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SHARETT OUSTS GENERAL ZIONISTS FROM CABINET; FORMS NEW GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Moshe Sharett today submitted the resignation of his Cabinet to President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, and was later in the day entrusted by the President to form a new Cabinet. It is expected that Mr. Sharett will form the new Cabinet during the day without having any General Zionists in it. The four portfolios held by the members of the General Zionist Party will probably be divided among the remaining members of the Cabinet, with no new members added.

The ousting by Premier Sharett of the four General Zionist members from his Cabinet came as a result of the fact that the General Zionist deputies in the Israel Parliament yesterday abstained from voting on two motions expressing non-confidence in the government. The motions were introduced separately by the Communists and by the right-wing Herut Party, neither of which is represented in the Cabinet. Both motions were defeated by a substantial majority. However, the General Zionists preferred to abstain from voting on them, thus infuriating the pro-Government Mapai Party which decided that the General Zionists can no longer be partners in the government since they don't stand up for it.

The motions were presented in connection with the case of Dr. Israel Kastner who was charged by a District Court Judge that he collaborated with the Nazis and brought about the mass murder of many Jews in Hungary by the Nazis. The case has stirred up a good deal of commotion in Israel, and the Israel Minister of Justice has ordered the attorney general to appeal to the Supreme Court against the conclusions of the judge. Premier Sharett yesterday explained the government's view on the matter and expected that, when the motions were to be taken to a vote, the General Zionists, who are partners in the Cabinet, would support the government. When they abstained, they were told by Mr. Sharett that he would force their resignation from the Cabinet, since they have broken the principle of collective responsibility.

Mapai Ministers, General Zionists Reject Compromise Proposal

This morning, Mr. Sharett visited President Ben-Zvi and reported to him on the development and on his decision to resign in case the General Zionists will not agree to leave their Cabinet posts. After this visit, the Premier called a meeting of the Cabinet at which Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice and member of the Progressive Party, proposed to censure the General Zionists but to have them remain in the Cabinet. This compromise proposal was not accepted either by Sharett and the other Mapai ministers or by the General Zionists. The latter declared that they will not resign. Whereupon Mr. Sharett announced that he is resigning at once. According to the law, the Prime Minister's resignation brings automatic resignation of the entire Cabinet. Mr. Sharett then proceeded to see President Ben-Zvi and submitted his resignation.

At a press conference later, Mr. Sharett said that it is impossible for him to invite the General Zionists to the new Cabinet because they broke the principle of collective responsibility and their oath to the Parliament. He reiterated that the only cause for his ousting them from the Cabinet was their behavior at yesterday's session of the Parliament, and their decision to abstain from voting in a non-confidence motion against the government in which they were members and shared collective responsibility, duties and obligations.

Prior to inviting Mr. Sharett to form a new government, President Ben-Zvi today conferred with leaders of ten fractions of the Parliament, including the leaders of the General Zionist Party. Political observers here are of the opinion that the new Cabinet which Mr. Sharett will form will be based on a narrow coalition consisting of the Mapai, religious groups, Progressives and the Arabs belonging to the Mapai wing. He will thus manage to get a sufficient majority in Parliament before whom the new Cabinet will be brought for approval.

Leaders of the General Zionist Party today explained to the press the abstention of their deputies in Parliament from yesterday's voting. They said that, had they voted with the government coalition parties on the proposed motions, they would have deepened the impression among the public that the government is identified with the Kastner case. The General Zionists, they claimed, were not consulted by the attorney general whether and when to file suit with the court in defense of Dr. Kastner, who is a government employe in the "Kol Israel" radio network, nor were they consulted on the plans to appeal to the Supreme Court.

ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN TALKS MAKE NO PROGRESS; EGYPTIANS OBSTINATE

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- After two days of talks between Israel and Egyptian representatives brought together at the Gaza strip by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, the sessions have not as yet been able even to adopt an agenda because of an Egyptian attitude termed by Israeli circles "as obstinate and ridiculous."

Joseph Tekoah, director of the Israel Foreign Ministry's armistice department, who heads Israel's team in the Gaza discussion, declared after today's meeting that Gen. Burns had submitted seven drafts of an agenda, but the Egyptians "objected to all of them."

Gen. Burns, as chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, is trying to get both sides to talk about various proposals to help pacify the frontier along the Gaza strip. "Israel was prepared to proceed with discussions of the various Burns agenda drafts," Mr. Tekoah said. "Gen. Burns showed great patience and admirable ingenuity under the circumstances in his efforts to get the Egyptians to agree on an agenda. But all his work was of no avail."

The Israelis and Egyptians left their meeting place--a hut at Kilometer 95 along the Gaza border--after agreeing to include some points on the agenda, but postponed the overall agenda discussion until July 6. Gen. Burns' office issued a communique which treated Egypt's recalcitrance with diplomatic politeness. The communique stated: "Due to technical difficulties, it has not yet been possible to formulate a definite agenda acceptable to both parties, who agreed to meet again next week."

According to Gen. Burns, the items accepted for the agenda thus far are discussions of Burns' own four-point proposal for easing border tensions, and the possibility of the establishment of a "neutral zone" along the border. The latter plan had been advanced by Egypt. Gen. Burns' four-point plan includes the establishment of joint Egypt-Israel-United Nations patrols along the border, erection of barbed wire fences, direct contact between local commanders, and a promise by each side that it would use only regular army patrols in the border area.

PREMIER OF BURMA, NOW VISITING U. S., SAYS ISRAEL IS "WONDERFUL"

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- "Love" for the people of Israel and warm appreciation of their "energetic" labors in building their land were expressed here by U Nu, Prime Minister of Burma, who is now visiting the United States. Mr. Nu had spent a week in Israel on his way westward, and had refused to visit Egypt after the latter country's diplomats had indicated in advance that they wanted him to stop in Cairo but skip Israel territory.

One of the three most powerful of Asian leaders in the neutralist bloc--the two others being India's Pandit Nehru and Indonesia's Premier Satsroamidjojo--Mr. Nu has been an outspoken friend of Israel since the Jewish State was founded.

"I had a very nice visit in Israel," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. "I spent seven days there. Israel is wonderful." Asked for his impressions of Israel, Mr. Nu declared: "I was particularly impressed by the energetic labors of the Israeli people. They are turning stones into building materials. They are digging up the land, erecting cities, constructing roads, making gardens out of wilderness. You know, I love people who are brave. What the Israelis are doing is brave, wonderful, courageous."

The Burmese statesman said he was particularly impressed with the work being done in the collective settlements, the Kibbutzim. He had been through a number of kibbutzim, part of the time escorted by Israel's Prime Minister Moshe Sharett. He had spent one night in Dganiyah. And his total impression, he reported, was one of a "brave" people dedicated to constructive activities.

Mr. Nu revealed that, while he was in London, he had a visit from Israel's Ambassador to Rangoon, David Hacohen. "I had asked Mr. Hacohen to see me in London, and he was good enough to come here to speak with me. We had a useful talk." He did not elaborate on the subject of his conversation with Mr. Hacohen.

HOUSE DEFEATS AMENDMENT SEEKING TO PROTECT ISRAEL AGAINST AGGRESSION

WASHINGTON, June 29. (JTA) -- An amendment to the Mutual Security bill which would require that the President be "satisfied" and "receive commitments" that U. S. arms aid would not be used aggressively against any nation was defeated today on the floor of the House of Representatives. The amendment was introduced by Rep. James Roosevelt, California Democrat.

A suggestion that the pending Mutual Security bill state that no military assistance be given to any of the Arab countries "unless substantially equal military assistance is furnished to Israel," and urge the Government to conclude a mutual defense pact with Israel, was offered for House consideration today in an address by Congressman Victor L. Anfuso, New York Democrat.

Rep. Anfuso called the State Department policy during the past year an "erroneous" and "unwise" one. He said that "in its efforts to gain Arab favor, the State Department is going all-out to appease the Arab states."

TUNISIAN NATIONALISTS STIMULATE BOYCOTT AGAINST JEWISH STORES

TUNIS, June 29. (JTA) -- Despite assurances of nationalist leader Habib Bourguiba of "equality for all Tunisians," there is a growing movement toward the boycott of Jewish shops in the souks of Tunis. Jewish shopkeepers have noted a falling off in the number of their Moslem customers. This threat to the livelihood of the Jewish traders is laid to nationalist accusations that the Jews have not sufficiently demonstrated their pleasure at Bourguiba's return, and to the continuing emigration of Tunisian Jews.

At the same time, it was disclosed that an ever-growing number of anti-Israel pamphlets are being sent to Tunisian Moslems from Egypt. The pamphlets come through the mails. French police authorities here are said to be conducting an investigation of the source of the pamphlets.

ORT CONGRESS IN GENEVA HEARS REPORT ON JEWISH SITUATION IN IRAN

GENEVA, June 29. (JTA) -- A report on the situation of the 80,000 Jews in Iran, emphasizing the acute need for vocational training of the type offered by the schools conducted in that country by ORT, was given here today at the 75th anniversary congress of the World ORT Union. The report was made by M. Mossanem, of Teheran, vice-president of ORT in his country.

Half of the country's total Jewish population lives in the capital, M. Mossanem reported, and about 50 percent of the Jews "state acute poverty." About 45 percent of the remainder "just subsist," he declared, and only five percent "live comfortably." The speaker listed 10 Jewish families as "wealthy."

While all Jewish children start their public school education at the age of 7, Mr. Mossanem said, 40 percent of them leave school after only four years, 30 percent never go beyond the primary grade. Of those who go on to secondary school education, only five percent continue to university or travel abroad for higher education. Thus, Mr. Mossanem told the congress, the need is great among Persian Jewry for "more schools, more new machines for vocational training, more teachers and greater financial help."

Israel has failed to prepare Persian Jews emigrating to Israel for a new life in that country, Mr. Mossanem charged. "Emigration from our country to Israel, which had aroused great expectations, led to even greater disappointments because Israel officials had not prepared the Persian Jewish migrants for manual work."

Leaders of Iranian Jewry had made efforts, according to Mr. Mossanem, to prepare the Jewish emigrants for their new life in Israel. ORT work in Iran, he stated, involves not only professional and vocational education but also the building of morale among the Jews, preparing the people to adapt themselves to new conditions.

ITALIAN PREMIER EXPRESSES "CONCERN" OVER SYNAGOGUE DESECRATION

ROME, June 29. (JTA) -- The Italian Government, in a formal note today from the Premier to the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, expressed the government's "concern" over vandalism committed recently at the Synagogue in Genoa, and promised to try to find the vandals and prosecute them.

The act of vandalism occurred in Genoa last week, while the entire country was celebrating the tenth anniversary of the liberation of Italy from fascist rule. Hoodlums desecrated a memorial plaque at the Geneva synagogue commemorating the victims of fascism who had been deported, many of them to their deaths, during World War II, when Italian fascism teamed up with German Nazism.

Senator Carlo Calderain had presented an interrogation to the Minister of the Interior, calling the Minister's attention to the act of vandalism and inquiring whether measures had been taken to find and punish the perpetrators. Today's message from the Prime Minister assured the Union of Italian Jewish Communities that "the act of vandalism has offended national sentiment. Measures have been taken to attempt to identify the perpetrators of that ignoble gesture and of preventing the recurrence of similar incidents."

ECONOMIC DEPRESSION MAY BRING ANTI-SEMITISM IN ENGLAND, JEWS WARNED

LONDON, June 29. (JTA) -- England "might well see a resurgence of anti-Semitism" in case of economic depression, Alderman M. P. Gross, national chairman of the Trades Advisory Council, warned today.

Addressing a general meeting of the Council, Alderman Gross stated: "While, in times of full employment and relative prosperity, there might not be signs of overt anti-Semitism or of fascist activity, there is always the danger that, with a recurrence of economic difficulties, a scapegoat would have to be found. In that event, we might well see a resurgence of anti-Semitism in this country."

The Council was established by the Board of Deputies of British Jews to deal with discrimination in employment and business relations. Both non-Jews and Jews are members of the Council. Lord Silkin, president of the Council, was re-elected for another term. A resolution was adopted expressing the organization's "abhorrence of discrimination against minority groups on grounds of race, religion or color." The Council declared that "discriminatory practices are harmful to the best interests of the country, and are contrary to civilized standards of conduct."

ORTHODOX PARLEY ASSAILS PROPOSAL TO ORDAIN WOMEN AS RABBIS

SPRING VALLEY, N. Y., June 29. (JTA) -- The proposal by some Reform rabbis to ordain women as rabbis was termed here today "a blasphemous attempt to transform the rabbinate to a social service agency." The attack on the proposal was made at the 13th annual conference of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, an organization affiliated with the Orthodox rabbinate.

Addressing the delegates, Rabbi C. U. Lipschitz, national director of the Rabbinical Alliance, took issue with Dr. Barnett Brickner, president of the organization of Reform Rabbis, who described women as having "special spiritual and emotional fitness to be rabbis." Dr. Brickner made this statement at the recent convention of the Reform Rabbis where he advocated the admission of women to the rabbinate.

Rabbi Mendel Feldman, president of the Rabbinical Alliance, told the delegates that "the trend towards the Synagogue, Temple and Church, in these trying days, replete with tensions and anxieties, pose a serious threat of diluting traditional Judaism of its rational elements."

RABBI FRIEDMAN, U. J. A. EXECUTIVE HEAD, TO SURVEY OVERSEAS PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- Recently installed in office as executive vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman will make a five-week personal survey of the overseas programs that are financed through the UJA, it was announced today. The UJA executive head will leave New York in mid-July for visits and conferences.

Rabbi Friedman's extensive survey will take him to France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, and Israel. In addition, he will confer with the heads of UJA-supported agencies in Europe and in Israel, and with the leaders of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DRIVE IN NEW YORK REACHES \$20,000,000 MARK

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York has reached the \$20,000,000 mark in its 1955 drive, it was announced today at a luncheon where 250 volunteer leaders reported on the progress their divisions of the campaign have made, and resolved to continue intensified fund-raising activities through the summer.

A check for \$1,300,000, the proceeds of a series of mass telephone solicitation sessions conducted by volunteer workers for the past month at New York UJA headquarters, was presented to campaign treasurer Samuel D. Leidesdorf by State Attorney General Jacob K. Javits, who served as chairman of the June telephone effort. Mr. Leidesdorf turned the check over to Edward M. M. Warburg, president of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal, as New York's latest contribution toward the 1955 national UJA goal.

PENNSYLVANIA SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES BILL OUTLAWING JOB BIAS

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 29. (JTA) -- A bill already passed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, which provides for the setting up of fair employment practices machinery in this state, was approved here today by the Senate Education Committee. The measure outlaws job discrimination on account of race, color or creed.

CANADIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY SHIPS \$400,000 WORTH OF WHEAT TO ISRAEL

MONTREAL, June 29. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has arranged for the shipping of some \$400,000 worth of Canadian wheat to Haifa, the CJC announced here. The deal was arranged by the CJC and the United Jewish Relief Agencies on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee program in Israel and the Canada-Israel Corporation.

FIRST ALL-DAY JEWISH SCHOOL TO OPEN IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, June 29. (JTA) -- Sweden's first all-day Jewish school will open here this August, under the sponsorship of Chinuch, an organization which fosters Jewish education and culture in Sweden. The school, an elementary one, will teach the usual courses offered in all Swedish elementary schools, but will also conduct six courses in Jewish subjects.

ALBERT COHEN, SWISS-JEWISH WRITER, DECORATED BY KING OF BELGIUM

GENEVA, June 29. (JTA) -- King Baudouin of Belgium has conferred the Order of Leopold II upon Albert Cohen, 59-year-old Swiss-Jewish writer, it was announced here today. Mr. Cohen's works have been translated from their original French into a number of languages.

MINNETTE FISCHER DIES SUDDENLY; WAS ACTIVE IN ZIONIST GROUPS

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- Mrs. Minnette Fischer, wife of Mendel Fischer, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, died yesterday of a heart attack while visiting her sick sister in a hospital. She was 47 years old. Born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, she was active in the Hadassah, Order Bnai Zion, and in other Zionist groups. Funeral services will take place tomorrow.