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ISRAEL PRESIDENT STARTS TALK ON FORMATION OF NEW CABINET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi today started consultations with representatives of various political parties for the formation of a new Cabinet following the resignation yesterday of Premier David Ben Gurion. It is expected that he will complete his talks by tomorrow and will then entrust Acting Premier Moshe Sharett with the formation of the Cabinet.

The President indicated that he would like to see a Cabinet based on a wide coalition. The representatives of the Mapai told him that their party was agreeable to a coalition based on the same party composition as the present Cabinet. The representatives of the General Zionists informed him that before they decide to re-enter the Cabinet, they want to see some points in the government's policy clarified. The left-wing Mapam Party told the President that they prefer a Cabinet based on a coalition of the labor groups.

All indications point to the possibility that the new Cabinet will be formed this week. In the meantime, Mr. Sharett will take up his duties as Acting Premier tomorrow. Mr. Ben Gurion today visited his former office for the last time and later left for Tel Aviv.

KNESSET APPROVES ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY; U.S. ROLE DISCUSSED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The foreign policy of the Israel Government was approved last night by Parliament--by a vote of 58 to 22--on a resolution supporting the views expressed by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett with regard to the Kibya incident, the Syrian complaint to the United Nations against Israel's hydroelectric project on the Jordan River, and American-Israel relations.

Mr. Sharett, who is now Acting Premier, emphasized that Israel's policies toward its borders, or toward the question of re-admitting Arab refugees, or to the development of Jordan River waters, "must primarily be built on Israel's sovereignty to decide its affairs and aspirations as seen fit for our needs."

Referring specifically to Israel-American relations, he pointed out that there had been "ups and downs" in the United States policy toward Israel from Presidents Roosevelt, through Truman to Eisenhower. But even while there were "downs" in that policy, he stressed, there were also expressions of sympathy and financial and political aid.

There can be clashes and differences between the two countries, he declared, but they must be settled in "good spirit and good faith." When the State Department

halted economic aid to Israel earlier this year, "we were not alarmed," Mr. Sharett asserted, "we won't be alarmed if it is halted again."

Sharett Explains Israel's International "Entanglements"

Emphasizing that Israel wants to make friends with all peace-loving nations, Mr. Sharett told Parliament that the recent international entanglements in which Israel found itself involved were a result of the initiative taken by the Israel Government with regard to the country's basic problems.

"The entanglement with regard to Jerusalem was caused by our decision to transfer the Foreign Office from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem--an act which is justified politically and nationally," Mr. Sharett stated. He added that the decision to move the Foreign Office to Jerusalem, brought Israel into conflict with the United States and other nations, but pointed out: "We fought for our right to have the Foreign Office together with the rest of the government and we hope the world will finally recognize the justice of our step."

A second such "entanglement," the Acting Premier said, resulted from Israel's decision to continue developing its water resources in the north--to which Syria has objected and which is now being discussed in the UN Security Council. "We find that the supreme interests of our country, and its development and absorption, depend upon this development," Mr. Sharett declared. "There are international difficulties, but we have to stand up and fight until we win."

The third incident, he said, was the Kibya raid which resulted from constant Arab killings and, although the Israel Government does not approve of the raid, it understands the feelings of those who participated in it.

The resolution approving Mr. Sharett's views was introduced jointly by the Mapai, General Zionist, Mizrahi, Poale Mizrahi and Progressive Parties--the constituent parties of the coalition government. Mr. Sharett, in his speech, hit the opposition parties--Mapam, Herut, Communist--for their criticism of the government's policies.

ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE FORESEEN BY BEN GURION IN FAREWELL ADDRESS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Confidence that the Arab countries will sooner or later come to peace with Israel was expressed here last night by David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Premier until he resigned yesterday, in a farewell radio broadcast to the people of Israel. Mr. Ben Gurion also bade farewell to the Israel Army which he headed as Minister of Defense.

The former Premier, who retired before a new Cabinet could take shape, expressed confidence that the Israel Government would pass into hands capable of advancing beyond the point where he left it. He called for the broadest national coalition "dedicated to the security of the state, the effective integration of the newcomers and the preparation of the ground for new immigration." He said that the various parties in the country had more binding them together than was separating them.

Until an Arab-Jewish alliance is forged in the Middle East and is able to make the lands of the region flourish for the benefit of all its people and for the consolidation of world peace, the Jewish State will be compelled to take special security measures in the border areas which "occasionally give rise to inconveniences for some of the inhabitants of these areas," Mr. Ben Gurion stated. At the same time, he said he had derived satisfaction from the support given the government by the minorities in Israel--the Moslems, Christians and Druzes.

He pledged that Israel would never forget the sympathy and support it received at various times and from various areas by its well-wishers and friends among the

nations of the world. But, he underlined, Israel's liberation did not come from without. "Its achievement was due to the realization of our first pioneers that we must not rely on others, nor must we look to the nations for favors. We must achieve our salvation through our own efforts," he declared.

The retiring Premier asserted that his "faith in the people of Israel was ante-dated by his faith in the Jewish people of the world." He expressed appreciation of the help of the Jewries of the United States and other free countries in the War of Liberation and in the "reconstruction of our long-neglected wastes."

He said that he was a personal witness to the "moving demonstration of affection and pride in Israel on the part of millions of American Jews" when he visited the U.S. in May, 1951 and at the two economic conferences in Jerusalem in September, 1950 and October, 1953 when world Jewish leaders, headed by a large American delegation, pledged economic support of Israel's developmental programs.

SHARP INCREASE IN CLASHES ON ISRAEL-ARAB BORDERS REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A sharp increase in the number of clashes along the Jordan and Syrian borders since the United Nations Security Council adopted its resolution censuring Israel for the Kibya incident, has been noted by Israel's military authorities, it was reported here today.

The report stated that since November there have been 13 separate incidents involving Jordanians--regular and irregular forces--and Syrian troops. As a result of this new boldness on the part of the Arabs--apparently encouraged by the anti-Israel attitude at the UN--a number of Israelis have been killed, injured and kidnapped. In turn, the infiltrators have also suffered losses, while a number of Arabs have been captured.

All the incidents have formally been protested to the UN-headed Mixed Armistice Commissions which have carried out investigations in each instance.

BRITAIN URGED TO EXPAND TRADE WITH ISRAEL THROUGH CREDITS

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Unless Britain grants Israel more liberal credit terms for the purchase of British goods, Germany, as a result of the reparations pact, may very well gain a large share of the expanding Israel market, Dr. F. Shinnar, head of the Israel purchasing mission in Germany, told a luncheon of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce today.

Dr. Shinnar said that as a result of the German agreement to release some of its sterling credits for the purchase of British oil by Israel, sterling earned through the sale of Israel citrus products has become available for the purchase of additional British goods which Israel needs. However, he stressed, there are still more British goods which Israel needs, but cannot buy unless "reasonable facilities" are provided by Britain.

Dr. Shinnar assured his 200 listeners that Israel would be highly interested in developing wider trade relations with Britain. He paid tribute to the British Treasury's assistance in the negotiation of the three-sided arrangement under which Germany paid for Israel's oil purchases. He also revealed that a British firm had advised Israel in its dealings with the German firm which will construct a huge floating repair dock for Israel ships, and that British technicians were supervising the construction of ships for Israel in German shipyards.

AMERICAN ZIONIST ASSEMBLY LAUDS COOPERATION OF NON-ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- "Deep satisfaction" with the "intimate cooperation and liaison between the Zionist and the non-Zionist groups" in this country on behalf of Israel, was expressed by the first American Zionist Assembly in a resolution adopted at its concluding session last night.

The resolution acknowledged "the devoted and significant role played by the Jewish communities of the United States in the establishment of Israel and their continued moral and economic support of Israel's development and progress," Zionist groups throughout the country were called upon "to promote and expand" cooperation between Zionists and non-Zionists and "to take the initiative in establishing community patterns which will most effectively advance the objective of a secure and prosperous Israel."

The resolution also recommended that the American Zionist Council organize local councils wherever possible and appropriate sufficient funds for the hiring of professional personnel to staff them. It emphasized that "the program of American Zionism is not confined to Israel alone," and called upon Zionist bodies all over the country to participate in all community activities and programs "which will enrich both our American and Jewish ideals."

Assembly to Meet Periodically; A. Z. C. to Establish Branches

Another resolution recommended to the American Zionist Council that it draw up and promulgate within three months uniform regulations for local Zionist Councils; that it make obligatory upon such local councils conformance with these regulations; that no local council carry out actions not in conformance with American Zionist Council policy.

The resolution also urged that the American Zionist Council should convene the American Zionist Assembly periodically, and that it open area offices of the AZC "in order better to carry out the work of the Council with the cooperation of the local Zionist councils."

The American Zionist Council was also urged "to expand and intensify its work in the field of information with the aid of sympathetic organizations, and making use of all media, including public gatherings under unified auspices, for the purpose of maintaining and strengthening the goodwill of the American Government and people towards Israel and the cause of Zionism."

The Assembly adopted a resolution expressing "gratitude and appreciation" to Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, for his leadership, and urging him to continue his "active direction" of the Council. "We do so with a sense of urgency in view of our resolve to build a more effective and united Zionist movement in the United States," the resolution stated.

Another resolution called upon all Zionists throughout the country "to strengthen the local Jewish National Fund councils in their localities and to take an active part in carrying out its ideals and program."

BILL OUTLAWING BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT MEETS "DISAPPOINTING" RESPONSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Sen. Irving M. Ives today reported a "disappointing" response to his invitations for testimony on a bill to outlaw religious and racial discrimination in employment. Sen. Ives heads a Senate Labor Subcommittee which has scheduled hearings between January 12 and 21 on fair employment practices.

JEWISH LEADERS HAIL COURT DECISION BARRING BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

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Dr. Salo W. Baron, president of the Conference, speaking at the dinner, asserted that the outlook for settling the present Arab-Israel tension is "more hopeful" if viewed against the historic background of 1,300 years of relations between the two peoples. "Sooner or later, if there is any hope for the world at large and world peace, reason will also prevail in Arab-Israel relations and re-establish an historic harmony, which has outlasted animosities of different kinds over more than 1,300 years," Dr. Baron said.

The dinner commemorated the achievements of the late American philosopher, Professor Morris R. Cohen, in contributing to American thought and letters, his guidance of thousands of American students and his efforts to stimulate the development of an indigenous Jewish culture in the United States. Prof. Cohen, who before his death in 1937 had served as chairman of the department of philosophy of City College of New York, founded the Conference on Jewish Relations to promote, by means of scientific study and research, a better understanding of the position of the Jews in the modern world.

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J.D.C. ENVOY LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA TO CONFER ON IMMIGRATION

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Leslie B. Prince, civic leader in London, left for Australia yesterday to confer with Australian Jewish welfare agencies and the Australian Government on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, on immigration conditions in the Commonwealth nation.

Mr. Prince recently toured Europe, inspecting DP camps. During that trip he conferred with Australian immigration officials operating in Europe.

LOS ANGELES JEWS TO PLANT AN "EISENHOWER FOREST" IN ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8. (JTA)-- Plans for the establishment of a forest in Israel in honor of President Eisenhower were formulated here at the 20th annual banquet of the Jewish National Fund of Los Angeles.

Another proposal, reported at the dinner, was the establishment of a settlement in Israel in memory of the late President Weismann by the Chaim Weizmann--Los Angeles--District of the Zionist Organization of America. The 1,200 guests at the dinner, who were addressed by former Vice President Alben W. Barkley, set a goal of \$100,000 for the JNF.

JEWISH LABOR GROUP TO SELL \$1,000,000 MORE OF ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A decision to raise an additional \$1,000,000 for Israel by selling Israel Bonds was adopted today by the Workmen's Circle, one of the largest Jewish fraternal organizations in the United States.

Branches of the organization throughout the country will be asked to raise this sum within the next few months, it was decided at a conference of Workmen's Circle leaders devoted to promoting the sale of Israel Bonds. Speakers at the conference emphasized that the organization does not associate itself ideologically with the Zionist movement but considers it its duty to help in the development of Israel.

ARGENTINE RABBI NAMED PROFESSOR AT BUENOS AIRES UNIVERSITY

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Amram Blum, spiritual leader of the Jewish community here, has been named Professor of Hebraic Studies at Buenos Aires University. Rabbi Amram, a graduate of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will teach the Hebrew language, Jewish history and archaeology.

TWO JEWISH CHILDREN AMONG DEAD IN VICKSBURG TORNADO

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Two Jewish children were among the known dead following Sunday's freak tornado which devastated this city, killing at least 30 persons, injuring hundreds more, rendering 1,200 homeless and destroying property estimated to be worth \$25,000,000.

Several other Jews were among the injured and one Jewish family was homeless, according to Dr. Nathan B. Lewis, president of the local congregation. Members of the Jewish community are working side by side with the 1,500 neighbors of all faiths and 1,500 U.S. Army men who are still excavating in the ruins searching for bodies and survivors of the holocaust.