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BEN GURION PRESENTS CABINET; OFFERS TO MEET ARABS FOR PEACE TALKS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- In a jammed, but hushed Parliamentary chamber, Premier-designate David Ben Gurion today offered to meet with the rulers of Egypt or any other Arab state, for unconditional peace talks. At the same time, he told the country that the new government which he heads will follow the same foreign policy as its predecessors, and offered the presence of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in his Cabinet as proof of his words. He noted that security would be the central issue facing the new government.

Mr. Ben Gurion spoke for an hour and five minutes, after which he named the 16 members of his new coalition Cabinet which, by a last minute decision of the Mizrachi and Poale Mizrachi, has been expanded to include the religious bloc. The Premier-designate, whose illness had delayed presentation of the Cabinet for several weeks, read his speech slowly, with frequent interruptions for rest. He sat during the reading, and at the beginning of the speech the spectators feared he would be unable to complete the talks.

While he spoke, crowds surrounded the Knesset building. They had come to catch a glimpse of the ailing Premier-designate and Premier Sharett who only last night returned from his week-long dramatic appeal to the Big Four foreign ministers at Paris and Geneva for defensive arms and security guarantees.

Warns Israelis Against Illusions; Hits Czech-Egyptian Arms Deal

In outlining the problem of security facing Israel, Mr. Ben Gurion said that it meant more than "maintenance of our sovereignty and independence--it means our very physical existence" for the Arabs have often and publicly said that they would wipe out Israel and the Jewish people of the world. This boast, he warned, was reminiscent of Hitler. He said it came as no surprise since the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and many of his associates had been followers of Hitler.

Mr. Ben Gurion spoke of the need for viewing matters with "cruel clarity." He noted that security was more than reliance on arms--it rests on economic stability, immigration, agricultural colonization and the creation of sea power. He cautioned his listeners against having any illusions that the Arabs would not attempt what they had threatened--driving Israel into the sea at almost any expense.

He made short shrift of Czech and Soviet arguments that the Czech-Egyptian arms deal was a "commercial transaction" and pointed out that the Czech Government knew that it was selling arms to a regime which was committed to the destruction of the Jewish State. But, he noted pointedly, the Czechs are not the only ones to supply the Arabs with arms. The British do the same, despite the Tripartite Declaration, and refuse to sell Israel the same weapons they sell the Arabs. The United States, too, he stressed, had supplied Iraq with some weapons.

Tells Big Powers that Israelis Will Fight for Their Land

The next Israel Premier said it was his duty "to tell all the powers that rule the world, all of them without exception, and with all the modesty becoming of an emissary of a small nation in political matters but with all the moral force of a son of the Jewish people: The people of Israel, in the land of Israel, will not be led like cattle to slaughter."

The Jewish people will fight, he underlined, and not many people have fought the way this small people has fought for its independence. "What Hitler did to six million helpless Jews in Europe's ghettos will not be done by any foe of the House of Israel to a community of free Jews rooted in their own land." He said that aggressive designs against Israel would lead to a dangerous explosion whose results could not now be calculated and responsibility for which would fall equally on those who arm the aggressors and on those who deny weapons to the defenders.

Pointing out that Israel had offered the hand of peace to the Arab governments on various occasions, but that the Arab states refuse even to keep the armistice, Mr. Ben Gurion detailedly reported how Egypt trained and encouraged marauders to enter Israel and kill its people, how Egypt tries to blockade both the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, via the Gulf of Akaba. "This unilateral warfare must cease," he emphasized, "for it cannot

remain unilateral indefinitely." He said Israel had, in the past, observed the armistice agreements faithfully, but an agreement violated by one side does not bind the other. "If our rights are affected by acts of violence on land or sea, we shall reserve freedom of action to defend them in the most effective manner."

Israel Will Not Initiate War, Ben Gurion Stresses

"We wholeheartedly want peace and good neighborliness," Mr. Ben Gurion said at another point, "and are willing to cooperate with all our neighbors for the prosperity and well-being of the Middle East. We never initiated and never will initiate war against anyone; we do not covet a single inch of foreign soil just as we will not permit anyone to deprive us of any single inch of our territory."

Noting that there was no reason for conflict with Egypt and every reason for fruitful cooperation, Mr. Ben Gurion declared: "I am prepared to meet with the Egyptian Premier and with every other Arab ruler as soon as possible in order to achieve a mutual settlement without any prior conditions. The Israel Government is also ready for a lasting, enduring peace settlement and longterm political, economic and cultural cooperation between Israel and its neighbors."

"If the other side is not yet ready for that," he continued, "we will also agree to a limited settlement providing for insurance of the full implementation of the armistice agreements, for the mutual elimination of all incidents and acts of hostility, boycott and blockade, for observance of the freedom of the seas and for any additional arrangement agreeable to both parties." He concluded his offer with the statement that "the Egyptian Government and the other Arab rulers now have an opportunity to show the world what they really want: war or peace."

Names 16 Members of His Cabinet; Debate Today

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Ben Gurion named the 16 members of his Cabinet and the posts which they will hold: Mr. Ben Gurion, Premier; Zalman Aranne, Education and Culture; Levi Eshkol, Finance; Dr. Joseph Burg, Posts; Mordechai Bentov, Development; Israel Barzilai, Health; Yitzhak Bar Yehuda, Interior; Moshe Carmel, Communications; Kaddish Luz, Agriculture; Mrs. Golda Myerson, Labor; Dr. Peretz Naphtali, minister without portfolio; Pinchas Saphir, Trade and Industry; Dr. Pinchas Rosen, Justice; Behor Shitreet, Police; Moshe Shapira, Religion and Social Welfare and Mr. Sharett, Foreign Affairs.

It was decided after Mr. Ben Gurion's address to allot ten hours to a debate on his message and the first two speakers were Menachem Beigin of Herut and Dr. Peretz Bernstein of the General Zionists, both of whom welcomed Mr. Ben Gurion's recovery and both of whom hit the "leftist" nature of his government. Neither made any serious reference to his foreign policy. Then the House recessed until tomorrow.

SHARETT HOPES HIS MISSION TO PARIS AND GENEVA HAS NOT BEEN IN VAIN

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The rapidly developing crisis in the Middle East following the Czech-Egyptian arms deal demands permanent alertness and preparedness, Premier Moshe Sharett declared here last night upon alighting from the plane which brought him from Geneva. The Premier was greeted by fellow members of the Cabinet, an infantry guard of honor and a military band.

He voiced the hope that his mission had not been in vain and said he had been greatly encouraged by the keen interest shown by newsmen of the entire world press in Israel's problem, and by the fact that the Israel problem had become a focus of world public opinion. He stressed world Jewry's support of Israel, something he had witnessed while abroad, and urged Israel to be united and conduct itself courageously and "we will find that we are not alone in the world."

HADASSAH CONVENTION URGES U.S. TO CONCLUDE SECURITY PACT WITH ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the United States Government to conclude a security pact with Israel guaranteeing "the maintenance of its existing frontiers until such time as they may become the subject of peaceful negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors," was adopted here today at the concluding session of the 41st annual convention of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization, at which a \$9 million budget was voted.

Another resolution stated that Hadassah believed that "when national security is bought at the price of individual freedom, neither security nor freedom is served." The resolution on Israel also urged the United States to "implement the promise of the 1950 Tripartite agreement to maintain the balance of military strength between Israel and the Arab states." It was introduced by Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Zionist Affairs chairman of the organization.

The convention reelected Mrs. Rebecca Shulman to her third consecutive term as president of Hadassah. Major speakers at the final day's sessions were Dr. Buell Gallagher, president of the City College of New York, and Herman Wouk, the novelist.

MOROCCAN JEWS SEND DELEGATION TO EX-SULTAN TO EXPRESS THEIR LOYALTY

CASABLANCA, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- A delegation of Moroccan rabbis will travel to France this week to express the loyalty of Moroccan Jews to Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, deposed Sultan of Morocco, who is expected to be returned to his throne shortly in a French compromise move.

The decision to send such a delegation was taken by a conference of rabbinical leaders held today at Rabat. The deputation to the Sultan will include rabbis from Marrakesh, Casablanca and Fez. With the resignation of the Regency Council today, it became virtually certain that ben Youssef would become Sultan in a very short time.

BONN PASSES IMPROVED INDEMNIFICATION LAW; JEWS TO BENEFIT BY \$400,000,000

BONN, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Jewish victims of Nazism may benefit to the extent of \$400,000,000 in the course of the next eight years as a result of improvements contained in a draft amendment to the Federal Indemnification Law for individual Nazi victims passed today by the Federal Council, the upper house of the West German Parliament.

The draft amendment will now be returned to the Federal Cabinet, which must approve the modifications proposed by the Federal Council. Deliberations will then be resumed in the Indemnification Committee of the Bundestag, the lower house. Next, the amendment must receive, in three separate readings, the assent of the full Bundestag. Although its approval is assured, the matter will probably not come to a vote before early 1956. If all goes well, the amendment will take effect next April.

The new measure constitutes a complete overhaul and rewriting of the 1953 Federal Indemnification Law, whose worst shortcomings and injustices it is designed to remedy. Main beneficiaries will be Jews from Germany. Jewish victims of Nazism from other countries who did not belong to the "German linguistic or cultural sphere," will profit from the new amendment only in exceptional cases.

With respect to the Nazi burning and wrecking of synagogues, the draft actually restricts the indemnification rights presently vested in Jewish communities and in the successor organizations. The restriction has already evoked strong protests to the Bonn Minister of Finance from the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization and Dr. H. G. van Dam, secretary general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

Under the amendment, Nazi victims who originally resided in East Germany are put on an equal footing with those from West Germany. This means that Jews from East Berlin, Breslau, Leipzig, Dresden, Koenigsberg etc., can now file claims to the full extent of the law, provided only that they have either emigrated to a country of the Western bloc or moved to West Germany. The few Jews still living in East Germany cannot, in other words, ask compensation from West Germany.

The maximum amounts that may be paid for various indemnification categories have been raised. If the Nazi victim dies before payment has been effected, his claims will henceforth devolve upon his heirs in many cases.

GERMAN PUBLISHER FINED FOR DISTRIBUTING ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

MUNICH, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Karl-Heinz Heubaum, one of the most active anti-Semitic publicists in postwar Germany and publisher of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" forgery, was fined \$40 by a local German court for having continued to distribute anti-Semitic and subversive pamphlets that had been banned by the public prosecutor in December 1954.

Earlier this year Heubaum, who also published the neo-Nazi magazines "Der Widerhall" and "Das Deutsche Echo," was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for "libelling members of the Federal Government in a manner prejudicial to the existence of the state."

It was learned during the trial that 27-year-old Heubaum, whose appeal against the jail sentence is pending, has now dissolved his publishing house and returned to his original trade as a carpenter. The court made no attempt to ascertain who had inspired and financed Heubaum's publishing ventures.

ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION LAUNCHES EMERGENCY DRIVE FOR \$16,000,000

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- An emergency telephone conference, linking more than 2,000 Jewish leaders in 78 cities, today inaugurated a special campaign for the sale of \$16,000,000 in Israel bonds between now and the end of the year. Participating in the telephone hook-up from the national offices of the Israel Bond Organization were Dr. Dov Joseph, Israel Minister of Development, Abraham Feinberg, president of the Bond organization, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president.

Emphasizing the fact that "the Czech-Egyptian arms deal places the State of Israel in serious jeopardy," Dr. Joseph called for an intensified Israel bond effort to prevent undue strain on Israel's economy. He referred also to another important source of economic strain in the immigration of 45,000 Jews this year, as a result of the deterioration in the Jewish position in North Africa.

HOLLAND SEEKS EXTRADITION OF WOMEN WHO KIDNAPPED JEWISH ORPHAN

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government has instructed its Ambassador in Brussels to aid in the extradition of the sisters Elisabeth and Gertrude van Moorst, both of whom were involved in the kidnaping of Anneke Beekman, Jewish war orphan.

Elisabeth van Moorst was sentenced to a year's prison term by a Dutch court last month and Gertrude van Moorst to eight months. Elisabeth was sentenced in absentia and Gertrude fled the country after sentencing. Both are believed to be in Belgium, together with the Jewish girl whom they spirited out of Holland when a court ordered them to turn her over to the Jewish community. They cared for Anneke when her parents were sent to a Nazi death camp and brought her up as a Catholic.

HOOLIGANS STEAL CORNERSTONE OF HILLEL SITE AT WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY

MADISON, Wisc., Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The dedication of the site of the new Hillel Foundation at the University of Wisconsin here was marred by a missing cornerstone. The cornerstone, a 300-pound, 2-1/2 by 1-1/2 foot red granite stone was recovered later by police. It was chipped and split through, evidently when it fell from the back of a truck, according to police.

Police here said they had no leads and reported that they recovered the stone after an anonymous telephone call. They attributed the incident to "pranksters." It was recalled that only last August a new Catholic church here was marred just before its altar was consecrated.

Dedication ceremonies of the building went ahead despite the cornerstone theft, with the participation of the University's President, Dr. E. B. Fred, and Dr. William Haber, chairman of the national B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission. Contributions raised at the ceremony reduced the amount needed to meet all construction costs from \$27,900 to less than \$3,000, it was reported. The sums raised were in addition to a single pledge of \$10,000 by Lewis E. Phillips, of Eau Claire, Wisc.

MEDICAL STAFF PLEDGES \$750,000 TO CLEVELAND JEWISH HOSPITAL

CLEVELAND, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- A \$750,000 pledge to the Mount Sinai Hospital Development Fund here has been made by the hospital's medical staff. The pledge, to be paid over a five-year period, was adopted by a vote of the membership of the Medical Society, an organization of the medical staff. It is believed to be the largest amount ever subscribed by a medical staff of comparable size to a hospital building fund.

The pledge is part of a plan for physician participation in the fund worked out by a special committee of doctors. Individual gifts toward the pledge will be based partly on certain minimums and partly on the degree to which each contributing physician utilizes the hospital's facilities. Mt. Sinai's development program provides for the construction of a new ten-story building adjacent to the present main hospital structure.

CHICAGO JEWS RAISE FUNDS FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

CHICAGO, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Some \$120,000 was pledged for the construction of a library at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at a dinner honoring Maxwell Abbell, a member of President Eisenhower's Committee on Government Contracts, and Samuel Katzin, both Chicago Jewish leaders. This brings the total raised in the current Chicago campaign in behalf of the University to over \$700,000. The goal is a million dollars.

At the dinner, Max Bressler of Chicago, a vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, proposed to the 500 guests that funds raised for the University be earmarked for a library honoring Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Speakers at the affair included Rabbi Silver and Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the University's board of governors.

U. S. LABOR ZIONISTS ASK DULLES FOR "BOLD INITIATIVE" ON MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- An urgent plea has been cabled by the Labor Zionist Assembly to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, now attending the Big Four Foreign Minister's Conference in Geneva, to take "the bold initiative" on the present Middle Eastern situation "before it is too late." Baruch Zuckerman, veteran leader of the Labor Zionist Movement in the U.S. and chairman of the Assembly, expressed grave concern in the cable, lest the rapid and alarming developments in the Middle East explode in an outbreak of renewed war.

While this would be aimed primarily against Israel, Mr. Zuckerman declared, it would endanger the peace and security of the whole Free World, including our own United States. "As long as this threat is allowed to remain unchecked, the so-called 'Geneva Spirit' is meaningless," he stressed.