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BEN GURION GIVES ULTIMATUM TO PARTY WHICH BROKE CABINET SECRET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion gave the leftwing Achdut Avoda Party the choice today of leaving the coalition Cabinet or accepting public responsibility for deliberately violating the secrecy of Cabinet decision to send a "leading personality" to West Germany to seek Bonn's support for an international guarantee of Israel's borders. (In New York it was indicated that the "leading personality" was Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff.)

There seemed little likelihood that the Achdut Avoda would yield to the Premier's ultimatum. The leadership of the party, an offshoot of the Mapam, was in session for most of the day and, although there was no formal reply late today to the Premier, the trend of debate within the committee indicated no retreat.

Earlier today, Premier Ben Gurion received formal support from his top Mapai associates for his demand that Achdut Avoda resign from the Government. The support came in the form of a communique, issued at the end of a four-hour meeting of top Mapai officials, announcing full backing for the Prime Minister's stand that the Achdut Avoda action was "incompatible" with continued participation of the party in the government coalition led by Mapai.

The Mapai leaders communique accused Achdut Avoda, a splinter group of former Mapam leaders, of "sabotage for narrow party interests of state security in a matter of supreme importance," and that the party "must accept all the consequences of its action." Before the communique was issued, the left-wing Mapam political committee announced opposition to any changes in the coalition and a demand for more cooperation among the coalition partners based on "agreed major principles."

The Mapam statement had been based on a belief that Mapai would not force a government crisis, a calculation upset by the Mapai communique demanding the ouster of the two Achdut Avoda ministers. An already-indicated decision of Mapam to quit if the Achdut Avoda was forced out would mean the fall of the present Government. All political parties scheduled urgent conferences to decide party stands in the new crisis.

Prospects for survival of the coalition Cabinet seemed to have worsened at the day's end following meetings of the leadership of every political group and some interparty discussion. Nonetheless, at Mapai headquarters all hope was not dead of saving the situation and the Mapai secretariat was scheduled to meet Saturday night to explore compromise formulas which might have arisen by then.

It was considered certain here that even if an Achdut Avoda ouster and a Mapam withdrawal toppled the government, Mr. Ben Gurion would be able to reform his coalition and still have a one vote majority in the Knesset. There was also a good chance that the Agudas Israel might enter the government and thus increase its majority.

NATO CONFERENCE AFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR SOVEREIGNTY OF MID-EAST STATES

PARIS, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The four-day NATO summit conference concluded here today with a communique which revealed that the situation in the Middle East was one of the subjects that came up for discussion during the parley. The portion of the communique referring to the Middle East read:

"We have reviewed the situation in the Middle East in line with the peaceful aims of our alliance. We affirm the support of our government for the independence and sovereignty of states in this region and of our interests in their economic well-being. We believe the stability of this important area is vital to world peace."

Ben Gurion Denies that Israel Sought Membership in NATO

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion's office issued a formal denial today that the Government of Israel had proposed to the member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that Israel be accepted as a NATO member.

The communique officially denied that Mapai Party secretary Dr. Giora Josephthal who was recently in Germany on an official mission was sent there to discuss Israel's joining

the treaty organization. There is no foundation, the communique continued, to the report that "a leading personality" was to be sent to Germany to negotiate a NATO link.

Informed circles here buttressed the communique's statements, asserting that both Dr. Josephthal's mission and that of the "leading personality" were concerned with matters specifically between Israel and West Germany.

Turkey Criticized for Promoting Anti-Israel Views at NATO Parley

ISTANBUL, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government's espousal of the Arab states' cause against Israel at the NATO session which ended in Paris today has aroused considerable press criticism here, despite the iron hand with which the government controls the newspapers.

The newspaper Yenigun, in an editorial, suggested that Turkey did not do well by pressing an Arab proposal for which support could not be found at the NATO parley--pushing Israel back to the boundaries set in the 1947 United Nations partition plan. It called the demand for implementation of the ten-year old UN decision "unrealistic." Yenigun also turned thumbs down on any discussion of the Arab scheme within the Bagdad Pact which, it pointed out, had been created specifically to deal with the Soviet threat.

The newspaper Dunya pointed out that there were only two countries in the Middle East whose political, military and economic interests were identical--Turkey and Israel. Both, the paper said, "are subject to the same enmities and dangers."

EGYPT CALLS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS IN GAZA DURING HAMMARSKJOLD'S VISIT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Cairo Radio today called on Gaza inhabitants to stage pro-Egyptian demonstrations during United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's visit to the Strip next week. The demonstrations should prove the Gaza Arabs fidelity to Egypt, their desire to be united with that country and their "sufferings" under the present regime--the UN Emergency Force--the announcer prompted.

If the performance is carried off well, he pledged, Egypt will pour large sums into the area for development purposes. It was noted here that in the three months which Israel occupied the Gaza Strip it put more money into developments than Egypt had in the previous decade.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT DISCUSSES MEASURES AGAINST ARAB ECONOMIC BOYCOTT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Means of counteracting the Arab economic boycott of Israel were scheduled for discussion today by Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister, and Moshe Bartur, head of the Ministry's Economic Division, at a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee.

Informed sources said that, following the capitulation four months ago by the Shell company to Arab pressure, the Arabs have intensified their boycott pressures. The Shell firm at that time announced plans to end commercial activities in Israel. It was also learned that Great Britain has been pressuring British General Electric to diminish operations in Israel.

The Shell commitment to the Arabs was liquidation of business activities in Israel within six months but there were no indications that the oil firm would be able to complete negotiations for the transfer of its assets and business to a successor company within the two months still remaining of the six.

Israel sources emphasized that in those countries where governments have stood firm against Arab boycott pressures, no firms had suffered from their refusal to cease trading in Israel but in countries where governments have failed to oppose the boycott, the Arabs have exercised steadily increasing pressures against local firms still doing business with Israel.

NEW EXCHANGE RATE SET BY ISRAEL GOVERNMENT FOR U. S. DOLLARS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel today set the exchange rate for philanthropic dollars raised abroad at 1.8 pounds to the dollar. This brought the exchange rate for funds raised by such agencies as the United Jewish Appeal and Jewish National Fund into line with the official rate to tourists and businessmen and ended a practice which the national institutions in Israel had criticized bitterly.

FIRST SHIP OF GHANA-ISRAEL SHIPPING LINE SAILS FROM GHANA

ACCRA, Ghana, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The first ship of the new Black Star Line, a joint Ghanaian-Israeli venture, sailed from the African port of Takoradi today after a colorful ceremony attended by Ghanaian Prime Minister Nkrumah and members of his Cabinet and senior government officials.

The Prime Minister boarded the vessel, the S.S. Volta River, where he was welcomed by the captain and officers, most of whom are Israelis. The Prime Minister called this a "historic day for Ghana."

EISENHOWER COOL TO PROPOSAL ON DIRECT U.S. ACTION IN ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A proposal that President Eisenhower appoint "a competent Middle East team of experts" to study Arab-Israel issues and to make recommendations to him on how to solve them will be given "thoughtful consideration," the President indicated. However, he pointed out that he "must reserve judgment for the present" as to whether this proposal would "at this moment" be prudent and productive.

The proposal was advanced by Congressman Victor L. Anfuso in a report to the President following the former's visit to Middle East countries on a food study mission. The exchange of communications between Rep. Anfuso and President Eisenhower was made public today.

In his report to the President, the New York Democrat advocated "a complete re-valuation and turnover in our present foreign policy." He said: "We have not completely lost the Middle East, but it will not be long before we do if we fail to change our do-nothing policy until a crisis occurs, to a positive policy of action before the danger arises."

Asserting that "the United Nations is impotent" to bring about a solution of the Arab-Israel problem, Rep. Anfuso told President Eisenhower that "the proof of this statement is in the very fact that nine years have gone by without any semblance of a solution; on the contrary, the problem has worsened."

Israel's Willingness to Discuss Solution with U. S. Indicated

"I had, at first thought that the United States team should call both the Arab states and Israel together to settle their differences, but this, for the time being, seems impossible," Rep. Anfuso reported to the President. "Therefore, I would urge that the United States team go to each country involved, to determine from each how far they are willing to go to attain peace in the Middle East. I am certain that a strong personal effort on your part to bring about these negotiations will make the United States team welcome in all these countries."

The New York member of Congress, who conferred with Premier David Ben Gurion during his visit to Israel, emphasized in his report to President Eisenhower that he knows "Israel will not refuse to sit down with the United States team, and that it will make concessions." He also said he knows that "once we can get the Arab states to start negotiations and bargaining, they will see the advantages to peaceful coexistence."

Mr. Anfuso drew President Eisenhower's attention to the fact that the Eisenhower Doctrine is meaningless unless supplemented by acts which show a genuine interest in the peoples involved. "We need not fear that Syria will attack her neighboring sister states," he stressed. "This will never happen, because there is a strong bond holding these states together. The attack, when it comes, will be against Israel. For this reason, pouring arms in the Middle East will only advance the date of a bloody struggle between the Arab states and Israel," he pointed out.

President Eisenhower, in his reply, said that he knows of hardly any other problem that has had his more "constant and earnest attention" than the Middle East. He enumerated the efforts made by him and other members of the U. S. Government to alleviate the tensions of the area, and emphasized that he is not content with these efforts. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Anfuso for the proposals submitted, promising that they would receive "thoughtful consideration."

U. N. Dealt with Middle East Problems "Prudently" Eban Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban today lauded the United Nations, saying that the international organization dared to deal with the Middle Eastern problem "on the whole prudently and wisely."

Mr. Eban expressed himself after a meeting with Francis Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs. He told newsmen he talked with Mr. Wilcox about prospects of Dr. Francisco Urrutia's mission to negotiate on the Mt. Scopus problem. Dr. Urrutia, of Columbia, was appointed by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to mediate between Jordan and Israel.

Mr. Eban, commenting on recent developments, said the United Nations "dared to deal on the whole prudently and wisely with the Middle Eastern problem by restricting itself to certain practical problems."

MOSCOW RADIO SAYS JEWS ARE NOT PERSECUTED IN THE SOVIET UNION

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The charge that Jews are persecuted in the Soviet Union is the "worst lie yet invented against the Socialist system," Moscow radio said last night in a broadcast monitored here. "Synagogues are functioning in the USSR and books by Jewish writers are being published," the broadcaster said.

He noted that the writer Ilya Ehrenburg, the violinist David Cistrakh and the pianist Emil Gilels as well as scientists and other intellectuals who are Jews are "looked up to and respected in Russia." He neglected to state that no books are published in Yiddish and that all Jewish cultural institutions have been closed down and no longer function.

171 JEWISH CEMETERIES DESECRATED IN GERMANY SINCE 1948, GOVT. REPORTS

FRANKFORT, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Federal Bureau of Criminality released today what was believed to be the first nation-wide report in modern German history of desecration of cemeteries. The report revealed that while Christian as well as Jewish burial places have been violated, proportionately far more desecrations have taken place in Jewish cemeteries.

The study, covering the period of January 1, 1948 to May 1, 1957, was motivated, the bureau said, by the "sharp" public reaction to the desecration of the Jewish section of the Salzgitter-Lebenstedt cemetery last April. The report showed that 203 of the violated cemeteries were Christian and 171 Jewish. Damages were reported in four cemeteries having both Jewish and Christian sections.

The report noted that nearly 54 percent of all Christian cemeteries were desecrated and 45 percent of all Jewish burial places. However, it emphasized that any inference of greater desecrations of Christian than Jewish cemeteries would be inaccurate because there were only about 1,700 Jewish cemeteries in Germany. Proportionately, the report stated, many more desecrations have taken place in Jewish cemeteries.

A much higher percentage of desecrations of Jewish cemeteries were solved because police investigated such outrages more thoroughly than the Christian violations, the report said. The more intensive police action was due to charges that Jewish desecrations were political acts. The report, however, listed only one violation as a proven "political demonstration."

Children under 14 were responsible for the desecration of nearly 70 percent of violated Jewish graves, compared with 24 percent for Christian graves. Adults responsible for such acts desecrated more Christian than Jewish graves, leading authors of the report to comment that "The Jewish cemetery seems to have a magical attraction for children and youths."

Most of the cemetery damages done by the children were ascribed in the report to "what in criminological evaluation must be termed 'gross mischief.'" Other motives listed were profit-seeking, mental disturbances and drunkenness.

DAVID ROSE REELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- David Rose, New York communal leader, was today reelected to serve for a third term as president of the American Technion Society, which supports the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, located in Haifa, Israel.

The American Technion Society is a nationwide group composed of nearly 15,000 engineers, scientists, technologists and industrialists who provide financial, technical and consultative assistance to Israel's only technological university. Some of the outstanding scientists in the United States are sponsors of the Society.

The establishment by the Philipp Brothers Foundation of a \$100,000 chair in Mining and Metallurgy at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, as a memorial to Arturo Gruenbaum, was announced today. The late Mr. Gruenbaum was a partner of Philipp Brothers for many years. The \$100,000 gift was turned over to the American Technion Society.

WORLD BODY OF JEWS FROM GERMANY NAMES DR. MOSES AS NEW PRESIDENT

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Council for the Protection of the Rights and Interests of Jews from Germany today appointed Dr. Sigfried Moses of Jerusalem head of the organization to succeed the late Dr. Leo Baeck, its first president.

Dr. Moses, well known as a leader of German Jewry, is currently comptroller of the State of Israel. The organization, which represents Jews who left Germany after the advent of Hitler and now live in all parts of the world, was established after the war.

JEWISH EMIGRATION WORK OF J. D. C. AND UNITED HIAS LAUDED IN BOOK

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The heroic work of Jewish voluntary agencies, like the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Hias Service, is underlined in a book which Syracuse University Press will publish shortly, it was announced today. The book, "Escape from Fear," was written by Martin A. Bursten, of the United Hias staff.

In a preface to the book, Scott McLeod, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland who headed the U.S. refugee program prior to being named to his present post, appeals for a revision of the U.S. immigration laws so that this country may deal more expeditiously with emergencies similar to the exodus of some 200,000 Hungarians in 1956-57.

CONFERENCE ON HISTORY OF ZIONISM IN U.S. TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A National Conference on the History of Zionism in America will be convened by the Theodor Herzl Institute here on December 28 it was announced here today. This is the second conference on this subject to be held by the Theodor Herzl Institute, a center for Zionist adult education and research, sponsored by the Jewish Agency in cooperation with the American Zionist Council.