reclamation of the Negev, high standards of health and the provision of educational facilities. He saw in the Queen Elizabeth Forest in Israel--established by Jewry in the various Commonwealth countries--a means of helping foster closer relations between Britain and Israel.

Ambassador Eliahu Elath, another featured speaker at the dinner, said Israel welcomes the United Nations Security Council's dealing with the problem of Israel-Arab peace. He expressed the hope that the recent tragic incidents would not deflect the Security Council from the major issues in the Middle East which can only be solved by a real peace. The Israel Ambassador also called for the strengthening of the Arab-Israel armistice agreements by the Council, asserting that while Israel had viewed the armistice pacts as a prelude to real peace, the Arab states considered it no more than a breathing spell to devise new means of warring on Israel.

NEO-NAZI PARTIES LOSE GROUND IN HAMBURG ELECTIONS

HAMBURG, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The avowed neo-Nazi parties in this city-state lost considerable ground in this week-end's elections which saw the centrist-rightist "Hamburg Bloc" take control of the local administration. In total, the neo-Nazi groups received 10,000 votes, barely one percent of the total.

Leader of the Hamburg Bloc, which includes Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union and three other groups as far right as the reactionary German Party, is Emil Blumenfeld, a half-Jew and leader of the local Christian Democratic Union. Dr. Kurt Sieveking, the Hamburg Bloc's mayoralty candidate, was for many years before the Hitler regime an official of the Warburg bank in Hamburg.

NAZI VICTIMS SEEK ACTION ON THEIR RIGHT TO RE-EMPLOYMENT

BERLIN, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- No less than 8,000 pre-Hitler public officials who were ousted or otherwise disciplined by the Nazis on racial or political grounds now live in Berlin, a spokesman of the League of Nazi Victims declared here at a special press conference.

These Nazi victims have a more difficult time of it than former Nazi civil servants who lost their jobs at the end of the war, he pointed out. Some thousands are back in office, but after more than eight years other thousands are still unemployed. Former civil service employees receive no pension while court decisions directing their re-employment are shrugged off as mere recommendations and generally remain without effect.

In view of this attitude, the spokesman demanded the appointment of a Federal Commissioner with plenary powers to solve these problems.

GERMAN EXPORTS TO ARAB STATES JUMP DESPITE BOYCOTT THREATS

BONN, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The German export drive has reaped a richer harvest than ever before in the Arab states during the very period when Arab spokesmen and their German friends threatened--in an effort to spike German reparations deliveries--that a boycott was about to go into effect, it was learned here today.

Statistics covering the first eight months of 1953 now reveal that exports to Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Yemen reached 263 million marks, compared to 163 million in the same period of 1952. Imports, for the most part of petroleum products and Egyptian cotton, also showed an upward trend, increasing by 19 million marks to 320 million marks. Germany's trade deficit with the Arab bloc has, in other words, been reduced from 138 million marks to 57,000,000 marks.

SWISS-ISRAEL TRADE BANK IN GENEVA INCREASES ITS CAPITAL

GENEVA, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The capital of the Swiss-Israel Trade Bank has been increased from 2,030,300 Swiss francs to 4,065,000 francs. This action, taken by a general meeting of the stockholders, is the second increase in the bank's capital since its establishment in 1951 with a capitalization of 1,000,000 Swiss francs. The bank has about 20,000,000 Swiss francs on deposit.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI CONVENTION OPENS TODAY; 800 DELEGATES ATTENDING

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- More than 800 delegates from all parts of the country will attend the 33rd annual national convention of the Mizrachi Organization of America which opens here tomorrow at the Breakers Hotel.

The convention, which will last five days, will discuss plans for a worldwide merger of Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, the religious Zionist laborites, as well as current problems concerning Jewish law in Israel. A report will be submitted to the delegates on progress on Bar Ilan University, which the American Mizrachi is building in Israel and which is scheduled to be opened next fall.

The delegates will recite in unison the 137th Psalm, which pledges the Jewish worshipper never to forget Jerusalem. The prayer will be recited before a Sefer Torah recently brought from Israel, which contains a parchment scroll made up of 67 pieces from scrolls rescued from synagogues destroyed by the Hitler regime.

MOST OF NEW YORK'S JEWISH CHILDREN RECEIVE NO JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- There are some 270,000 Jewish children attending the elementary and junior high schools of New York City, of whom some 16,000 attend all-day Jewish schools, it was reported today by the Jewish Education Committee of New York on the basis of tentative findings.

The survey also revealed that there are approximately 76,000 Jewish children attending some type of religious class, with 66,500 attending organized schools, 7,500 to 8,000 in released time classes and 2,000 receiving private instructions. Between 1935 and the current survey the percentage of Jewish children receiving a religious education rose from 21.2 to 28.

The method of obtaining the number of Jewish children attending public schools is called "The Yom Kippur Method" because it uses the absence figures on the Day of Atonement as the basis of computation. The survey is being carried out by the Jewish Education Committee with the support of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York City.

DR. SENATOR, VICE-PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY, DIES IN U.S.

HAMBURG, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. David Werner Senator, executive vice-president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, died last night in Atlanta, Ga., while visiting the United States. He was 57 years old. He was in the U.S. studying American university administration on a Rockefeller Foundation grant.

Born in Berlin, he attended the universities of Berlin, Munich and Freiburg. In 1924, he became general secretary of the European headquarters of the Joint Distribution Committee in Berlin. In 1929 he was elected a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency from which he resigned in 1945. He was appointed to the post in 1937. In 1949 he became executive vice-president of the University.

Mrs. Rose H. Halprin, acting chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, issued a statement saying: "Dr. Senator, a former member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, will long be remembered for his efforts on behalf of his people and Israel, particularly in the sphere of education as a guiding spirit of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem."