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## ISRAEL CABINET CRISIS MOUNTS; SHARETT MAY YIELD MANDATE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Acting Premier Moshe Sharett may return his mandate to form a Cabinet to President Ben Zvi if the deadlock created by conflicting demands of the General Zionists and the Progressives and religious parties persists much longer, it was reported here today.

Mapai sources pointed out that the Mapai may be faced with the alternative of forming a government with the General Zionists alone or with the smaller parties--Progressives, Mizrahi and Labor Mizrahi--alone. If that situation comes to pass, these same sources assert, Mr. Sharett would prefer to attempt to form a Cabinet with the smaller parties.

As the coalition crisis enters its 50th day, Mapai leaders privately assert their willingness to drop the demand for an election law amendment which would restrict Parliamentary representation to those parties which obtain at least 4.2 percent of the total vote in a national election. This change is demanded by the General Zionists and opposed by the Progressives. The Mapai leaders are also ready to agree to naming two Deputy Ministers of Education in an effort to resolve the conflicting demands of the centrists and the Orthodox parties.

### General Zionists Blame Laborites for Delay in Cabinet Formation

Meanwhile, Joseph Serlin, Minister of Health in this Cabinet and a top General Zionist leader, today insisted that the Mapai stick to the coalition agreement it initiated with his party last week and which agreed to the election law change and granting the Education Ministry post to the centrists. He said that at this point responsibility for the failure to form a Cabinet rests with the Labor Party.

Moshe Shapira, leader of the Orthodox Laborites, largest of the religious parties in Israel, asserted that his group has tried earnestly to form a wide coalition but that if the General Zionists persist in barring his group from a Deputy Ministership of Education, it would be willing to enter a narrower Cabinet without the General Zionists.

The Parliament yesterday formally marked the fifth anniversary of its establishment. Although general business was suspended and a reception was given by Speaker Joseph Sprinzak, the deputies seemed to be laboring under a cloud of gloom precipitated by the Cabinet crisis.

**ISRAEL RECEIVES RIGHT TO APPLY TO WORLD BANK FOR LONG-TERM LOANS**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The membership granted Israel last week in the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development entitles Israel to apply for long-term development loans, it was indicated here today.

However, a spokesman for the Israel Embassy here declared last night that Israel did not plan to borrow money from the world bank "at least during the next twelve months." He said that the Jewish State would take immediate advantage of the possibility of obtaining advice on monetary and related matters from the bank's technicians.

Membership in the International Monetary Fund also entitles Israel to draw foreign currencies, on approval of the fund, when it runs into temporary shortages of foreign exchange. As a member of the fund, Israel cannot devalue her currency without its permission. The fund's rules also require that members not maintain multiple exchange rates but this will, it is understood, be waived in Israel's case, as it has been for several other nations.

Israel's quota contribution to each agency will be \$4,500,000, of which 25 percent must be turned over to the Monetary Fund in dollars and two percent to the World Bank in dollars.

**ISRAEL TO GET \$530,000 IN MATERIALS FROM U.S. AS FOREIGN AID**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration today announced the extension of \$530,000 in authorizations to Israel. Included is \$155,000 worth of natural crude rubber from Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, Indochina, and Liberia.

A major item in the new authorization is \$250,000 worth of cotton and nylon yarn. Other items include sulphur, chemicals, chemical preparations, and veterinary drugs.

**N. Y. TIMES OPPOSES SENDING OF U.S. ARMS TO ARAB STATE**

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Opposition to granting American military aid to Saudi Arabia "while her ruler talks of driving the Israelis into the sea at any cost," was expressed today in an editorial in the New York Times dealing with the plans to send American arms to Arab countries in the Middle East.

"Israel is worried, and for good reasons," the editorial says. "She is still technically in a state of war with the Arab countries. To make matters worse, King Saud of Saudi Arabia recently was quoted as calling upon the Arabs to sacrifice 10,000,000 lives if necessary to destroy Israel. He referred to the Jewish State as 'a cancer on the body of the Arab world' -- exactly the same words used by Premier Naguib of Egypt last April. In the circumstances one must agree with Ambassador Eban of Israel that this is a 'most inopportune moment' to strengthen the Arabs."

(Saudi Arabia said today that it is not negotiating any alliance with the United States which would involve non-reimbursable munitions shipments from the United States to Saudi Arabia. A Mecca broadcast stated "if there are any discussions on armaments with the United States or other governments, such are only discussions to purchase arms without condition or restriction.")

## U.S. TO BE INFORMED OF ISRAEL'S INTEREST IN BERLIN PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy here is expected to make diplomatic contact with the State Department in the very near future toward the end of directing American attention to the vital interest of Israel in any German settlement which may emerge from the Berlin Big Four Conference, which opens next Monday.

It is possible that Israel will seek to send an observer to Berlin if this idea meets with the approval of the Four Powers. Israel is principally concerned with taking appropriate steps to assure the smooth continuation of the reparations treaty with the Bonn Government in case some change in the status of Germany emerges from the conference. It is also desired by Israel that the question of Jewish claims against East Germany be revived as part of any overall solution of the German question.

Meanwhile, it was confirmed today that the Government of the Soviet Union, on the eve of the Berlin conference, has made a bid for German favor by announcing the release from prison of 6,143 Nazi war criminals sentenced after May 9, 1945. The release of the Nazis, it was said, will be carried out by the Soviet Ministry of the Interior and "the persons to be released will be treated as citizens of equal rights."

## MARRAKESH RULER ASSURES SECURITY TO JEWS; CRITICIZES ARAB LEAGUE

MARRAKESH, Morocco, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Assurance that he would continue his life-long policy of guaranteeing the security of the Jews under his jurisdiction was given by El Glaoui, Pasha of Marrakesh, to representatives of the World Jewish Congress in whose honor he tendered a luncheon at his palace here.

Speaking to Dr. M. L. Perlzweig and A. L. Easterman, who are touring North Africa on behalf of the WJC, the Pasha said that he wanted to be considered a friend not only of the Jews of Morocco but of the Jews of the entire world. He sharply criticized the activities of the Arab League and expressed his resolve to prevent its agents from disturbing peaceful relations between Moslems and Jews in Morocco. The top Berber chieftain drew a sharp distinction between the ways of the Arab states of the Middle East and his regime in Morocco.

The Jewish spokesman told El Glaoui of the appreciation of the World Jewish Congress for his long unbroken policy of friendship for Jews under his jurisdiction. They underlined his determined and successful resistance to attempts by the Vichy regime to impose anti-Jewish measures in the area under his rule, and his persistent efforts to suppress acts of terrorism at the time of the Israeli war of independence. They also expressed confidence that he would continue his opposition to all attempts to ferment anti-Jewish incitement.

Before they conferred with El Glaoui, the WJC representatives met with Gen. Guillaume, the French Resident General at Rabat, administrative capital of Morocco, and high French administrative officials on social and juridical problems affecting the welfare and security of the Jewish community of Morocco. Gen. Guillaume expressed confidence that these problems would be solved as the economic and social standards of Moroccan Jews were raised.

## JEWSH SCIENTIST AWARDED GERMAN PRIZE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

BONN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The 1953 Paul Ehrlich Prize for medical research, a gold plaque, has been awarded to Ernst Boris Chain, Russian-born Jewish scientist, who shared the Nobel Prize with Sir Alexander Fleming for the discovery of penicillin. Dr. Chain was forced to flee Germany when the Nazis came to power.

WOMEN MAP PLANS FOR UJA DRIVE: RAISED \$103,000,000 SINCE 1946

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Plans for 1954 activity for the United Jewish Appeal were mapped today at the opening session of a two-day meeting of the national board of the UJA Women's Division which is taking place at Belmont Plaza Hotel. The Women's Division stimulated the raising of more than \$103,000,000 since its establishment as a campaign unit in 1946.

Addressing the session, Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said that Israel's rise in the past five and a half years to a position of "democratic pre-eminence" in its part of the world "represents a heartening victory for the cause of freedom, which since the end of World War II has suffered too many setbacks and defeats in the advance of dictatorship and totalitarian power."

Mr. Warburg told the UJA women leaders that "all who value the free way of life must resolve not to let Israel stand alone as she presses forward to consolidate her free institutions which are without parallel in the entire Middle East." He called special attention "to Israel's recent passing of the half-way mark to economic stability and independence," and emphasized that "only those dedicated to peace, and working for peace, in Israel and in the United States, could have achieved such dramatic progress, in so short a time, against so many dangerous obstacles."

The UJA general chairman urged the women leaders to press for "increased giving and increased voluntary efforts" to help the United Jewish Appeal attain its 1954 goal of close to \$120,000,000. He asserted that "only if we make the supreme effort which the needs of freedom and historic events now dictate as necessary, will Israel be able to strengthen its free way of life despite the tensions and dangers that hem it in on every side."

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, called upon the women leaders to help the United Jewish Appeal "make 1954 a year of strengthening for the close to 500,000 distressed and refugee men, women and children who depend on us in a total of 21 countries throughout the free world." He pointed out that a total of 475,000 persons require direct assistance, and that of this number, 335,000 are in Israel, 130,000 are in European and Moslem lands, and 10,000 are either already in, or due soon, in the United States as refugee newcomers.

Mrs. Hal Horne, newly named chairman of the Women's Division, reported that in 1953 the women's drive reached into 200 American communities and that a prime objective this year is to expand the number of local units participating in the nationwide drive. She told the national board that more than 300 top women contributors are expected to attend the launching of the women's drive at the National Inaugural Conference in Miami Beach next month, and that this is the largest number of women ever to respond to the opening of a UJA women's division annual campaign.

HLAS TO BUILD \$250,000 HOSTEL IN BEERSHEBA FOR FOREIGN EXPERTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society has completed arrangements for the construction of a \$250,000 hostel in Beersheba, hub of the rapidly developing Negev in Israel, for the use of 40 foreign experts who at present have nowhere to live in the rugged desert town. It was announced here yesterday. The announcement was made by Edward M. Benton, counsel of HIAS, upon his return from Israel where he made the necessary arrangements.

CANADIAN MINISTER IMPRESSED WITH ISRAEL'S ACHIEVEMENTS

WINNIPEG, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- James Gardiner, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, who was the first Canadian Cabinet member to visit Israel, has returned greatly impressed with the achievements of the Jewish State.

Mr. Gardiner said today that he met many former Canadians who are now members of kibbutzim and found them uniformly happy. He also revealed that during his visit, he told Israeli Agriculture Minister Peretz Naphtali that his own first position as a teacher was at the Hirsch Colony--named after Baron de Hirsch--Saskatchewan, where he taught Jewish immigrants how to cope with the Canadian prairie.

FORMER OKLAHOMA METHODIST MINISTER EMBRACES JUDAISM

WEST OLIVE, Mich., Jan. 19. (JTA) -- James H. Burkey, grade school principal of the Schullter, Oklahoma, public schools, his wife and four children, have embraced Judaism, joining the United Israel World Union, a world-wide movement advocating Mosaic Law for one world. Mr. Burkey, 45, is a former Methodist minister.

Mr. Burkey and his family are now making preparations to move from Oklahoma to West Olive to join the growing colony of proselytes there who take great pride in a three-page letter of encouragement sent them by Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY YIDDISH

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Columbia University today announced that five Atran scholarships for the study of Yiddish language, literature, and culture at the graduate level are being offered for 1954-55. Each scholarship is worth \$600 and covers the bulk of a year's tuition fees at Columbia.

Recipients are enabled to combine their specialized studies in Yiddish linguistics, literature, or culture research with training in more general fields such as comparative philology, comparative literature, modern history, or cultural anthropology. The scholarships, like the Chair in Yiddish, were made possible in 1952 by a grant to Columbia University from the Atran Foundation.

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST LEADER LEAVES FOR VISIT TO UNITED STATES

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Simon Kuper, chairman of the Zionist Federation of South Africa, left here last night for Canada and the United States to consult with Canadian and American Jewish leaders on expanding the role of South African Jewry on the world Jewish scene.

In Canada, Mr. Kuper will suggest that Canadian and South African Jewries work together on projects in Israel and establish channels of cooperation on other matters. In New York, Mr. Kuper will participate in a meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany where he will ask an allocation for the South African Jewish Appeal from reparations funds due from Germany.

SOCIETY OF JEWISH JURISTS HONORS EINSTEIN FOR SERVICE TO HUMANITY

CHICAGO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Decalogue Society of Lawyers, an organization of 1,500 Jewish lawyers and jurists, has selected Prof. Albert Einstein to receive its annual Award of Merit for 1953. The award, for distinguished service to humanity, will be presented at a dinner of the society February 20.