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ISRAEL CABINET CRISIS AVERTED; COMPROMISE ON BUDGET REACHED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- A Cabinet crisis was averted today as a result of a temporary compromise reached between the Mapai and General Zionists on the government budget which is to be proposed to Parliament for approval.

The General Zionists threatened to vote against the budget and thus force the downfall of the coalition Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, who is a Mapai leader. They demanded that the proposed budget, prepared by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, also a Mapai leader, should be reduced. They requested, "particularly, that the income tax be reduced by approximately 8,500,000 pounds.

The Mapai members of the Cabinet, insisting on adoption of the budget as proposed by the Minister of Finance, argued that reduction of the income tax would create a situation in which the state could not provide vital services. The Cabinet members belonging to the religious groups and to the Progressive Party mediated between the Mapai and General Zionists and brought about the compromise.

Reforms in Income Tax Promised; Budget Is Cut

At the end of today's Cabinet meeting at which a final decision had to be taken, Mr. Sharett announced to anxiously waiting correspondents that "there is no crisis as yet." At the same time, Minister of Communication Joseph Saphir, a General Zionist, told newsmen that the Mapai members of the Cabinet had agreed to reduce the budget by 2,500,000 pounds and that the Cabinet had decided on reforms in the income tax which will result in further tax reductions.

Despite the fact that the Mapai agreed to make concessions, it became known that the General Zionist Ministers voted at the Cabinet session today against the budget proposed by Mr. Eshkol. They explained that the decision actually lies in the hands of the national council of their party, which will rule within a few days whether the General Zionist deputies in Parliament will support the budget when it is presented for approval.

Prior to today's meeting of the Cabinet, Mr. Eshkol and Mr. Saphir met to explore the possibilities of a compromise. The compromise amendment was introduced later at the meeting by the Progressive member Dr. Pinchas Rosen, Minister of Justice, and was accepted by the Mapai Ministers. The General Zionists declared that they were not satisfied with it, but had nevertheless agreed not to break up the Cabinet "yet."

JEWISH AGENCY LEADER STRESSES NEED FOR INCREASED U. J. A. AID

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- The hope that American Jews will increase their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal was expressed here today by Dr. Giora Josephthal, Jewish Agency treasurer, reporting on budgetary matters to the plenary session of the Agency.

Dr. Josephthal said that the budget for the current year was not balanced due to the need to bring 30,000 new immigrants from North Africa. He emphasized that more funds will be needed from the United Jewish Appeal to meet the new situation.

Reporting on the absorption of the new immigrants, Dr. Josephthal said that about 67 percent of them went to settlements. This, he stressed, is a figure which has no precedent in any previous immigration. He attributed it to the fact that the immigrants now find prepared homes in the settlements, and added that the Jewish Agency's "know-how" has played an important part in the new development.

Zvi Lurie, member of the Agency executive, reported to the session on immigration from the United States. He said that this immigration must increase and urged the introduction of better absorption techniques for immigrants from the United States. He also stressed the need for intensifying the Hechalutz movement and suggested that small investors be encouraged to come to Israel from the United States.

A report on the colonization of new immigrants was presented by Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister. He said that at least half of the new immigrants must be settled on land if Israel wants to have 25 percent of its entire population engaged in agriculture. The settling of so many immigrants would, however, cost about 10,000,000 pounds, he noted.

Dr. Abraham Granot, world head of the Jewish National Fund, laid before today's session a plan for the creation of a joint Israel Government-JNF authority to set land policy in the Jewish State. The plan calls for the creation of a public body, with equal representation from the government and the JNF, to formulate public policy dealing with land use and amelioration, undertake reclamation, afforestation and swamp drainage projects and the leasing of land to settlers.

It is proposed that the authority be financed by funds from three sources: JNF income from contributions to it; annual contributions from the Zionist organization, and rents from JNF-owned lands. In the event this plan is accepted, it is proposed that the JNF continue its independent existence as a national institution, both here and abroad, remain an integral part of the World Zionist Organization and continue its fund-raising activities.

Following a discussion of the plan, the session decided to raise Dr. Granot's suggestions with members of the Israel Government. A Jewish Agency committee will be named, in which the Jewish National Fund will be included, to discuss problems connected with the establishment of the proposed new authority. Afterwards, the plenary session of the Agency executive will again discuss the plan in the light of the committee's deliberations.

DULLES AND EBAN RESUME SUSPENDED DISCUSSIONS ON ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban conferred today with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on Israel's security problems, resuming discussions which have been suspended since last October. Describing today's meeting, the Ambassador said he told Mr. Dulles of Israel's anxieties and hopes for remedial action. He added that he and Mr. Dulles "fully summarized our respective viewpoints on recent developments."

ISRAEL TRADE DELEGATION TO LEAVE FOR RED CHINA TODAY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- An Israel goodwill and trade delegation will leave this country for Communist China tomorrow, the Foreign Ministry announced here today. The delegation will be official guests of the Peiping Government during its entire stay in China.

The delegation will fly to Rangoon where David Hachoen, Israel's Minister to Burma, will join the group and assume its leadership. It will arrive in Hong Kong January 28, after which the Chinese Government has arranged for it to tour the country for two weeks. After that the delegation will proceed to Peiping to negotiate a trade agreement.

The members of the group who will leave from Israel are: Dr. Daniel Lewin, director of the Asian department of the Foreign Ministry; Moshe Bejerano, representing Israel manufacturers, and Joseph Sarchina of the Trade Ministry.

FRENCH-ISRAEL COLLABORATION ON ATOMIC RESEARCH LAUDED IN PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- Improvements in the method of extracting uranium from low grade ores may make it possible for Israel to produce uranium on a "semi-industrial" scale from phosphates. Francis Perrin, French High Commissioner for Atomic Energy, declared here today at a dinner of the French Friends of the Hebrew University.

Commissioner Perrin expressed satisfaction at the collaboration between Israel and France in a "limited sector" of atomic research, and praised the work of Israel physicists. He paid particular tribute to the Israel method of distilling heavy water from ordinary water, a method since adopted by the French scientists. M. Perrin called for international intervention to help liberate the campus of the Hebrew University atop Mt. Scopus.

Baron Guy de Rothschild, a member of the University's administrative council, told the dinner that the French Foreign Office is disposed to aid the University and, in general, to actively encourage the spread of French culture in Israel. Two French professors will soon occupy posts at the University, Baron Rothschild reported.

U. N. AGENCY WOULD COOPERATE IN REGIONAL PLANS FOR JORDAN RIVER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 19, (JTA) -- The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization would cooperate in any plans that might develop for use of the Jordan River Valley waters on a regional basis, but as far as the FAO is concerned, at present Israel is not in the Middle East but in Europe. This statement was made here today by Dr. Philip Cardon, director general of the FAO.

Dr. Cardon reported today about his recent trip through the Middle East to visit FAO regional offices. Among the offices he visited were those his agency has in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. Asked why he did not at the same time visit Israel, he said, "I didn't have the time. Besides Israel's place in the FAO is with the European region, and I was visiting the Middle East countries."

Asked the reason for FAO's "geographical revision" by placing Israel in Europe, Dr. Cardon said: "I really don't know why." However, he declared that Israel representatives in the FAO are "very happy the way FAO is working in Israel."

Israel has a lower birth rate than Egypt, but also has a much lower death rate, according to the latest epidemiological and vital statistics report of the World Health Organization, made public here today. Comparable figures between Israel and its neighboring state, Egypt, for the year 1952, show that, in Israel, there were 24.7 births per thousand population, while the Egyptian ratio was 26.9. For the same year, Israel's mortality ratio was 6.8 per thousand population, while Egypt's mortality rate was 26.9

TUNIS POLICE TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT JEWS FROM ATTACKS

TUNIS, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Acting at the request of Jewish community leaders, the Commissioner of Police in this city has taken a series of measures designed to put an end to attacks on the homes and shops of Jews in this city.

Police posts in the Jewish quarter have been put on a special 'round-the-clock alert and patrols will make regular tours through the Jewish quarter. In addition, barriers will be erected at the dividing points between the Jewish area and those Moslem quarters from which most of the attackers have come.

BRITISH JEWS PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON GERMANY TO FOREIGN OFFICE

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A deputation of British Jews called at the Foreign Office today to express misgivings about the rising tide of nationalism and neo-Nazism in Germany and concern over proposals to re-arm Germany. The group was headed by Dr. A. Cohen, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and included other officers and leading members of the Board.

The deputation stressed that evidence of increasing Nazi influence in German political life was to be seen in the appointment of former high Nazis to important offices in the Bonn Government, in the commutation of sentence of war criminals and in the freedom allowed extreme nationalist propagandists.

The Jews underlined that the Board of Deputies had consistently opposed the arming of East or West Germany and stressed that they feared new threats to democracy from the projected re-arming of Western Germany.

The deputation also drew the Foreign Office's attention to the need for speeding up the procedure for handling individual compensation claims against West Germany, and for continuing international control over the archives of the International Tracing Service, which are now located at Arolsen, Germany. It is proposed to turn these files over to West Germany after the occupation is ended.

The Board group was told that the Foreign Office would give careful consideration to the issues raised by it. The group was also told that the Foreign Office would at all times be ready to receive any information in connection with these matters which the Board wished to submit.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS TO SEEK SPEEDY RESTITUTION FOR NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The West German Social Democratic Party will shortly introduce measures to speed the payment of restitution to individual victims of Nazism, it was announced here last night.

The Socialists contemplate a measure to clarify ambiguities in the Federal Indemnification Law as to whether certain types of restitution payments shall be made by the Federal or state treasuries. Another aim of the draft measure to be submitted by the Socialists is to make 1960 the target date for completion of the restitution program, instead of 1962 as is contemplated in the indemnification law as it now stands.

PARIS COURT SENTENCES ANTI-SEMITES FOR LIBELLING MENDEZ-FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A Paris court today convicted and fined three persons involved with the anti-Semitic weekly, "Aspects de la France," for the publication of articles attacking Premier Pierre Mendez-France as a Jew.

Lionel Moreux, director of the publication, and M. Bourtang, a writer, were fined the equivalent of \$1,400 each for libelling the Premier. Philippe Chancerelle, writing under the name of Philippe Luc, was fined the equivalent of \$140 for insulting remarks about M. Mendez-France.

JEWISH WELFARE WORK IN UNITED STATES LAUDED AT CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Jewish welfare work in the United States was lauded here today at a conference at the Columbia University School of Social Work devoted to the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in this country. Dr. Kenneth D. Johnson, dean of the school, emphasized the contributions to public welfare made by the Jewish communities and their social agencies.

Samuel A. Goldsmith, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Chicago, who was the principal speaker, said that the method of organization of Jewish philanthropic work, through central funds or federations, has been adopted successfully by general welfare agencies.

Mr. Goldsmith said that Jewish philanthropy has made a "distinct contribution to community unity, to world unity, and to responsibility that the American Jewish individual has to those in need anywhere in the world." He estimated that in the last century the Jewish population of the United States has increased 100 times, reaching five million in 1950, while the general population of the country increased seven times, attaining a population figure of 152 million that year.

Mr. Goldsmith asserted that Jewish social work does not, as most people believe, stem from needs arising from large-scale enforced migration, but from a traditional Jewish communal organization that runs down through the centuries. "When we speak of social welfare organization and activity of the American Jewish community, we take giant strides, not only over a period of 300 years in the United States, but over thousands of years of Jewish history," he stated. "The idea of a total community and a total community responsibility, inherited from ages of experience, dominates the current American Jewish scene," he said.

SENATE GETS BILL TO ELIMINATE INEQUITIES IN IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A bill designed to eliminate the "most serious inequities" from the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, in line with President Eisenhower's recommendations, was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Sens. Irving M. Ives of New York, Leverett Saltonstall of Mass., and Clifford P. Case of New Jersey.

Sen. Ives said his measure would substitute the 1950 census figures for those of 1920 in the computation of national immigration quotas, would withdraw the unrestricted authority of United States consuls abroad to grant or deny visas with virtually no standards for guidance, and would insure that all unused quotas would be re-distributed from year to year.

CANADIAN COURT INVOKES ANTI-BIAS LAW AGAINST TWO RESTAURANTS

TORONTO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The first two convictions under Ontario's anti-discrimination law were handed down in a court in Chatham, Ontario, against two restaurant owners convicted of discrimination by refusing to serve Negro patrons.

In handing down fines of \$50, the maximum under Ontario's seven-month-old Fair Accommodations Practices Act, Magistrate Ivan Craig ruled that it was within the constitutional power of the Province of Ontario to pass such a measure. Both restaurants involved in the case are located in Dresden, Ontario.

PROTESTANTS IN ST. PAUL ANNOUNCE GIFTS FOR LOCAL SYNAGOGUES

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- In an action intended to underline the friendship and esteem existing between Protestant churches and its synagogues in St. Paul, the Protestant-Jewish Friendship Committee announced that it is giving three cash gifts to the three synagogues for the purchase by the Jewish congregations of gifts suitable as a reminder of interfaith friendship.

CONFERENCE OF LABOR LEADERS IN OHIO DECIDES TO HELP ISRAEL

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- A joint conference of the AFL and CIO of Ohio devoted to Israel and the Histadrut was held here, with some 70 labor leaders, representing unions with more than 1,000,000 members, attending. Phil Hannah, an AFL leader, and William Snoots, of the CIO, described their recent visit to Israel as guests of the Histadrut.

The delegates called on the United States Government to do "everything within its great power" to resolve the conflicts of the Middle East. The delegates also decided to establish an Ohio Trade Union Council for Israel and Histadrut. This was the first joint conference for any purpose held by the AFL and CIO in Ohio. Moshe Bitan, outgoing Histadrut representative in this country, and Moshe Bar-Tal, who is replacing him, both addressed the meeting.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS Z. O. A. MONTH; OTHER MAYORS TO FOLLOW

NEW YORK, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner today designated the period of January through February 17, 1955, as ZOA membership month, in a proclamation calling for "mass enrollment in the Zionist Organization of America." The proclamation was read by Deputy Mayor Henry Epstein at City Hall at an impressive ceremony in the presence of more than 100 Zionist leaders from the New York area.

The proclamation designating ZOA membership month in New York City marked the launching by the ZOA of a nation-wide campaign aimed at the mass enrollment of American Jews within its ranks in support of Israel. Similar proclamations by state and city officials are scheduled to be issued in other major communities throughout the country.

LEWIS STRAUSS HONORED BY TEMPLE EMANU-EL; LAUDED BY EISENHOWER

NEW YORK, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, received a silver plaque last night from the Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El for "distinguished service." Admiral Strauss was president of the temple from 1938 to 1949.

In a message to the ceremony at which the award was made, President Eisenhower termed the honor "richly deserved" and said that he was "delighted to join with you in tribute to a good friend who has earned the esteem of his countrymen."

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF JEWISH WOMAN

ROME, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- The Italian Chamber of Deputies and the Senate paid homage today to the memory of Amelia Rosselli, one of the greatest figures in Italian Jewish life, who died in Florence last week. She was 85.

Mrs. Rosselli wrote a number of plays which were well received on the Italian stage. Her sons, Carlo and Nello Rosselli, were murdered in France in 1937 on orders of Italian Fascist leaders. Present at her funeral were leaders of all Italian parties except the monarchists and the Fascists. She was buried in Rome's Jewish cemetery.

"WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS MONTH" PROCLAIMED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 19, (JTA) -- "World Jewish Congress Month" was opened here last night at a public meeting addressed by Maurice L. Perlzweig, WJC leader, and Maurice Ashkanasy, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. During the month WJC leaders and officers will address many meetings throughout Britain to explain the aims and ideals of the Congress.