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BEN GURION TO RESIGN TODAY; FAILED TO ACHIEVE CABINET DISCIPLINE

JERUSALEM Dec. 30, (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion announced today that he would hand in the resignation of his Cabinet tomorrow. The announcement came after two Cabinet sessions and a lengthy meeting of the Mapai political committee which backed the Premier's decision.

An official communique, issued three hours after the second Cabinet session, reviewed Mr. Ben Gurion's postponement of the submission of the government's resignation last Tuesday in accordance with a request urging further attempts to "repair the damage caused by Achdut Avoda." The "damage" referred to was the leftwing Socialist party's publicizing a Cabinet secret decision to send a "leading personality" to purchase arms from West Germany.

The communique further noted that Mr. Ben Gurion's efforts were directed toward ensuring the future maintenance of collective responsibility of the government, in principle and in practice, to prevent injury to Israel's international position and its security requirements. "To his regret," the communique stated, "he has not succeeded in his efforts and will submit his resignation to the President not later than Tuesday, December 31."

Last-Minute Split Over Formula on Collective Responsibility

The issue over which today's last-minute attempts to save the Cabinet came to grief was the formula for enforcing collective responsibility. The Premier demanded that a Minister be required to resign for breach of collective responsibility upon the vote of six other Ministers--two each representing three different parties in the coalition.

Meanwhile, the government made public tonight a decision adopted at last Tuesday's Cabinet meeting but not released until today upon instructions of the Cabinet. It stated: "The government reiterates that the gravity of the security situation in which the state has been placed makes it essential to increase its defensive capacity by the acquisition of equipment from any quarter and any source, the government considers the publicity given last week to the government's confidential decision to be harmful to the state and a grave violation of the principle of collective responsibility of the government for its decisions."

Alternatives Faced by Ben Gurion After Fall of Cabinet

Now that the Cabinet has fallen, the following alternatives face Mr. Ben Gurion: 1. He can continue to rule the country with a "small coalition" of the Mapai, Progressive and Mizrahi-Poale Mizrahi which can muster 61 votes in the 120-member Knesset; 2. He can try to obtain the adherence of the Agudas Israel and Poale Agudah with four additional votes or the General Zionists with 10 votes; 3. He can form a caretaker government and advance the date of the national elections from October 1959 when they are presently scheduled to be held.

None of these alternatives is particularly appealing to the Mapai and its Premier. He is expected to continue negotiations with the religious parties as well as the rightwing General Zionists. The latter are sure to demand a high price for entrance into the Cabinet if they overcome a reluctance to do so based on their estimate that the presence of the party in the government will cost it votes in a 1959 election.

For technical reasons an early election could not be held before July or August of this year--also an unattractive proposition because the voting would conflict with the country's tenth anniversary celebrations which will be at their peak during the summer.

DULLES WILL NOT INJECT ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE AT BAGHDAD PACT PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will visit neither Israel nor the Arab states on his forthcoming trip to the Middle East and will seek to avoid injection of the Arab-Israel issue in his discussions with Baghdad Pact Foreign Ministers. This was revealed here today by authorities U.S. officials.

The U.S. position is that the Baghdad Pact conference, to be held in Ankara, Turkey, on Jan. 27 is not an appropriate forum for discussion of the Arab-Israel problem. Mr. Dulles reportedly does not want his efforts in Ankara mired in the highly complicated and volatile Arab dispute with Israel.

ISRAEL PLANS NO CUT IN ARMY; DENIES REPORTS ON MANPOWER REDUCTION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Israel army is planning no cut in personnel, a military spokesman declared here today in denial of reports that in view of the economic burdens of the Sinai campaign the army would reduce its manpower but increase their training programs. The situation is not one which encourages a reduction in the size of Israel's armed forces, he said.

The spokesman noted that in view of new developments in warfare the army was putting emphasis on the technical training of officers and noncoms and that Premier and Defense Minister David Ben Gurion had repeatedly stressed in speeches to officer cadets and students the country's need for more scientists and technicians.

The chief of the army's ordnance section recently declared that Israel had the know how to produce virtually every standard weapon in use in the armed forces. One demonstration of this technical skill was the recent conversion by the ordnance corps of old-fashioned American-made Sherman tanks by speeding them up and increasing the size of the artillery pieces they mounted.

EGYPT TO GET MORE SUBMARINES FROM RUSSIA; EGYPTIAN NAVY STRENGTHENED

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Egypt and the Soviet Union have reached a new arms agreement which will bring Cairo two or possibly three additional submarines, it was reported in the press here today.

The reports are based on a statement by Vice Admiral Suleiman Eizzat, Chief of Staff of Egypt's Navy, who revealed that his country would soon receive new warships from a foreign power. Adm. Eizzat did not name the foreign power, but he made the announcement upon his return from a trip to Moscow. Foreign sources in Cairo asserted that the Russian subs were already en route to Alexandria, Egypt's chief naval base.

The Egyptian Navy is known to include several underseas craft, four destroyers--two obtained from the USSR and two from Britain--nine frigates and a dozen mine-sweepers as well as smaller vessels. The Red Sea flotilla has been rehabilitated after the beating it absorbed during the Sinai attack by Britain and France and is now using a newly constructed base at Gardaka near Suez. Its former base at Sharin el Sheikh is occupied by troops of the United Nations Emergency Force.

FINNISH GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO APPROVE SALES OF ARMS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Israel tried and failed to purchase arms from Finland, the Times of London reported here today from Helsinki. The correspondent asserted that Israelis recently sought to purchase mortars and other weapons from Finnish manufacturers but the government refused to approve such sales. Helsinki was reported to have felt that selling arms to Israel might lead to international complications for the tiny state perched on the Soviet Union's northern border.

A moratorium on arms shipments to the Middle East was urged today by the Times of London in an editorial which asserted that only when arms cease to pour into the region "will the dust begin to clear away and the real human and political problems be seen in a clearer light." The Times noted that an arms ban need not involve any Middle Eastern country in negotiations, yet would provide a "sharp test of Soviet sincerity."

Asserting that "patience and goodwill" will not solve the problems of the region, the Times said that "Israel cannot be wished away by the Arabs or by anyone else." It suggested that even if the Arab-Israel conflict were ended all insecurity and instability in the Middle East would not be ended.

FRANCE URGES NEW TRIPARTITE DECLARATION ON MIDDLE EAST STATUS QUO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- French Premier Felix Gaillard said today in an interview released here by U.S. News and World Report that there should be a "joint declaration that the United States, Britain and France will not permit any modification of the political status quo in the Middle East."

He indicated that this was desirable as a joint policy for the three Western powers to adopt for the Arab world prior to a big power conference with the Russians. He said that in the event of another instance of internal subversion on the Syrian pattern the three Western powers should "oppose it." He was "convinced that the simple fact of saying this would prevent it."

Asking if he advocated a new Tripartite Declaration that would come into play in the event of internal subversion such as recently occurred in Syria, he said: "I believe that, at present, there are only two forms of war--there is war by internal subversion, and there is the big war of destruction. There are no others. To refuse to recognize one of these forms, that of internal subversion, is to leave the field free for our adversary."

(The Belgian Socialist Party last night adopted a resolution calling for an arms embargo on the Middle East and international guarantees for the independence and territorial integrity of all countries in the Middle East.)

ANTI-SEMITISM AFFECTED 3,000,000 JEWS IN 1957, JEWISH CONGRESS SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- While there has been a marked diminution of anti-Semitism in many parts of the globe, about one-quarter of the nearly 12 million Jews throughout the world felt its effects in one form or another in 1957, according to a year-end survey by the World Jewish Congress in New York published today.

Egypt had the blackest record during the year so far as anti-Semitism was concerned. More than 22,000 of that country's 45,000 Jews were compelled to leave as a result of the relentless pressures exercised on them following orders and decrees sequestering Jewish businesses and properties and resulting from the ouster of Jews from jobs, professions and homes.

Egyptian representatives and emissaries have also taken the lead in Arab agitation against the Jews throughout Latin America, but these efforts have failed to destroy the traditionally good relations between Jews and Arabs in the commercial life of the great urban centers, and the attempt to promote a boycott of the Jews and of Israel in Latin America has been a total failure, the Congress reported.

Poland was also the scene of anti-Semitic agitation and outbreaks in 1957. But in contrast to the Egyptians, the Gomulka regime exerted itself to denounce and prosecute the anti-Semitic agitators, and repeatedly expressed its resolve to bring the anti-Semitic agitation to an end. At the same time, the regime recognized the human rights of Poland's 45,000 Jews and facilitated the emigration of those who desired to leave. It is estimated that 29,000 Polish Jews emigrated, mainly to Israel, while the community welcomed back to Poland some 10,000 repatriates from Soviet Russia in 1957.

An area of major concern is Soviet Jewry, which is estimated to number up to 3,000,000 persons. While permission was granted to the Jews of Moscow to establish for the first time a small theological seminary, Soviet Jewry continues to suffer as a corporate body the restraints and restrictions to which it has been subjected since 1948. Jews of Russia, the World Jewish Congress survey reported, remain deprived of all organizational links with the rest of the Jews of the world.

JEWISH LEADERS IN CANADA PETITION FOR ADMISSION OF POLISH JEWS

MONTREAL, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services jointly petitioned David Fulton, Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, for departmental action on certain matters involving Polish nationals, Egyptian refugees, Hungarian refugees and immigration from North Africa. It was announced here today.

The petition urged that present regulations regarding entry of immigrants from Poland be extended to include sponsors in this country who are not yet Canadian citizens. The petitioners also indicated that certain people who left Poland under duress, due to unsatisfactory conditions and especially anti-Semitism, have not been in a country of residence in Europe for the required two-year period. They asked that such cases be added to those still in Poland which would mean that all Polish applicants would come forward under the present plan irrespective whether they are in Poland or in Western Europe.

With the special project for immigration of Egyptian Jews to Canada closed, the petitioners urged that ways and means be found to give practical consideration to the sponsorship of first degree relatives in Canada for their first degree relatives, even though they still reside in Egypt. They also pointed out that a number of escapees and expelees from Egypt are stranded in Europe and unable to enter Canada because of the two-year residence clause. They suggested that they be granted immigration status and that applications from Canadian residents of less than two-year residence be recognized, so that relatives already in Canada may be united with their families.

The brief indicated that the Jewish community would be prepared to accept the sponsorship of the small group of Jewish refugees from Egypt electing to enter Canada but with no relatives of first degree here to sponsor them. Landing permits were also requested for Egyptian Jews now in this country who are holders of temporary visas, or at least that legal procedures against such persons be suspended until this problem can receive additional consideration.

Ask for Reunion of Hungarian Jews; Intervene for No. African Jews

For those escapees from Hungary now in Europe, with little hope of selection for immigration to Canada, the petition emphasized that the Canadian Jewish community would be prepared to offer its welfare and immigration aid services for initial assistance.

While expressing great satisfaction with Government action in handling the cases of applicants from North Africa, the petition asked that applications on behalf of first degree relatives from North Africa should be considered in the same way as those from other countries. The joint submission was signed by Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Monroe Abbey, chairman of the CJC National Executive Committee and Jerry Segall, president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services. The delegation presenting the brief in Ottawa was led by Mr. Abbey and included Messrs. S. Harvey, G. Hollinger, Saul Hayes, Joseph Kage, H. Soloway, Hy Hochberg and Max Swartz.

FORD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Five Ford Foundation grants for scientific research, totalling more than \$100,000, have been awarded to the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School through the Government of Israel, it was announced here today. The grants have been earmarked for:

1. Professor Moshe Rachmilewitz, chief of the Department of Internal Medicine of the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital and dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, both in Jerusalem, for investigation of Vitamin B12 as a factor in anemia of pregnancy in Israel.
2. Dr. Shlomo Hershman, associate professor of biochemistry at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, for a study of *Pyrimnesium Parvum*, its toxin and the possibility of counteracting its toxic activity.
3. Professor Aryen Dostrovsky and Dr. Felix Sagher, former head and head, respectively, of the Department of Dermatology and Venereology of the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital, for investigation of physiological and pathological changes in the skin under various climatic influences in subtropical areas. Professor Dostrovsky is professor emeritus of dermatology and venereology at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and Dr. Sagher is associate professor of dermatology and venereology there.
4. Dr. Yehuda Matoth, chief physician of the Pediatrics Department of the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital, for a study of folic and folinic acid metabolism in infancy with special reference to malnutrition and infantile diarrhea. Dr. Matoth is also an instructor in pediatrics at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.
5. Professor Joseph Gurevitch, head of the Department of Clinical Bacteriology and Serology of the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital and professor of bacteriology and serology at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, for investigation of hemorrhagic disorders in Oriental Jews.

U.S. EDUCATOR CRITICIZES BEN GURION'S STAND ON POST-BIBLICAL HEBREW

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion was criticized here last night for his emphasis on the role of the Bible in Judaism with little regard for post-Biblical Hebrew sources. The criticism was voiced at a public lecture delivered here by Dr. Abraham Katsh, chairman of the Department of Hebrew Culture and Education at New York University.

"Such an approach is almost tantamount to Karaism," Prof. Katsh said. "Actually the Jew can understand his Scripture only in the light of the post-Biblical commentators and philosophers," he insisted.

The New York educator also criticized American Zionists for not being "alert" to the cultural opportunities presented by the creation of Israel. "Had they been alert," he said, "they might have undertaken an intensive campaign to stress the importance of the Hebrew language, which, rooted in our very being, was and is the primary link between Israel and world Jewry."

"In Europe," Dr. Katsh pointed out, "it is customary for people to speak three or four languages; why not encourage every Jew in America to regard Hebrew as a spiritual *sine qua non*. The Hebrew language served as a cord of unity and as a bond of common identity during the long and dark period of the Diaspora. Today it has taken on a new lease on life and has become the medium of expression and thought of the most heterogeneous community in the world; the study of the Hebrew language here may contribute to making American Jewry not only a consumer but also a creator of Hebrew cultural values."

"We must proceed to introduce courses in Hebrew and on Israel in our public high schools, colleges, and universities on a large scale," he continued. "Not only the Jew but the non-Jew, too, must become aware of the fact that Hebrew is no longer a dead language, essential only for an understanding of the Bible in the original, but a living tongue, the language of a living, pulsating people."

Dr. Katsh said that "Mr. Ben Gurion's remarks unfortunately did not evidence great concern for the sentiments of American Jews, most of whom will regard his demands as impossible. Halutzit of the type the Prime Minister demands could be fostered only under the compulsive conditions prevailing in Eastern Europe. As far as America is concerned, it must be entirely of a voluntary nature. American Jews can only be drawn--not driven--to Israel."

INBAL, YEMENITE DANCING TROUPE, ARRIVES IN U.S.; WILL STAY FOUR MONTHS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Inbal, the Israeli Yemenite dance troupe, arrived here today for a three-weeks of performances in New York and a three-month tour of the United States and Canada. Members of the troupe will be given an official reception Friday by Mayor Robert E. Wagner at City Hall where the mayor will proclaim "Inbal Week" in this city. The visit is sponsored by the American-Israel Cultural Foundation.