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ISRAEL CABINET CRISIS SETTLED; OLD COALITION GOVERNMENT REESTABLISHED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The three-week old Israel Cabinet crisis was resolved today when the same five parties in the old coalition agreed to join again in operating a government on the basis of a revised platform. Premier David Ben Gurion will appear before Parliament tomorrow to ask for a vote of confidence in the new Cabinet. An official government communique announced:

"This morning five parties -- Mapai, Religious, Achdut Avoda, Mapam and Progressive -- agreed to establish a government on the basis, principles and coalition agreement of the previous government. The collective responsibility of all Cabinet members and coalition partners, as well as the secrecy of deliberations on security and foreign affairs, as well as any other matters so decided, has been assured. With this in view, a law will be submitted to the Knesset applying also to newspapers which publish state secrets or secret Cabinet deliberations. The new Cabinet will be presented to the Knesset tomorrow. "

The announcement made clear that Mr. Ben Gurion's demand for the ousting of Ministers who violated secrecy has been modified and an agreement that a law be introduced providing for the prosecution of editors and newspapers which published material obtained through such "leaks."

Yesterday, a deputation of local newspaper editors called on the Premier to protest his intention of pushing through legislation to punish them for publishing secret decisions. They only extracted one compromise from Mr. Ben Gurion -- that representatives of the newspaper industry would be consulted when the bills to protect Cabinet secrecy are drafted.

JOINT ANTI-SUBMARINE EXERCISES HELD BY ISRAEL AND FRANCE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Israel-French combined sea exercises took place during October in which stress was placed on anti-Submarine warfare, It was disclosed here today.

An Israel destroyer flotilla took part with French naval units in submarine defection, submarine hunting missions and sea patrol, as well as in modern methods of protecting convoys from undersea attack, it was revealed. The Jerusalem Post reported that Israel was the first nation permitted to participate in French naval operational tactics

According to the report, Israel naval units won the esteem of French officers, who emphasized that Israel performances compared favorably with that of French navy standards. Israel officers, returning from the maneuvers, expressed confidence they could deal with Egyptian submarines successfully.

AMBASSADOR EBAN DISCUSSES MIDDLE EAST SECURITY IN STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban met today with William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and held an extensive political review of the effects of world tension on the Middle East.

Mr. Eban said the Middle East picture was summarized in the light of current international events, Today's discussion, he said, did not touch on economic matters. It mainly dealt with global peace and security and effects of the broader world crisis on the Middle East, including the recent missions of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskield and his personal representative. Dr. Francisco Urrutia of Colombia.

Mr. Eban discussed matters arising out of the Hammarskjold mission to Israel and Jordan. A number of detailed points were covered, he said. It is believed that today's visit by the Ambassador to the State Department was connected with a talk held a few days ago by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Mr. Hammarskjold on the Arab-Israel situation.

SECRETARY DULLES REPORTED PLANNING ACTION ON ISRAEL-JORDAN SITUATION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was reported here today planning several steps affecting the Jordan-Israel situation and involving not only the United Nations but also the member countries of the Bagdad Pact.

One of the steps is said to be a plan to set up a Bagdad Pact regional fund which would be supported largely by American money but would take over from the United States the task of supporting Jordan. Thus Jordan would be receiving its minimum of \$30,000,000 a year and possibly more from a fund which, on the surface, would be controlled by Pakistan. Iran and Turkey as members of the Bagdad Group.

Another Dulles plan is reportedly to have the Security Council reconvene this week or next week on the Jordanian complaint against Israel's afforestation project in the no man's land area south of Jerusalem. The plan is to let Dr. Francisco Urrutia, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative, continue his negotiations with Jordan and Israel regarding Mt; Scopus. However, here the Council would be offered a resolution co-sponsored by Britain and the United States ordering Israel to halt its afforestation project in the disputed area until there is a final determination as to who actually owns the land involved.

At the Secretariat here work is reported under way by British and American experts on the Middle East to re-draw the Israel-Jordan demarcation lines affecting certain frontier willages which found themselves cut off from their water supplies, grazing areas and farmlands by the armistice lines established in 1949. The thought here is that if Dr. Urrutia can get Israel and Jordan to stop bickering over Mt. Scopus, he may be asked to undertake a second step involving straightening out the frontierfline.

U. N. ENVOY TO BRING MT. SCOPUS VIEWS OF JORDAN'S KING TO BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Francisco Urrutia, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative, conferred yesterday with King Hussein of Jordan and later with Jordanian Premier Riffai.

When he shuttles back to Israel with what are believed to be Jordan's proposals on demilitarizing the Mt. Scopus area, the Colombian diplomat is scheduled to meet with Premier David Ben Gurion Thursday. Before that he will confer with Israeli Foreign Ministry officials.

JORDANIAN COURT RULES ON PALESTINE ARAB ASSETS FROZEN IN ISRAEL

IERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Court of Appeals has refused to entertain a suit against branches of Barclay's Bank located in Jordan for assets frozen by the Israel Government in Barclay's branches in that country, it was reported here today from Amman. At stake are claims pending in lower courts totalling over 1,000,000 pounds sterling.

The Jordanian high court ruled that the Israel Government's Custodian of Abandoned Enemy Property had superesded the bank and relieved it of responsibility. The unsuccessful plaintiff was the Jaffa Citrus Fruit Association which claimed 16,000 pounds sterling which it had on deposit in the Jaffa branch of Barclay's Bank in 1948.

ISRAEL TO GRANT GHANA \$20,000,000 CREDIT TO BUY ISRAELI PRODUCTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Israel will grant Ghana \$20,000,000 in credit for the purchase of building materials and capital goods from the Jewish State, it became known here today.

Although the exact details of the transaction are in the process of being negotiated by a delegation of the Ghana Government which is currently in Israel, it is known that the credits will be advanced in four annual installments of \$5,000,000.

Meanwhile, the Alliance Tire Company of Hadera revealed today that Israel will participate as a partner with an American company which is investing in rubber plantations in Chana and Nigeria. Israel has already begun negotiations with the two governments concerned. With a supply of rubber at a moderate price assured, Israel will be in a position to compete in the worl? "rubber and tire markets."

HEAVY RAINS IN ISRAEL HELP CROPS; CAUSE. DAMAGE TO TOWNS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Heavy rains across the nation brought both benefit and trouble to Israelis in the last 24 hours. In the Negry yesterday's downpour saved crops threatened by drought. In many other areas the rain was welcomed because irrigation had been started recently to save threatened crops.

But in Ashdod, the rains again brought hardship. The town was again cut off, except for one infantry bridge left from the last flood which isolated the town. At Nathanya and other townships minor damage was reported.

TURKEY REPORTED PROMISING ARABS TO BANTRANSIT OF ARMS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Turkish Ambassador to Amman, Mahmoud Dekurdom, has pledged to the Jordan Foreign Ministry that his government will "never sell arms to Israel or allow their transit through Turkish territory to Israel from any source," it was reported here today in dispatches from the Jordan capital.

The Turkish Ambassador made his statement in denial of reports from Damascus that Ankara would supply Israel with American arms. The Syrian reports asserted that money to pay for the arms would be supplied by West Germany through the Israel-German reparations pact.

RELEASED ISRAELI SEAMAN FLOWN TO HOLLAND; TORTURED IN EGYPTIAN JAIL

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Michael Zerner, Israeli seman released several days ago after two months imprisonment in an Egyptian jail, told newsmen here today a tale of b-satings and torture at the hands of his Egyptian captors.

Mr. Zerner, removed from a Dutch ship going through the Suez Canal last November 2 and flown to Holland January 2 after his release, said he was interrogated by army and civilian police officials. His prison guards beat him, he said, and deprived him of all reading material, cigarettes and personal belongings. While in prison, he reported, he met members of the crew of the Israeli fishing trawler who were transferred to the civilian prison after pressure by the Red Cross.

On December 30, he related, he sigmed some papers in Arabic, which were not translated for him, then he was dressed in his own clothing and had all his personal possessions except his passport and identify papers returned. He was transported, eyes bound, to an airport from which he was flown to Holland. It is understood that the Israeli authorities have already received a full report on Mr. Zerner's arrest and mistreatment.

JEWISH COOPERATIVES IN POLAND IN URGENT NEED OF RAW MATERIALS

VIENNA, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A survey aimed at establishing the needs of Jews returning from the Soviet Union to Poland is being conducted by the Cultural Association of Jews in Poland, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

Material gathered so far among 5,000 newcomers indicates that most of the Jewish repatriates have adjusted themselves to factory jobs and to working in cooperative artisans' shops. However, the Jewish cooperative shops face great difficulties in securing machinery and raw materials. "Urgent aid is needed to enable them to continue their existence, "the Warsaw report said.

"The Association has adopted a number of decisions aimed at securing such urgent aid," the report continued. It decided to establish "productivization committees" in a number of towns to assist the Jewish repatriates become skilled workers in certain industries.

W. J. C. OFFICIALS SEEK RESUMPTION OF JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM MOROCCO

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A. L. Easterman, political director of the World Jewish Congress, will leave Paris tomorrow for Morocco where he will confer with Moroccon and Jewish leaders on the possibility of a resumption of emigration of Moroccon Jews who desire to leave the country. In the past few months the Moroccon authorities have brought Jewish emigration to a virtual standstill.

Meanwhile, the head of the WJC Middle East department, Joseph Golan, left today for Morocco to assist Mr. Easterman with his talks. Mr. Golan is scheduled to be in Morocco for seven days. World Jewish Congress president Dr. Nahum Coldmann is due in London January 17 to hold conferences with local Jewish leaders in advance of the opening of a meeting of the Congress in Rome at the end of this month.

GERMAN TEACHER SUSPENDED FOR MAKING VIOLENT ANTI-JEWISH REMARKS

STUTTGART, Germany, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Baden-Wurttenberg Ministry of Education has suspended Ludwig Zind, a high school teacher in Offenburg charged with making a public statement to the effect that "far too few Jews had been gassed" during the Nazi regime. The complaint against Zind was brought by a Jewish merchant to whom the remark had been directed.

Originally, the school authorities had refused to suspend Zind pending "an investigation," However, after protests, the Ministry found that prolonged inquiry was necessary and placed Zind under "preliminary" suspension.

U. J. A. ANNOUNCES EXTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR ITS CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Details of an inspiring program of special events for attendees at the UJA's three-day 20th anniversary conference to open in Jerusalem on June 24, were made public today by the United Jewish Appeal.

Morris W. Berinstein, general chairman of the UJA, also announced that "an exciting itinerary has been prepared" for the extended tour of Israel that will be available optionally to those participating in the conference. In addition, Mr. Berinstein pointed out that "all who attend this unprecedented conference will be in Israel during the height of the State's celebration of its 10th year of independence."

The UJA general chairman said that a special anniversary conference committee has been set up to handle preparations for the June event in Israel and that, in cooperation with the EI Al Israel Arilines, this committee has already arranged "a 15-day, all-expense tour from New York which offers a full sightseeing program in Israel of 14 days and 13 nichts. including the conference in Jerusalem."

The trans-Atlantic flights will be made in El Al's new flight of long-range, turbopropelled Bristol-Brittanias - the plane that recently flew from New York to Tel Aviv in 14 1/2 hours, a new record for commercial airliners. The total cost of the special tour will be \$998.

Prior to conference sessions, the Israel Army and Air Force will stage special maneuvers, Mr. Berinstein disclosed, "to be climaxed by a mass parachute jump." That evening the Army will give a ball. Itzhak Ben Zvi, President of Israel, will address the opening session of the conference on the evening of June 24 in the amphitheatre of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem,

The conference will assemble the next day in the main auditorium of the Convention Hall -- the Binyana Hauma. There will be a roll call of American communities represented at the meeting, followed by the formation of the "cash line", the traditional mid-year ceremony of transmitting funds from communal campaigns to the UJA. Attendees will be the honored guests of President Ben Zvi at a reception and garden party at the "Gan Hashoshana," or Rose Garden. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion will address the evening session.

MULTI-LANGUAGE JEWISH PRESS IN U.S. MICROFILMED; CENTURY COVERED

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- For the first time in American history, the Jewish press is being recorded on microfilm for ready use by historians and other scholars, it was announced here today.

A lided by a grant from the Jacob R. Schiff Fund, the American Jewish Periodical Center on the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion has begun filming every Jewish periodical issued from 1823 to 1925. A first catalogue of the microfilmed newspapers and periodicals, which are already available on an interlibrary loan basis, has just been published, the announcement said.

"As a result," the announcement pointed out, "a wide list of Jewish publications in eight languages, covering more than a century in time and touching a broad geographic sweep, now becomes immediately available to scholars, morely on application. Through use of the standard interlibrary loan system, they will have easy access intheir own cities to a vast library of unique and important source materials, reflecting the life of Jewish immigrants and documenting much of the socio-religious and communal life of Jews in the United States."

The eight languages are English, German, Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Serbo-Croatian, Polish and Hungarian. Papers in five of these languages have already been filmed, Copies of the catalogue have been sent to libraries throughout the country as the material is of interest to scholars concerned with general American history as well as to those specializing in American Jewish history. As additional periodicals are microfilmed, supplementary lists will be issued from time to time, the announcement stated.

The project makes possible the preservation of newspaper and magazine sources in imminent danger of destruction. Some had already become incomplete and, of those still remaining, some were in private hands and not easily available. Because of their chemical content, pages were actually disintegrating and there was danger that unless microfilming is undertaken, these sources of Jewish Americana might disappear. Holders of unique publications and those who think they may have periodicals that have become rare are being invited to lend them to the Center for microfilming purposes.

JEWISH SCIENTIST TO HELP CONSTRUCT ATOMIC REACTOR IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Eduardo Wilner, a young Brazilian-born nuclear scientist, was invited by the Atomic Institute of Sao Paulo to participate in the mounting of the first atomic reactor in Brazil. Dr. Wilner, born in the Brazilian town of Curitiba, is the son of a poor Jewish immigrant family.