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## CABINET COALITION ENDANGERED BY RIFT ON ELECTION RESTRICTIONS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett's coalition cabinet today faced a crisis when the General Zionists, the second largest party in the Israeli Parliament, threatened to vote independently, and thus bring about a situation under which measures proposed by the Cabinet may not receive the necessary parliamentary majority.

The General Zionists and Premier Sharett's party, the Mapai, disagree on the timing for presenting to Parliament new changes in the election laws. Both the General Zionists and the Mapai had already agreed to the changes themselves. Under these alterations, only parties that poll a minimum of 4.2 percent of the total vote will be entitled to seat their members in the Parliament. The Mapai has now decided to delay introduction of this change for at least six months, or until a few months before the next general elections, due in the summer of 1955. The General Zionists want to propose the legislation to the present Parliament now.

The introduction of the proposal, aimed to eliminate the small parties, was one of the conditions which the General Zionists stipulated prior to their agreeing to join the present coalition cabinet. They now claim that any postponement in introducing legislation to this effect would be considered by them as a breach by the Mapai of the agreement under which they entered the Cabinet. The General Zionists hold four seats in the Cabinet.

Leaders of the General Zionist Party today indicated that their threat does not mean that the representatives of their party will leave the Cabinet. What it means, they said, is that the General Zionist members in the Cabinet would not be bound any longer by collective responsibility for all the Cabinet decisions, and that the General Zionist deputies will cast their votes in Parliament in accordance with the decisions of their own party.

The Progressive Party, which received less than 4.2 percent of the votes in the last parliamentary elections, and which strongly opposes the limitation upon which the General Zionist Party insists, today announced that, if the Cabinet decides to propose to the Parliament any legislation aimed at eliminating small parties, the Progressives will withdraw their only member from the Cabinet. The Progressives have four deputies in Parliament.

Meanwhile, it was learned today that four deputies of the Mapam, the pro-Communist party, may form their own fraction in Parliament as a result of a split within the Mapam. The four are members of the L'Achdut Avodah section of the party, a minority group which publishes its own publication, "Lamerchav."

The political committee of the Mapam today decided to eject the L'Achdut Avodah members from all central bodies of the party and from the Mapam daily newspaper, Al Hamishmar, because the group did not adhere to the decisions adopted by the majority of the party.

U.S. STARTS INFORMAL TALKS WITH LEBANON ON MILITARY AID

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- State Department sources disclosed here today that informal talks have begun between American and Lebanese diplomats looking toward the possible extension of U. S. military aid to Lebanon. It is understood that the military assistance program envisaged for Lebanon is similar to that already planned for Iraq and Egypt, two other members of the Arab League.

EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN U. S. WARNS ISRAEL ON ADMITTING MORE JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The Egyptian embassy in the United States today published a warning to Israel to abstain from bringing new immigrants into the Jewish State. Declaring that Egypt has no aggressive intentions against Israel, the embassy statement--published as a letter to the New York Times--states:

"However, it must be clear to the whole world, as it is clear to Egyptians, that the expansion of Israel population-wise constitutes a threat of inevitable aggression on the part of that country. It is a known fact that there are strong elements among the Israelis who maintain that their country should extend from the Euphrates to the Nile.

"So long as there exists a policy in Israel which brings added thousand# of immigrants to its territory, then the Arabs are entitled to their fears that there must come a time when Israel will seek more territory. Under these conditions present bounds would break; in the minds of the Arabs, there is no escaping this conclusion," the statement signed by M. Samir Ahmed, embassy official, declares.

The statement explains Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal against Israel as a "policy of self-preservation." It claims that "food does go to Israel through the Suez Canal but war material does not." At the same time it admits that "all vessels bearing cargoes for Israel are subject to search during their passage through Suez."

The Egyptian letter also warns Israel not to oppose American aid to Egypt. "It is certainly not in the interest of peace for Israelis to try to avert or block the way of Egyptian-American understanding, as they are now attempting to do," the statement says.

ISRAELIS RETALIATE AGAINST EGYPT; BLOW UP WATER STATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The Voice of Israel, government radio, reported here today that Israeli citizens last night blew up a main water-pumping station on the Egyptian side of the Gaza strip, in retaliation for an Egyptian explosion of an Israeli water main. The Israeli water main was blown up last Thursday, and Israeli Army spokesmen said they had proof that the damage was done by graduates of an Egyptian commando training school across the border.

According to the broadcast, the avenging Israelis surrounded the Egyptian water-pumping station during the night, drove out the maintenance crew, and blew up the building. The pumping station had supplied water to Egyptian army camps in the vicinity. (Cairo dispatches reported that the Egyptian Government lodged a complaint about this explosion with the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission.)

TWO ARABS CONVICTED BY ISRAELI MILITARY COURT AS SPIES

NAZARETH, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Two Arabs were convicted by an Israeli military court here yesterday on charges of being spies, and were sentenced to long prison terms--one to 25 years, the other to 20 years.

The men had been arrested by Israeli security forces near the Gaza strip, along the Egyptian frontier. They were found guilty on ten counts, charged with illegal possession of arms, attempting to pass information to the enemy, and entry into a restricted area without permission.

KNESSET ADOPTS LAW AGAINST ARAB INFILTRATORS; LIFE TERM VOTED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The Israeli Parliament passed on its third reading today an anti-infiltration law providing heavy penalties for Arab infiltrators into Israeli territory who are caught red-handed in acts of robbery.

The measure at first provided the death penalty for the crime. However, Socialist and religious labor delegates introduced a substitute, limiting the penalty to life imprisonment, and the amendment was adopted by a large majority.

HAMILTON FISHER, U. N. OFFICER IN PALESTINE, KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Hamilton Fisher, 51, press officer and official spokesman for the United Nations truce supervisory organization, was fatally injured last night when a jeep in which he was riding from the demilitarized zone here to Bethlehem overturned. He suffered a fractured skull. He was brought to Victoria Hospital here in serious condition, and succumbed this morning.

Mr. Fisher, an American, was very popular with the press corps here. The Israeli Foreign Office, individual Israeli Government officials, and the Journalists Association sent messages of condolence to Mr. Fisher's family, to United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, and to Mr. Fisher's superior officer here, Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike.

U. N. Secretary-General Mourns Death of Mr. Fisher

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold issued a statement here today expressing his "deep regret" over Hamilton Fisher's death, praising him for having displayed in his work for the UN "the qualities of a true international servant." "The Secretariat," said Mr. Hammarskjold, "loses in him an officer who made an important contribution to the work of the United Nations."

A statement expressing the "sadness of the entire department" at the loss of Mr. Fisher, declaring that his "untimely death took one of the most devoted members of the Secretariat," was issued by Assistant Secretary-General Benjamin Cohen in charge of the Department of Public Information, to which Mr. Fisher was attached.

Mr. Fisher had been associated with UN work in Palestine since August, 1948, when he was assigned as information officer with the staff of the UN mediator for Palestine, the late Count Folke Bernadotte. He joined the UN staff as a member of the Department of Public Information four months earlier, in April, 1948.

In 1949, he was appointed information officer for the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine, and in January, 1951, became political affairs officer on the staff of the UNCCP, a position he held until 1952. In June of this year, Mr. Fisher was again assigned as a UN information officer, this time to the UN truce supervision organization with headquarters in Jerusalem.

Born in Vienna, Mr. Fisher graduated from the University of Vienna, and attended the University of Berlin. Prior to his work with the United Nations, he was from 1944 to 1947 senior editor with the United States Office of War Information and other U.S. information agencies. From 1941 to 1944, he was editor for the Australian Associated Press in New York City.

BULGARIAN MINISTER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS IN ISRAEL; EXTOLS "FRIENDSHIP"

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Georgiu Zengulekov, Bulgaria's new Minister to Israel, presented his credentials to President Itzhak Ben Zvi today. Mr. Zengulekov extolled "the friendly relations existing between the Bulgarian people" and the people of Israel. Mr. Ben Zvi, in his reply, stressed Israel's devotion to peace and understanding among nations.

FORMER NAZI BECOMES ACTING MINISTER OF INTERIOR IN GERMANY

BONN, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Minister Without Portfolio Waldemar Kraft, prominent leader of the B. E. H., the Refugee Party, has been named Acting Minister of the Interior during the absence of the official incumbent in that post, Dr. Gerhard Schroeder. The latter is on a vacation for a period of uncertain duration. As Acting Minister of the Interior, Kraft, former captain in the Nazi Storm Troops, is holding down now the most important and powerful domestic political office in West Germany, and is guardian of the republic's constitution.

Kraft was a captain in Himmler's black-shirted Elite Guard, which was branded a criminal organization by the International Military Tribunal at Nurnberg. He was also a member of the Nazi Party. After the capitulation of the Nazi regime in 1945, the British authorities, who were generally lenient, adjudged Kraft so dangerous a Nazi that they interned him for more than two years.

There is documentary proof that a Storm Troop captaincy was conferred on Kraft ten weeks after the Germans overran Poland in 1939. Kraft was a resident of Poland since 1898, and a citizen of that country. Born in Poznan, in what was then Prussian territory, Kraft became a leader of the German minority in post-World War I Poland. He served in one of the "Free Corps," armed nationalist group that fought against the Poles and served as a training ground for Nazi rowdies.

Opposes Reparation Agreement Between Germany, Israel

Under the German occupation of Poland, Kraft became president of a provincial Chamber of Agriculture, then advanced to the managership of the "Reich Corporation for Agriculture in the Government-General," the Nazi body set up to exploit that part of Poland which Hitler had not incorporated outright into the German Reich.

Early in 1950, Kraft was "denazified." He was appointed Deputy Minister President and Minister of Finance in Schleswig-Holstein. Later in 1950, when he was still drawing unemployment compensation, he was elected national chairman of the B. H. E., the Refugee Party. As part of the price Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had to pay last year when he included the B. H. E. in the Bonn governmental coalition, Kraft was given one of the federal ministries-without-portfolio.

Two years ago, Kraft announced himself publicly as opposed to the reparations agreement between West Germany and Israel. The official press of the opposition Social Democratic Party describes his elevation as a "blunder" and as a "psychologically-mistaken step, in view of the generally-heard allegations about the resurgence of neo-Nazism in Germany."

Germans Showing No Sense of Guilt, Jewish Leader Reports

LONDON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Germans in general are "showing no sense of guilt whatever for their past crimes," Dr. J. Maitlis, London Jewish community leader, declared here today upon his return from a fact-finding mission to Germany.

Dr. Maitlis said he found economic conditions among German Jews strained. "There are few young people among the German Jews," he reported. "There are many families entirely dependent on small state pensions. The problem of restitution to individual victims of Nazism--though enacted into German law--is far from settled."

There is "a tremendous feeling of isolation" among German Jews, the London Jewish leader stated. They are very anxious to be in contact with Jews outside their country, particularly Israel, he said. The re-establishment of the German Zionist Organization, recently reconstituted in that country, was highly welcomed as a sign that German Jewry is again part of the world Jewish community, Dr. Maitlis asserted.

JEWIS IN TUNISIA FORM GROUP TO PRESENT VIEWS TO NEW GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Tunisian Jewish leaders have formed a committee to make a detailed study of recommendations to the new Tunisian Government, it was reported here today by the American Jewish Committee. The recommendations will deal with the following problems:

1. Political-- questions of representation, elections, civil and basic human rights; 2. Economic--assurances of non-discrimination; 3. Cultural--support for Jewish schools, language of instruction; 4. Religious--status of Rabbinical courts, freedom of religious exercise; 5. Social welfare--government support for various social welfare activities now being carried on by the Jewish Community with government aid. 6. Emigration and free circulation both of persons and goods in the French Union.

The AJC report is based on information which the organization received from its European director, Zachariah Shuster, who just returned to Paris from a visit to Tunis, where he conferred with the Jewish leaders there. He also was told by the new Tunisian Premier, Tahar ben Ammar, that the Jews in Tunisia will suffer no discrimination of any kind. "I believe that co-existence is possible between Jews and Moslems," the Premier is reported to have said.

The policy of guaranteeing equality to all inhabitants of Tunisia received the approval of two Tunisian political leaders, M. Mongi Slim, Minister of State in the new Cabinet, and Dr. Sadok Mokadden, the new Tunisian Minister of Justice. Both leaders told Mr. Shuster that they wanted a state based on equality without any discrimination and that their party had always adopted a positive attitude toward Jews as co-citizens, even during the days of the German occupation.

B'NAI B'RITH GIRLS CONVENTION HEARS VIEWS ON U.S. LIBERTIES

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The 10th annual seven-day convention of B'nai B'rith Girls opened here today with the participation of 150 teen-age girls from all parts of the country. The teen-age delegates will analyze the responsibilities of the adult Jewish community to Jewish youth, and the mission and functions of B'nai B'rith, with special emphasis on the role of the youth in this organization.

Addressing the opening session of the conference, Philip M. Klutznick, B'nai B'rith president, said that defeat of Communism must be achieved without weakening of any basic liberties of our democracy. He cited the part played by his organization in the fight against Communism for over two decades, and warned that efforts, deliberate or otherwise, to lessen the status of any of the amendments to the Constitution, including the Fifth Amendment, actually tend to undermine the structure of freedom set up by the Nation's first leaders.

"Perhaps we are too far removed in time, and by our prosperity, from the depravities of George III, and tyrants in other European countries," Mr. Klutznick said. "Their impositions on the Founding Fathers of this country made the Founding Fathers understand the Bill of Rights and certainly the Fifth Amendment," Mr. Klutznick told the delegates. He also told the convention that, in addition to the great problem facing America in the paralysis of fear induced by the Communist threat to democracy, American Jews are deeply affected by the uncertainty over the future of Israel, and concern over the character of their own destiny.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD HOST TO BRITISH SOLDIERS AT HEIDELBERG

HEIDELBERG, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Nine Jewish members of the British Army of the Rhine were entertained here this week-end by the local headquarters of the American Jewish Welfare Board. Chaplain Meier Engel took the men, all of whom are from London, on a tour of the vicinity, including the ruins of the old "Rashi Synagogue" at Worms.

U.S. BUYS NEW ANTI-BIOTIC DRUG FROM ISRAEL LABORATORY

LONDON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Thyrotricin, one of the new antibiotic drugs used for sterilization of external wounds, has been shipped from the Rafa Laboratories in Jerusalem, to the United States, while U.S. offshore purchase orders for substantial quantities of carrots have been awarded to Israeli growers in the Negev, for use of American military forces in Europe, it was reported here today.

The Rafa Laboratories are now producing, in addition to the thyrotricin, about 1,000,000 vials of penicillin and streptomycin a month, the report says. It estimates that a third of the antibiotics used in Greece and Turkey now come from the laboratory in Jerusalem.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE BUILDS COMPLICATED ELECTRONIC COMPUTER

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Complex calculations at extremely high speeds--millionths of a second in some cases--will be possible on completion of the electronic computer now being constructed at the Weizmann Institute of Science, it was announced here today by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute. The computer, with its 2,500 vacuum tubes, will be built on the lines of the one now functioning at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N. J.

The machine will consist essentially of three organs. These are an electronic arithmetic organ, which will add, record and transfer numbers; an electronic control organ, which will "command" the foregoing operations to produce addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; and a memory organ, which will store thousands of numbers and instructions, and deliver them to the arithmetic organ on request.

According to the scientists now engaged in building it, the computer will be able to multiply or divide two numbers, each 12 decimal digits long, and produce the answer in 1,000th part of a second. The same size numbers can be added in approximately a 25,000th part of a second.

The Weizmann Institute computer will have a basic "vocabulary" of 20 different instructions, or basic arithmetical operations. Any problem that can be broken down into these basic arithmetical operations--addition, subtraction, multiplication and division--and is capable of a solution, can be done on the machine. The Princeton computer can, for example, produce in approximately one hour the answers to problems which would take three years to complete on an electric desk calculator working an eight-hour day.

Principal features of the Weizmann Institute computer now in construction are its high speed arithmetic organ and automatic control circuits, which are capable of working with any of the types of "memories" used with high-speed computing machines. The machine is being constructed under the leadership of Dr. Gerald Estrin, from the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, who is 1953-54 Louis Lipsky Exchange Fellow at the Weizmann Institute. Cooperating with him is Dr. Ephraim Frei, of the Weizmann Institute, who spent two years at Princeton with Prof. John von Neumann's electronic computer group.

JEWISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN LOS ANGELES GETS ITS OWN BUILDING

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish community here are celebrating this week the opening of the new Peter M. Kahn Memorial Building, housing the Jewish Community Library, which was formally dedicated yesterday.

Part of the celebration marks the hundredth anniversary of the founding in this city of the Hebrew Benevolent Society. The library inaugural observation is also tied in here with the celebration of the American Jewish Tercentenary. A display of rare manuscripts of Jewish interest, some dating back to the 14th Century, is featured at the library this week.