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SHARETT PRESENTS NEW FOUR-PARTY COALITION CABINET TO PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett presented his new, four-party, sixteen-man Cabinet to Parliament tonight and asked for its confirmation. Parliament is expected to provide this confirmation tomorrow, after debate, without any difficulty since the parties represented in the coalition command 80 of the 120 votes in the Knesset.

The Cabinet includes nine members of Mr. Sharett's Mapai Party, four General Zionists and two Labor Misrachi. The Ministry of Justice is reserved for a representative of the Progressive Party which was a member of the former coalition but has not yet agreed to join the new government.

The only new figure in the Cabinet is Zalman Aranne, Mapai, who is Minister without Portfolio. Pinhas Lavon has formally assumed the Ministry of Defense post formerly held by David Ben-Gurion and Mr. Sharett combines the Premiership with the Foreign Ministry.

In presenting the first government in Israel's short span in which Mr. Ben-Gurion was not a member, Premier Sharett paid tribute to his predecessor.

Government Will Not Offer New Program

The new Government does not propose a new program, Mr. Sharett said, since it regards itself as a continuation of the former administration. He expressed regret that the Progressive Party had not entered the reconstructed coalition and said all parties to the coalition hope the Progressives will decide to join the new cabinet. He said the Government did not rest content with the support of those backing it but appealed to all groups outside the coalition to aid it in executing the heavy tasks that lie ahead.

The new Government, Premier Sharett continued, extended the hand of brotherhood to the Jewish people throughout the world, primarily to the Zionist movement and to all organizations and institutions assisting Israel in its development. It greeted all Jews concerned over the welfare of Israel and it called on those elements of the Jewish people who are today condemned to isolation to maintain their devotion to Zion.

"The Government dedicates itself to hard work," Mr. Sharett declared. "It will strive untiringly to advance Israel materially as well as spiritually, to enhance its international position, to enable it to fulfill its mission in Jewish history, to make it the agent of peace and progress in the Middle East and the world beyond."

ISRAEL INFORMS U. S. GOVERNMENT OF INTEREST IN BERLIN PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy communicated today with the Department of State concerning Israel's vital interest in the Big Four meeting at Berlin.

Israel informed American officials of the situation involving its claims against East Germany, which has rejected all approaches to the restitution question. The American Government was advised, too, that Israel is counting on the continued operation of the restitution treaty with the Bonn Government.

Dr. Chaim Yahlil, deputy head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Cologne, has been designated by Israel as its observer. He will be in Berlin for the duration of the talks and in a position to represent Israel. The American authorities were advised of this.

SECURITY COUNCIL PLANS ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN DISPUTE UP IN THE AIR

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Soviet veto in the Security Council of the three-power draft resolution for settlement of the Syrian-Israeli dispute has left the American and British delegations without plans for future procedure and spokesmen for both delegations said today that it might take ten days or two weeks before a new line of action could be adopted.

While opinion was divided here as to whether Israel now had a free hand to resume work on the Bnot Yaakov power project, the general expectation was that the Israel Government would first seek agreement of Gen. Vagn Bennike, United Nations truce chief. It was believed that Premier Moshe Sharett would have informal talks with Gen. Bennike aimed at overcoming his objections to the project and working out guarantees of the water and land rights of Arab landowners in the demilitarized zone before ordering resumption of work on the project. It was pointed out, though, that an aroused public opinion in Israel could compel the government to order work resumption forthwith.

(In Washington, Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban was to meet with State Department officials to discuss the new situation arising from the Soviet veto of the American-backed resolution.)

United Nations circles agreed today that the issue could not be left in the air, but most observers were at a loss as to what could now be done. There was speculation whether new action would be initiated by the three powers, by the Arabs or by Leslie Munro, of New Zealand, who will be president of the Security Council in February.

A British spokesman said the only course open appeared to be adoption of a resolution like the second Lebanese resolution which simply referred the case to Gen. Bennike for reconciliation efforts and would have work on the project stayed until he reported back to the Security Council. The British, the spokesman said, did not like one paragraph of this resolution which implied that Syrian consent would be necessary.

MILITARY EXPERT SEES ISRAEL POPULATION OF 2,000,000 BY 1960

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Israel will have to support a population of two million by 1960, Lieut. Gen. H. G. Martin, military correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, said today in a dispatch to that paper.

Gen. Martin, who is touring the Middle East, warned that unless Israel can plough more acres, it will have to import 80 percent of its food in 1960 to support its two million population.

YOUTH HELD IN PLOT TO ATTACK GERMAN DOCTOR IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- One youth was held in custody today for further examination and two released after interrogation following police investigation of an alleged plot to attack Dr. Laura Schaeffer, German physician here on a special mission. The three youths were all former members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Dr. Schaeffer has been in Israel for the past 18 days to examine victims of Nazi scientific experiments who are now claiming indemnification from the West German Government. The offices assigned to her use at the Government Hospital at Sarafand have been kept under heavy police guard as is her residence which has been changed several times since her arrival.

MALBEN AND JEWISH AGENCY AGREE ON AIDING AGED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Agreement has been reached between Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee's welfare program for aged, ill and handicapped newcomers in Israel, and the Jewish Agency, under which Malben is to assume responsibility for the rehousing and maintenance, of 2,700 aged and invalid immigrants in the Pardess Hanna camp.

One thousand of the Pardess Hanna aged, including 100 blind persons, will be transferred to homes for the aged maintained by Malben. The remaining 1,700 will eventually be transferred to new homes to be constructed at a cost of two million Israeli pounds.

JEWISH GROUPS OPPOSE U. S. PLANS TO ARM ARAB STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Unqualified opposition to American plans to ship arms to Arab states in the Middle East in the absence of peace between the Arabs and Israel has been expressed by a growing number of American Jewish organizations.

Meeting here yesterday, the American Jewish Congress national executive and administrative committees insisted that attempts to build defenses against Communism in the Middle East by shipping arms to Saudi Arabia and Iraq would prove a "boomerang" and would increase tension and instability in the area. The AJC units, in a resolution, attacked the political immaturity and economic instability of the Arab states and accused them of "gangsterism on an international scale" in their relations with Israel. The AJC warned that any arms sent to the Arabs would not be used to defend the Middle East but to make war on Israel.

Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, told a B'nai B'rith meeting here that Israel is confronted with what may be another round of war and that the United States Government is "ill-advised" in "considering the possibility of providing arms to two of the adversaries of Israel, at a moment in the history of the Middle East when a bloody King Saud would destroy the Jews of Israel and the Republic of Israel."

The Poale Agudas Israel today issued a call to all national Orthodox organizations and all congregations to proclaim the Jewish month of Adar, which starts Saturday, as a month of protest against plans to send arms to the Arab states.

NEUMANN WARNS AGAINST PRESSURING U.S. JEWS TO MIGRATE TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A warning that any attempt to make immigration to Israel a condition of Zionism would cause many American Jews to leave the Zionist movement was voiced here by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, addressing a meeting convened by the General Zionists.

Dr. Neumann, replying to a recent statement by former Premier David Ben Gurion, asserted that when Ben Gurion and other Mapai leaders had visited the United States in the past, they had not stressed immigration and had not made immigration a condition of Zionism.

American Jewry was always regarded, he said, as a financial reservoir and not as a source of prospective immigration. He added that what is needed is a constant campaign for immigration, and not an outcry against American Jewry which has up to now given the utmost financial and moral assistance to Israel.

FIVE MORE JEWISH "RETURNEES" SENTENCED BY GERMAN COURT

MUNICH, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Five "returnees" from Israel who had been among a group of 16 seized in a police swoop on a windowless air raid shelter here, have been sentenced in magistrate's court to two weeks' imprisonment for illegally entering Germany.

The new police raids appear to be motivated by a feeling in German governmental quarters that the DP's were not pushing their emigration plans with sufficient vigor. Obviously prompted by similar considerations, the German administration of Foehrenwald, last Jewish DP camp on German soil, has conducted another census of "illegals," with special emphasis on ascertaining the stage of emigration preparations. The Germans are going to great lengths to impress upon the more than 500 "legalized illegals" in Foehrenwald that the six-month period of grace accorded them last August ends in mid-February.

After a German decision to carry out deportations had led to a sit-down strike last summer, the major Jewish organizations and the German authorities reached an understanding that the latter would desist from such attempts and other forms of harassment for half a year. The registered Foehrenwald "illegals" were granted a sort of temporary semi-legal status. At the time it was expected that a substantial proportion would be able to emigrate within the prescribed period but, in view of the dearth of available emigration visas, the overriding urgency of solving the problem of the Munich synagogue squatters, who are even more recent arrivals, exercised a deterrent effect. It is hoped here that the German authorities can yet be prevailed upon to extend the February deadline.

One Hundred Jewish DP Families to Settle in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- One hundred Jewish families from the Foehrenwald camp will be admitted into the Argentine for permanent settlement during the next three months by decision of President Juan D. Peron.

Gen. Peron told a Jewish delegation which included Dr. Henry Shoshkes, representing HIAS, and Dr. Ezequiel Zabolinsky, head of the Jewish Peronist organization, that he was "happy to contribute to the ending of the shameful and tragic epoch of the camps in Germany."

GERMANY INCREASES FUNDS JEWISH PENSIONERS MAY TRANSFER ABROAD

BONN, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Jews receiving pensions from West Germany may now transfer them to the United States, Israel, South America and South Africa at the official rate of exchange up to \$119 (500 deutschemarks) monthly in comparison to the \$71 (DM 300) formerly allowed, according to an announcement by the Federal Ministry of Economics.

For Jews residing in countries affiliated with the Organization for European Cooperation (OEEC), the transfer limit has been fixed at \$190 (DM 800) monthly. In addition to Great Britain, Jewish pensioners in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Eire, Greece, Holland, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey and the Anglo-American zone of Trieste, will benefit by this measure.

The new regulations apply to persons entitled to restitution or compensation and who receive regular monthly pensions, no matter from what source. Beneficiaries include former German rabbis and employees of Jewish communal bodies whose pension claims are now being satisfied, in some measure, by the Federal treasury.

Apart from pensions, it has become possible, since January 1, to transfer restitution and indemnification payments not exceeding \$119 a month to all non-German countries. The same amount may be remitted from a blocked account to the original owner residing abroad.

INTERNATIONAL BODY TO OPERATE SERVICE TRACING NAZI VICTIMS

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- An international body will be set up to administer the International Tracing Service at Arolson, Germany, after the Western Powers withdraw from Germany under the terms of the contemplated peace contract with the Bonn Republic, it was indicated here today by the Belgian Foreign Minister.

Replying in Parliament to a question by Deputy Maurice Herman on whether Belgium would be represented on such a body, the Foreign Minister said that the United States "seemed appreciative" of the position of France, Belgium, Holland and other states which demanded international control of the archives. He added that Belgium would be represented when such a commission was established. Finally, he said that the personnel now working at the ITS included "Germans as well as refugees and displaced persons."

The Jews, as well as other peoples victimized by the Nazis, have been concerned over the possibility that the Germans would take over the service after the Allies withdraw. The ITS files include a great deal of evidence of the fate of 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis.

STEVENSON WARNS OF THREATS TO FREEDOM IN MESSAGE TO AJC

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A warning that "secular fanaticisms harnessed to menacing power threaten our freedom from abroad," was sounded by Adlai E. Stevenson today in a message to the 47th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee, opening here Friday.

"Power-hungry, demagogic forces menace our freedom from within," Mr. Stevenson further warned. "We ignore these evils at our peril. I am confident that reason will triumph and that man will achieve security and freedom, liberty and order." Other messages were received by the Committee from Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, Sen. James H. Duff and Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens.

JESUIT PRIEST HEADS CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

MONTREAL, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A Jesuit priest, Rev. Stephane Valiquette, of Montreal, has been appointed executive director of the new permanent office of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews here. Rev. Valiquette, who has been active in brotherhood work in Quebec, is believed to be the first Roman Catholic priest to be appointed to such a post. The aim of the organization is "to promote justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among Catholics, Protestants and Jews."

COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONFERENCE STUDIES CHURCH-STATE ISSUE

CINCINNATI, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- American Jews, concerned for the maintenance of American religious freedoms and for the strengthening of the public school system, are committed to preservation of the principle of separation of Church and State and are opposed to religious worship or observance in the public schools, speakers at a four-state regional conference of Jewish community relations organizations here stressed. Most of the 100 persons present at the parley, where no resolutions were offered, agreed with the speakers on this issue.

The conference was the first in a projected series of regional meetings sponsored by the joint advisory committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council and the Synagogue Council of America and community relations councils in the respective areas. The purposes of the regional meetings are to extend the committee's educational campaign on the Church-State question; to review community experience in that area, and to clarify the issue of joint holiday observances--such as Christmas-Chanukah--in the public schools.

B'NAI B'RITH PLANS INTERNATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A new adult Jewish education program aimed at reaching thousands of men and women in various parts of the world was adopted here yesterday at a meeting of the B'nai B'rith Advisory Committee on the Institutes of Judaism. The committee is composed of leading Jewish scholars, educators and writers.

The committee will hold 30 B'nai B'rith institutes in 1954 in the United States, Canada, Israel, South America and Switzerland where Jewish study groups will meet with distinguished scholars and educators. The program also visualizes preparation of a radio and television "Jewish Invitation to Learning" series.

LOS ANGELES TIMES MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO JEWISH YOUTH CENTER

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Los Angeles Times Charities has presented a check for \$25,000 to the Westside Jewish Community Center for the furnishing and equipping of a youth lounge at the center. The check was presented by Philip Chandler, publisher of the Times, to Max W. Bay, president of the Jewish Centers Association.

PIONEER WOMEN MEMBERSHIP WEEK PROCLAIMED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- "Pioneer Women Membership Week" began in New York City today under proclamation of Mayor Robert F. Wagner. During the week, members of the women's Zionist Labor group will canvass their communities for membership enrollment.

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