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SHARETT RESIGNS; TELLS KNESSET OF "DIFFICULT TESTS" IN CABINET

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, who held the post of Israel's Foreign Minister since the establishment of the Jewish State, today submitted his resignation at a special meeting of the Cabinet. He took leave of his colleagues and left before the Cabinet meeting was over. He walked home on foot, refusing to use the official car which was assigned to him during his service as Foreign Minister.

Later in the day, Premier Ben Gurion announced Mr. Sharett's resignation at a session of Parliament and said that Mrs. Golda Myerson would take over the post of Foreign Minister. He assured Parliament that the government's basic policy will remain the same as hitherto, particularly in the field of security and foreign affairs.

Mr. Ben Gurion referred to his address before Parliament on November 2nd of last year, which he delivered following the fighting in the Nitzana demilitarized zone. At that time, he emphasized that the Israel Government would stand up vigorously for its rights and would not shrink from using force if force were used to infringe upon these rights or to violate Israel territory.

Mr. Sharett, who followed Premier Ben Gurion to the rostrum, thanked Parliament for the trust it had shown in him and revealed that when Mr. Ben Gurion formed his Cabinet last August, Mr. Sharett had asked the Premier not to include him in the Cabinet because he had reason to believe that their cooperation would not be successful. "I felt that it would be best to free the new government of superfluous complications," Mr. Sharett told Parliament.

The former Foreign Minister disclosed that his request at that time was rejected by Premier Ben Gurion. During the period of his office in the present government, he continued relations between the Premier and himself had been subjected several times to "difficult tests." "We overcame these tests by efforts to preserve the cooperation which had existed between us for two decades and in view of the emergency through which the country was passing," Mr. Sharett reported to the Parliament.

Ben Gurion Lauds Sharett's Accomplishments Before Tense House

A tense House heard the Premier pay tribute to Mr. Sharett and stress that not only the members of the Cabinet and Knesset and Mr. Sharett's colleagues but a large number of Jews and non-Jews throughout the world had received the news of his resignation "with regret." He insisted that no other member of the Cabinet was as well fitted for his task as Mr. Sharett by virtue of his "work for the state, wide culture, extensive knowledge, thorough understanding of international affairs, natural talents, tact, temperament and agreeable manner, loyalty to duty and tremendous diligence."

He further lauded Mr. Sharett's accomplishments as Premier and enumerated a long list of accomplishments, including the forging of strong bonds between Israel and other countries. The Premier underlined that he had worked with Mr. Sharett for 40 years, "generally in agreement, always in confidence and mutual respect." He then announced Mrs. Myerson's appointment to succeed Mr. Sharett and Mordecai Namir's appointment to the Ministry of Labor post left vacant by Mrs. Myerson's change.

(Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, who in connection with Mr. Sharett's resignation is mentioned for a post of special adviser to Israel's newly named Foreign Minister Golda Myerson, left the United States today by plane for Israel.)

Prior to the Knesset session, some members of the government held the view that the Cabinet as a body must submit its resignation to Parliament, and then be reorganized after agreeing on matters of foreign policy and the naming of a new Foreign Minister. However, the Mapai members of the Cabinet, headed by Premier Ben Gurion, opposed this view. They maintained that the Foreign Minister's portfolio is a prerogative of the Mapai party under an existing coalition agreement. A formal announcement in Parliament of Mr. Sharett's resignation and of Mapai's naming Mrs. Golda Myerson as his successor is sufficient, they claimed.

Mr. Sharett will remain a member of Parliament. Last night he was elected to the Mapai's collective secretariat.

POSSIBILITY OF MOROCCO'S AGREEING TO GRADUAL JEWISH EMIGRATION SEEN

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- It is too early to assume that the Moroccan Government is completely hostile to Israel and opposed to Jewish emigration to that country, Jack Morrison, a leader of the B'nai B'rith organization in Britain, reported today to a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Mr. Morrison, who just returned from Morocco where he went with Philip Klutznick, world head of B'nai B'rith, reported that negotiations for resumption of Jewish emigration are still going on. He said he could only echo the plea by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the world Zionist movement, for patience and restraint. It was too early, he continued, to write off the Moroccan Government's possible agreement to a gradual and well planned movement of Jews out of the country.

It was essential that the negotiations be given a "fair chance," Mr. Morrison said, admitting that the patient view might have to be revised later. He spoke of the 2,000 Moroccan Jews stranded in the Kadimah transit camp and the thousands more who sold their possessions prior to their scheduled departure.

Moroccan Nationalists Admit Arab League Pressure

CASABLANCA, June 18. (JTA) -- An admission that the decision to liquidate Kadimah and to ban organized Jewish emigration from Morocco was due partly to pressure of Arab League countries upon the Moroccan Government is contained in an article published in "El Alam," organ of the Moroccan nationalist Istiqlal Party.

"The decision to ban collective Jewish emigration," the paper says, "was taken after lengthy investigation. The activity of such an organization, which enjoyed full liberty in Morocco, is a danger to the economy of the country and a threat to our brethren of the Arab countries who see important forces flowing toward their borders every day."

The newspaper also interpreted the move as an act of benevolence toward Moroccan Jews. "We all know," the article claimed, "that many Moroccan Jews who emigrated have come back to Morocco, after realizing that the promises which had been made them were illusory. They have come back without a penny and have but increased the number of poor people in our country. It is intolerable that at a time when Morocco has recovered its independence and serenity prevails among all elements of the population that such activity should be carried on in our land."

The newspaper said the decision to ban collective Jewish emigration "will check the evil which threatens the country, first, through departure of its children and, second, of their money. It is also in the government's interest to take steps for the expulsion of members of the Kadimah organization who are Israelis. It is also necessary that strict controls be imposed to prevent the departure of any group and the exit of money."

ISRAEL'S ECONOMY REVIEWED; PRICES STABLE, BUT TRADE BALANCE STAGNANT

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Prices were generally stable in Israel in 1955, David Horowitz, governor of the Israel State Bank, reported today in a review of the country's economy last year. Prices levelled off to a far greater extent during 1955 than in 1954, he said.

National production rose by 10 percent during the year, Mr. Horowitz reported, while the number of employed persons increased by 5.5 percent. National income was up by 14 percent and investments increased by 22.5 percent.

Only slight progress was made, however, in solving basic economic problems of the country and there is a danger in the fact that the trade balance has not improved, Mr. Horowitz pointed out. He noted that the principal sources of capital imports--German reparations and American grants-in-aid--were being reduced and would gradually dry up.

It is known that Mr. Horowitz report is being given serious study by the government. It is expected that a series of measures will be introduced to step up production in all fields.

BRITAIN SEEKS TO CHECK ARAB BOYCOTT OF FIRMS DEALING WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- The British Government has been in contact with allied and other friendly governments over the Arab states' boycott of firms trading with Israel, Foreign Under Secretary Lord John Hope, announced today in Parliament. His announcement was contained in a written reply to a query by Sir Leslie Plummer, Labor.

TWO EGYPTIAN SPIES SENTENCED TO LIFE TERMS BY ISRAELI COURT

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- Two young Arabs from Egypt were sentenced to life imprisonment in Israel yesterday after confessing having committed espionage. The two, Abdul Aziz el Barim, 24, and Suleiman Abusawis, 21, admitted having twice entered Israel from the Gaza strip to collect military information. They were caught the second time.

BRITISH JEWS DISCUSS VALUE OF SENDING DELEGATIONS TO SOVIET UNION

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- The value of Jewish organizations seeking permission to send delegations to the Soviet Union to study Jewish life there was discussed here last night at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Barnett Janner, president, spoke in favor of such action. However, Dr. Abraham Cohen, former president, advised caution. He said that to send a delegation to Russia without assurances on the part of the Soviet Government of absolutely free contact with Russian Jewry could do more harm than good.

Another member of the Board suggested that if a Board delegation emerged from the USSR with an unfavorable report, it might seriously threaten the position of any Soviet Jews with whom the delegation had conferred.

Meanwhile, the Board approved a resolution welcoming arrangements for the regular exchange of information and views on world Jewish problems between Jewish organizations. At the same time, the Board refused to accept proposals for the Board's entry into an international Jewish body which would affect the independence of the Board.

DELEGATION OF AMERICAN ORTHODOX RABBIS LEAVES FOR U.S.S.R.

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- A delegation of five Orthodox rabbis left here today for a tour of the Soviet Union, the first group of American rabbis to visit the USSR since the end of World War II.

On the eve of their departure, the rabbis revealed that they had received permission from the Communist Rumanian Government to inspect Jewish communities in that country. The Federation of Jewish Congregations of Rumania invited the American rabbis to visit.

59 ORGANIZED JEWISH COMMUNITIES REPORTED EXISTING IN HUNGARY

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- There are 59 organized Jewish communities in Hungary with a total of 79 rabbis, it was reported here today by the world executive of the Agudas Israel organization. There are also 58 cantors, ritual slaughterers and other communal officials.

Quoting a report by Dr. Lajos Heves, president of the Jewish Communal Board of Budapest, at a recent meeting of the board, the Agudah said that there were 89 Talmud Torahs in Hungary, but that 83 have only one teacher. The total number of students in these schools is some 3,200. The lone yeshiva has 68 students.

According to the Agudah, Dr. Heves expressed gratitude to both the Hungarian Government and Jewish organizations abroad for their assistance to the Hungarian Jewish community. He singled out for special mention the government's assistance in social welfare matters and shipments of medicine, food and clothing from worldwide Jewish organizations.

The extension of Jewish education and the care of Jewish youth in general was discussed at the Budapest conference. The recent death of Menyhert Spiegel, president of the Orthodox Jewish Community of Budapest, was also announced today by the Agudah.

53 PERCENT OF POLAND'S JEWS REPORTED ENGAGED IN PRODUCTIVE WORK

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- A picture of the occupational status of Jews in Poland was presented in a Yiddish language broadcast from Warsaw monitored here. Tribute was paid in the broadcast to the "generosity of Jews throughout the world" who sent relief parcels to Polish Jews after the war.

Quoting from statistics "available to organs of the Jewish community in Poland," the broadcast said that 53 percent of the Jewish population are directly engaged in productive work, with a large share of the remainder classified as housewives and some as small businessmen. Of all Jews in productive work, the commentator said, some 17 percent are employed in state industries--heavy industries. Thirty seven percent are employed in some level of governmental work, while nine percent are in the professions and two percent are farmers.

GRAVES OF DR. GRAETZ AND LASSALLE DESECRATED IN JEWISH CEMETERY

VIENNA, June 18. (JTA) -- The graves of Dr. Heinrich Graetz, noted Jewish historian, and Ferdinand Lassalle, the Socialist thinker, were desecrated by vandals at the Jewish cemetery in the Polish city of Wroclaw, formerly known as Breslau, it was reported in newspapers reaching here today from Poland.

GERMAN DENTIST GETS THREE YEARS FOR ABETTING MURDER OF JEWS

FRANKFURT, June 18. (JTA) -- A court at Weiden, after finding SS dentist Christian Weck guilty of aiding and abetting the murder of at least 20 inmates of the Flossenbuerg concentration camp, sentenced him to three years in jail. The prosecutor had demanded a seven-year term.

U.S. GROUP TO BUILD \$20,000,000 RAYON MANUFACTURING PLANT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Plans for the establishment of a new industry in Israel, rayon manufacture, were announced here today by a spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He said that a group of American industrialists and financiers, headed by Israel Rogosin of Beauknit Mills, plan to build a \$20,000,000 plant. Rogosin Industries Ltd. will include on its board, beside Mr. Rogosin, Abraham Feinberg, as chairman of the board.

BRITH ABRAHAM FOUR-DAY CONVENTION OPENS; DISCUSSES UNITY IN U.S. JEWRY

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 18. (JTA) -- A four-day convention of Brith Abraham, national Jewish fraternal organization, opened here last night to consider problems facing American Jewry in relation to the American scene, Israel and elsewhere. More than 1,000 delegates representing 310 lodges of Brith Abraham throughout the United States are attending the convention.

Irving Katcher, grand master of the organization, outlined today a ten-point program designed to bring greater unity to American Jewry, advance civil rights among Americans, assist youth and bring about a change in American immigration laws. Mr. Katcher also criticized the U.S. Government's failure to supply Israel with arms to match those obtained by the Arab states. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine Ambassador to the U.S., was presented with the first Brith Abraham "World Peace Award."

JACOB BLAUSTEIN RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE FROM LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

BETHLEHEM, Pa., June 18. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee who was a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly last year, received today an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Lehigh University here.

Honorary degrees were also conferred upon Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U.S. representative to the UN and the Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Blaustein is a member of the class of 1913 at Lehigh University.

BALTIMORE BREAKS GROUND FOR \$18,000,000 SINAI HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

BALTIMORE, June 18. (JTA) -- Ground was broken for the new \$18,000,000 building Sinai Hospital of the Associated Jewish Charities Medical Center yesterday before an audience of about 500 spectators. The ceremonies were held on the grounds of the Medical Center. Tribute to the Jewish community for its initiative and courage in launching such a major hospital undertaking was paid by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, who said: "The new Sinai Hospital will fill a real need for all Baltimoreans, particularly inasmuch as it will be the only hospital in the fast growing northwest section of the city."

The honor of participating in the symbolic ground-breaking ceremonies went to Abraham Krieger, president of the Associated Jewish Charities; Robert H. Levi, president of Sinai Hospital; J. Benjamin Katzner, chairman of the Associated Jewish Charities Medical Center Planning Committee; and Mrs. Louis Blaustein, representing the many contributors to the hospital campaign. Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Associated Jewish Charities, termed the ground-breaking ceremonies one of the most historic in the hundred year old history of Jewish philanthropy in Baltimore.

BARUCH ZUCKERMAN HONORED; LEAVES U.S. FOR SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Several hundred leaders and active members of the American Labor Zionist movement gave an impressive "send-off" to Baruch Zuckerman, noted Labor Zionist leader, and his wife, who are leaving for permanent settlement in Israel. The gathering, which took place in the Grand Ball Room of the Sheraton-Astor Hotel, was addressed by Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Louis Lipsky, Alexander Kahn, and other Jewish leaders.

The services rendered the Zionist movement by Mr. Zuckerman during more than 50 years of his activity were emphasized by all speakers. Each of the guests contributed \$25 for the "Jewish Frontier" and the "Yiddisher Kemper" -- the two publications of the American Labor Zionist movement -- in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman.

NEW YORK JEWISH STUDENT WINS ENGLAND'S MOST NOTABLE LITERARY AWARD

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- David Louis Posner, of New York, has won the Sir Roger Newdigate Prize for English verse, one of England's most notable literary awards, it was revealed here today. The prize has been awarded to an Oxford University undergraduate annually for the last 150 years. Previous winners include such English literary figures as Matthew Arnold, Oscar Wilde, John Ruskin and Julian Huxley.