

Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16. N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXV No. 6 - 40th year Thursday, January 9, 1958

NEW CABINET PRESENTED TO ISRAEL PRESIDENT; WILL START WORK SUNDAY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- President Ben Zvi today received Prime Minister 'David Ben Gurion and members of his reconstituted coalition amid indications that many of the issues which led to the downfall of the prior Government remained unresolved. The reestablished Cabinet was approved last night in Parliament by a 76 to 33 vote.

The Premier introduced 14 of the 15 Cabinet ministers and President Ben Zvi wished the new Cabinet a "long life." He expressed hope for a speedy return to his desk of Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Religious Affairs and Social Welfare, who was still recuperating from injuries he suffered November 20 when a madman's grenade exploded in the Knesset.

The new Government will hold its first meeting Sunday when Premier Ben Gurion is expected to raise the issue of the demonstrative abstention from Parliament of Gershon Shocken, Progressive deputy and publisher of Israel's largest daily, Haaretz. Although his party remains in the reconstituted coalition, Mr. Shocken walked out of the Knesset last night before the vote of approval for the new Government was taken. His action was in protest against a bill projected by the Premier to punish newspapers for publishing reports on secret Cabinet decisions. Premier Ben Gurion is expected to take the position that Mr. Schocken's action violated the agreement on which the coalition was renewed.

In the debate prior to the vote of approval in the Knesset, three of the five coalition parties indicated strong reservations about the conditions which the Premier, in his speech of present tion to Knesset, said had been accepted by all parties as the platform for the renewed condition.

Parties Within Cabinet Accept Ben Gurion's Stand with Reservations

A spokesman for the Religious Bloc, Yitzhak Raphael, declared in the Knesset debate this party would not be bound by the Ben Gurion doctrine of collective responsibility in matters contrary to the laws of the Torah.

Yigal Alon, speaking for Achdut Avodah, the left-wing party which touched off the recent crisis by publishing details of a secret Cabinet decision to send an emissary to West Germany on an arms-buyingmission, also expressed reservations about the terms of the new Cabinet platform. Mr. Alon argued that such a grave issue as the relationship between the Jewish and the German people should not be discussed casually but should rather be deliberated "calmly and profoundly."

Yaakov Hazan, speaking for Mapam, the coalition's other left-wing member party, said that while Mapam still favored receiving armaments from any source, the party also continued to oppose making such a stand the basis for a military pact with any bloc or any nation in any bloc.

In his concluding remarks before the Kneæt, Mr. Ben Gurion justified his disclosure of the purpose of the German mission, a disclosure which had been sharply criticized by Menahem Beigin, leader of the right-wing Herut which is in the Opposition.

The Prime Minister asserted that assumptions of the failure of the mission to West Germany were premature. He declared that the Cabinet crisis had achieved two things, a reaffirmation of Cabinet collective responsibility and guarantees of the secrecy of Cabinet discussions. He said he had had to demonstrate that "sabotage," perhaps inadvertent, on such a vital security issue as seeking arms from West Germany, could not go unchallenged.

U.S. SEEKS TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE AT ANKARA TALKS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- There is virtually no chance of the Arab-Israel situation being discussed at the forthcoming Ankara meeting of the Baghdad Pact Ministerial Council to be attended by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, informed sources said today.

The United States seeks to avoid the injection of the complex Arab dispute with Israel into the context of U.S. efforts to bolster the pro-Western elements in the area, it was indicated.

RADIO MOSCOW CONTINUES ITS ATTACKS ON ISRAEL; ASSAILS BEN GURION

LONDON, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Radio Moscow today continued its attacks on Israel, asserting that "certain circles in Israel are striving to push the country further along the road of its subordination to the militant plans of the West." The broadcast claimed that "this policy" was meeting opposition not only from the public but also in the government coalition itself.

"The Ben Gurion Government," the broadcast continued, "has turned Israel into an accomplice of Western imperialist powers, who are striving to destroy the independence of the countries of the Arab East. The role played by Israel in the aggression against Egypt is common knowledge, and the position it adopted in the recent campaign against Syria is memorable."

The West German Government was accused by Radio Moscow of making a "clumsy fort to reassure the Arab countries who are legitimately disturbed by the further stockpiling of arms in Israel." Because of the Cabinet "scandal" in Israel and the exposure of secrets, the broadcast stated, Bonn was "disturbed." Despite Bonn denials, the broadcast added, "Bonn is already delivering materials and supplies which are directly contributing to the military strength of Israel."

ISRAEL OPPOSES U. N. DISCUSSION OF JORDAN'S ANTI-ISRAEL COMPLAINT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Israel has informed the United States, Britain and France that any United Nations Security Council discussion at this time of the Jordan complaint against Israel's afforestation project in the no-man's land area outside Jerusalem would endanger the mission of Dr. Francisco Urrutia, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's representative here.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, yesterday summoned the Western envoys separately and informed them that Security Council debate would "seriously jeopardize attempts by Dr. Francisco Urrutia to obtain compliance with the Mt. Scopus agreement of 1948." The Colombian diplomat has been shuttling back and forth between Jerusalem and Amman attempting to reach an accord to demilitarize the strategic height.

Mrs. Meir's warning, which was also voiced to envoys here of other Security Council member states, noted that in Israel's view both matters pertained to Israel-Jordan relations and that if an attempt were made to air one dispute before the international tribunal Israel would insist on a discussion of both.

SEN. JAVITS NAMED "RAPPORTEUR" ON NATO'S ECONOMIC AID FOR MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, has been assigned the key role of "rapporteur" of NATO efforts to organize economic aid for the Middle East and other underdeveloped areas.

Chairman Theodore F. Green of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee designated Sen. Javits as "rapporteur" of American efforts through NATO to aid areas outside the NATO structure. Benefitting nations would include such countries as Israel and the Arab states. Sen. Javits is also serving, in effect, as chairman of a NATO parliamentary economic committee coordinating plans for the entire multi-national program envisaged.

The Senator will help develop American recommendations to other NATO members. Another function, in his broader NATO parliamentary committee role, will be policy delineation. He sees a possibility that groupings of NATO members may undertake separate programs in the Middle East and Africa.

The Senator believes this country should push forward at once on economic developmental cooperation with various European countries "notably Italy and Germany," that are concerned with Middle Eastern stability. He said the United States should not try to woo those Middle East states who do not want it.

ISRAEL TO EXTRADITE JEW SOUGHT BY FRANCE; HE IS RELEASED ON BAIL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Israel authorities announced today they would extradite Joseph Joanivici, sought by French police on charges of fraudulent operations in France, if the French asked for such action.

Joanivici, who arrived in Israel last October under a false name with a Moroccan passport, was arrested when first reports arrived of his alleged fraudulent operations. He was released on bail and has since been reportedly hiding somewhere in Haifa. His relatives have refused to give reporters any information about his whereabouts.

He was accused of having set up a series of scrap iron firms and of selling and reselling scrap iron between the firms to obtain a special French bonus for exporting goods.

The French Embassy in Jerusalem announced late today that it had been instructed by Paris to demand the extradition of Joanivici.

The Embassy is expected to file its formal request with the Israel Foreign Office tomorrow under the terms of an extradition treaty between France and the former Mandatory Government.

GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER SAYS RESTITUTION PAYMENTS WILL BE HONORED

VIENNA, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Germany's Federal restitution law will cost the Bonn Government 18, 000, 000, 000 deutschemarks (over \$4,000,000,000), German Finance Minister Franz Etzel told a press conference here today. Herr Etzel admitted, however, that final figures would not be known until the deadline for filing claims under the law, March 31 of this year, is passed.

The Finance Minister called "fantastic" an estimate of over \$6,000,000,000 for the restitution bill for Jewish victims offered recently by his colleague, Bonn Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer. Thus far, he said, some 4,500,000 marks have been paid out in claims to victims of the Nazi regime.

Conceding that the restitution law had some faults, he insisted nevertheless that Germany was holding by its resolve to do everything possible--within her limited financial means--to assist victims of the Hitler era. For this reason, he emphasized, first preference in claims payments is given older claimants.

INCLUSION OF JEWS INTO GENERAL COOPERATIVES DEMANDED IN POLAND

VIENNA, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- A call to Jewish groups throughout Poland "to fight energetically" for the acceptance of Jews in general cooperative handicraft shops was published in the latest issue of Folkshtimme, the only Jewish newspaper in Poland, which reached here today.

It was emphasized that "there can be no doubt that Jews in Poland are here to stay," and therefore their participation in the country's cooperative efforts should not be limited to the formation of Jewish cooperatives. This would also enable Jewish repatriates from the Soviet Union to sink economic roots upon their return to Poland, it was pointed out.

ROLE OF U.S. JEWRY CONSIDERED OF "DECISIVE IMPORTANCE" FOR JEWISH FUTURE

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The role which American Jewry plays in Jewish life throughout the world was depicted in a survey published here by the World Jewish Congress. The survey established that "the nature and development of the Jewish community in the United Stages is of decisive importance for the future of the Jewish people" because more than half the Jews of the world are now in America --most of them in the U. S.

Prepared by Prof. Morris Ginsberg of the University of London, the survey stresses that Jewish developments in the United States are "highly complex" and that they attract wide attention. Prof. Ginsberg summarizes the situation of the Jews in the United States as follows:

- The Jewish population in the U.S.A. exceeds five million, the latest estimate being 5,200,000. Roughly 40 percent live in New York City. About 75 percent are now American born, though probably hardly more than 10 percent can claim a residence of more than two generations.
- 2. The Jewish population is said to be predominantly middle class. By this is meant partly that Jews have shared in the general post-war prosperity and partly that Jews have moved increasingly into the professional and salaried employments. The old Jewish working class has all but disappeared. On the other hand, large numbers have entered the skilled mechanical crafts and, in this sense, there has been a processof "laborization." It is worth noting that a geater proportion of American Jews have a college education than American non-Jews of comparable age groups generally.
- 3. As Jews become more "middle class" they share in the general shift of the population towards the suburbs. They are moving away rapidly from the areas of "second settlement" and are founding new communities on the periphery of the great cities. In some of the new suburban settlements the Jews constitute a majority of the population; in others they are in a tiny minority. Everywhere, however, in these areas, there is said to be a greater mingling between Jewish and non-Jewish residents than in the cities and a greater approximation of living standards and patterns of 11 feet.
- 4. Jews have also taken part in the general drift of the population towards the Pacific Coast and some parts of the South. In 1955 there were 325, 000 Jews in Los Angeles and 65, 000 in Miami. Despite these various movements it remains that seventy-five percent of America's Jews still live in the ten largest American cities. New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston have a Jewish population of 3, 330, 000 or nearly two-thirds of all the Jews in the U.S.A.
- 5. A striking feature of Jewish life in the decades after the war is a return to the synagogue. Observers are agreed that there has been a remarkable expansion of synagogue construction, synagogue membership and of synagogue attendance. This is part of the general expansion of institutional religion in America. Precise statistical data are not available, but the evidence suggests that the movement of American Jews into the synagogue has been at least as vigorous as that of Americans generally into the church.

1

William Charles

TWENTY-TWO PERCENT OF NEW YORK'S POPULATION IS JEWISH, SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- A survey of religious affiliations now concluded by the National Council of the Churches of Christ has disclosed that almost one-quarter, or 22.1 percent of the population of New York City is Jewish. The church group's report says that 34 percent is Catholic and 10.7 percent is Protestant.

The three percentages add up to a total of 66,8 and leave 33.2 percent unaccounted for. The latter are regarded as being affiliated with neither church nor synagogue. No statistics are given for the religious composition of the unaffiliated group.

BRAZILIAN NATURALIZATION LAW HIT IN PARLIAMENT AS DISCRIMINATORY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Criticism of the Brazilian naturalization law which categorizes naturalized persons as second-class citizens, was voiced in Parliament here by Socialist deputy Ozorio Borba. He pointed out that this distinction deprives naturalized citizens of certain rights.

Sr. Borba told Parliament that the Socialists favor an amendment introduced by deputy Castilio Cabral under which all restrictions against naturalized citizens would be eliminated with the exception of the right to run for the offices of President or Vice President of the republic and governor or vice governor of any state.

13,666 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN ISRAEL DURING YEAR; CITY GIRLS PREFERRED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 8. (JTA) = A total of 13,666 marriages were recorded in Israel last year, according to data made public here today. About 25 percent of them were between new immigrants and veteran settle:s; thirty percent of the newlyweds were "sabras" or pre-state immigrants who married among themselves; about 45 percent were persons who arrived after the establishment of the Jewish State who married among themselves.

According to the official statistics, marriages between European and Eastern couples (Ashkenazim and Sephardim) have increased from 2.4 percent in 1944 to twelve percent. Israel's marriage rate has dropped from 10.85 per thousand in 1948 to 8.38. The decline is due to the population increase resulting from the immigration of families with young children.

Gentlemen prefer city girls, the data revealed. Some 70 percent chose home-town girls, twenty percent found mates from other cities while only ten percent went to villages for their affinities. Village boys, too, choose city-bred girls and according to published figures only 43percent married farm girls. Kibbutz girls, however, are favored by 81 percent of their marriageable comrades. Of the other male members of kibutzim, 14 percent chose city girls and the remainder took mates from farms and other rural settlements.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWISH EDUCATORS TO BE HELD IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- An International Conference of Jewish Educators will be convened in Jerusalem during July of this year, the Jewish Agency announced here today. The project is sponsored by the Agency's department for education and culture in Israel.

The global conference, which will be attended by teachers, principals, supervisors and educational directors from Jewish communities throughout the world, will explore problems of Jewish education with special reference to the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora. To assure maximum participation in this important event, the Jewish Agency will arrange low cost group transportation by air and provide a number of maintenance scholarships for educators attending the conference, the announcement stated.

"It is anticipated that participants will spend three weeks in Israel, including attendance at the five day conference," the announcement said. "Arrangements have been made for extensive guided tours, including visits to a number of important institutions which are not usually accessible to tourists. To facilitate participation by educators from English speaking countries, it is planned to make English one of the official languages at the conference, and possibilities for a simultaneous translation set-up are being explored."

CONCILIATION BOARD REELECTS DR. GOLDSTEIN AS PRESIDENT FOR 29TH TERM

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Conciliation Board of America, the oldest free court of arbitration in the country, held its annual meeting here today and reelected Dr. Israel Goldstein as its president for the 29th consecutive year.

The annual report stated that 250 cases were adjudicated and conciliated during 1957. All services rendered to litigants are without cost, and the decisions are binding under New York State law. Rabbi Leo Jung, Rabbi Julius Mark and Judge Jacob Panken were elected as vice presidents of the board.