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## ISRAEL PRESIDENT STARTS CONSULTATIONS ON FORMATION OF CABINET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi began consultations today with the representatives of various parties, looking toward the formation of a new government to replace the Cabinet of Premier Moshe Sharett which resigned yesterday. The Sharett Cabinet will remain as a caretaker government until a new coalition is forged.

First to visit the President were members of the Mapai leadership, who told him they were ready to participate in the broadest possible coalition, excluding only the Herut and the Communists. They also conditioned their readiness to lead a coalition upon the principle of collective responsibility--namely that each member party of the coalition must support in Parliament whatever legislation the government proposes.

After the Labor Party leaders, representatives of the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi called on Mr. Ben Zvi and expressed their willingness to join a coalition including all parties except the Communist. They wanted a government which would pledge that "the Jewish way of life" would be fostered in Israel. Also they demanded that there be freedom for religious Jews to select the schools to which their children went and the type of settlement in which they would reside, and that there be "freedom of self-expression" in the country. They suggested that the representatives of the largest party (Mapai) be asked to form a government.

The Progressive leadership called on the President next and also urged a broad coalition excluding only the Communists. The President is scheduled to meet late today with the General Zionists and the Agudah parties, and with the other party leaderships tomorrow.

## Eshkol Emphasizes Economic Achievements of Sharett Regime

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- There are now about 13,000 unemployed in Israel, it was estimated here today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, while President Itzhak Ben Zvi was discussing with leaders of the various political parties the composition of the new Cabinet. Mr. Eshkol pointed out that the government must also take into account the problem of work for new immigrants, discharged soldiers, and those who work on temporary development projects.

"We hope that the development and employment projects, together with the expanding ability of the present economy to absorb labor, will be able to solve this weighty problem," he said. He emphasized that "more and more a feeling of economic stability pervades" the public as the Sharett government prepares to step down.

"The food shortage," he declared, "is being overcome by greater production. The prices of goods are being stabilized and quality is improving. Faith in Israel currency is growing. The people are becoming accustomed to willingly shoulder the burden of taxes, for their good and for the good of the state." At the same time, he pointed out that the increasing signs of stability do not mean that Israel is on the road to relaxation. "We still have a long and difficult road ahead," he stated.

Mr. Eshkol revealed that the number of families living in transit camps has been reduced to 14,400, but with the completion of the government building program in the summer of 1956, only 3,000 families will remain in these camps. The plan for immigrant housing includes 11,000 units for the absorption of people who are moving out of the transit camps, plus 4,500 units for the absorption of immigrants from North Africa. Twelve million pounds will be spent this year toward realization of this program.

## JOHNSTON "REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC" OF ARAB-ISRAEL ACCORD ON HIS PLAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, is "reasonably optimistic" about the possibility of Arab-Israel acceptance of the American-sponsored regional water development scheme, according to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Ambassador Johnston leaves for the Middle East next week for his fifth visit to the area in the capacity of the President's special negotiator on development of the Jordan River Valley. Secretary Dulles, at his weekly press conference, said that Ambassador Johnston feels that Arab-Israel differences have been narrowed down sufficiently to enable him to bridge the differences. Mr. Dulles said this optimistic viewpoint is Mr. Johnston's own estimate of the situation.

## JEWS TO BE REINSTATED AS CAREER OFFICERS IN NEW GERMAN ARMY

BONN, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- If there are any Jews who were professional German soldiers prior to Hitler who want to serve in the cadre of the new German army, the Bundestag has made it possible for them to be considered.

The original government draft of the "Volunteers Law" prescribed that officers or NCO's accepted by the incipient German army would be taken over at the "last rank" held by them, which in practice means the last rank awarded by the Nazi regime. No provision was made for those who, on racial or political grounds, were dismissed from the service or reduced in rank during the Hitler era.

When this deficiency was pointed out, the West German Parliament added a clause to the law that permits Nazi victims to volunteer at the rank they would have attained "in the normal course of events." They must be physically fit, as well as otherwise "satisfactory" to the recruiting officers.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY IN GERMANY SIGNS AGREEMENT ON DIVISION OF PROPERTY

NUREMBERG, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The re-established Kehillah of Fuerth, last hold-out among the Jewish communities in Germany, has signed an agreement on the distribution of the property of the pre-Hitler Fuerth community between the new Kehillah on the one hand and, on the other, the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization (JRSO), which was established by the major Jewish world organizations as custodian of heirless Jewish property in the American zone of Germany.

Under the spiritual leadership of Rav Spiro, formerly of Warsaw, Fuerth is today relatively one of the most vigorous communities in Germany. For its size, it has the best-organized religious life and the largest proportion of children. But of the 275 Jews now living in Fuerth, the large majority are former DP's. Only about 30 were part of the old Fuerth community, which, 20 years ago, had a membership of some 3,000.

The pre-Hitler community, a wealthy and pious one, was distinguished by many endowments and institutions set up in the course of centuries. A small portion of the assets once owned by these endowments and institutions have survived. How to divide them between the re-established Kehillah, only a handful of whose members were connected with the old community, and the JRSO which utilizes the funds accruing to it for relief and resettlement purposes throughout the world, has been a vexing question for many years.

Now that Fuerth has signed, the JRSO has succeeded in concluding voluntary agreements with all the communities concerned and with the four German states of the U. S. zone. It must still await ratification of the tentative "global settlement" reached some time ago with the West Berlin city government, which is stalling and trying to reduce still further the relatively trifling amount it is willing to pay in exchange for all heirless property claims in Berlin.

## EFFORTS TO CLOSE DACHAU MUSEUM OF NAZI BRUTALITY EVOKE PROTESTS

PARIS, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Efforts in Germany to close the site of the Dachau concentration camp, now a museum of Nazi brutality, were vigorously protested here today by the French National Association of Deportees, Members of the Resistance and Patriots.

In a letter to French Premier Edgar Faure, the association declared: "In the name of former deportees, in the name of families exterminated in Hitler Germany, we ask the French Government to use all its authority to intercede with the Federal Republic of Western Germany to maintain the existence of the camp at Dachau as evidence of the monstrous crimes committed by the Nazis."

## FORMER NAZI DIPLOMAT BECOMES ADVISOR TO KING OF SAUDI ARABIA

LONDON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- A former Nazi diplomat has been appointed chief European advisor to King Saud of Saudi Arabia, the Daily Mail reported today from Beirut. He is Otto von Hentig, head of the Arab Section of Von Ribbentrop's Foreign Office.

The Daily Mail correspondent says that this is a notable triumph for German Middle East policy. The Bonn Government has been trying desperately to regain influence in the region by placing political and military advisors throughout the area. It has achieved considerable success in Egypt, Syria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia, the correspondent added. He said the appointment of von Hentig appears to be made because King Saud wants an advisor "who can be relied upon to support him" in his efforts to disrupt the Turkish-Iraqi-British pact.

## TWO JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GERMANY MERGE; HAVE ONLY 100 MEMBERS

DUESSELDORF, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The less than one hundred Jews remaining in the Ruhr cities of Duisburg and Muelheim, heretofore organized in two separate communities, resolved in simultaneous membership meetings to abandon the long-standing independence of their congregations and to establish a single community, with its seat in Muelheim.

## ASSIMILATION AMONG JEWISH YOUTHS REPORTED AT WORLD STUDENT CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- An appeal to Jewish students throughout the world to "build a living bridge" between Israel and the Jewish communities of other countries was voiced here today at the international Jewish student congress being held here by Prof. Michael, vice-president of the Hebrew University. Once the Jewish students have "crossed the bridge," Prof. Evenari said, "they must use their abilities to help the state solve its spiritual, economic and religious problems."

George Rosenstein, chairman of the World Union of Jewish Students, told the congress that Jewish youth outside Israel was moving in the direction of assimilation. One of the Union's major goals, he continued, is to reverse this trend. The conference is attended by representatives of Jewish student groups in 13 countries and by representatives of eight student groups in this country. The only non-Jewish student attending is Ichrio Ono, a Japanese student who has the status of observer for the International Union of Students--a leftist organization.

## HIAS HOUSE OPENED IN ISRAEL; TOUSTER GIVEN HONORARY CITIZENSHIP

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- HIAS House, a modern hostel for scientific and technical workers from abroad engaged in developing Israel's southern Negev, was dedicated at Beersheba today by Ben Touster, president of the United HIAS Service, which built the apartment-hotel building. Before the ceremony, Mr. Touster was made an honorary citizen of Beersheba.

Present at the dedication ceremony were Premier Moshe Sharett, Ambassador Edward B. Lawson of Israel, Rabbi Mordecai Nurock, chairman of the board of the United HIAS Service organization in Israel, and Mayor A. Tuviah of Beersheba, as well as members of the diplomatic corps, Israel government officials and leaders of social and cultural institutions.

Mr. Touster said during the ceremony that there was a "natural similarity" between those people who built America and those who are developing the Negev. "In both cases," he noted, "they were immigrants who brought civilization and progress to the rugged wilderness. Both were assigned by destiny to the task of building new societies where men could enjoy peaceful living."

The three story concrete structure, with its swimming pool and other modern recreational facilities, will provide 45 modern individual apartments for scientists, engineers, teachers and other professionals who will help the development of the Negev. The first tenants of HIAS House are a civil engineer from France and his American wife, who will teach school in Beersheba, the Alexander Khanoffs.

## LOUIS AND MINNA SOBEL EULOGIZED AT FUNERAL; STATE OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Leaders in all walks of public life, including city and state officials, participated today in the funeral of Louis H. Sobel, prominent Jewish social worker, and his wife Minna, who were among the victims of the shipwreck of the schooner Marvel in Chesapeake Bay last Friday.

Several thousand persons, most of them representatives of cultural and social welfare organizations with whom the late Dr. Sobel had been associated, filled to capacity Riverside Chapel where the services were held. Many hundreds of others who came to pay their last respects to Dr. and Mrs. Sobel remained outside the hall. The services were conducted by Rabbis David de Sola Pool and M. Cardozo of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, of which Dr. Sobel was a member. The bodies were later interred at the Beth David Cemetery.

Among those who sent eulogies were Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger, USA Retired, president of the Greater New York Fund; Miss Katherine F. Lenroot, formerly director of the U.S. Childrens Bureau; Marshall Field, president of the Child Welfare League of America; Carl M. Loeb, Jr., president of the Welfare and Health Council of New York.

Also, Salim L. Lewis, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York; Mrs. Helen L. Stanton, president of the Sheltering Arms Childrens Service of New York; Philip Bernstein, executive director, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; William Rosenwald, chairman, National United Jewish Appeal; Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman, and Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman, Joint Distribution Committee; Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, chairman, Jewish Board of Guardians, and a score of other individuals and organizations.

Morton L. Deitch, president of the Jewish Child Care Association of New York, of which Dr. Sobel was executive director for the last eight years, speaking at the services, said: "While the community at large has sustained a catastrophic loss, the Jewish Child Care Association, in particular, has had taken from it a man whom it relied on for inspiration, guidance and leadership in its day to day efforts to better serve those children who need help and home. We shall have to search endlessly to try and duplicate the integrity, ability and goodness of heart which have perished with Louis H. Sobel."

## RABBI FRIEDMAN, U. J. A. EXECUTIVE HEAD, ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Rabbi Herbert Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, arrived here today for a two-week tour of Israel during which he will inspect installations and programs supported by UJA beneficiary organizations and will meet with government and Jewish Agency leaders.

Rabbi Friedman disclosed that a major UJA delegation will arrive in Israel on October 19 to make a thorough study of local conditions and needs in order to plan the 1956 UJA drive. Before coming to Israel, the UJA executive head visited North Africa and various countries of Western Europe to study the situation of Jews in those countries.

(Fifteen executive directors of community campaigns affiliated with the nationwide United Jewish Appeal returned to New York by El Al Israel Airlines today after a four-week survey of UJA-financed migration, welfare and rehabilitation programs in Israel and Western Europe.)

## PROTESTANT-SPONSORED INSTITUTE ISSUES CALL AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- A statement of principle calling for the elimination of prejudice directed against Jews was adopted at the Seventh Annual Interdenominational Institute on Racial and Cultural Relations at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, it was reported today. The Institute was sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States.

"Recognizing that prejudices exist among non-Jews within and without the Church," the statement said, "the Church must reaffirm its doctrine of the dignity of man." It further stated that "our Christian faith places upon us the responsibility of a Christian attitude toward our Jewish neighbors."

Two of the Institute's three sessions were devoted to drafting a statement to govern a wide variety of Christian opinion on Christian-Jewish relations, while the third session was highlighted by a discussion on tension issues in the Jewish and Protestant communities. Fred M. Grossman, Pennsylvania-West Virginia regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, addressed the sessions.

## "MUSHROOM SYNAGOGUES" CALLED A "BLOT" ON REPUTATION OF JEWS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- A blast against "mushroom synagogues" -- synagogues which spring up just before the High Holy Days for services during these holidays -- was leveled here by Herman A. Backrack, chairman of a subcommittee on "mushroom synagogues" of the Community Relations Council.

Mr. Backrack referred to such synagogues as "a blot on the reputation of the Jewish community." He urged all members of the Jewish community to worship during the High Holidays and regularly at established synagogues that serve the needs of the community at all times.

## LOS ANGELES PERMANENT BODY TO SEEK EQUAL RIGHTS IN EMPLOYMENT

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- A decision to continue the Los Angeles Committee for Equal Employment Opportunity as a permanent organization to work for enactment of an anti-discrimination fair employment practices law in this city was taken at a meeting of prominent leaders of civic, religious, labor and professional organizations.

The meeting also decided to set up in each councilmanic district an organization designed to "mobilize grass roots support" for the campaign. The Jewish groups represented at the meeting included: American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League and Jewish Labor Committee.

## CONFIRMATION SPEECHES OF JEWISH YOUNGSTERS BROADCAST TO HUNGARY

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The confirmation speeches of 70 young members of Temple Israel of nearby Lawrence, Long Island, have been broadcast to Hungary as part of the United States Information Agency service over the Voice of America, it was revealed here today.

Paul Nadanyi, chief of the Hungarian service of the Information Agency, who happened to hear the confirmation services, was so impressed with them that he obtained permission from Rabbi Judah Cahn, spiritual leader of the Reform Temple, to broadcast them to Hungary. The speeches, each of which dealt with a different five-year period in the 300 years of American Jewish history, were broadcast in five different programs.

## MEMORIAL TABLET DEDICATED IN ANCIENT JEWISH CEMETERY IN GERMANY

STUTTGART, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- On the 230-year-old cemetery at Laupheim, in Wurttemberg, formerly a large and well-known rural Kehillah, a tablet to the memory of local Jewish victims of Nazism was dedicated by Rabbi Dr. Rothschild of St. Gall, Switzerland, and by Chief Rabbi Dr. Fritz Bloch of Wurttemberg.