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ISRAEL CABINET MEETS ON CRISIS TODAY; ENVOY BACK FROM BONN MISSION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The meeting of the Israel Cabinet at which the pending government crisis was supposed to have been resolved was postponed from today until tomorrow to give Premier David Ben-Gurion additional time to conduct another round of talks with parties inside his coalition and with several groups in the opposition whom he hopes to attract to the government side.

Shimon Peres, director general of the Israel Defense Ministry, returned today from a four-day mission to Europe which took him, among other places, to Bonn. Mr. Peres was thought to be the substitute for the "leading personality" Mr. Ben-Gurion wanted to send to West Germany to negotiate the purchase of arms. The Cabinet crisis blew up over Achdut Avoda's leaking of the Cabinet decision to send such a "leading personality" to Bonn. Mr. Peres refused comment on his mission when he landed at Lydda Airport.

The Cabinet crisis, meanwhile, took a turn for the worse today when the Achdut Avoda and its left-wing partner, Mapam, indicated a negative reply to the Premier's demands for a freer hand in foreign policy, protection against violation of Cabinet secrecy and guarantees of tighter discipline among the member parties in the government coalition.

The two left Socialist groups have formed a joint committee to draft their reply to Mr. Ben-Gurion (the Achdut Avoda is an offshoot of the Mapam). A clue to their answer was given at a public meeting yesterday when Achdut Avoda leaders Itzhak Bar Yehuda and Israel Ben-Aharon said that they would not accept partnership in the government on a "shut mouth" basis. They charged the Premier with wanting to impose a "military governorship" over the Cabinet, with attempting to "Germanize" the country's foreign policy and with trying to reduce the Achdut Avoda Ministers to second grade level in the Cabinet.

Possibility Grows That Ben-Gurion Will Submit His Resignation

While the left-wing groups were holding last minute consultations, the Premier was attempting to convince the Progressive Party leadership to join him in a "small coalition" without the Mapam and Achdut Avoda. The centrists, practically the only group in the Cabinet to support the Premier's demands for tightening of policy and security control in the Cabinet, have consistently shied away from participation in a coalition which will only command a slim one-vote majority in the Knesset.

The religious parties in the government--Mizrachi-Poale Mizrachi--opposed the "administrative punishment" provisions of the Premier's program for reconstitution of the present coalition. Mr. Ben-Gurion is slated to confer tonight with other religious parties--Agudah and Poale Agudah--who are in the opposition, to join the coalition in the leftists are ousted.

Even as the possibility grows that Mr. Ben-Gurion will submit his Cabinet's resignation to Parliament tomorrow, observers here believe that either he must obtain entrance of the centrist General Zionists into the Cabinet or dissolve Parliament and schedule national elections 18 months before Parliament's term is over. Dr. Peretz Bernstein, General Zionist leader, declared this week-end that his party would not join the Ben-Gurion government even if the Mapam and Achdut Avoda were eased out.

Another General Zionist leader, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset Israel Rokach, advocated today a bicameral legislature in Israel to "filter, strain and restrain" legislation enacted by Parliament. He urged replacement of the present proportional representation system from party lists with single member constituency representation. He asserted this would bring closer contact between constituencies and the deputies who represent them in Parliament.

German Press Supports Bonn's Refusal of Arms to Israel

BONN, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Numerous German newspapers today published articles supporting the decision of the Bonn Government not to sell arms to Israel. The newspapers commented favorably on a statement issued yesterday by the Adenauer Government indicating that Israel cannot expect arms from West Germany.

A spokesman for the government, said it was against the policy of the Bonn Government to ship arms to areas of conflict. Surprise was expressed over Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion's announcement that Israel would seek submarines from West Germany. It was pointed out that arms were specifically excluded under the German-Israel reparations pact,

UNITED NATIONS ENVOY STARTS TALKS IN ISRAEL ON MT. SCOPUS ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Francisco Urrutia, Colombian diplomat and United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative, arrived here today to begin his mission of obtaining full demilitarization of the Mt. Scopus area and to settle Israel-Jordan disputes over the area. He immediately went into conference with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister.

During Mr. Hammarskjold's visits to Jerusalem and Amman early this month, Israel agreed to full inspection of her positions on the height when Jordan had demilitarized its portion of the area. In the Jordan area there is a military training camp, fortifications and a population of the local Arab village which exceeds by several hundred the limit set in the special pact between Israel and Jordan governing the height.

It is understood that Israel expects the Urrutia talks to accomplish two things: prevention of future interference by Jordan in Israel's affairs on Mt. Scopus, like the recent blockade against the transportation of gasoline to the guards on the crown of the hill; and, exploration of the possibilities of implementation of Article VIII of the armistice pact which looks toward the resumption of regular cultural life at the Hebrew University and humanitarian activities at Hadassah Hospital.

Meanwhile, in its first complaint to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission since United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's visit to the area, Jordan charged this week-end that Israeli troops were digging trenches in the Mt. Scopus demilitarized area. This was originally one of the charges which brought tension between Jordan and UN acting truce chief Col. Byron V. Leary and caused Mr. Hammarskjold to make flying visits to Amman and Jerusalem.

ISRAEL COMPLAINS AGAINST LEBANON FOR SABOTAGE; LEBANON ARRESTS SYRIANS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Israel has demanded a meeting of the Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission to consider a raid inside Israel last Friday night by four saboteurs who blasted an empty kindergarten in the Shomera border settlement. The infiltrators were believed to have come from Syria through Lebanon whose relaxed border watch made easier the penetration of Israeli territory.

Israel will ask Lebanon to cooperate by tightening border controls once again and thus help make it more difficult for Syrians to cross into Israel. The Israel-Lebanese MAC does not adopt resolutions as a form of procedure, but comes to mutual agreements on future actions for pacifying the border.

The rubber-booted saboteurs demolished the kindergarten, cut telephone communications and damaged a water pipe leading to the settlement but injured no one before fleeing back across two borders. A subsequent investigation uncovered unexploded demolition charges under several other buildings. This is the first incident along the Lebanese border in many months.

Radio Beirut announced tonight the arrest of 15 Syrian agents in Lebanon, including the head of an organization ostensibly aimed at returning the Palestine Arab refugees to Israel, on suspicion of having planned and carried out the attack on the Israel settlement of Shomera. Ten other members of the group were rounded up by Lebanese authorities last week in connection with several acts of sabotage in Lebanon.

AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE DISCUSSES ISRAEL; DRAFTS HOSTILE RESOLUTION

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A new attack on Israel is being prepared at the African-Asian conference now going on in Cairo, according to a dispatch received here today from the Egyptian capital.

A Palestine subcommittee of the parley has drafted a resolution scoring the Jewish State as "an American-British-French base" in the Middle East. The same resolution, which has yet to come before the entire body at the non-governmental conference, also demands the return of the Palestine Arab refugees to Israel.

DELEGATION OF ARAB TRADE UNIONISTS ARRIVES IN COMMUNIST GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A delegation of Arab trade unionists arrived in East Berlin as guests of the East German Trade Union movement. The delegation included Fathi Kamel, general secretary of Syrian trade unions, A. Zeiden, general secretary of Jordanian unions, and Mahumed el Agami, general secretary of Egyptian trade unions.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET IN MARCH; WILL DISCUSS BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Actions Committee, supreme Zionist body between congresses, will meet in Jerusalem March 18-19, 1958, a Jewish Agency spokesman announced today. The week-long session will deal mainly with financial and budgetary items, the spokesman said.

ISRAEL MOGEN DOVID OFFERS MEDICAL AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN CEYLON

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Mogen Dovid today offered medicines and material for the flood victims in Ceylon.

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL RETURNS FROM MIDDLE EAST. MUM ON HIS TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld returned from the Middle East today after spending a week with United Nations Emergency Force units in the Gaza Strip and a series of conferences with top Egyptian officials.

The Secretary General refused to make any comment on his talks in Cairo, asserting while that portion of his visit was "not exactly private," it was "close to private." He spoke glowingly of his experiences with the UNEF troops and praised them for the important task they were performing in the interests of the UN.

J. D. C. TO GRANT \$1,575,000 TO ORT FOR 1958 ACTIVITIES; PACT SIGNED

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will grant \$1,575,000 to the World CRT Union in 1958 for vocational and educational programs which the latter conducts in Europe, North Africa and Israel, it was announced here today.

The announcement, issued jointly by the JDC and CRT, says that an agreement to this effect was signed by the two organizations. The agreement includes JDC financial assistance to CRT vocational training activities among the estimated 10,000 Jewish repatriates in Poland, the announcement emphasized. Another 10,000 to 15,000 Jews are expected to return to Poland from the USSR during the course of 1958.

The new agreement is the twelfth signed between the JDC and CRT since the end of World War II. In the past 11 years, JDC assistance to CRT has totalled about \$15,000,000. The pact stipulates that CRT will not conduct independent fund-raising campaigns in the United States, but will be permitted to continue its membership activities and solicitation.

Signing the pact were Dr. William Haber and Max A. Braude for the CRT, and Moses A. Leavitt representing the JDC. The total required by CRT for its programs in 1958 is more than \$5,000,000. Under the terms of the pact CRT will provide the difference between the JDC grant and the required total from other sources. During 1957 more than 25,000 persons attended classes in the 400 trade schools and workshops maintained by the CRT in 19 countries. "During 1958 CRT expects to give priority consideration to the growing requirements for technical education in Israel," the announcement stated.

JEWS IN POLAND OBTAIN AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION VISAS, 50 SAIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Australian Government issued this month several hundred immigration visas for Jews in Poland who indicated a desire to join relatives in Australia, it was reported here by Sydney Einfeld, president of the Federation of Australian Jewish Welfare Societies, who is now on a visit to the United States.

Mr. Einfeld made this announcement at a luncheon in his honor given by the United Hias Service. Murrays Gurfein, president of UHS, revealed that the initial group of 50 Australia-bound Jews had already left Poland and is en route to Melbourne and Sydney. The United Hias Service has assumed responsibility for transporting the Polish Jews and the Joint Distribution Committee will assist in their resettlement and integration in Australia.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT URGED TO REDRESS THE WRONGS COMMITTED AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government was called upon today to redress the wrongs committed against the Jews of the Soviet Union over a period of several decades, and particularly since 1948. The appeal was made in a statement adopted at a conference of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order which was attended by more than 400 delegates.

"Since the Soviet Union has failed, even as other governments intent on similar purpose had failed, to enforce the assimilation of Soviet Jews, and since the Soviet Government does not permit them cultural sovereignty, and countenances discrimination, the only alternative for Soviet Jews is resettlement in Israel," the statement said. A persuasive demonstration of the sincerity of the Soviet Government's profession of concern for an era of co-existence, would be the redress of the wrongs committed against Soviet Jews, who have been particularly victimized since the launching of the Cold War, and permission for them to go to Israel. Our call is ancient and traditional-- Let my people go.

Reviewing the situation of Israel in the world today, the conference also urged the free world to "provide moral, political and material support" for Israel to counteract renewed Arab and Soviet activities against the Jewish State. Soviet propaganda continues to "deluge the Arab countries with the most virulent incitement against the State of Israel," the statement adopted by the delegates noted. It also drew attention to the fact that Soviet arms are still pouring into the area. The principal speakers at the conference included Meyer I. Brown, president, and Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband.

INTER-UNIVERSITY JEWISH CONFERENCE SCORES SOVIET BAN ON EMIGRATION

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The struggle for exit permits is a "tragic feature" of Jewish life under totalitarian regimes, Dr. S. Levenberg declared last night in his presidential address at the annual conference of the Interuniversity of Leeds. He said that refusal of emigration permits to Jews is responsible for many broken families.

MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY IN JAPAN SEEK TO LEARN ABOUT JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Members of the royal family of Japan, including the brother of the Emperor, have expressed a desire to learn more about Liberal Judaism, it was revealed here this week-end by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The rabbi, who is departing on a five-month global trip, said he will visit with Liberal Jewish communities throughout the Far and Near East and South Africa. He took particular note of the interest in Liberal Judaism among the several hundred Jews of Japan.

"Even more exciting is the profound interest the Japanese themselves have shown for Judaism," he added. "Many of our rabbis have already met with groups who are searching for a new religion. Large numbers of Japanese have lost faith in Shintoism since the last war. This spiritual searching even includes members of the royal family."

PLANS FOR 1958 ISRAEL BOND DRIVE TO BE MAPPED AT WASHINGTON PARLEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The program for the 1958 campaign for Israel bonds will be formulated at a two-day national leadership conference which will open in Washington on Saturday, January 11, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the State of Israel Bond Organization.

The Washington conference, which will be attended by more than 300 leaders active in the bond drive, will review the results of the 1957 campaign and blueprint plans to increase Israel bond income for 1958 as a tribute to the tenth anniversary of Israel's independence, Dr. Schwartz said.

"During the coming months, Israel must continue to build her industries and increase her agricultural production," Dr. Schwartz declared. "She must provide homes and jobs for tens of thousands of immigrants, and must maintain her basic economic strength in the face of continuing Arab hostility. Israel counts heavily on Israel bonds to achieve these aims. The 1958 Israel Bond campaign must set new records in the mobilization of investment capital for the country's economic development."

A highlight of the conference will be a dinner given by Ambassador and Mrs. Eban in tribute to Women of Valor and trustees for 1957 on January 11 at the Shoreham Hotel. Women leaders are designated as "Women of Valor" through the purchase sale of \$100,000 in bonds. Persons who purchase \$10,000 or more in a year are given the title of trustees.

JEWS IN U. S. FORCES ABROAD REPORTED TAKING GREATER INTEREST IN RELIGION

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Some 90 percent of the "Jewish personnel in American military bases overseas are regularly participating in religious services," it was reported here by Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, on his return from a visit to American Air Force centers overseas. Rabbi Sharfman felt that "the revival of this religious spirit is attributable to their basic insecurity, boredom and loneliness."

Reporting on the situation in Israel, Rabbi Sharfman and Rabbi Zev Segal, chairman of the Israeli Commission of the Council, indicated that "the Rabbinical Council of America will henceforth recognize the Chief Rabbinate as the sole authority for the determination of religious matters in Israel" and that "in return, the Rabbinical Council of America will receive full recognition from the Chief Rabbinate as the liaison rabbinical body in the United States."

ONE-YEAR STUDY PROGRAM FOR U.S. STUDENTS ANNOUNCED BY HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The fourth successive one-year program of study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for American collegians was announced today by Prof. Oscar I. Janowsky, chairman of the Academic Council of the American Friends of Hebrew University.

Applications for students or recent graduates of United States or Canadian colleges and universities will be accepted through March 1st, with the recommendation that students who wish to study at Hebrew University complete at least two years of undergraduate work before applying, Dr. Janowsky said.

Dr. Janowsky disclosed that the American students will have an opportunity to share dormitory space with Israeli students, thus enabling them to observe and study the customs and language of the country at first hand. Dormitory rooms, he said, as far as facilities will permit, will be allotted to the American students in one of the 21 new buildings already erected on the University's new campus at Givat Ram, Jerusalem.

28 ARGENTINE JEWISH TEACHERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL; WILL STUDY THERE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A party of 28 Jewish teachers, recent graduates of a local seminary and the Sholem Aleichem Jewish high school, embarked this week-end for Israel to continue their studies. They will attend courses at the Chaim Greenberg Institute in Israel under the auspices of the Jewish Agency.