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BEN GURION STARTS TALKS WITH PARTIES ON FORMATION OF NEW CABINET

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion today began his efforts to form a new Cabinet by conferring with leaders of various parties willing to accept the principle of collective responsibility and discipline for all members of the Cabinet. He expects to form the Cabinet within a few days. Meanwhile, the old government remains on a caretaker basis.

An indication that Israel may still succeed in securing arms from certain countries if secrecy about the dealings is maintained was given today in the Jerusalem Post, which is close to government circles. Mr. Ben Gurion scuttled the old Cabinet because the two left-wing parties in it refused to submit to his demand for Cabinet discipline on secret government decisions on arms talks with foreign government.

"Two members of the Mapai central committee revealed Monday," the Jerusalem Post said, "that certain countries which might sell Israel arms would do so only under a pledge of absolute secrecy. In the past Israel has enjoyed a good reputation for discretion in such matters and if she is not to jeopardize her future chances of obtaining arms, this reputation must not be impaired," the paper commented.

Mapam Opens National Parley Today; Stresses Right to Criticize Russia

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- A new platform stressing the Mapam's independence of foreign labor and Socialist movements and underscoring its national mission is slated for approval from the left-wing party's third national conference opens in Haifa tomorrow under the shadow of the latest government crisis.

The party suffered a number of reverses in the past few years, resulting chiefly from the implications of foreign developments notably the "doctor's plot" in Moscow and the arrest and subsequent release of Mordecai Oren by the Czechoslovak Communist regime. In 1953 a group led by Dr. Moshe Sneh split leftwards to the Communists, while in 1954 a minority of the Mapam split away to the right and re-formed the Achdut Avoda Party.

Nathan Peled, the party's political secretary, told a press conference today that though the party endorses the ideals of the Soviet Union and other Socialist republics, it maintains its freedom to criticize what is going on in the USSR as well as Soviet foreign policy. "Even as Socialists," he said, "we regard with gravity Russia's Middle Eastern policy and its anti-Israel attitude." Mapam, he continued, demands the right of self-determination for the Jewish minority in the USSR and permission for Jews to emigrate.

As a result of the government crisis it is expected that considerable attention will be paid by the Mapam parley to Israel's foreign policy and the Mapam position, which includes opposition to any Israeli link with NATO or any other world bloc. It holds such ties would endanger Israel's mission of ingathering of exiles and building up of the country.

DULLES SEEKS INFORMATION ON ARAB-ISRAEL DEVELOPMENTS FROM U. N. CHIEF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, returning from his holiday, today told reporters at National Airport that he discussed the Arab-Israel situation and other aspects of the Middle East situation yesterday in New York with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

The two-hour session took place shortly after the UN chief's return from a visit to the Gaza Strip and talks with Egyptian President Nasser. A U. S. spokesman would only say that the meeting which took place in the Waldorf Astoria apartment of Ambassador Lodge covered subjects that had been dealt with at the recent General Assembly. But the presence of James W. Barco, counselor of the delegation and a specialist in Arab-Israeli affairs, suggested that more than a general exchange of views took place. Ambassador Lodge was the only other person present.

A State Department spokesman said today the United States expects no change in its decision to stay out of the Baghdad Pact. Press officer Joseph Reap said he did not expect the forthcoming trip of Secretary Dulles to the Baghdad Pact Council meeting at Ankara, Turkey, would change this basic attitude.

HAMMARSKJOLD REPORTS ON HIS MIDDLE EAST SECURITY TALK WITH DULLES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold said today that he discussed the problem of security in the Middle East during the high level conferences he has held in the last few weeks. He made the statement at a press conference here in answer to a question which touched by implication on his talks yesterday with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, as well as with the highest government officials in Paris and Cairo.

"Of course security in the Middle East came under consideration," Mr. Hammarskjold said. "However, it was not picked out for special consideration. In all these contacts, the ground was covered informally in regard to many issues. But all these issues are interrelated."

Mr. Hammarskjold stated in reply to other questions that while in Cairo he discussed with Egyptian officials the matter of the Israeli trawler Doron which was seized by the Egyptians on the high seas late last September. That issue was among many others he discussed with officials in Cairo. However, he declined to make any specific comment about the vessel or its crew of five Israelis and one Italian who have been in an Egyptian jail since September.

Mr. Hammarskjold said that he has had as yet no report from his personal representative, Dr. Francisco Urrutia of Colombia, in regard to the latter's efforts to reconcile the conflicting Israeli and Jordanian stands regarding Mt. Scopus. He denied hearing of a rumor that Col. Byron V. Leary, acting head of the UN truce organization in Palestine, would be replaced in that post.

In reply to a query whether he had had any official word about the reputed plans of some governments to reinvoke the 1947 UN partition plan, he said: "I have not had any official word on that point. I only read about it in the newspapers. The stand of the parties on this agreement is well known and it is legitimate to note these stands as background in consideration of this problem."

Mr. Hammarskjold who visited troops of the UN Emergency Force in the Gaza Strip on Christmas Day, said that he had found the morale of the troops very good and that UNEF "works very well."

U. N. SPECIAL ENVOY DISCUSSES MT. SCOPUS ISSUE WITH ISRAEL PREMIER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Francisco Urrutia, United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative, conferred with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion today in his round of talks with Israel and Jordan officials on the implementation of the Mount Scopus demilitarization pact.

The meeting was his third with Israel officials since his arrival last week. His mission involves both the demilitarization of the Mount Scopus area and full implementation of the armistice agreement provisions on the Jerusalem area, including unrestricted access to the Holy Places.

Informed sources here indicated that the talks were still in a general stage, exploring the meaning of demilitarization but that the discussions were expected to reach specifics soon. Dr. Urrutia conferred yesterday with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, and Col. Byron V. Leary, acting chief of staff of the UN Truce Supervisory Organization.

AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE ADOPTS AN ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION; ASSAILS WEST

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Afro-Asian "People's Solidarity Conference" ended in Cairo yesterday with an agreement on an anti-Western stand which included a strong anti-Israel resolution.

"The conference declares that the State of Israel is a base of imperialism which threatens the progress and security of the Middle East and condemns its aggressive policy, which is a threat to world peace," the resolution said.

The non-governmental conference of delegates, who asserted they represent 70 per cent of the world's population ended on the same note of vitriolic anti-Westernism as it began. "Imperialism," like that of the United States, Great Britain, France, Holland and even Italy, was denounced as the root of all evil.

ARABS CANCEL BOYCOTT OF FIRM WHICH INSISTS ON DEALING WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Israel sources reported today a decision of the Arab boycott office in Alexandria to cancel the Arab blacklisting of British Imperial Chemical Industries which resisted Arab pressures to stop doing business with Israel.

The Alexandria move followed a second refusal by the British chemical firm to stop operations in Israel. The company's stand was contrasted here with that of Shell which yielded to Arab demands and announced last year it would end all sales operations in Israel.

JEWS IN POLAND STILL SEEK AFFILIATION WITH WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Cultural Association of the Jews in Poland, representative body of Polish Jewry, in a statement issued in Warsaw, reiterated its stand on the possibility of its joining the World Jewish Congress and emphasized that such a possibility exists and that "a mutual understanding can be reached."

The statement was issued in connection with the conditions for affiliation with the WJC outlined at the plenary session of the Association last November. World Jewish Congress leaders asserted that the resolution adopted at the plenary session contradicted the spirit of the negotiations which had been conducted in Warsaw between representatives of the Association and a delegation of the World Jewish Congress.

The statement, published in the latest issue of the Warsaw Jewish newspaper *Folksstimme* reaching here today, pointed out that the plenary session of the Association approved the negotiations. However, it considered the understanding reached during the negotiations as merely an understanding in principle. The talks were not considered conclusive and binding, the statement pointed out. They provided a basis for further talks during which an understanding was to be reached on a number of "important matters of principle."

The declaration in *Folksstimme* asserted the "right" of the Association to give "detailed consideration" to the problems and questions raised at the mutual discussions held last May in Warsaw. This detailed consideration, the declaration continued, was offered at the plenary session of the Association in November in "a spirit of sincere, friendly discussion of issues which are of basic importance to the masses of Jewish people."

Requesting specification of the issues which the World Jewish Congress felt to be contrary to the spirit of the negotiations, the Association statement said that it was possible to "achieve the mutual understanding we all profoundly seek." It pointed out that the issues raised at the plenary session "can and should serve as a basis for final agreement" between the parties.

The declaration also emphasized that the final agreement between the Association and the World Jewish Congress was to have been "confirmed in a mutual document" signed by the two parties, hence the previous understanding was an understanding in principle which can still be developed into a full-fledged agreement after the WJC presents its views on those decisions adopted at the Association's plenary meeting which the WJC considers as being contrary to the spirit of the Warsaw negotiations.

JEWS IN POLAND TOLD THEIR FOREIGN AID COMES FROM "JEWISH MASSES"

VIENNA, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Jews in Poland are told that the aid which they have begun to receive from the Joint Distribution Committee and ORT is coming "from the Jewish masses abroad." Polish newspapers reaching here today from Warsaw emphasize that the aid must be used for constructive relief purposes only, and "in accordance with the decisions of Jewish bodies within Poland."

The newspapers report that cooperative handicraft shops established by Jews who returned to Poland from the Soviet Union are among the first listed to receive assistance, since they need funds to buy raw materials. They stress that the central relief committee formed in Poland "strives to give maximum support to such cooperative enterprises."

GERMAN OFFICIAL CLEARED OF CHARGES THAT HE HELPED NAZIS KILL JEWS

BONN, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Otto Braeutigam, Foreign Ministry official charged with complicity in the massacre of Jews by the Nazis, has been cleared and reinstated by Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano.

Herr von Brentano said that an investigation had revealed that while he was an official in Alfred Rosenberg's Nazi Ministry for Occupied Eastern Europe Dr. Braeutigam attempted to "improve" the treatment received by Jews. Before his suspension two years ago, Dr. Braeutigam was head of the Ministry's Eastern Division, but there were no indications here what position he would now occupy.

PRESIDENT OF JEWISH BODY IN HUNGARY DECORATED BY GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Endre Sos, president of the National Office of Hungarian Israelites, has been awarded the Banner Order of the Hungarian People's Republic, third class, it was disclosed today.

The award was one of 23 decorations made by the Hungarian Communist regime in a campaign to woo religious institutions in Hungary. The other decorations were given to leaders of the Catholic, Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, Calvinist and Baptist churches

CANADA TO INCLUDE QUESTION ON RELIGION IN 1951 CENSUS; NO OBJECTIONS

OTTAWA, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Once again in the 1961 census the Government of Canada plans to include questions pertaining to the racial characteristics and religious affiliation of individual Canadians. No objections are anticipated to this procedure from any public body in Canada. Because of local conditions, the procedure is welcomed in that it gives these bodies much desired information on the racial and religious origins of Canada's population.

For example, on the basis of 1951 census it is known that Canada had 181,670 Canadians of Jewish origin. This information is further broken down by provinces, cities and towns. The same applies in a classification known as "official language and mother tongue." Here in 1951 the number of Canadians who claimed Yiddish as their mother tongue was 103,593 of which 52,473 were males and 51,120 females. In 1931 Yiddish-speaking Canadians numbered 149,520 and in 1941 the figure was 129,806. On a percentage basis Yiddish was 1.4 in 1931; 1.1 in 1941 and 0.7 in 1951.

ISRAELI CARGO SHIPS TO PLY BETWEEN MEDITERRANEAN AND GREAT LAKES PORT

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The establishment of a regular monthly cargo service between Mediterranean and Great Lakes ports was announced here today by the American-Israeli Shipping Company, representatives of the Zim lines of Israel. Service will be inaugurated late in March.

First eastbound sailings will pick up cargo at Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal and will discharge at Barcelona, Piraeus, Naples and Seville as well as Haifa. After two Great Lakes-Mediterranean roundtrip voyages in 1957, Zim lines decided that it would be able to offer a speedy, economical all-water route on a monthly schedule to handle a mounting volume of trade.

U.S. ZIONIST LABOR YOUTHS TO SETTLE IN ISRAELI BORDER SETTLEMENTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The formation of a new group of young Americans to reinforce Israeli border settlements established by Habonim Labor Zionist Youth was announced here at the concluding session of the 25th national convention of the Habonim organization.

Upon graduation from Habonim training courses, completion of studies, U.S. military service and leadership assignments within Habonim, members of the new group will join one of six settlements founded by Habonim in the Jewish State. More than 1,000 graduates of the Labor Zionist youth movement now live in Israel.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL CORPORATION PAYS \$400,000 IN YEAR-END DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Year-end dividend checks totalling about \$400,000 were in the mail today to owners of common stock of the Israel Development Corp. of New York, an affiliate of AMPAL, the American-Israel Corp.

Abraham Dickenstein, president of the AMPAL, said the dividend of one dollar per share, was declared on the affiliated corporation's earnings from investments in shipping, citrus, cotton, sugar, fuel refining and distribution.

Most of the corporation's assets are invested in oil prospecting, chemicals and plastics, but in these fields, it was explained, profitable returns could not be expected during early development stages. AMPAL also announced that it would pay its 14th consecutive annual regular dividend early in February.

TRAVEL AGENCIES IN ISRAEL REQUESTED BY GOVERNMENT TO POST BONDS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The National Association of Travel and Tourist Agencies announced today that all offices of its members will be closed until further notice in a protest against an Israel Treasury ruling that travel agents must be licensed and post bonds to safeguard the interests of travelers.

A Treasury spokesman said that a "rash" of new agencies "broke out" in anticipation of the celebration this year of the tenth anniversary of Israel's establishment making the ruling necessary.

The travel association said that the Finance Ministry had refused to receive a deputation to reconsider the ruling which requires posting of a 10,000-pound guarantee by every agency. Agencies also must file a "good conduct" certificate from the police for employees. The travel association asserted it was unfair for the Government to demand a bond which could be forfeited on administrative order and without court judgement.

JEWISH SCIENTIST GETS HIGH AWARD FROM ACADEMY OF SCIENCE IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Prof. Fritz Feigl, prominent chemist and president of Confederation of Jewish Institutions in Brazil, was awarded the Einstein prize given by the Brazilian Academy of Science. The award is voted every four years to a scientist who has distinguished himself in the field of the exact sciences.