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BEN GURION REJECTS FINAL PLEA FOR RETAINING PREMIERSHIP

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today rejected the final appeal by his Mapai Party to remain in the Cabinet. He told the Mapai Council that he would not change his decision to resign the premiership, but promised that his absence from leading the Israel Government would be a short one.

The Council expressed regret over Mr. Ben Gurion's decision, and its political committee started discussions on the consequences of the resignation. Meanwhile, Mr. Ben Gurion left today for Tiberias for a three-week course of treatment at the spa, while his wife spent the day in Sdeh Boker settlement, in the Negev, where she inspected the cottage built for the Premier's residence after his retirement.

43,000 PERSONS LEFT ISRAEL IN TWO YEARS, KNESSET HEARS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Approximately 43,000 immigrants left Israel in the course of the last two years, it was reported in the Israel Parliament today by Itzhak Raphael, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department. This number, he said, constitutes two-thirds of the total of immigration into the country during the same period.

Mr. Raphael asked Parliament for an urgent discussion of the subject. He insisted that ways must be found to check the trend. "The bringing in of those who later leave the country costs us strenuous work and much money," he argued.

Replying, Minister of Interior Israel Rokach stated that the picture was not as black as painted by Mr. Raphael. He disclosed that there was a proposal to grant passports only to those who had lived at least two years in Israel. There is also a proposal to make certain amendments to the "Law of Return," he said.

The Minister of Interior emphasized that he is not worried about the number of people who left the country in view of the fact that re-emigration has not increased in the last ten months. He said that he knows of no country from where there is no re-emigration. He suggested that Mr. Raphael would have done better by speaking about increased immigration rather than complaining about re-emigration.

BRITAIN WILL NOT TRANSFER EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM, EDEN SAYS

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The British Government has no intention at this time of transferring its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said today. Replying in writing to a question on whether the British Embassy would be transferred to Jerusalem, Sec. Eden declared that Britain does not recognize Israel's sovereignty over the portion of Jerusalem which is under Israeli control.

ISRAEL SATISFIED WITH UNITED NATIONS DEBATE ON JORDAN RIVER PROJECT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, today said in a press statement that he was satisfied with the Progress being made at the U. N. Security Council on the Syrian complaint against the hydroelectric project started by Israel on the Jordan River.

Mr. Eban's statement was issued following an attack made on this project last night by Syrian Ambassador Dr. Farid Zeineddine, who told the U. N. Security Council that if the United Nations does not stop "Zionist expansion into the demilitarized zone and beyond," the war between the Arab states and Israel may be renewed.

The statement issued by Mr. Eban asserts that the speech delivered by the Syrian representative proved conclusively that no obstacle in law or in fact stood in the way of the Jordan River project. He emphasized that the claim that 99 percent of the land in the demilitarized zone was Arab owned was a "grotesque falsehood and a complete contradiction to the documents" on the case.

As to the problem of the water, Mr. Eban asserted, that the Syrian representative only claimed that two percent of it was being used on Syrian land. Therefore, Mr. Eban said, the issue is whether Israel's rights to use 98 percent of the water for constructive purposes should be "throttled in favor of an interest affecting at most two percent."

On the question of military advantage, Mr. Eban stated that the military effect of the works was to increase the obstacle to invasion from either side. In view of the weakness of the Syrian arguments, Mr. Eban expressed the hope that the Security Council would remove the obstacles to Israeli completion of the project.

Syria Charges Project Is "Destroying" Armistice Agreement

The Syrian representative charged that the diversion of the Jordan River for the Israeli hydroelectric development scheme "destroyed the fundamental part" of the armistice agreement--the demilitarized zone. In a long speech at the Security Council he indicated that his government would not have brought this complaint if the diversion of the Jordan had not been in the demilitarized zone.

Dr. Zeineddine expressed misgivings about United States policy on the Israeli project. He declared the United States took an active interest in the area and said the United States might "seek to denature our present complaint, based on the armistice agreement, so as to bring into the picture economic interests not based on the armistice agreement, to cause investigations of an economic nature to take place, or to try to bring about a decision whereby the Security Council would substitute itself for the parties concerned and thus render unnecessary their prior consent in dealing with the issue."

"Such interests of the United States do not fall within the purview of the present issue and should not be allowed to influence it beyond measure," he added.

The Syrian representative charged that Israel had not stopped work on the canal as it had promised to do. He said "up to the eighth of November, according to our information, those works continued in the demilitarized zone." He declared that the diversion of the Jordan River and the "drying up of its water" would mean a military advantage to Israel and would permit tanks to cross this natural obstacle.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT REJECTS APPEAL OF ABU GOSH ARABS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Supreme Court today rejected an appeal in behalf of five leaders of Abu Gosh village which would have forced the military authorities to rescind an order expelling the five to various parts of Israel for periods ranging between four and six months.

The court held that the authorities had sufficient reason, on security grounds, for their action. The Arabs, the government claimed, had refused to cooperate in a search for infiltrators who had thrown a hand grenade through the window of a school for Jewish children situated near the village. The infiltrators were tracked to Abu Gosh.

The case aroused a good deal of controversy in Israel because the Abu Gosh leaders had cooperated during the Mandatory regime with Jewish underground forces and had helped break the Jordan blockade of Jerusalem during the War of Liberation. A citizens committee, consisting of veterans of the Palmach, Irgun and Stern Group, was organized to defend the Arab leaders.

NEW KING OF SAUDI ARABIA ATTACKS ISRAEL IN THRONE SPEECH

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- In his first public statement upon assuming the throne of Saudi Arabia, King Ibn Saud Abdul Aziz yesterday attacked Israel, it was reported here today from Cairo. He declared that he regarded "Israeli gangs" as "aggressors and enemies."

The King's new advisor on relations with the foreign oil companies operating in Saudi Arabia is Jamal al Hussein, a cousin of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem.

ISRAEL STAND ON ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM PRESENTED AT UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Israeli delegate Arthur Lourie today reiterated in the Special Committee's debate on Palestine refugees the declared policy of his government "to pay compensation for abandoned Arab land." He said that it was prepared to do this despite the "boycott and blockade so zealously pursued by the Arab states."

Mr. Lourie referred to Israel's unfreezing of the blocked accounts of Arab refugees, an action which elicited the warm commendation of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission. He charged that the failure of the \$250,000,000 resettlement program for the Arab refugees was due to the refusal of the Arab governments to cooperate.

He quoted a Mr. Gallaway, a former member of the UN Relief and Works Agency, as saying "it's perfectly clear that the Arab nations do not want to solve the Arab refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront against the United Nations, and a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don't give a damn whether the refugees live or die."

Mr. Lourie asked the U.S. representative and others who had appealed to Israel to take back the Arab refugees, how Israel could do this, knowing that those Arab refugees intended to subvert the state and explode it from within.

U.S. INVESTIGATORS POSTPONE TRIP TO FIVE ARAB COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration today postponed indefinitely a survey trip to five Arab states to investigate the circumstances of Arab refugees. No reason was given. The trip was at one time envisioned for a committee which included Gov. Edwin Mechem of New Mexico and two associates.

DR. GOLDMANN CONFERS WITH GERMAN CHANCELLOR ON INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Problems connected with the German delivery of reparations goods and with the German Federal law for indemnification of individual victims were discussed here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, presiding officer of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The conferences also included Dr. F. Shinnar, head of the Israeli purchasing mission in Germany; Minister for Economics Ludwig Erhard; and Foreign Office State Secretary Prof. Walter Hallstein. Dr. Goldmann is concerned that the Federal indemnification law shall be applied to the individual German states and that until this is done the states shall continue to make payments to Nazi victims under the old regulations. After the conferences with the German Ministers, Drs. Goldmann and Shinnar paid a visit to Prof. Theodor Heuss, President of the West German Republic.

Meanwhile, the state of North Rhine Westphalia was today the first of West Germany's nine states to promulgate a directive naming the governmental agencies that will accept and process applications filed by individual Nazi victims under the Federal indemnification law. With respect to applicants who now live abroad, the directive specifies that claims originating in North Rhine Westphalia must be submitted to the regional government administrator in Cologne.

Responsibility for carrying out the law on a Germany-wide basis is vested in the Bonn Ministry of Finance, which has not yet issued a single implementation regulation although three months have gone by since it was adopted.

AUSTRIAN CABINET POSTPONES DISCUSSION OF JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government still has its reply to Jewish demands for compensation and restitution "under preparation," a government spokesman announced today.

He revealed that the Cabinet, which was expected to discuss the Austrian reply at today's session, had not touched upon the matter. The Austrian reply has been in the works for the past three weeks and there is no indication when it will be completed.

(The New York Times reported from Vienna that the Austrian Government is sabotaging efforts by the Jewish Ullstein family to recover a large printing plant in the Austrian capital, which was confiscated by the Nazis. Despite the fact that the Allied authorities and an Austrian court have upheld the Ullsteins, the government, which handed the plant to the Socialist and Peoples Party trade unions, refuses to take any action to return the plant to its Jewish owners.)

39 JEWISH REFUGEES SENTENCED IN MUNICH FOR "ILLEGAL ENTRY"

MUNICH, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A local court has thus far sentenced 39 of 67 Jewish DP's arrested in a German police raid on a synagogue here last week to various jail terms between six and 14 days. The DP's were returnees, mostly from Israel, who had entered Germany without valid entry documents.

Jerry Koleib, HIAS director in Germany, told a press conference that his organization is making every effort to prevent the deportation of the DP's after their sentences are served. He also reported that HIAS has paid all fines assessed against the Jews and will pay transportation for any who succeed in obtaining permission to enter another country.

TRUMAN CONDEMNS HOUSE COMMITTEE SLUR ON WISE AND MAGNES

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman, speaking last night at a dinner tendered in his honor by the City College of New York, condemned the attacks on the reputations of the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. J. L. Magnes and Protestant clergymen in a report recently issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He did not, however, mention the names of the attacked religious leaders.

"I notice," Mr. Truman said, "that these attacks have been leveled at some of the leaders of our great Protestant denominations and some of the leaders of our great Jewish congregations - even against those who are dead and unable to defend or explain their actions.

"Now, we surely all know that our Protestant churches and our Jewish synagogues are among the strongest supporters of American principles and ideals. I do not believe there is any distinction between any of our great religious groups in this country with respect to their adherence to the principles of our form of government. I think it will be a sad day for religious tolerance in this country when anyone starts to draw lines between our great churches in this matter.

"We have a very great principle in this country, and it is written into the Constitution that the Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. If Congress can make no laws prohibiting freedom of worship, it is certainly not entitled to investigate the beliefs of church groups or their leaders.

"Of course, if a clergyman is engaged in espionage or has violated the law in any way, he is subject to the law like any other citizen. But matters of belief and opinion present a very different question. Communism is the deadly foe of belief in God and of all organized religion. It is carefully written in the basic documents of communism that to be a Communist a man must be an atheist. Communism is just militant atheism," Mr. Truman pointed out.

Truman Pays Visit to Jewish Theological Seminary

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Former President Truman today visited the Jewish Theological Seminary here and toured the old manuscript room of the library. Mr. Truman spent an hour and a half at the Seminary.

Accompanied by his friend and former business associate Edward Jacobson and a party of Seminary officials, headed by Chancellor Louis Finkelstein, Mr. Truman handled many of the library's rare manuscripts. On his way out, Mr. Truman stopped in the reading room, spoke with several students and shook hands with them. He also addressed a small gathering of students and faculty members in the main building and thanked them for an "interesting and instructing morning."

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS OBSERVES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Christians and Jews today observed the 25th anniversary of its founding by presenting an award to one of its founders, Roger W. Straus, Jewish national co-chairman. An inscribed silver tray was presented to Mr. Straus by Bernard Shanley, legal advisor to President Eisenhower, at a NCCJ luncheon today. Mr. Straus has served the conference for 25 consecutive years.

PROF. MAZAR, HEBREW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Professor Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University, arrived from Jerusalem by plane today to participate in a testimonial dinner tomorrow to former President Truman and at the same time to receive a "Salute from American Higher Education to the Hebrew University" sponsored by Professor Albert Einstein and other leading American educators and scientists.

The event will be held under the auspices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. It will climax the organization's 1953 New York campaign for \$1,000,000 in behalf of the University. Mr. Truman will receive the Hebrew University's Solomon Bublick Public Service Award for 1953 in recognition of his services "to Israel, the Jewish people and all mankind." Dr. George S. Wise, national president of the American Friends, will make the presentation to America's former Chief Executive.

ISRAELI ENGINEERS TO WORK IN AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Ten graduate engineers from the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology in Haifa, arrived here today aboard the S.S. 'Jerusalem' prior to beginning a year of work in American industrial plants.

Brought here under the apprentice trainee program of the American Technion Society, the Israeli engineers will be placed in specific positions so that they may acquire a sufficient knowledge of American industrial know-how to help them direct Israel's vast program of industrialization when they return to their native country.

TEMPLE BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION RE-ELECTS DUBINSKY AS PRESIDENT

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The 15th biennial convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods concluded here last night with the re-election of Harold Dubinsky as president. The NTFB comprises 275 temple men's clubs with nearly 50,000 members throughout the United States and Canada.

The Jewish Layman Award for the outstanding brotherhood achievement of 1952-53 was presented at the convention to the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Men's Club, of Los Angeles, Calif. for its sponsorship of Camp Hess Kramer.

J.D.C. APPOINTS MALLACH AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MALBEN

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, announced today the appointment of Aubrey Mallach as deputy director of Malben, the committee's program in behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel. Mr. Mallach left today for Israel for his new post. To accept the new appointment, he resigned as deputy executive director of the Health and Welfare Council of New York City.

ARGENTINE ZIONIST FEDERATION CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A banquet marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist Federation of Argentina was held here last night. The 800-odd delegates from Zionist groups in all parts of the country heard Dr. Ariele Kubovi, Israel Minister to Argentina, and various Zionist and communal leaders.