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### BEN GURION STILL FACES DIFFICULTIES IN FORMATION OF NEW CABINET

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Prospects for completion of a coalition Cabinet this week appeared dim today following a meeting between Premier-designate David Ben Gurion and Progressive Party leader Dr. Pinchus Rosen, who is Minister of Justice in the outgoing government.

When the two men failed to make progress toward a solution, Mr. Ben Gurion asked permission to address a meeting of the Progressive Party central committee which is scheduled to be held in Tel Aviv tomorrow. The stumbling block at this point, after Mr. Ben Gurion had conceded a number of issues in an effort to get the centrist group to join with the Mapai, Mapam and Achdut Avodah, is control of the labor exchanges. The Histadrut now controls them; the Progressives insist that this function be turned over to the government.

Mr. Ben Gurion, who did not concede the point to Dr. Rosen, asked that the Progressives enter the coalition now and leave unsettled issues for later adjustment. This, Dr. Rosen rejected. Mr. Ben Gurion thereupon decided to make a last effort by a direct, personal appeal to the centrist leadership.

Meanwhile, Moshe Kol, chairman of the Progressive Party, indicated that the party would not remain outside the coalition if the religious groups or the General Zionists held adamant in their present opposition position. In response to a question by newsmen, he said that while his party preferred a broad coalition including the General Zionists, "we will not seclude ourselves in a monastery if somebody does not join."

### ARMED ARABS CAUGHT IN ISRAEL; WERE SENT BY EGYPTIAN ARMY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- An Israel military spokesman said today that four Arab infiltrators armed with Egyptian Army-type submachine guns had been caught in Israel territory close to the Gaza strip. He said the four identified themselves as members of the Faddayin organization (so called "self-sacrificers").

Israel authorities ascribed a number of sabotage acts to the group three weeks ago when fighting flared up all along the Gaza strip. The spokesman said the four admitted that they were sent into Israel by Egyptian Army headquarters in Gaza. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the UN Truce Supervisory Organization, is to leave for Cairo tomorrow to continue negotiations on his proposals for a physical barrier along the Gaza demarcation line.

### EGYPT ORDERS ITS TROOPS TO WITHDRAW FROM ISRAEL BORDER LINE

LONDON, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Gamal Abdel Nasser announced today that Egypt has ordered its troops to withdraw at least 500 meters from the Israel-Egyptian demarcation line along the Gaza coastal strip, it was reported from Cairo. Col. Nasser said the order was in response to a Security Council resolution on easing regional tension.

Egypt is also erecting a barbed wire barrier at certain vital positions inside Egyptian controlled territory, Col. Nasser added. Between the barrier emplacements Egyptian troops will exercise full authority to interdict any infiltration from Israel, he said. Col. Nasser took the action after discussing the matter with Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

The Times of London, in a dispatch from Cairo commenting on Col. Nasser's attitude, says that the Egyptian view of the erection of a barbed wire barricade is that it would give an "unwarrantable air of permanency and legality to the present demarcation line."

### STRIKE CLOSES DOWN TEL AVIV AND HAIFA CINEMAS; MAY SPREAD

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- All cinemas in this city and Haifa were closed down last night in a labor dispute arising from a demand for higher wages. There is a possibility that movie theatres throughout the country will be shut in a sympathy walk-out.

The situation developed after theatre owners in the two large cities turned down a demand for higher wages. The union then struck one cinema in each of the cities as a warning move. The employers responded by shutting down all cinemas in both cities. Ministry of Labor efforts to mediate have been unsuccessful thus far.

## U. S. DOES NOT ENVISAGE DRASTIC TERRITORIAL CHANGES FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Israel Embassy circles indicated today that the clarification of Secretary John Foster Dulles' recent policy statement is still proceeding and that further conversations will take place both in Washington and in Jerusalem.

The most important point so far elucidated, according to Embassy sources, is the assurance by State Department officials that the Secretary's speech does not envisage unilateral or drastic territorial changes. Fears of this point expressed in the Israel press have been described by Israel officials here as unfounded since it is not assumed that any but minor adjustments will be agreed to.

Israel officials point out that even this clarification does not insure that the U. S. and Israel have the same idea on what can be called a minor change. Nor does it fully dispose of the criticism that linking border adjustments with progress on a security treaty might produce a deadlock on the latter question which is described in Secretary Dulles' speech as of urgent importance.

## STATE DEPARTMENT REVIEWS JORDAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS; HOPES FOR PEACE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Israel-Jordan relations are reviewed in a study published today by the State Department in which American hopes for a "definitive and just" Arab-Israel peace is expressed. The statement recalls that King Abdullah of Jordan had advocated peace with Israel but was assassinated in 1951 for this move.

"The exact location of the Jordan-Israel border has not been finally determined," the State Department stresses. It also points out that "there remain unsettled such serious questions as the future of almost 900,000 Arabs--about half of whom are now in Jordan--who left their homes in Israel during the fighting, the establishment of friendly relations and the resumption of trade, the status of Jerusalem, as well as the location of permanent boundary lines."

The study reports that Arab refugees in Jordan, under certain circumstances, might wish to remain there in preference to returning to Israel. "While many cling passionately to claims for repatriation, experienced observers have said that most of the refugees would actually prefer to stay in Jordan provided they could get adequate compensation for abandoned lands and property and aid in getting a fresh start," the State Department review says. It notes, however, that "until more arable land can be made available, it is doubtful if Jordan can absorb these refugees. Jordan's great hope lies in irrigation development from the Jordan and Yarmuk Rivers."

Even though the signing of a formal treaty of peace between Jordan and Israel may be a still-distant hope, the report says, "it now appears possible to solve the problems of Jordan water needs without such a treaty." In any event, it declares, the United States will continue efforts to bring about "an equitable sharing of the disputed waters and their development for the benefit of the peoples concerned."

The State Department traces the United Nations partition plan and recalls that "Jerusalem and its environs were slated for territorial internationalization." It adds that "many Zionist groups wanted still more territory than the plan proposed. Others of Jewish faith, both in and out of Palestine, voiced objections to partition on the grounds that it was not necessary to achieve independence as a separate political unit in order to preserve identities that are essentially spiritual. However, most Zionist leaders acquiesced in the plan because it gave them the long-sought opportunity of founding a nation in the area."

Today, the report says, the unresolved Arab-Israel issue "is weakening the area to the detriment of the security of the free world. This is among the chief reasons why the United States hopes for a definitive and just peace between the parties."

## AMERICAN FIRM OFFERS ARMS TO EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- An American arms firm has offered the Egyptian Embassy in Washington an opportunity to purchase British sub-machine guns and German rifles so that Egyptian raiders in Israel territory would be carrying the same types of weapons as the Israelis and could therefore use any ammunition they might steal from the Israelis. It was revealed today in Drew Pearson's nationally syndicated column "Washington Merry-Go-Round."

Mr. Pearson published the text of a letter from the Phoenix International Company of Maryland, whose stationery advertises: "Implements of war our specialty." The letter, signed by W. H. Evans, Jr., a vice-president of the company, offers the Egyptians a variety of arms, available for inspection in New York, including machine guns, 1,800 Sten guns and German Mauser rifles. The letter then says: "With the same arms as used by the enemy, the raiders can use their ammo and the other items."

Meanwhile, a Cairo broadcast quoting an editorial from a leading Egyptian newspaper warned Israel that the Arab economic blockade will tighten daily and Egyptian arrangements in the Suez Canal or in the Gulf of Akaba will not ease off. The paper added, "should the Zionists some day lose their senses and be tempted, through illusion or despair, to embark on a new adventure, their crumbling state is done for."

## TURKEY REGRETS VICTIMIZATION OF JEWS IN ANTI-GREEK RIOTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The Turkish legation in Israel has expressed the Turkish Government's regrets that Jews were molested during the recent anti-Greek riots in many Turkish cities, it was learned here today.

The Turkish Government, the legation said, assures Israel that there is no intention nor tendency to affect in any form the security or rights of Turkish Jews. At the same time, the legation drew the attention of the Israel Government to a Turkish Government statement explaining the background of the riots, which began in reaction to Greek demands that Cyprus be returned to Greece.

## MOLOTOV QUERIED ON FATE OF "MISSING" JEWISH WRITERS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov was urged today by Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, to break "the walls of silence" surrounding the fate of prominent Jewish writers, artists and cultural leaders "who disappeared from public view in your country." The message from Mr. Held was delivered to the Soviet UN delegation here.

The appeal to Mr. Molotov was augmented by a letter written by the Jewish Labor Committee on August 31, 1955 to Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin, in which the JLC pointed out that it has, ever since the end of World War II, attempted to ascertain the fate of 68 Jewish writers whose names were given to Soviet and American authorities. In both the letters to Mr. Molotov and Ambassador Zarubin, Mr. Held complained that all pleas have met with silence from Soviet authorities.

Mr. Held told Mr. Molotov that this silence "belies recent attempts on the part of your government to gain the impression that there is sincerity in the published statements that your government desires tranquility in the world. It is difficult for us to accept such proclamations in view of the repeated refusals by your government to reopen the Jewish press, cultural institutions and to reveal the fate of the Jewish writers, artists and cultural leaders whose names have been supplied time and again by us and other interested parties.

"Certainly," Mr. Held continued in his letter to Mr. Molotov, "in the spirit of the United Nations, you must take this occasion to answer, once and for all, the doubts that have been sown in the hearts of all those concerned with human dignity as a result of the continued walls of silence your government has built every time we have made our requests."

## GERMANY TURNS OVER ANOTHER SHIP TO ISRAEL AS REPARATIONS PAYMENT

HAMBURG, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's latest luxury liner, the 10,000-ton "Israel," is in dock here today after having completed a shakedown cruise which its commander pronounced "highly satisfactory."

A colorful ceremony was staged on the high seas as the ship was turned over to Capt. W. Freudenberg, of Israel, and his all-Israel crew of 140 officers and sailors. The ship left this harbor under the German flag. At sea, an executive of the Hamburg Deutsche Werft Shipyards, which built the vessel under the Israel-German reparations agreement, formally turned the ship over to representatives of the Israel Purchasing Mission. The latter gave custody of the "Israel" to Zvi Yechiel, director of Zim Shoham, new owners of the liner. The German flag then was lowered and the blue-white banner of Israel was raised.

The "Israel" will leave here Friday for Southampton, England. On September 27, the day after Yom Kippur, Britain's Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie will dedicate the synagogue aboard the ship, and the "Israel" will leave for its home port of Haifa. The ship will enter the regular Haifa-New York run via Naples and Halifax, on a 12-day schedule. Germany is now building a sister ship, the "Zion." When the "Zion" is in service, the two liners will maintain a three-week schedule of departures from New York and Haifa.

On her trip to Haifa, the "Israel" will stop at Gibraltar to pick up North African Jews emigrating to Israel.

## PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR OF WEST GERMANY GREET JEWS ON HOLY DAYS

BONN, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The most prominent leaders of West German public life have greeted the Jewish community in this country and abroad on the occasion of the High Holy Days, in keeping with a practice that has become general since the establishment of the Federal Republic.

Recognizing in his message that "impatience and disappointment is still rife in the sphere of individual indemnification," Prof. Theodor Heuss, the West German President, expressed the hope that in this respect "what is necessary and indicated can proceed, and will proceed, more speedily than heretofore." He noted "with satisfaction" the smooth working of the Israel reparations agreement.

Chancellor Adenauer also referred to its "loyal implementation" which, he declared, has played "a considerable part in overcoming the memories of a wretched past." Friendly relations "to our Jewish fellow citizens" in Germany had been strengthened during the past year, his message stated.

## U. S. ZIONIST GROUPS PLEDGE AID FOR TRANSFER OF JEWS FROM NORTH AFRICA

NEW YORK, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Leaders of all branches of American Zionism pledged tonight increased assistance of their combined memberships to the rescue of threatened North African Jewry through immigration to Israel and, at the same time, called for the reinforcement of the Zionist movement as a bulwark of strength for Israel and the cultural survival of Jewry everywhere. The Zionist leaders, who recently returned from the Jerusalem sessions of the World Zionist Actions Committee, the supreme body of the World Zionist Organization, spoke at a public rally at the Hotel Commodore, convened by the American Zionist Council.

Reporting that the plight of North African Jewry was the major item on the agenda of the Jerusalem sessions, Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, revealed that the number of Jews from Morocco scheduled to emigrate to Israel this year under Jewish Agency auspices is 36,000, double the number that entered the country last year. The total from North Africa this year will be 45,000, of whom 10,000 will be transferred in the next two months.

Mrs. Halprin also touched on the plans for the reorganization of the World Zionist movement proposed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency chairman, at the Jerusalem sessions. Dr. Goldmann urged the inclusion of non-Zionists in the Jewish Agency executive, which is the supreme body of world Jewry dealing with the problems of immigrant absorption in Israel. Dr. Goldmann also proposed the establishment of Zionist territorial unions or federations to which members will affiliate directly, while retaining the right to affiliate within the federation to the various Zionist parties if they so chose.

"Dr. Goldmann's proposal constituted a spur to our thinking," Mrs. Halprin said, "although there has been considerable dissent on the issue of territorial unions." She reported that she came away from Israel impressed with the Israelis' calmness and pursuance of their tasks without alarm despite the tense border situation.

Mrs. Halprin also reported on Israel's reaction, as she observed it, to the Dulles proposals for peace in the Middle East. The Israelis appreciate, she said, that Mr. Dulles' proposals reflect serious deliberation and sincere intent. Nonetheless, they would like to obtain further clarification of some points. They maintain that the proposals would lose their affirmative significance if a security pact between Israel and the United States were made conditional on Arab-Israel agreement on permanent borders.

### Asked to Contribute Additional \$25,000,000 to U. J. A.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, appealed to the Zionists of America "to ensure an additional sum of \$25,000,000 in the coming months, over and above the normal contribution of the community to the United Jewish Appeal" in order to help the resettlement of North African Jews in Israel. He said that the Zionist Actions Committee, as the supreme governing body of the Zionist movement, "has laid upon us Zionists a new and heavy obligation which we accept." It is a challenge, he declared, to the devotion of American Zionists, their sense of responsibility and their Zionist discipline. Every American Zionist is "honor bound" to meet this challenge, he emphasized.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, reported that the Actions Committee decided to convene the forthcoming World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem July, 1956. "This Congress, the first to be held since 1951, will determine the targets for the World Zionist movement for years to come. It poses a great challenge to Zionists everywhere, but particularly to those in the United States, to revitalize the movement, strengthen their partnership with Israel, and re-invigorate Jewish life throughout the world."

Other speakers included Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order; Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, chairman of the Mizrahi Organization of America; and Dr. Joseph B. Schechtman, chairman of the World Party Council, Revisionists-Herut World Union.

## NEW YORK FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES SETS \$18,100,000 QUOTA

NEW YORK, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York will seek to raise a record sum of \$18,100,000 in pledges and contributions through its 38th annual appeal which will begin next week on behalf of 116 member hospitals and social service institutions. The goal is \$2,600,000 more than was raised last year, it was announced jointly yesterday by Salim L. Lewis, Federation president, and Gustave L. Levy, 1955-56 campaign chairman. The appeal, which benefits the largest network of local voluntary institutions in the world, will be launched officially at a dinner on Sept. 29th.

A critical problem facing the Federation's medical and welfare services today is their inability to provide services immediately and fully to many thousands in need of them, Mr. Levy said. "Despite a record rate of services rendered to the sick, the troubled and needy last year, too many of our neighbors in New York City, Westchester and Long Island were forced to wait too long for help from the time they first applied for services until the required help and treatment started."