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## BEN GURION AUTHORIZED TO FORM NEW CABINET; SEEKS WIDE COALITION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi took a completely expected step today--he invited David Ben Gurion, senior leader of the Mapai Party, to try to form a Cabinet on the "broadest possible basis."

After he left the President's office, Mr. Ben Gurion told newsmen that he will attempt to set up a government along the lines of the Provisional Government of 1948, in which virtually all parties were included. He will begin his formal consultations with the leaders of various parties next week, he said.

Once again he re-iterated the five chief points of the program around which he hopes to build a government--increase in immigration, particularly from North Africa; intensification of colonization, particularly in the wastelands; integration of the immigrants in Israel society; strengthening of the state's security arrangements, and vigorous observance of the armistice agreements.

## DANGERS FOR JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA REPORTED AT MASS MEETING IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- A mass meeting to urge an increase in the tempo of immigration from North Africa was held here last night under the auspices of the Association of Jews from North Africa. Speakers appealed to American Jewry to finance this emergency immigration, warning of the dangers faced by Jews in North Africa.

Meanwhile, 260 immigrants from North Africa arrived today at Haifa and reported a further deterioration of the situation in Morocco. In Casablanca matters are much worse than a few months ago, the immigrants said. In the small towns Jews live in terror, constantly menaced by gangs and individual Moslems who attempt to work up the population with shouts of "kill the Jews."

In Shofro, where some 5,000 Jews live while waiting immigration facilities, there were several severe disturbances last week, it was reported by the immigrants, and several Jews were killed. Jews all over the country, even in Casablanca, stay indoors after 7 P. M. and lock their doors against possible raiders.

The fate of the North African Jews was also discussed at a meeting of the Israel executive of the World Jewish Congress in Jerusalem last night where Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC, and other leaders of the Congress were present. Dr. Goldmann reported on the situation and on the moves taken to aid the North African Jews. He and other leaders also reported on the situation of Jews in Western Europe, in Latin America and in countries in other parts of the world.

### W. J. C. Welcomes Assurances by Moroccan Nationalist Party

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress welcomed today a statement issued earlier this week in New York by a representative of the Moroccan nationalist Party--Istiqlal--guaranteeing Jews equal rights with all other citizens of an independent Morocco. The assurances by Ahmed Belafrej, secretary general of the Istiqlal Party, released in a statement by the Moroccan Office of Information and Documentation in New York, were "an essential contribution towards the resolution of the crisis which is now causing such widespread anxiety," the WJC said.

"This assurance has been repeatedly given to us by spokesmen of the Moroccan nationalist parties in Europe, in the United States and in Morocco itself, in the course of discussions over a period of many months," the WJC statement declared. "We welcome its publication at a moment of critical importance for the future of Morocco. Moreover, we are encouraged by it, in the confidence that these leaders will exert their influence to prevent the exploitation of the present crisis by irresponsible extremists of whatever origin for anti-Jewish purposes, and to discourage attacks on the Jewish population."

The statement pointed out that when France and Tunis were negotiating a new status for the latter, the WJC submitted "certain proposals which were given most sympathetic consideration by both governments concerned; an undertaking to apply the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to all inhabitants of Tunisia was included in the conventions" which established the new relations between France and Tunis. The WJC recommended a similar course of action for those seeking a solution of the Moroccan question.

## JEWISH AGENCY OPENS PLENARY SESSION IN ISRAEL; HEAR U. J. A. LEADER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive opened its plenary session here tonight with a discussion of plans to increase the flow of Jewish immigrants from North Africa to Israel. The question of the integration of immigrants from Western countries in Israel was also discussed at the meeting.

Rabbi Herbert Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, participated in the opening session and reported on the outlook of the UJA campaign for this year. The meeting will last until Monday and will be followed by a session of the World Zionist Actions Committee, the supreme Zionist body between world congresses.

It was learned at the meeting that in addition to the funds raised by the Jewish Agency, through the UJA and the Keren Hayesod, for the settlement and absorption of new immigrants in Israel, the Israel Government will place at the Agency's disposal this year a loan of 8,000,000 Israel pounds for the construction of about 1,750 new farms. Priority in establishing new settlements this year will be given to the Lachish area southwest of Jerusalem.

All the new settlements founded in Israel since the establishment of the Jewish State are under the aegis of the Jewish Agency, it was emphasized in a report to the meeting. An additional investment of about 200,000,000 pounds is needed to put them on a financially firm basis. This year the Agency will invest about 60 million pounds in these settlements. Emphasis will be laid on enlarging the amount of irrigated land cultivated by the new settlements by 100,000 dunams. Half of this irrigated area will be in the northern Negev.

It was revealed at the meeting that a three-year housing plan is about to be instituted and 1,750 houses for new immigrants will be erected, as well as 1,450 units in kibbutzim, and 1,500 additional rooms for large families in existing smallholders settlements.

## NEW KNESSET ADJOURNS FOR TWO MONTHS; MAY BE CALLED BACK EARLIER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The third Parliament of Israel, sworn in last Monday, voted last night to adjourn for two months until October 17. During this period the Knesset usually takes a holiday recess until after Succoth.

Meanwhile, Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, now second strongest in the country with 15 deputies, announced that he intends to circulate a petition among deputies to recall the Knesset. Constitutionally such a petition requires the signatures of 25 deputies of the 120-member House. Mr. Beigin interpreted the last election, in which the Mapai lost five seats, as a vote of no-confidence in the government and insisted that on that basis it was "unethical" to delay the formation of the government for two months.

Observers here, however, believe that the Knesset will be called back into session earlier than October if there is a coalition Cabinet ready to be offered for a vote of confidence by Parliament. These observers pointed out that when he closed the session, Speaker Joseph Sprinzak stressed that the deputies could be reassembled earlier than October either by the petition route or at the government's call.

## PRESENCE OF WATER IN SODOM DETECTED; DRILLING OF WELLS PLANNED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Geological research recently carried out in Sodom point to the presence there of considerable quantities of deep subterranean waters; it was reported here today. The report said that the drilling of artesian wells will soon be started in the Sodom area.

The report revealed that intensive search operations for oil continue in Israel. Four companies in four different areas are making deep drillings. Their equipment is valued at about five million Israel pounds. Beside this another three million pounds and about two million dollars has been invested in the search for oil.

The Israel Government, it was stated here today, hopes to export about 50,000 tons of potash this year. New pumping stations are now in use in the extracting of minerals from the Dead Sea, and the workers camp at Sodom has been rebuilt completely. The government is now concentrating on three major branches in the development of Israel's mineral resources, it was indicated: Dead Sea resources, potash and bromides; copper, and phosphates and the production of phosphoric salt and acids.

## BRITAIN ASSURES JEWS SHE WILL ADHERE TO TRIPARTITE DECLARATION

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, called at the Foreign Office today to confer on Middle East affairs with R. H. Turton, Foreign Undersecretary. During a discussion on the arms balance in the Middle East, Mr. Turton assured Mr. Janner that Britain was adhering strictly to the terms of the Tripartite Declaration, in which the United States, Britain and France pledged to guarantee the borders of the Arab states and Israel against aggression.

## DULLES SEEKS TO PREVENT COLLAPSE OF ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN GAZA TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Every effort to keep the Gaza pacification talks from collapsing is being made by the United Nations, as well as by the Big Three powers--United States, Britain and France.

This fact became evident here today as word reached United Nations headquarters that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has entered the picture. According to information current in United Nations circles, Mr. Dulles conferred this week with ranking diplomats from both London and Paris in an effort to work out some plan for bringing Israel and Egypt together through the talks initiated by the United Nations under the chairmanship of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of staff of the UN Truce Supervision organization.

It is well known here that Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold wants some kind of agreement between Israel and Egypt on the record before the General Assembly convenes Sept. 20. While little information is being released officially here in regard to the Gaza talks, there has been a noticeable anxiety lest Gen. Burns' efforts fail entirely. Cairo dispatches of course blame Israel for the lag. However, Gen. Burns is understood to have instructions to keep the talks going and, if he cannot obtain agreement on his entire four-point program, he is to bring the two parties together on some of these points.

From Jerusalem it was reported today that Israel and Jordan delegates met with a United Nations observer in no-man's land there yesterday to continue discussion of the proposed local commanders' agreement. No information as to the nature of the talks was available. But UN headquarters here said the next meeting would be called "in the near future" by the UN chairman.

## TURKISH ANTI-SEMITIC EMULATES NOTORIOUS "PROTOCOLS OF ELDERS OF ZION"

ISTANBUL, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- A notorious Turkish anti-Semite, Cevat Rifat Atilhan, has published a new book patterned after the forged "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." The book, "Secret State and Program of Conspiracy," is replete with slanders against Israel, all Jews, the Talmud and Jewish religion in general.

The Istanbul Jewish press has urged the Turkish Grand Rabbinate to make a formal complaint against the book and author to the authorities and to ask that the book be banned. Atilhan, who during the Arab invasion of Israel in 1948 tried to recruit troops in Turkey to fight against Israel until he was stopped by the Turkish authorities, was sentenced to jail in 1952 for publishing anti-Jewish and anti-government newspaper articles. He has written several other books and many articles attacking Israel and the Jews.

## CLEVELAND TRAINING COURSES FOR JEWISH LEADERSHIP PROVE SUCCESSFUL

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The results of a seminar on community service initiated in Cleveland to test a method of leadership training of experienced young Jewish people who were already members of various boards and committees of Jewish organizations and institutions, were made public here by the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service, central body of Jewish social workers.

The purpose of the seminar was to provide an opportunity for active members of boards of trustees of community agencies and organizations to meet informally to share experiences and to learn more about trends and developments in the field of community service. The seminar also aimed to broaden understanding and knowledge about the Jewish community and to develop a sense of concern for the needs of the total Jewish community service. The seminar also aimed to broaden understanding and knowledge about the Jewish community and to develop a sense of concern for the needs of the total Jewish community. Among the questions evaluated at the seminar were:

1. What are the significant trends in Jewish-sponsored casework services growing out of the changing socio-economic picture in the Jewish and general community?
2. What measurable contributions can community relations techniques make to the treatment of anti-Semitism as a factor in a free society?
3. How effectively can the varying ideological and social viewpoints in the community be unified and guided to build Jewish community life on a sound foundation?
4. What is the meaning of "democracy" in Jewish life and how is it brought into practical reality through participation and involvement in community effort?

Also, what should be the role of the community sponsored Jewish educational institutions in light of the growth and development of congregational schools? Can coordination of Jewish educational resources be realized within the framework of diverse tendencies in Jewish education? What should be the contribution of the Jewish Community Centers toward the evolution of a normal and healthy Jewish community life?

From the major principles which emerged from the seminar discussions, it was established that in a highly integrated Jewish community "the whole community serves the whole community"; that the chief concern of Jewish education is to develop "positive Jews" who can take their place in the life of the Jewish community, and that the security of the Jew in American life is closely tied in with the achievement of democratic goals in our society.

## SURVEY ESTABLISHES GROWTH OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES AROUND SYNAGOGUES

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The process of centering Jewish activities in the United States around congregations has made considerable headway, according to a report issued here by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress.

The report also states that the teaching of Hebrew is now included in the language program of more than 70 secondary schools in 12 American cities. The Hebrew textbooks used in the public schools, and approved by the educational authorities, have run through several editions and have sold over 100,000 copies. The course of study, covering four years of instruction, was formalized in an official syllabus published by the New York State Department of Education.

"The concentration of the Jewish population around the congregations enables the leaders and responsible circles of American Jewry to influence the masses and imbue them with Jewish manifestations which lie on the rim of national development, which are both national and religious, are close to Jewish traditions but do not isolate the Jewish population from the American milieu," the report of the Institute of Jewish Affairs states. "This tendency to shift the center of gravity of Jewish life to the synagogue, from the home, where it would be isolated from the surrounding population, already has its ideologists.

"Accordingly, the construction of new synagogues is proceeding apace," the report points out. "This is particularly noticeable in the suburbs, where life is more open to view and where one comes into closer and often also more intimate contact with the non-Jewish population. One is struck by the fact that in the suburbs, where most of the new synagogues have been erected, this is accompanied by the building of community centers in which are concentrated all the other Jewish institutions, such as youth clubs, Zionist societies, B'nai B'rith meeting rooms--in a word, absolutely all manifestations of Jewish life are assembled under the wing of the congregation. Including also Jewish schools for children."

Declaring that the synagogue in America is gradually losing its position as a religious center, but has not as yet become a "national" center, the study of the Institute of Jewish Affairs says: "We have no suitable name for this peculiar development in American Jewish life. The process is still in its initial stages and it is hard to tell how far it will go. One thing is clear, however: the outward complexion of American Jewry will be religious, but in a much broader sense than in the case of non-Jews."

## S. C. HYMAN, NEW ISRAEL CONSUL GENERAL, ASSUMES POST IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Semah Cecil Hyman, new Israel Consul General, assumed his post in New York today following his arrival this week to the United States. He succeeds Avraham Harman.

Mr. Hyman, 56, was born and educated in London. During the first World War, he joined the First Jewish Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, and served in Palestine, returning to London in 1920 to complete his studies. In 1922, he returned to Palestine to settle. He joined the staff of Barclays Bank. In 1950 he was named by the Government of Israel economic counselor at the Israel Embassy in Washington. In 1952 he was appointed Israel's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Union of South Africa, where he remained until his present appointment as Consul General of Israel in New York.

Mr. Hyman's wife, Dr. Anne Foner-Hyman, served for many years as research assistant to Prof. Saul Adler, professor of parasitology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

## SOIL FROM 35 COUNTRIES PRESENTED TO LAZARUS MEMORIAL IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Soils from the states and territories of the United States as well as from 34 foreign countries was presented here to Mrs. Jacob M. Hurwitz, president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd, to be placed at the foot of the plaque commemorating the poet Emma Lazarus. The presentation was made in connection with One World Day ceremonies at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. The ceremony took place at the Emma Lazarus Memorial in the Hebrew Cultural Garden.

## JOSEPH ROLNICK, NOTED JEWISH POET, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 76

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Joseph Rolnick, noted Jewish poet, died here today at the age of 76. He immigrated from Russia to the United States 47 years ago. Author of a number of books, he was considered one of the best of contemporary Jewish lyricists. He recently published a book of memoirs which attracted wide attention.