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ISRAEL CABINET WILL GET BEN GURION'S RESIGNATION NEXT SUNDAY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion will officially submit his resignation to the Israel Cabinet next Sunday following the completion of the present negotiations between his party--the Mapai Party--and leaders of other parties for the composition of the coalition government, it was indicated here today.

Mapai leaders met today with leaders of the General Zionists and will meet tomorrow with leaders of the left-wing Mapam Party. A "quadruple" meeting which, in addition to representatives of these three groups will also include leaders of the Mizrahi movement, will then take place later in the week. It is expected that before the week is over the negotiations among all groups will lead to an agreement on the composition of the Cabinet and permit Mr. Ben Gurion to resign formally next Sunday and present his resignation to the President on Monday.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, President Itzhak Ben Zvi today said: "I personally want, and the interests of the state demand, that the broadest possible coalition government be formed to include all creative and responsible forces in the country."

U. N. GETS VAGUE REPLY FROM JORDAN ON REQUEST FOR TALK WITH ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Jordan Government is studying the Israeli call on the United Nations to convoke a direct Israel-Jordan meeting to discuss revisions and changes in the armistice agreement, the details of which were cabled to Amman last week, the United Nations was told yesterday in a cable from the Jordan Government.

The Jordan reply to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld said that a full reply would be made at a later date, but did not indicate when it would be sent.

Observers here were speculating what the Jordan Government was "studying" about the proposal. They pointed out that the armistice pact provision invoked by Israel made participation by both parties mandatory and failure to come to the conference table meant a breach of the treaty. This left the only subjects for "study" the time and place of the parley, which observers feel are at the discretion of the Secretary General.

(The Times of London said it was a "pity" that the U. N. Security Council had failed to combine its censure of Israel over the Kibya incident with strong support for Israel's initiative in calling a conference with Jordan. While Israel's motive in calling the conference may have been tactical, the paper declared, "the move was, in itself, commendable.")

MAPAI PARTY DECIDES TO ABANDON SOCIALIST FLAG IN ISRAEL SCHOOLS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Mapai Party today settled the issue of whether state schools should fly the Socialist red flag and whether children in the schools should sing the Socialist "Internationale" by voting to prohibit the use of the labor flag and anthem in the schools. The vote on the issue, which less than a year ago threatened to split the government, was unofficially reported at 108 for the ban, 28 against and 22 abstentions.

The resolution which was adopted, was offered by Prof. Ben Zion Dinur, Minister of Education, to the meeting of the Mapai central council following two days of heated debate on the issue. It declared that the state schools like all other government institutions would fly only the state (blue-and-white) flag and the only anthem sung would be the national hymn, Hatikvah. Both Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, expected to be Mr. Ben Gurion's successor, defended the ban.

Earlier, Meir Argov, chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, told the Labor Party delegates that the Mapai is interested not only in continuing the present coalition government but in extending it. Reporting on the international situation, he defended Israel's right to develop the desert and undeveloped areas of the country. He also stated that within a month another party conference would be called, with Mr. Ben Gurion present, to discuss domestic issues.

JEWISH AGENCY TO SPEND 60,000,000 POUNDS ON AGRICULTURE IN 1954

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The 116,800,000 pounds budget for next year which the Jewish Agency will present for approval to the forthcoming meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, will be devoted chiefly to agriculture, Dr. George Josephthal, Agency treasurer, announced here today at a press conference.

Dr. Josephthal, who stressed that the budget was the most constructive ever drafted by the Agency, said that the 60,000,000 pounds devoted to agriculture would be used chiefly for "stabilizing" agriculture. This would include such projects as the irrigation of another 85,000 dunams of land, adding new families to existing settlements, building new roads to a number of settlements, expanding the fruit growing acreage, adding homes and livestock for existing settlements and extending capital loans in a number of instances.

He laid special stress on well drilling plans, reporting that of 25 wells dug last year 21 provided water. In addition, he said that the agency would import \$11,250,000 worth of agricultural machinery, most of it from Germany and Belgium. The Agency will concentrate too on building homes for immigrants still in temporary centers and will lend other immigrants funds to buy into various government housing schemes. Another major concentration of Agency funds will go to Youth Aliyah, which will receive eight percent of the total budget.

NINE MEN, FOUR WOMEN ARRESTED IN EGYPT AS "ZIONISTS AND COMMUNISTS"

ISTANBUL, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Egyptian police have arrested nine men and four women charged with "Zionist and Communist" activities, it was reported here from Alexandria this week-end.

At the same time, the Turkish Association for Tourism announced that Egypt has granted permission for Turkish Jews to visit the Arab state as tourists. The Association also revealed that it expects Syria and Lebanon to follow suit in admitting Turkish Jewish tourists.

ISRAEL AND U.S. COMPLETE FORMALITIES OF \$26,250,000 GRANT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Final formalities for release of United States aid funds for Israel totalling \$26,250,000 were completed here this week-end with in exchange of letters between the United States Embassy and the Israel Foreign Ministry.

While the grant for the first six months is \$26,250,000, the actual amount released will be \$13,125,000 to cover agreed expenditures. They include \$3,250,000 for fuel; \$2,050,000 for food; \$1,000,000 for raw materials for domestic consumption; \$2,600,000 for raw materials for the export industries; \$2,300,000 for agricultural and irrigation investment, and smaller amounts for a number of other categories of expenditure.

A counterpart fund in Israel currency has been set up to receive the funds paid by local purchasers for materials and supplies bought with the aid dollars. Israel has put into this special counterpart fund over 31,000,000 pounds derived as a result of former aid grant arrangements.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ANNOUNCES 20,000,000 POUND BUDGET FOR 1954

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund budget for the coming fiscal year is 20,000,000 pounds, Dr. Abraham Granott, director of the organization, reported here today.

He said the JNF had allocated nearly 3,000,000 pounds for such development projects as the Huleh drainage program and the planting of 5,000,000 trees during the year. Another 4,500,000 pounds had been set aside for land purchases, including payment for lands from non-Jewish Israeli citizens.

U.N. VOTES \$24,000,000 BUDGET FOR RELIEF TO PALESTINE ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A budget of \$24,800,000 for relief for Arab refugees from Palestine was voted this week-end by the United Nations General Assembly. In addition, the Assembly approved a resolution extending the operations of the UN Relief and Works Agency for the refugees until June 30, 1955. The Soviet bloc abstained on the vote.

CITY OF HAMBURG LIFTS BAN ON FILM SHOWING HITLER'S LIFE

HAMBURG, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The city-state of Hamburg this week-end lifted a ban on the showing of a documentary film on the life and regime of Hitler which had been banned a week ago by the West German Government and the Interior Ministries of the nine constituent states of the Federal Republic. The Hamburg administration, controlled by the Socialists, said that the film did not threaten public security and therefore should not be banned.

BRITISH COURT SENTENCES ANTI-SEMITIC FOR THREATENING JEWISH FIRM

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Hugh Wilson Cowie, 35, who was court-martialled in 1945 for having voluntarily aided the Germans while he was a prisoner of war, was sentenced in Manchester Assizes to three years imprisonment for demanding money under threats from a Jewish businessman.

The prosecution proved that Cowie had told Bernard Greenfield he was investigating Jewish businesses for the "Aryan League" but would drop his investigation of Greenfield's business for 125 pounds (\$350). The information he was collecting on Jewish businesses, Cowie further said, was to be included in an anti-Semitic pamphlet.

TRUMAN URGES U.S. SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE TALKS

CHICAGO, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- "The United States should support the desire of Israel to sit down and negotiate with the Arab states," former President Harry S. Truman urged here last night, addressing an audience of 22,000 persons who attended the celebration of the 3,000th anniversary of the City of Jerusalem. The celebration took place at the Chicago Stadium, under the auspices of the Israel Bond Organization.

Declaring that "the present disorder and friction on the borders of Israel are deeply regrettable," Mr. Truman said: "Jews, Arabs and the nations of the West will benefit only if peace is immediately concluded. This must be the goal of the United Nations of which Israel is one of the newest and most devoted members. Today we must work toward the ideal of peace and progress in the Middle East. Today we should support the desire of Israel to sit down and negotiate with the Arab states."

Referring to Arab-Israel border incidents, Mr. Truman stated that "the present disorders and frictions on the borders of Israel are deeply regrettable" but he believes they can be solved. "I had faith in Israel when as President of the United States I recognized it. I have faith in it now. I believe that this new state will grow and become a bulwark of freedom," Mr. Truman said. "It will take the same kind of courage to bring the new State of Israel to success as was displayed by Israel of old."

Recognizing the importance of the Israel Bond campaign in strengthening the economic defenses of Israel, the former President said that the Jewish community of Chicago was "right in giving support to this great new venture in human freedom." He predicted "a bright future not only for Israel but for the whole Middle East."

A silver candelabrum made in Israel was presented to Mr. Truman by Col. Jacob Arvey, chairman of the festival. Upon receiving this gift, Mr. Truman said: "I plan to place this candelabrum besides another gift I have received from Israel and have them both on exhibition at the library I am building at Grand View. That other gift is a silver ark that contains the Law. It was given to me by the late President Weizmann and, like this candelabrum, it was made in Israel."

Eisenhower Asked to Bring About Direct Arab-Israel Talks

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution asking the U.S. Government to help bring about direct Arab-Israel peace talks was sent today to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles by the Junior Hadassah following the conclusion of its convention here.

The resolution, which was adopted at the convention, emphasized that the United States and United Nations "cannot continue to condone or tolerate Arab violation of United Nations agreements and Arab defiance of United Nations principles and purposes." The convention acted after hearing an address by Reuben Shiloah, Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel, in which he described the United Nations censure resolution against Israel as "a disservice to the cause of peace in the Middle East."

Mr. Shiloah said the censure resolution marked the first time that "intransigent Arab leaders have succeeded in deflecting world statesmanship from the furtherance of peace and security in the area." He pointed out that "these Arab leaders have adopted a policy which may be summed up as neither peace nor direct talks with Israel. They have by now persuaded themselves, and have almost succeeded in convincing other nations, that this is the natural state of affairs."

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FOUR-DAY CONVENTION ADOPTS \$5,000,000 QUOTA FOR HISTADRUT IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29, (JTA) -- The four-day convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel, attended by more than 3,000 delegates from all parts of the United States, Canada and Latin America, concluded here today with the adoption of a \$5,000,000 quota for the current Histadrut campaign. The convention marked the 30th anniversary of the Histadrut campaign in this country.

The convention adopted a resolution criticizing the United Nations for its resolution censuring Israel. At the same time, it urged the United Nations to hasten the peace conference which Israel has asked the Secretary General to convene. It also expressed the hope "that our own government, with the same alacrity that it displayed in pressing for a motion of censure, will call for a real step toward peace."

At a session in Carnegie Hall last night, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban charged the United Nations with failing to provide Israel with "a minimum of security." He suggested that the United Nations policy of reluctance to act toward peace had now degenerated to reluctance even to talk about peace.

Ambassador Eban charged that the Western powers had embarked on a policy of avoiding any irritation of the Arab countries. He said that the peace conference with Jordan for which Israel had asked, invoking Article XII of the armistice agreement which provides for compulsory meetings in critical situations, may mark a turning point in the troubled situation on Israel's borders.

Senator Morse, addressing the audience, described Histadrut in Israel as a world-wide symbol of "freedom for free workers in a free society." He pledged himself to continue to be a member of "that small band" of members of Congress to whom the freedom of Israel was of greater value than Arab oil.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, told the audience that although he is not a member of the Histadrut, he must emphasize the fact that without the Histadrut the present achievements in Israel would have been impossible. He lauded the Histadrut campaign in the United States for the work which it has been doing to win friends for Israel among the non-Jewish American workers.

Today's session was addressed by Mayor-elect Robert F. Wagner of New York who greeted the delegates. The convention closed with the election of national officers of the organization, several of them for their 31st year in office, including Joseph Schlossberg as national chairman of the National Committee for Labor Israel and Isaac Hamlin, national secretary. Checks amounting to \$500,000 were presented at the closing session towards the \$5,000,000 quota. They included \$100,000 from the delegates from Canada.

ISRAEL INVESTORS, INC., DECIDES TO DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Israel Investors, Inc., which was formed some time ago by L. Edwin Goldwasser and other American Jewish leaders, today announced its decision to discontinue operations for the present and to return to all subscribers payments made on stock subscriptions.

The announcement stated that the decision was made by the board of directors of the company on the recommendation of the officers of the corporation who recently visited Israel. It was their view that all of the energies of the friends of Israel represented in the corporation should be channeled into the execution of the program unanimously adopted at the recent Jerusalem economic conference which stressed the importance of the United Jewish Appeal, the strengthening of the Israel Bond Issue flotation and the exploration of means to consolidate the short-term obligations of the State of Israel.

U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITIES PLANNING TO WRITE THEIR HISTORIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish communities in the United States are now writing their histories, it was revealed here today by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Dr. Finkelstein reported that such histories are already under preparation in Miami, Los Angeles and Hartford, Conn.

Other Jewish communities will be stimulated to write such histories by the American Jewish History Center which will be opened this week at the Seminary, Dr. Finkelstein said. The Center will be devoted to research on history of the Jews in this country and will be headed by Allan Nevins, Professor of American History at Columbia University. Prof. Moshe Davis of the Jewish Theological Seminary will be co-director.

The Center, which is being financed by Louis M. Rabinowitz, noted Jewish philanthropist, will also prepare a series of biographies based on the lives and letters of outstanding American Jews. For both the local projects and the biographies, the Seminary's library, one of the largest collections of Judaica in the world, will be made available.

ABRAHAM ARONOVICH ELECTED MAYOR OF MIAMI; IS FIRST JEWISH MAYOR

MIAMI, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Abraham Aronovich, a New York-born Jewish lawyer who moved to Miami in 1922, has been elected Mayor of Miami. He is the first Jew in Miami to hold this post. Mr. Aronovich, who is 55 years old, has been active in the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League here and takes interest in the work of other Jewish organizations.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DEFENDS DISCRIMINATION IN FRATERNITIES

CINCINNATI, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The right of college fraternities to discriminate in their choice of membership was defended by Dr. Carl R. Woodward, president of the University of Rhode Island, this week-end at a meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference here. President Woodward, however, urged the fraternities "to remove restrictions of membership that stem from racial origin or religious affiliation."

YALE UNIVERSITY GETS VALUABLE ART COLLECTION FROM JEWISH DONOR

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A collection of Renaissance paintings considered one of the best private collections of modern times has been contributed to Yale University by Louis M. Rabinowitz, a philanthropist, the University announced this week-end. Mr. Rabinowitz, who came to this country a poor man in 1900 and has become a successful manufacturer, has contributed a number of other valuable art works to Yale.

HENRI BERNSTEIN, FRENCH-JEWISH PLAYWRIGHT, DEAD; WAS 77

PARIS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Henri Bernstein, one of France's most popular playwrights, who died here Friday at the age of 77.

M. Bernstein sent back an Italian decoration when Mussolini joined with Hitler. He fled to the United States in 1940 when France was occupied by the Nazis. In the U.S. he was actively pro-Gaullist and anti-Pétain.

His plays were so popular in France and Europe that for one period of ten years no single night went by without one of his plays being performed and at one time there were 80 performances of his plays going on at the same time in various parts of Europe.