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TWENTY-THREE GROUPS PRESENT ELECTION SLATES FOR KNESSET ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, June 12. (JTA)-- Twenty-three election lists, a record number in Israel's short parliamentary history, have been presented to the central election committee headed by Chief Justice Shimon Agranat, for the Knesset elections scheduled to be held July 26. The first and second Knesset were contested by 21 party lists.

The Mapai list was headed by Moshe Sharett, David Ben Gurion and Joseph Sprinzak, while the General Zionist election list was headed by Peretz Bernstein, Israel Rokach, Shoshanah Persitz, Joseph Saphir and Joseph Serlin.

Two principal religious lists were entered, following the collapse of negotiations for a united religious front. One list, made up of Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, is headed by Moshe Shapiro, Yosef Burg, Yitzhak Raphael, Zorach Warhaftig, Dr. Mordecai Nurock, Moshe Unna and A. Grinberg. The other list, which is composed of Agudah and Poale Agudah is led by Rabbi Yitzhak Meir Levine, Benjamin Mintz, Rabbi Shlomo Lorentz, Rabbi Zalman Kahana and I. Ben-Yacob.

The right-wing Herut Party entered a list headed by Menachem Beigin, Dr. Jochanan Bader and Benjamin Avniel. Lists were also entered by Mapam, Leachdut Avodah, Progressive Party, and the Communists. Smaller election lists were also submitted. They include:

Liberal list, headed by Moshe Nussbacher; Israeli list, headed by Meir Pelled; Likud, a popular economic movement headed by the former general secretary of the small merchants and shop owners association, Ephraim Guzman; Yemenite Religious list, whose chief candidate is Zadok Izhari; the Yemenite Association list, headed by Zecharya Gluska; World Knesset Israel list, a religious group, headed by Yitzhak Ashkneasi; a New Aliya Front list, whose chief candidate is Moshe Silbermann-Jerushalmi; the Adult Workers Association list, headed by Aron Shatai, and the General Zionist Sephardic list, whose principal candidate is Elyahu Elyasshar.

Arabs Submit Five Lists; Effort for United Religious Front Fails

Five Arab lists were also submitted to the election commission, all of them affiliated with and sponsored by Jewish parties. Three of them, the Agricultural and Development list, the Democratic list, and the Progress and Labor list, are Mapai affiliates. The General Zionists sponsored the Central Arabic list and the Progressive Party sponsored the Hamifneh list (not to be confused with the Lamifneh faction of the Hapoel Hamizrachi.)

Principal interest in the last minute rush to submit lists was fixed on the proposed religious united front. Such a front had been formed just two days before the deadline, but the Lamifneh faction of Hapoel Hamizrachi, headed by Dr. Burg and Mr. Unna, had refused to enter the front with the Agudah and Poale Agudah. Faced with the certainty that Lamifneh would run on a separate ticket, the Hapoel Hamizrachi limited its affiliation to Mizrahi, while Agudah joined with Poale Agudah.

News of the collapse of the newly formed united religious front was received with great sorrow by many religious leaders here, some of whom openly wept when it became clear that the deadline would make any further negotiations for such a front impossible.

U. S. TERMS FOR PACT WITH ISRAEL REVEALED BY CABINET MEMBER

TEL AVIV, June 12. (JTA)-- Peretz Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, charged here today that the United States was demanding too many concessions from Israel as the price of a mutual defense pact. Speaking before the General Zionist national council, he said that the main United States demands are: a return of the Arab refugees, changes in the borders of Israel, and reparations for Arab refugees without any assurance that reparations for Jewish property left in Arab countries would be paid.

Such demands, the Cabinet member asserted, cannot even come into consideration. Evening newspapers here reported that Prime Minister Moshe Sharett might comment on Mr. Bernstein's revelations, in view of the fact that they were made without his consent.

PARLEY ON JEWISH PROBLEMS IN EUROPE AND NO. AFRICA OPENS IN LONDON

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- A five-day conference of the Consultative Conference of Jewish Organizations opened here tonight with a dinner given for the more than 100 delegates of 19 communal and welfare organizations from Europe and North Africa by the American Jewish Committee, one of three sponsoring organizations of the parley. The other two groups are the Anglo-Jewish Association of Britain and the Alliance Israelite Universelle of France. The conference will consider the problems facing Jews living in Western Europe and North Africa.

President Eisenhower, in a message to the conference brought by Irving M. Engel, president of the AJC and a co-chairman of the parley, declared: "Please convey my greetings to those attending the special Consultative Conference of Jewish Organizations. In working for basic human rights and for religious toleration, these Jewish organizations make an important contribution to the development of understanding and respect between the peoples of differing persuasions. I congratulate the sponsors of this conference on their part in the reconstruction of the position of the Jews of Western Europe in the past decade. To all of you I express my hope that your future efforts will be equally productive."

Ambassador Eliahu Elath of Israel, chief speaker at tonight's dinner, told the guests that the years immediately before and immediately after the establishment of Israel, when he was Israel's representative and then Ambassador to the United States, were "among the hardest of my life but also among the most rewarding." He paid tribute to the "whole-hearted support" of American Jewry for the Zionist cause and Israel, singling out for special praise the American Jewish Committee which he underlined was the first of the Jewish organizations outside the Zionist movement to recognize the practical meaning of the establishment of Israel. He hailed Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the AJC, who is co-head of the AJC delegation to this parley, for his role in the committee's acceptance of Israel.

In a statement issued here before the parley began, Messrs. Engel and Blaustein said that the conference was dedicated to "enriching the religious and cultural life" of 1,400,000 Jews and to the promotion of "better understanding between them and their fellowmen of all religions." The statement expressed admiration for the "courage and tenacity" of European Jews for rebuilding their communities in the decade since the Nazi regime was destroyed.

NEO-NAZI MINISTER OF EDUCATION RESIGNS; OTHER EX-NAZIS REMAIN

BONN, June 12. (JTA) -- Leonhard Schlueter, neo-Nazi publisher and recently appointed Minister of Education and Culture of Lower Saxony, resigned this week-end in the face of continued protests of education authorities, students, newspapers and the public. Last week, after the protests developed, Schlueter went on "leave" pending an official investigation.

The protests against Schlueter were sparked by four institutions of higher education in Goettingen and Brunswick, including world famous Goettingen University, whose rector and faculty senate resigned in protest and whose students went on strike against Schlueter. The minister-designate was well known as the organizer of the precursor party of the Socialist Reich Party, a group which was banned by the Bonn Government for being neo-Nazi.

Two other well-known former Nazis are members of the Lower Saxony government, which is heavily rightist. They are: Minister of Finance Prof. W. Hunke, one-time close aide of Josef Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda chief; and Minister of Economics and Transport Hermann Ahrens, former Nazi State Commissioner for the Watenstedt-Salzgitter area.

LEADING FRENCHMEN ISSUE DECLARATION CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, June 12. (JTA) -- A declaration against anti-Semitism has been issued here by a number of leading French political and literary figures, including former President Eduard Herriot, in connection with today's observance here of "National Day Against Racism, Anti-Semitism and for Peace." Their declaration said: "Daily, men suffer because of race, color or religion. Every event marking political or social life is a pretext for anti-Semitic campaigns, either whispered, or well-developed by a certain press, created and supported for this reason."

At the same time, the Federation of Jewish Societies took the opportunity to call attention to the position of Jews in the Soviet Union. The Federation's statement said, in part: "Anti-Semitism and racism manifest themselves in various forms, taking colors which vary like regimes. How can one explain that in the USSR, where the constitution protects minorities and anti-Semitism is punishable by law, that all newspapers and books in Yiddish and Hebrew have ceased to appear; that seven years after the establishment of the State of Israel, Zionism is considered seditious and Russian Jews do not have the right to go and settle in Israel. We consider that no reason of state can justify such policy."

160,000 JEWS OVERSEAS STILL NEED J. D. C. AID, LEAVITT REPORTS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Tens of thousands of Jews in various parts of the world, including Israel, will continue to need assistance from the Joint Distribution Committee "for long periods to come" despite the fact that 1954 was in some ways a year of stability for the JDC and its overseas assistance programs, it was reported here by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the organization.

Mr. Leavitt emphasized in the annual report issued by the JDC today that "no area of the world was able to reflect any marked decrease in the number of men, women and children who require JDC aid." He pointed out that although there was "substantial progress," the world still "presents a picture of continuing large-scale need which cannot be expected to disappear overnight and which continues to be JDC's responsibility."

During 1954, the report shows, the JDC spent \$25,686,255 for aid to more than 164,000 needy Jews in 25 countries overseas. For the current year the organization has adopted a budget of \$29,403,000 to aid an estimated 160,000 overseas. "It is perhaps incredible," the report notes, "that all over the world there are still thousands of people who must consider themselves homeless and whose only hope for a decent future lies in emigration." JDC is cooperating closely with governmental, intergovernmental and voluntary agencies in "seeking solutions for the problems of the refugees."

Warburg, Baerwald, Schwartz Appeal to U. S. Jews for Support

Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman and UJA president, declares in the report that "JDC's work today is more meaningful than ever. For not only are the needs not diminishing, but at this moment only JDC is able to do what must be done to provide the aid which is vitally needed. This is true of the extraordinary work being done by JDC in North Africa, an area which threatens to become more and more dangerous in the future of the Jewish community there. It is true of the heartwarming work of Ma'abeh, in Israel, where the standards which JDC has established with this unique welfare program continue to be a glowing chapter of our generation's social engineering."

The JDC chairman urges that JDC's aid be translated into the "living salvation" it has meant for thousands overseas and declares that "once we have done this I am sure that all who have participated will rightfully gain not only a sense of pride but a desire to continue through the United Jewish Appeal the support of these enormous life-saving tasks which we have undertaken."

Paul Baerwald, former JDC chairman and now the agency's honorary chairman, sums up in the report "the reasons for JDC's coming into being, the reasons for its continued existence, the reasons for the extraordinary efforts which it has evoked and undertaken during the course of events, in three words: "It was necessary."

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, JDC director-general (on leave) and vice-president of the Development Corporation for Israel, notes in the report that "there will certainly be a day when a permanent foundation will have been established, when enough progress will have been made in Europe and in North Africa and in Israel so that JDC's aid is no longer essential - but that day has not yet been reached." He calls upon the American Jewish community to give maximum support to the JDC and the United Jewish Appeal.

5,000 NON-IMMIGRANTS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME PERMANENT U. S. RESIDENTS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Aliens in certain "non-immigrant categories now in the United States on a temporary status may become permanent residents under a provision of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, but have only until June 30 to make the change, Arthur Greenleigh, executive director of United Hias Service, announced today.

The Act allows for 5,000 aliens who apply, and are eligible, to become permanent residents of the United States. It affects visitors and regular students - not exchange students - who lawfully entered the United States before July 1, 1953 on a temporary basis and now under regular immigration quotas. "If these non-immigrants can show that they cannot return to the country of their birth, nationality, or last residence for fear of persecution of race, religion or political opinion they are eligible to become permanent residents in the United States," Mr. Greenleigh stated.

N. Y. STATE COMMUNITY LEADERS PLEDGE INCREASED U. J. A. SUPPORT

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., June 12. (JTA) -- A pledge to increase their support for the \$99,521,275 national campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for 1955 was made here today at a meeting of the northern New York state leadership of the UJA. The pledge was announced by Jack Davis and Theodore A. Frankel of Lake Placid, conference co-chairman.

Chief speaker at today's session was Dr. Carl Herman Voss, chairman of the executive council of the American Christian Palestine Committee, who said that peace in the Middle East is possible, but called on the American people to voice their desire for the Arab states and Israel to sit down and negotiate peace. No genuine conflict of interests exists between Israel and the Arab states, Dr. Voss asserted.

BRITH ABRAHAM CONVENTION OPENS; DISCUSSES U. S. STAND ON ISRAEL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 12. (JTA) -- Warning that the United States Near East policy of sending weapons to the Arab states is placing an armed ring of unfriendly nations around Israel, L. Hodes, grand master of Brith Abraham, fraternal group decried the United States action as "unjust because it is evident that the Arab countries will use these weapons in an effort to subjugate and destroy Israel."

Speaking before 800 delegates representing 310 lodges of the fraternal order attending the 68th annual four-day convention here, Mr. Hodes called today upon President Eisenhower to change the government's policy on shipping arms to the Arab states. Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey was one of the featured speakers at the day's session.

2,329 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT HAIFA TECHNION; EXPANSION PLANNED

HAIFA, June 12. (JTA) -- A total of 2,329 students are enrolled at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, it was reported here at the annual meeting of the Institute's international board of governors. The board adopted budgets, set priorities for new buildings on Technion City, and paid tribute to overseas contributors whose generosity has made possible the expansion of the educational facilities.

Of the student body, 1,571 are studying for their Bachelor of Science degrees in the eight faculties and departments of the Technion, 87 are in the graduate school preparing for Masters' and Doctors' degrees in various fields of engineering and technology, and 671 are enrolled in the Institute's Technical High School.

A program for rapid expansion on the grounds of the new Technion City on Mount Carmel was adopted at closing sessions of the annual meeting of the board. In addition to the six buildings completed or now under construction, five more structures were added to the priority list by the board. At the same time the board decided to proceed with the first stage of construction of the Technical High School, which will be named in honor of the school's leading benefactor, Alexander Konoff of the United States.

MRS. ROOSEVELT LAUDS ISRAEL AT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF BRANDEIS U.

BOSTON, June 12. (JTA) -- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, delivering yesterday the baccalaureate address at Brandeis University, said that Israel is today the only country in the world where the spirit which founded America still dominates. She insisted that "we here in America have lost this spirit."

"I can think of only one country which today contains the spirit which founded America, and that is the State of Israel," she said. "Here, one finds all of the intense excitement and total devotion that goes into the building of a nation. I believe that we here in America have lost this sense of excitement and deep responsibility."

34 GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS FROM JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Thirty-four graduates of the four schools of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America received diplomas and certificates today at the 61st annual commencement exercises of the seminary.

In addition, honorary degrees were conferred upon Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, noted Protestant clergyman and teacher; Dr. Bernhard Geiger, visiting professor of Indo-Iranian Philology at Columbia University's Near and Middle East Institute; and the Louis Ginzburg Award was given to Prof. Ezekiel Kutscher, visiting associate professor of Hebrew Language and Philology, and Prof. Abraham Schreiber, research fellow in Rabbinitics at the Seminary.

FIVE STUDENTS, ALL WOMEN, GRADUATE FROM THEOLOGICAL HEBREW COLLEGE

CHICAGO, June 12. (JTA) -- Five students received today the degree of Bachelor of Hebrew Literature at the commencement exercises of the Hebrew Theological College here. The students, all women, are: Mrs. Michelene Fredman, Miss Yocheved Rabinowitz, Miss Leah Rosenshine, Mrs. Shirley Rottman and Mrs. Rochelle Schach.

PROF. HERSCH, NOTED SOCIOLOGIST, DIES; ORT ARRANGES FUNERAL

GENEVA, June 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Liebmann Hersch, internationally prominent Swiss Jewish sociologist, who died here Thursday, was buried today. Funeral services were arranged by the World ORT Union, at whose headquarters the body lay in state until today. Long active in Jewish affairs, Professor Hersch, 73, was a member of the executive council of the World ORT Union and the International Jewish Socialist Labor Bund.

Born in Szawle, Lithuania, Professor Hersch, who received his doctorate at the University of Geneva, has served as Professor of statistics and demography at that University since 1915. A well-known Yiddish writer, he recently visited the United States. He received an award for his literary accomplishments.