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BEN GURION SUBMITS RESIGNATION TODAY; CABINET GRANTS HIM "VACATION"

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion today announced that he will submit his resignation as Premier to President Ben Zvi tomorrow.

Earlier, at the regular Cabinet session this afternoon, the Cabinet granted Mr. Ben Gurion an indefinite vacation starting Tuesday. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, the Mapai Party's choice to succeed Mr. Ben Gurion as Premier, has been named Acting Premier. Pinchas Lavon, Minister without portfolio, has been named Acting Defense Minister.

Dr. Peretz Naphtali, another Minister without portfolio in the present government, has been named Acting Finance Minister while Levi Eshkol is in the United States. Mr. Eshkol left this morning for the U.S. where he will remain for ten days to raise funds to cover Israel's short term obligations and will confer with United Jewish Appeal and bond organization leaders. He will not meet with any U.S. Government leaders.

Meanwhile, after a week-end of discussion, the General Zionists today agreed to renew negotiations with the Mapai for a new coalition Cabinet. The talks were broken off last week. The Mapai-Mapam talks seem to be getting nowhere, but there will be another meeting between representatives of the two labor parties tomorrow.

In a 20-minute ceremony in the Premier's office, Mr. Ben Gurion today invested Brig. Moshe Dayan with the symbols of his new office--Chief of Staff of the Israel Army of Defense. Accepting the letter of resignation from Gen. Mordecai Makleff, Mr. Ben Gurion warmly embraced his retiring aide. He then turned and handed the commission and flag of the Chief of Staff to Gen. Dayan, who thus became the fourth Chief of Staff in Israel's five-and-a-half year history.

ZIONIST LEADERS APPEAL TO U.S. TO BRING ABOUT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Western Powers, especially the United States, were called upon to bring about peace between Israel and the Arab states in addresses delivered by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, at the opening session last night of the first American Zionist Assembly.

The Assembly, which will close tomorrow, is being attended by 500 delegates elected by the eight leading Zionist parties in this country which have a total membership of 750,000. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who was scheduled to be one of the

principal speakers at the opening session, sent a message regretting his inability to attend the Assembly because of rabbinical duties in Cleveland. He outlined his views in writing on subjects which the Assembly was discussing. Avraham Harman, Israel Consul General, greeted the delegates on behalf of the Israel Government.

Resolution Asks U.S. to Re-affirm Friendship Toward Israel

At its session today, the Assembly adopted a resolution recording "with profound gratification the historic and invaluable aid" which the United States has rendered in bringing about the creation of Israel, as well as the aid given to Israel since its establishment. At the same time, the resolution calls attention to the fact that "of late certain policies of our State Department, with respect to Israel, have contained the worst features" of pro-Arab appeasement.

Emphasizing that the latest policy "has been thoroughly discredited in our time and is doomed to failure in the future as in the past," the resolution says: "Not alone for the sake of Israel, the world's newest democracy, now threatened on all fronts, but even more for the sake of our country's role as the world leader of dynamic democracy, we most earnestly urge our government to re-affirm the traditional American bi-partisan policy toward Israel and help bring to the strategic area of the Middle East stability and peace."

Declaring that as American citizens, "mindful of our country's leadership of the free world," Jews are profoundly concerned with the preservation of American-Israel friendship, the resolution declares: "It has become impossible to overlook certain actions of our Department of State within the past few months which have encouraged powerful anti-Israel forces, both in and out of government, in their efforts to make it appear that a major change in our country's policy towards Israel has in fact taken place.

"When the present administration described its policy in the Middle East as one of impartiality as between Israel and the Arab states, Zionist leadership in this country stated that it was in full agreement with this approach and that America should respond sympathetically to the needs of all the peoples in the Middle East. However, we continue to reject the implication that this policy represents a change and that our country has not been impartial in the past. Above all, we most earnestly declare that impartiality must not be translated into appeasement - which pro-Arab propagandists and their friends in Washington are seeking to bring about," the resolution states.

U.S. Must Take Initiative for Arab-Israel Peace, Goldmann Says

In appealing to the United States to use its efforts to bring about an Arab-Israel peace, Dr. Goldmann said: "As long as the emergence and the victory of Israel are not recognized by the peoples of the Near East who were defeated in their attempt to prevent its establishment, the new state cannot be said to be politically consolidated. This is the real problem. Its solution will require the effort, imagination and courage of all concerned - of Israel, the Arab states and, above all, the Western Powers.

"The primary valid criticism of the policy of the Western Powers, and, above all, of the U.S. which, with its power and prestige, should have assumed leadership on this issue, is that they have lacked the vision and determination to attack the problem at its foot," Dr. Goldmann continued. "They have always dealt with it in piecemeal fashion, I know very well that political problems may often have to be dealt with in

just this way, piece by piece, step by step. But this is a situation that calls for fundamental solutions, for the exploration of imaginative and daring shortcuts.

"All the present dramatic issues between the Arabs and Israel--refugees, boundaries and Jerusalem--can be disposed of with not too many difficulties once the fundamental issue is resolved, namely, the refusal of the Arab states to acknowledge Israel as a composite part of the Near East, as a sovereign State and neighbor," Dr. Goldmann pointed out.

Declaring that "it is our obligation as Americans, as Jews and Zionists, to insist that the American Government assume this initiative without fear of Arab protests or Arab resentment," Goldmann said, "Professional 'Friends' of the Arab cause will never succeed in frightening American Jews and silencing their expression of deep interest in Israel. As long as Arab-Israel relations are not normal, America will be unable to organize this area, so indispensable to its global security. Hence, there is complete harmony between American-Zionist demands and America's interests, and to imply otherwise is deceitful and immoral."

Silver Predicts Continued Anti-Israel Activity in U.S.

Rabbi Silver emphasized in his message that Israel will need the political as well as the economic support of the American Jewish community for many years to come. He also predicted that intensified anti-Israel activity on the American scene, "is likely to continue for some time."

"It is my strong conviction," Dr. Silver continued, "that the present Administration in Washington will wish to safeguard the basic rights and interests of Israel. I am equally convinced that in the lower echelons of the government there are, as there have been, such as are hostile to Israel, and that many pressures will be used and many maneuvers will be resorted to by those whose machinations we had to face all through the years, and who are quick to capitalize on every mistake which is made in Israel."

Mr. Lipsky, in his address, emphasized "the magnificent fraternal cooperation" of the entire American Jewish community in the work for Israel. He urged the Zionists "to take advantage" of this spirit of cooperation. "The community approaches us with friendly gestures, let us take their hands in friendship," he said. "The battle of ideas has come to an end in a warm peace. There is a general desire to cooperate in every field of endeavor. Whatever concerns Israel, concerns them. This friendship should be nurtured without wandering into the broad field of organizational forms, which are incidental to this unique situation."

Today's session also discussed the role of the Zionist movement in communities throughout the country, on the college campuses and in the field of Jewish education. Dr. Moshe Davis, Provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, urged further development of Hebrew language study in the general schools, and said that more young people should be encouraged to visit Israel.

Dr. David W. Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, who spoke on the Zionist participation in the American communities, said that the future of American Jewry as a community "and its capacity to contribute meaningfully and constructively to Jewish life everywhere depends on bringing the concept of Zionist survival to bear on communal problems far more effectively than in the past."

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, speaking on the attitude of college students to Zionism and Israel, pointed out that Jewish youth has no sense of insecurity in American society. "If, therefore, they go to Israel, they will go not for negative reasons, not because of a flight from America, but because they have come to understand that Israel also is engaged in a worthwhile democratic task," he said.

ARABS ATTEMPT TO ATTACK JERUSALEM SUBURB; ARE DRIVEN OFF

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Israel protested to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission late yesterday against an Arab attempt to attack Ramat Rachel, a southern Jerusalem suburb. This was the second incident in two days.

Settlement guards drove off the Arab infiltrators before they could do any damage. Later, Israeli officers with bloodhounds, and accompanied by UN observers, tracked the infiltrators to the demarcation line with Jordan.

In the earlier attack, Friday, a gang of armed Arabs fired with automatic weapons on an Israeli patrol near Bet Govrin, but inflicted no casualties. This incident occurred on the heels of the patrol's driving off a band of Arabs who had crossed into Israel territory and had attempted to plough land inside Israel.

STATE DEPT. SEEKS REPORT ON EGYPTIAN SHELLING OF U.S. FREIGHTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The State Department was awaiting today reports from the American Embassy in Cairo on the shelling of a Jordan-bound American freighter by Egyptian shore batteries last Friday off the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula. The ship, the "Albion," was reported bound for the Jordanian port of Aqaba with 9,500 tons of U.S. wheat for Palestinian Arab refugees when an Egyptian coastal artillery unit mistook it for a vessel bound for the Israel port of Elath.

The State Department made known here that "urgent representations" were registered at Cairo by the American Embassy. Egyptian authorities promised a prompt investigation and action to facilitate passage of the "Albion" which is still off the Sinai coast and has not yet docked at its destination. An Egyptian military officer was quoted as saying that the relief ship failed to heed an order to stop for inspection.

STATE DEPT. DISCUSSES JORDAN RIVER PROJECT WITH SYRIAN ENVOY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- John D. Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, held a long meeting this week-end with the Syrian Ambassador in which Israel's Bnot Yaacov hydroelectric project and questions of regional water development were discussed.

A report from Damascus received here quoted the Syrian newspaper "Al Fayhaa" as stating that the American, British, and French Ambassadors in Amman have notified the Jordanian Government that "important economic aid" could be expected if Jordan agrees to direct talks with Israel. Another newspaper, "Al Binaa," reported however, that Jordan has referred the question of direct talks with Israel to the Arab League Council which will meet shortly to consider the matter.

ISRAEL TO RECEIVE \$1,200,000 IN CRUDE OIL IN MUTUAL SECURITY AID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration today announced an authorization of \$1,200,000 worth of crude oil, lubricants, and kerosene for Israel. It was specified that the source of these products would be the United States and its possessions.

ISRAEL HAS MANY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, U.N. OFFICIAL REPORTS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Israel has more developmental projects in the process of implementation than any other nation in the world, Prof. Sune Carlson, head of the United Nations technical assistance mission in Israel for the past 18 months, declared here last night at a reception given in his honor by Dr. Abraham Nissan, Israel Minister to the Scandinavian countries. Dr. Carlson pointed out that there was a great shortage of skilled workers and semi-professionals in Israel.

ISRAEL POLICE CAPTURE LEADER OF UNDERGROUND TERRORIST GROUP

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Shimon Bachar, young leader of an underground terrorist organization broken up by the Israeli police earlier this year, was today captured in Tel Aviv central bus station. Bachar, who was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment in absentia, broke jail and fled several days before his trial--by a military tribunal at Sarafand--ended.

He was trailed to Tel Aviv by detectives and was surrounded in the bus station by a unit of policemen disguised as porters and station attendants. He offered no resistance. His only attempt at disguise was that he had grown a long beard since his escape from prison.

Bachar was given the longest sentence of any of the 13 youths convicted of membership in the organization and accused of a number of terrorist acts including attacks on the Soviet and Czech legations in Tel Aviv.

SIGNING OF SOVIET-ISRAEL TRADE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA)--- Announcement was made here of the signing in Moscow of a Soviet-Israeli trade agreement under which the Soviet Government will purchase citrus fruit from Israel to the value of \$2,700,000 and bananas to the value of \$200,000 while Israel buys 100,000 tons of crude oil from the Soviet Union.

The announcement was made here as the new Soviet Minister, Alexander Abramov, journeyed to this city from Tel Aviv to present his credentials to President Itzhak Ben Zvi. Considerable significance was attributed here to the fact that the Soviet diplomat thus recognized Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish State although the Western Powers, including the United States, refuse to acknowledge Israel's right to have its capital here.

Mr. Abramov came to the President's residence accompanied by the counsellors of his legation and was met by an Israeli honor guard and a band which played the Soviet anthem in his honor. Premier-designate Moshe Sharett was present as Mr. Abramov handed his credentials to President Ben Zvi and, speaking in Russian, expressed his government's satisfaction at the resumption of Soviet-Israeli diplomatic relations and its hope for a Soviet-Israel rapprochement that would strengthen international peace which "is the sincere aspiration of the Russian people."

After the translation of his speech, President Ben Zvi replied in Hebrew which, in turn, was translated into Russian. The President, Mr. Sharett and the Soviet Minister then retired to another room where they conversed in private.

In acknowledging Mr. Abramov's pledge to "assist in the development of economic and cultural ties between the Soviet Union and Israel for the benefit of both countries," Mr. Ben Zvi noted that the Soviet Union had supported the United Nations resolution recognizing the rights of the Jewish people for independent status as a state within its homeland and expressed the hope that "the Soviet Union will also show a friendly understanding for our efforts to build up this land and bring in the scattered remnants of the Jewish people who aspire to settlement."

GROUP OF REFUGEES LEAVE COMMUNIST CHINA FOR ISRAEL

GENEVA, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A plane bearing 46 refugees from Communist China to Turkey and Israel left Hong Kong yesterday, the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration announced here today. The plane was chartered by the ICEM.

CHANUKAH FESTIVALS ON PACIFIC COAST BRING \$250,000 TO J. N. F.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Former Vice President Alben W. Barkley, speaking tonight at a Chanukah festival here attended by 12,000 guests, urged the U.S. Government not to lend its support and prestige "to any effort that would curb Israel's use of its own natural resources." He was referring to the Jordan River dam controversy now before the United Nations Security Council.

The festival, which was arranged by the Jewish National Fund, marked the culmination of a series of Chanukah festivals in San Francisco, Seattle, Portland and other Jewish communities on the Pacific Coast, resulting in contributions of \$250,000 to the Jewish National Fund. In Portland, the 500 Jewish leaders assembled at the festival raised \$50,000 for the establishment of a settlement in Israel bearing the name of Ben Medofsky, former local JNF president. Bartley Crum, well-known lawyer, was one of the principal speakers at the affair.

BAPTIST CHURCH IN WASHINGTON WILL WORSHIP IN JEWISH CENTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The famed First Baptist Church of Washington in which former President Harry S. Truman holds membership, will worship every Sunday for the next year and a half in the Jewish Community Center here while the church's new building is under construction.

Chief Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court and many other leading government personalities attend this church, whose pastor is the well-known Rev. Edward Hughes Pruden. The board of directors of the Jewish Center voted to provide auditorium facilities without charge to the Christian congregation.

PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; HEADED U. J. A. MISSION

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Governor John S. Fine of Pennsylvania said today on arrival from Israel and Europe following a visit to survey programs supported through the United Jewish Appeal that "relations between Israel and the United States are based on ideals held in common and are too deep-rooted to be strained by temporary tensions."

Gov. Fine headed a five-man mission of Pennsylvania United Jewish Appeal leaders. Members of the Governor's mission included Harry Sytk, 1954 campaign chairman of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal; Charles Weissman of Wilkes Barre, and William Sytk and Lawrence G. Horowitz, Philadelphia civic and welfare leaders.

The Governor, whose itinerary included visits to Israel, Italy, France, England and Ireland, said that his mission for the UJA filled him "with inspiration and left an indelible impression" on his mind.

BRITAIN SENDS "TOKEN GIFT" TO WORLD MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH MARTYRS

PARIS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The British Embassy here today presented 245,000 francs to the World Memorial for Jewish Martyrs as a token gift of the British Government "in appreciation of the symbolic importance of the project" to establish a memorial for the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis.

(At a meeting in Cleveland addressed by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Isaac Schneersohn, president of the executive committee of the World Memorial for Jewish Martyrs in Paris, who is now in this country, the sum of \$15,000 was pledged for the project. Dr. Silver donated the first \$1,000 at the meeting.)