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## MAPAI CONCERNED BY ELECTION RESULTS; GENERAL ZIONISTS DISAPPOINTED

TEL AVIV, July 28. (JTA) -- With virtually all ballots, except those cast by members of the armed services on active duty, counted, the Mapai Party's total stood today at 32 percent of the votes, plus another 2.7 percent cast for two Arab parties affiliated with the Labor Party. The soldier ballot count is not expected to be completed this week.

The Herut, now the second strongest party in the country, has captured over 13 percent of the vote, better than doubling its strength. The General Zionists moved into third place with 11 percent and the Religious Front, composed of the Mizrachi and Labor Mizrachi parties, stand at 9.5 percent. The Leachduth Avodah captured eight percent of the vote while the Mapam ended up with seven percent. The Agudah has five percent, the Progressives 4.6 percent and the Communists, four. The other slates received less than one percent of the total and, under the constitution, are not entitled to seats in the 120-member Parliament.

The anticipated distribution of seats in the Knesset is: Mapai, 40; Mapai-affiliated Arab parties, 4; Herut, 16; General Zionists, 14; Religious Front, 12; Agudah 6; Leachduth Avodah, 10; Mapam, 8; Progressives, 5; and Communists, 5.

Commenting on the drubbing which his party took, Dr. Peretz Bernstein, former Minister of Trade and leader of the centrist General Zionists, blamed the "unrestrained attack" by all parties on the General Zionists. He expressed disappointment in the results and said he thought the voters were "mistaken in their judgment."

Arieh Ben Eliezer, Herut spokesman, jubilantly called the gains of his party a "voters' revolt," predicted that from here on the Mapai would decline in power and insisted that the election results were an indication of the general feeling of insecurity and isolation of Israel. He said that on the basis of the results the party would intensify its activities in the Zionists' federations of all countries and would seek to capture the Zionist movement.

Golda Meirson, Mapai's Labor Minister, expressed concern over the Herut's gaining of seven percentage points. She blamed General Zionist and Leachduth Avodah attacks on the last Mapai-led government for the victory of the rightists.

## BULGARIA BARS ISRAEL INQUIRY ON PLANE CRASH; ISRAEL PROTESTS

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel protested to Bulgaria today against the shooting down yesterday of an El Al passenger plane with 58 persons aboard and the refusal of the Bulgarian Government to permit an Israel commission of inquiry to proceed to the site of the crash in a mountainous region four or five miles from the Greek border.

The Bulgarian Cabinet met in a special session in Sofia this morning and afterwards told the Israel Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Baruch, that the commission could not enter Bulgaria. However, Mr. Baruch, who had asked permission to proceed to Petrice, where the plane crashed, was allowed to go.

Mr. Baruch was told that the plane flew over Bulgarian territory, that Bulgarian anti-aircraft gunners had fired on it, severing its tail and causing it to crash. The bodies of the victims were removed to a Sofia hospital.

The Israel protest was contained in a note handed the Bulgarian Charge d'Affaires in Tel Aviv by Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Israel Foreign Ministry. It was the second Israel note of the day to Bulgaria; the first had requested information about the incident and had asked assistance for the inquiry commission which was already en route to Greece through which it hoped to enter Bulgaria. Arthur Lourie, deputy director of the Foreign Ministry, left for Sofia in connection with the incident.

The second note said that "the Israel Government had heard with amazement and horror the Bulgarian Government's statement that Bulgarian security forces had opened fire on and shot down an El Al plane. The Israel Government," the note continued, "registers its vehement protest at this shocking recklessness leading to the

destruction of the aircraft and the loss of 58 lives. Since there can have been no genuine difficulty in identifying an unarmed, civilian airliner of the familiar Constellation type, the action of the Bulgarian security forces can be understood only as deriving from a wanton disregard of human life and the elementary obligations of humanity which should have governed their conduct.

"The Government of Israel demands full satisfaction from the Bulgarian Government which it holds responsible for what it must regard as a grave international delict (a legal term meaning offense) and reserves its right to take the necessary steps to this end," the note added.

"The Israel Government has noted the appointment of an inquiry commission by the Bulgarian Government. At the same time, it must insist that full facilities be afforded by the Bulgarian authorities to members of Israel's inquiry commission, who are travelling from Salonika and have now reached the border in the vicinity of the scene of the tragedy. It must protest strongly the refusal of the Bulgarian diplomatic missions in Israel and Greece to grant visas to the commissioners, and calls on the Bulgarian Government to permit them free entry to Bulgarian territory without further delay and to give them assistance in carrying out their task," the note concluded.

#### Bulgaria Issues Statement; Reports All on Plane Perished

The official Bulgarian radio station in Sofia broadcast a statement today saying: "The Bulgarian Telegraph Agency announces it is learned that yesterday, 27 July at 7:35 a.m. Bulgarian time, an Israel passenger plane diverted from its course and had entered Bulgarian air space in the area of the town of Tarn without warning. It flew over the town of Stanke Dimitrov, the town of Blagoevgrad and southwards to the town of Petrich.

"The anti-aircraft defense was unable to identify the plane, and, after a few warnings, fired, as a result of which the plane crashed in the area north of the town of Petrich. All passengers and crew have perished. On this occasion, the Bulgarian Telegraph Agency has been authorized to express the deep regret of the Bulgarian government and of the entire Bulgarian public for this disaster.

"The Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria has appointed a government commission consisting of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Mincho Neichev, the Minister of the Interior Georgi Tsankov, the Minister of National Health Dr. Petar Kolarov and the chief public prosecutor Yorean Stoyanov to inquire into the circumstances of the disaster."

#### U.S. Indignant at Bulgaria's Shooting Down of Israel Plane

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- The State Department today expressed both its "deep regret" over the "great loss of life" in the Israel airliner which "crashed in flames on Bulgarian soil" yesterday and its "indignation" at the shooting of the civil airliner "even if it may have been a few miles off its course."

The Department said that this incident is "repetitious" of the "kind which we had earnestly hoped would not reoccur." The Department indicated that an "appropriate communication to Bulgarian authorities" with regard to American lives which were lost will be issued when complete reports have been received.

A State Department spokesman said that communications are "difficult" and "slow" in this case since the crash occurred in a country with which the U.S. does not have diplomatic relations. Therefore the U.S. Government will request the Swiss Government representatives to deliver the "protest" for the U.S. at Sofia. The State Department spokesman refused to reveal the nature of the "appropriate communication," but did say, "certainly we're not going to send them our compliments."

The State Department spokesman said that the Department has had no "firm" information on how many Americans were killed in the crash, but that it hopes to get a complete list from El Al. The spokesman also indicated that continual reports are coming in from U.S. representatives in Tel Aviv and Greece.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs today told George V. Allen of his country's "deep sense of shock" over "the loss of so much human life" suffered in the Israel plane crash in Bulgaria. He also expressed appreciation in behalf of his country for the "many expressions of regret" over the plane incident he has received from the Administration and from other friendly countries.

(The shooting down of the Israel passenger plane by Bulgarian anti-aircraft gunners was discussed in the British Parliament in London today when members asked for information concerning the tragedy. R. H. Turton, Foreign Undersecretary, expressed Parliament's sympathy to the relatives of the 57 men, women and children who lost their lives in the flaming wreck. He said that five British subjects had boarded the plane at London.)

## GERMANY TO ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL PETITIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

BONN, July 28. (JTA) -- Individuals, groups of individuals and nongovernmental organizations can now make direct complaints of human rights violations against six European nations, including West Germany, under the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, which has just been ratified by Bonn. The complaints may be made to an international body.

The convention went into effect with its ratification by Germany, the sixth nation to do so. The other states which adhere to the document are: Sweden, Eire, Denmark, Iceland and Belgium. The convention was adopted by the Council of Europe at Strasbourg and it was specified that it would go into effect after six member states of the Council had accepted it.

The right of individual petition has long been demanded by Jewish organizations. In this case, it is predicated on the "Human Rights Convention" signed at Rome in November of 1950 by the Foreign Ministers of fifteen European countries. It entered into effect two years ago and guarantees much the same freedoms as does the United Nations declaration on the same subject: freedom of conscience and religion, of assembly and association, the right to privacy, to a fair trial and to marry, freedom from torture, slavery and servitude, from arbitrary arrest, detention and exile.

To ensure observance of the convention, the Council of Ministers elected a fifteen-member European Commission of Human Rights, consisting of one national from each member state. It is authorized to accept petitions from any person, group of individuals or non-governmental organization claiming to be the victim of a violation of the rights set forth in the convention, provided that the country against which the complaint is lodged has expressly declared that it recognizes the competence of the commission to receive such petitions.

## AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES CONGRESS TO ACT ON CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- After 80 years of Congressional failure to act favorably on any civil rights measures, enactment of such legislation "is long overdue", Irving M. Engel president of the American Jewish Committee, declared here today in testimony submitted to a House Judiciary subcommittee. He contrasted Federal failure with legislative enactment by 14 states and 36 cities banning racial and religious discrimination in employment, education, housing and places of public accommodation.

Declaring that "the American Jewish Committee believes that it is time that Federal civil rights legislation moved beyond the stage of committee hearings and reports," Mr. Engel urged Congress to protect the right to equality of opportunity in employment; to set up a commission to evaluate the status of our civil rights and to report periodically to the Congress and the executive branch of the Government; and to raise the stature of the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice to a division, under the supervision of an Assistant Attorney General, staffed and capable of stepping in to protect the civil rights of citizens when they are threatened.

Mr. Engel also suggested to Congress that it strengthen the Federal civil rights statutes to permit the invocation of Federal jurisdiction whenever citizens are threatened or molested by state or municipal officials for asserting their constitutional or civil rights; outlaw racial segregation in interstate transportation and in all other areas subject to Federal regulation or jurisdiction; and make lynching a Federal offense.

In his testimony Mr. Engel asserted: "Constitutional guarantees, historical documents and basic traditions, wonderful though they may be, only establish the principles to which we Americans are dedicated. It still takes people to put these principles into practice and keep them alive. And because there are always some people who are slow or unwilling to do what is right, it also takes laws to make people act as they should."

## MAYOR OF ISTANBUL TENDERS RECEPTION TO DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

ISTANBUL, July 28. (JTA) -- Grand Rabbi S. Sebban and the Jewish Lay Council of Turkey today feted Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, at a reception here. Leading members of Turkey's Jewish community, including M. Nassi, president of the Lay Council, attended.

Dr. Goldstein was also the guest of honor at a reception tendered earlier by Istanbul's Mayor K. Gokay. In his remarks, Mayor Gokay pointed with pride to the harmonious manner in which various minority groups now live together in Turkey.

## DIRECTOR OF QUEBEC COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS RESIGNS

MONTREAL, July 28. (JTA) -- The resignation was announced here today of Rev. Father Stephane Valiquette from his position as director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in the province of Quebec. Father Valiquette is one of the foremost Catholic authorities on Judaism and has devoted nearly two decades to Catholic-Jewish goodwill work. He is considered primarily responsible for the program which changed the atmosphere in Quebec, which had been a hot-bed of racialism and anti-Semitism.

Until Father Valiquette's assumption of the Council post late in 1953, following a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome, the Council of Christians and Jews did not function in French Canada. No cause has been given for Father Valiquette's resignation, but it is known that his appointment was made upon a temporary and experimental basis two years ago, especially since he was the only Catholic clergyman to assume responsibility for the movement's work anywhere in the world.

## ISRAEL MINISTER TO U. S. ANNOUNCES NEW INCENTIVES FOR INVESTORS

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- New tax benefits, conversion privileges, and other incentives for foreign investors have been introduced by Israel in a bid to accelerate the influx of capital into the rapidly expanding economy of the country, it was announced here today by Meir Sherman, Economic Minister of Israel in the United States. The new incentives became law in the form of an amendment to the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments.

"This amendment," Mr. Sherman said, "expresses the desire of the Israel Government to reduce taxes of new corporate enterprises; to enable foreign investors to convert their earnings into the currency in which the investment was made, without any limitations whenever possible; and to make the privileges stipulated in the investment law available to investors as automatically as possible and with a minimum of administrative procedure."

The amended law reduces, in effect, income taxes paid by corporations from 50 percent to 25 percent. Profits accruing in foreign currency to investors, from exports, may be converted by them without regard to the original law's ceiling of 10 percent a year of the foreign capital invested. Enterprises which do not engage in exports may convert their earnings into foreign currency only up to 10 percent of the foreign capital investment.

To enjoy these and other benefits--such as exemptions from property taxes and import duties, deferment of company registration and land transfer fees, and accelerated depreciation for tax purposes--enterprises must be approved by the Investment Center of the Israel Government, as contributing to the healthy growth of the country's economy.

Loans given for periods of at least 10 years are eligible for consideration as approved investments under the amendment. Also eligible are commercial, industrial and other buildings. "Over 500 approved enterprises, representing some \$130,000,000 of foreign and local investment were in production in Israel at the end of last month," Mr. Sherman said. "In addition, almost 200 approved enterprises, calling for investments of \$65,000,000, were under construction or in the planning stage."

## NETHERLANDS QUEEN PLANS TO STUDY HEBREW WITH JEWISH TEACHER

THE HAGUE, July 28. (JTA) -- Queen Juliana of the Netherlands has said that she will very probably undertake the study of Hebrew under an experienced Jewish teacher. Queen Juliana made the statement to Chief Rabbi Dr. Samuel Rodrigues Pereira during a recent visit to new Jewish homes for the aged here. She told him of her desire to learn Hebrew when he showed her the Scrolls of the Law at the new institutions, and she showed the greatest interest in examining them.

## FORMER NAZI OFFICIAL SUCCEEDS JEW IN GERMAN PROVINCIAL CABINET

HANOVER, July 28. (JTA) -- The State Secretaryship in the Lower Saxony Ministry of Social Welfare, vacated by the ouster last month of Dr. Walter Auerbach, has been filled with a man who was in charge of propaganda in the Nazi farm organization, Herr H. Deetjen.

Dr. Walter Auerbach, a veteran trade union official and one of German's foremost authorities on social work as well as social insurance, was the only Jew among the approximately 100 cabinet ministers and state secretaries in West Germany. His brother is the late Dr. Philipp Auerbach, the postwar leader of German Jewry who was driven to suicide three years ago.