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ISRAEL CABINET MEETS; CONSIDERS PLANS FOR 3,000,000 POPULATION

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet was scheduled to meet late this evening in an extraordinary session to consider long-term development problems. There is a likelihood that the debate, which began at the regular session last Sunday, will result in the outline of a five-year development program, which does not exist at the moment.

The discussion was launched Sunday by a report by Premier David Ben Gurion which was based on the assumption that by 1962 Israel would have a population of 3,000,000. At present the country's population stands at 1,925,000 with every reason to expect it to surpass the 2,000,000 mark before the end of the year.

At this point in the government's planning for the next five years, each Minister has been asked to present the general problems which will face his department within the next five years, assuming the 50 percent growth in population.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Pinchas Saphir, Minister for Trade and Industry, has mapped a four-year plan for the development of Israel industry which would require the investment of 500,000,000 pounds by the end of 1960. The plan, which will be presented at tonight's Cabinet session, calls for the establishment of 300 new industrial enterprises and the expansion of 200 existing firms.

The new industries would employ 26,000 new workers and will add 200,000,000 pounds annually to the net national output. The plan stresses an increase in the output of products which are exported, including cement, tires and diamonds. Some 150,000,000 pounds would be invested in the metals industry, according to Mr. Saphir's blueprint, 125,000,000 pounds in textiles and 74,000,000 pounds in chemical plants.

U. N. PATROL KILLS TWO ARABS IN GAZA AREA; U. N. SOLDIER KILLED, 4 INJURED

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 18. (JTA) -- Two Arabs were shot and killed and a third arrested by a United Nations Emergency Force patrol which had been attacked by an Arab group last night 500 yards from the armistice demarcation line at the Gaza Strip.

UNEF headquarters, which announced the action, said it took place southeast of Beit Hanun. The patrol of four men from the Danish-Norwegian battalion saw a group of six men moving in the direction of the demarcation line. The patrol challenged the Arabs, whereupon the six men moved toward the UNEF troops. One Arab threw a knife at the troops and the patrol opened fire. Two Arabs wearing khaki uniform jackets were killed, a third taken into custody and the others fled. UN military observers are investigating further.

In another incident, a Yugoslav soldier was killed and four others seriously injured when the truck in which a UNEF engineering unit was travelling hit two anti-tank mines south of Rafah. The truck was returning from a mission near the Israel-Egyptian demarcation line. It had passed the same point unscathed a short while before.

MOSCOW CRITICIZED IN ISRAEL FOR DELIVERING SUBMARINES TO EGYPT

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was severely criticized in Israeli circles today for Moscow's delivery of three submarines to Egypt at a time when the USSR has been casting itself in the role of a pacifying force in the Middle East.

These circles stressed that the introduction of such weapons, for the first time, are hardly conducive to peace in the region, particularly when placed in the hands of a government which claims and perpetrates acts of belligerency against Israel. This action was seen as indicating that all Soviet moves toward lessening Middle East tension, such as notes to the Western Powers, are illusory.

The Israelis draw an "ominous parallel" between the submarine deliveries and the 1955 Czech-Egyptian arms deal. In both cases, they pointed out, the Soviet Union introduced new and modern arms which did not previously exist in the arsenals of the Middle East states, and in both cases the USSR acted after public feelers toward a lessening of East West tensions.

ISRAEL ENVOY TO MOSCOW RETURNS; WILL REVIEW SOVIET-ISRAEL RELATIONS

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- Col. Josef Avidar, Israeli Ambassador to Soviet Russia, returned to Israel today for a visit during which it was assumed he would review with Foreign Ministry officials recent Soviet-Israel and Soviet-Middle East relations.

Diplomatic sources noted that the current visit came during rumors of a tendency toward improvement of Israeli-Russian relations, although official Foreign Office circles denied any indication of such a trend.

ISRAEL WINS PLACE ON I.L.O. GOVERNING BODY; COMPETED WITH EGYPT

GENEVA, June 18. (JTA) -- Israel scored a noteworthy success at the current International Labor Organization meeting today when Aron Becker, head of the Histadrut's trade union department and an Israel delegate to the ILO, was elected to the organization's governing body, nosing out an Egyptian candidate. In a secret ballot in which 66 delegations participated, the Israeli representative received 44 votes. The election aroused considerable interest in ILO circles.

The Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations--which represents the Board of Deputies of British Jews, South African Jewish Board of Deputies and B'nai B'rith--was included today in a list of special non-governmental organizations accredited to the ILO. The list was established last year at the request of non-governmental groups interested in some aspect of ILO work. The Coordinating Board requested inclusion on the list because of its concern with such problems as discrimination in employment, human rights and the status of migrants, all of which figure frequently on ILO agendas.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT LEAVES COUNTRY FOR TEN-DAY MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- President Yitzhak Ben Zvi and Mrs. Ben Zvi left Haifa today on the S.S. Theodor Herzl for a ten-day vacation cruise of the Mediterranean. Israel's first family will spend the entire vacation aboard the new Israeli passenger liner, thus legally remaining on Israeli territory. Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, is Acting President.

Prior to her departure, the First Lady was hostess to a deputation of Arab women educators. Composed of educational and welfare workers from Nazareth, Acre, Jaffa, Kafr Yassif, and other Arab centers in Israel, the members of the group are now touring the country and visiting welfare institutions. They hope to bring better service to their own communities. Mrs. Ben Zvi, who was greeted in perfect Hebrew by her guests, expressed gratification over the increased social, educational and welfare activities among Arab women.

MANY YOUNGSTERS NOW COMING TO ISRAEL DID NOT KNOW THEY ARE JEWS

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- Many children and teen-agers brought to Israel recently, have developed deep personal problems as a result of the sudden awareness that they are Jews, Moshe Kol, head of the Youth Aliyah movement reported here today.

Mr. Kol declared that some of the youngsters who did not know they were Jews until brought to Israel by the child rescue movement suffered from psychological shock. For those who cannot cope with this shock, the Youth Aliyah leader continued, individualized attention is provided in Youth Aliyah centers.

Mr. Kol, who expressed appreciation of the assistance given Youth Aliyah by various international bodies, said that Israel would be host to the next international children's conference.

TEL AVIV ENFORCES BAN ON RAISING PIGS AND SALE OF PORK PRODUCTS

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- Enforcement began today in the Tel Aviv area of a law banning the raising of pigs or the sale of pork products following approval by the Ministry of the Interior.

The law, which outlaws possession and sale of pork throughout the Tel Aviv area, permits special inspectors to enter any place at any time for enforcement purposes but search of private premises requires a magistrate's order. The old law permitted sales in certain areas. The law sets a period of 42 days for winding up all pork business.

HUNGARIAN RABBI LIBERATED FROM A SIBERIAN CAMP ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Wuerdiger, a Hungarian rabbi who was liberated from a Russian concentration camp in Siberia as a result of West German intervention, arrived in Israel today. Rabbi Wuerdiger was kidnapped by Soviet authorities while en route from Hungary to West Germany in 1947. He was deported to Siberia on charges of "Zionist activities."

When a West German delegation visited the USSR last year in an effort to locate and obtain the release of German prisoners of war held by the Russians, it found Rabbi Wuerdiger in one of the labor camps. After prolonged negotiations between Bonn and Soviet officials, the Hungarian Jew was released.

STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES ADVISING GERMANY NOT TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- State Department sources today denied reports that the United States dissuaded the West German Government from establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

German diplomatic sources said that the State Department advised West Germany to defer diplomatic recognition of Israel until improvement occurs in the Arab-Israel situation. But U. S. officials today held that the Bonn Government arrived at its own independent decision to postpone establishment of normal relations with Israel. West Germany was described as apprehensive lest Egypt and Syria retaliate by recognizing the East German Communist regime. Such a development would force Bonn to sever relations with Egypt and Syria.

West Germany reportedly told the State Department that it considers its present reparations contacts with Israel as sufficiently adequate for the time being. U. S. officials said the matter emerged recently when Israel sought the State Department's good offices toward the creation of German-Israel diplomatic relations. Israel reportedly took the step in Washington because the United States is a friend of both Israel and West Germany and is represented in Bonn, Tel Aviv, and Cairo.

The Israel move was made because the West Germans had in the past led Israel to believe that Bonn desired the normalization of relations. According to the highly authoritative U. S. sources, the Israel exploratory move here was met with a negative response not because of any advice given by the State Department to West Germany but due to the Germans' own apprehensive reluctance.

25,000 JEWS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT POLAND; MORE PLAN TO LEAVE

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- Some 25,000 Jews have left Poland this year and many more plan to leave, it was reported here today in the Daily Herald, Labor newspaper, by Basil Davidson, who just returned from a visit to Poland. The correspondent attributes the large emigration to two factors: the resurgence of anti-Semitism and the fact that emigration to Israel is again permitted.

Writing of anti-Semitism, Mr. Davidson noted that although Poland's pre-war Jewish population of 3,500,000 had been reduced--chiefly by Nazi annihilation--to 100,000, anti-Jewish talk had again become commonplace. However, he reported that there was evidence to show that intolerance was a smaller problem now than it was six months ago.

HOUSE PASSES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL; FUTURE OF BILL IN SENATE IS UNCERTAIN

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- The House today passed a Civil Rights Bill which for the first time in Federal legislative history expressed concern over discrimination because of religion as well as color and race.

The bill, part of the Administration's civil rights program, was passed by a vote of 286 to 126. It was sent to the Senate where it faces a stormy and uncertain future. The bill would authorize the U. S. Attorney General to take Federal court action in cases where voting or other civil rights were violated or threatened.

In the course of debate on the bill, a number of Congressmen sought to eliminate the reference to religion. Rep. Thomas G. Abernethy, Mississippi Democrat, told the House "religious bigotry in America is a myth. It does not exist."

JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES QUESTION ON RELIGION IN NEXT U. S. CENSUS

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today voiced its opposition to the inclusion of any question concerning religious affiliation or belief in the next U. S. census in 1960. Noting that there have been "increasing demands" for such a question in the forthcoming decennial census, the American Jewish Congress asserted its opposition on the ground that the proposal is "unconstitutional and an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of Americans." This action, in the form of a resolution, was taken at a meeting of the organization's executive committee.

In opposing a Federal census question with regard to religion, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the AJC, pointed out that under the Constitution, no person may be compelled to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion. If, however, a question about religious affiliation were to be inserted in the census, all persons would be compelled, under threat of imprisonment, to profess a belief or disbelief in religion. Refusal to answer is a penal offense according to Federal law.

The American Jewish Congress, Dr. Goldstein continued, would be "equally opposed" to the proposal even if persons questioned were accorded the option of not answering. "Whether the procedure is voluntary or involuntary, the religious affiliations or beliefs of the people are not a legitimate concern of a democratic government committed to the principle of the separation of church and state," he declared. "Never before has our government sought to inquire into the religious affiliations or beliefs of Americans. Inclusion of questions regarding religion in the next Federal census, unprecedented in American history, would constitute a grave and dangerous departure from this tradition," he pointed out.

AUSTRALIAN JEWS OPPOSE EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM ISRAEL TO AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia, June 18. (JTA) -- The annual conference of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the representative body of Australian Jews, urged the Western Powers today to compel Egypt and the other Arab states to accord Israel equal treatment in passage through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba.

The conference also decided to urge the Australian Government to support any action leading toward a peaceful and just settlement of the Middle East conflict. The delegates reiterated their opposition to the organized migration of Jews from Israel, pledging that they would not work to help Jews leave Israel to come to Australia.

ISRAEL PLANS SELLING GIFT PARCELS IN U.S. AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Plans were completed here today for the establishment of an Israeli gift parcel company which will distribute parcels both in the United States and in countries behind the Iron Curtain. The plans call for two categories of parcels: semi-luxury gifts for American recipients and gifts of essential items for Iron Curtain countries. Gift certificates for parcels will be sold in both areas.

In the United States, recipients of certificates will be able to choose from Israeli-made arts and crafts, fashion products, religious articles, special foods, and sweets. The list of gift necessities for Iron Curtain recipients includes textiles, clothing, shoes, foodstuffs and appliances.

REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

QUITO, Ecuador, June 18. (JTA) -- The Republic of Ecuador formally entered into diplomatic relations with Israel today when Tuvia Arazi, Israel's first representative to Ecuador presented his credentials as Plenipotentiary Minister to Camilo Ponce Enriquez, President of Ecuador, in the presence of Carlos Tobar Zaldumbide, Foreign Minister, and other Cabinet members.

Hatikvah, Israel's national anthem, was heard for the first time publicly in Ecuador when a military band played it at the reception. Minister Arazi stressed in his address that relations between Israel and Ecuador should be based on the friendship and goodwill which Ecuador has repeatedly shown Israel in the past. President Camilo Ponce said in his reply he was happy to welcome the representative of a people which had made so many contributions for the progress of civilization.

ZIONIST FEDERATION OF CHILE HOLDS TWO-DAY CONVENTION IN SANTIAGO

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 18. (JTA) -- The two-day annual convention of the Zionist Federation of Chile concluded here today with the adoption of resolutions to give maximum aid to Israel. The convention was addressed by Israel Minister Matitiah Dori. It elected Miguel Maladavsky, a General Zionist, as president; Leo Gomberoff, Zionist Laborite, as vice-president, and Marcos Francos, Mapam member, as secretary.

JUDGE BERNARD ROSENBLATT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FOUNDATION FOR J.N.F.

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt was elected president of the Foundation for the Jewish National Fund at its annual meeting today. The Foundation is the instrumentality through which funds are set up for large-scale land development projects in Israel through wills, bequests and insurance with the Jewish National Fund as beneficiary. The wills and insurance potential raised by the Foundation in the course of the last three years since its inception totals \$11,000,000.

DR. A.S. SCHWARTZ, OLDEST HEBREW POET IN U.S., DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 81

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Shmuel Schwartz, oldest Hebrew poet in the United States, died at his home here today. Born 81 years ago in a small town near Vilna, Russia, he came to this country in his early youth and was one of the founders 60 years ago of the organization known as "Mefitze Sefat Ever" ("Promoters of the Hebrew Language"). Most of his poems were published in Hadoar, only Hebrew-language weekly in this country.

YITZHAK SHENHAR, HEBREW WRITER, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS NAMED CONSUL

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Yitzhak Shenhar, Hebrew writer and translator, died here today. He was 50. Mr. Shenhar, who was recently named consul-designate at Bombay, translated into Hebrew the works of Kafka, Tolstoy and Gogol. He was also a member of the board of the Israel Writers Association.

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR DR. SOMMERSTEIN HELD BY POLISH JEWS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting honoring the late Dr. Emil Sommerstein, former member of the Polish Parliament and leader of the Zionist movement in pre-Nazi Poland, was held here tonight at Herzl Institute. Principal speakers included Dr. Itzhak Schwarzbart, leader of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Itzhak Levin, leader of Agudas Israel, and Judge Maximilian Friede, prominent leader of Polish Jewry who is now president of the Club of Polish Jews in New York. Dr. Sommerstein died here last month.