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MIZRACHI PARTY SANCTIONS DECISION TO WITHDRAW ITS CABINET MEMBERS

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- The United Religious Party executive gave official sanction today to a decision earlier in the week of its Ministers in the Cabinet to quit the coalition government in protest against the Cabinet's approval of regulations which would, in effect, identify as a Jew any one who so designates himself on his official identity card.

It was further decided that the two Ministers and two Deputy Ministers representing the religious bloc should submit their resignations in writing by Sunday at the latest. Minister of Religion Moshe Shapira conveyed this decision to Premier David Ben Gurion orally on Tuesday.

Though there was no difference of opinion over quitting the Cabinet over the identity card issue, the religious leaders differed among themselves on conditions under which they would agree to return to the coalition. Some would be prepared to let the quarrel drop if the question of religion was completely eliminated from the card, while others demanded a return to the old situation in effect when Mr. Shapira was in charge of all registration of Israeli citizens.

The Minister for Religion noted that when he was Minister for Interior all children were registered by the Health Department and the current centralization of registry, of which the identity card is one aspect, was introduced after he yielded the Interior portfolio.

In today's discussion, it was pointed out that the issue of self-identification was of world-wide importance. It was charged that if the new regulations went into effect they would open up the flood gates of assimilation in countries outside Israel through the undermining of the uniqueness of Jews.

The pro-government Mapai Party, meanwhile, named a three-member committee to open negotiations on formation of a new coalition with all parties now in the government, including the Religious Party. The committee consists of: Mordecai Namir, Minister of Labor; Kaddish Luz, Minister of Agriculture, and Akiba Govrin, chairman of the Knesset Labor Committee.

FIRST U. J. A. CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL ENDS; BEN GURION OUTLINES OBJECTIVES

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- The first national conference of the United Jewish Appeal ever to be held outside the United States concluded here today as the challenging overtones of Premier David Ben Gurion's fighting speech still reverberated among the 700 delegates and guests who heard him last night.

The three-day parley formally concluded this morning with a memorial ceremony at the Jerusalem military cemetery and the laying of a wreath on the Herzl tomb by Adolph Kiesler, national campaign committee chairman. The memorial meeting also heard Col. M. Peled, military commander of Jerusalem, and concluding remarks by Avraham Harman, member of the Jewish Agency executive.

Mr. Ben Gurion's speech, which highlighted the three-day session, ranged over the whole field of Israel's future development. Speaking first in Hebrew so that "my countrymen will know about the United Jewish Appeal," the Premier described it, not as simply a charity but as "an unprecedented expression of the unity of the Jewish people."

To the UJA delegates and to his fellow-citizens, the Israel Premier declared that their objective in Israel must be a twofold one: to "build here a safe, free and independent homeland for every Jew who wishes to or needs to come here," and "to build a great civilization which will be the pride of all Jews everywhere."

Says Israel Must Be Prepared for Accepting Jews from Russia

Mr. Ben Gurion warned his audience that "we must prepare ourselves for the great day when the gates of Russia are opened and hundreds of thousands of Jews will come to Israel from the Soviet Union. His emphatic assertion, "and come they will!" was greeted with prolonged applause.

The Premier passed in review the revolutionary transformation wrought upon immigrants to Israel social and cultural fields and the problems of the immediate future. Among

these he listed the reclamation of the Negev, the southern desert, by bringing the waters of the Jordan southward to the arid areas, the finding of an inexpensive method of desalting sea water and the utilization of the mineral wealth of the Negev.

Israel, he said, would continue to work to utilize atomic energy as a source of inexpensive power and to continue its successful efforts to tap solar energy. He reminded his audience that Israel alone possessed the possible alternative to the Suez Canal and promised that Israel would build a pipeline from the Gulf of Akaba to the Mediterranean that would liberate Europe from Col. Nasser's iron grip on its oil supplies. Israel, too, will become a great maritime nation, Mr. Ben Gurion predicted.

Recapitulating briefly to the delegates some of the facets of Israel's scientific activities, Mr. Ben Gurion expressed the determination to make Israel a great world center of learning and research.

ISRAELI TROOPS ARE "IN READINESS" AT LEBANESE FRONTIER, MOSCOW CLAIMS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 26. (JTA) -- Soviet delegates here today distributed Tuesday's edition of Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, containing an editorial alleging that "Israeli troops are poised in readiness on the Lebanese frontier."

Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold declared that upon his return from abroad that while visiting the Middle East in connection with his duties regarding Lebanon he "took the opportunity of visiting Amman, Jerusalem and Cairo, which was a useful round-up in view of all the various obligations that the United Nations has in that region." Mr. Hammarskjold refused absolutely to answer any questions about his trip.

(In Washington, Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, today told the Senate that Lebanon's plea for the sealing of its border facing Syria offers the United Nations an historic opportunity for "preserving the peace.")

U. N. TRUCE BODY TO MEET ON ISRAEL'S PLANTING OF TREES IN NO-MAN'S LAND

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- United Nations truce supervision chief here, Maj. Gen. Carl von Horn, today instructed Col. James Rickey, new head of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, to call a meeting of the unit to discuss a dispute arising from Israel's planting of trees in the no-man's land area near UN headquarters in this city.

If Israel, which has boycotted the MAC since 1956, comes to this session, it may signify the gradual abandonment of the boycott. UN sources here said at the recent meeting between UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and Premier David Ben Gurion it had been indicated that Israel would be willing to come to a MAC meeting on the tree issue.

Meanwhile, UN observers and Israeli army officers began an inquiry today into last night's incursion into Israel territory of Syrian shepherds and their flocks. When an Israeli patrol moved to turn the Syrians back, they opened fire. The Israelis returned the fire. It is believed that in addition to one Israeli wounded in the exchange, three Arabs were hit.

GHANA PARLIAMENT HEARS REPORT ON ISRAEL; EMBASSY TO BE ESTABLISHED

ACCRA, Ghana, June 26. (JTA) -- Ghanaian-Israeli affairs were reviewed in the National Assembly today in a formal message to the body from the Governor General opening the session. The message reported plans for the setting up of a Ghanaian Embassy in Israel and spoke of Israeli arrangements for providing the new African Commonwealth with technical advice for development projects.

Also, the message reviewed the partnership arrangement under which the two countries had established the Ghanaian-flag Black Star Lines and said that a nautical college was shaping up along lines recommended by Israeli experts.

JEWISH ORGAN IN ALGERIA PAYS TRIBUTE TO GEN. DE GAULLE; HOPES FOR PEACE

PARIS, June 26. (JTA) -- "Information Juive," the only Jewish newspaper in Algeria, expresses the hope in an editorial tribute to Premier Charles de Gaulle today that he would bring peace and "total reconciliation among Christians, Jews and Moslems" in Algeria.

"Information Juive" is the organ of the Jewish Algerian Committee for Social Studies, the first North African Jewish organization to take a stand toward the latest developments in French-Algerian relations.

ONLY 100 JEWISH FAMILIES REMAIN IN INDONESIA; NO HOSTILITY TOWARD JEWS

SYDNEY, June 26. (JTA) -- Only 100 Jewish families remain in Indonesia, it was reported here today by a former communal leader in that country who arrived in Australia for permanent settlement.

Though the Indonesian authorities have displayed no overt hostility toward the Jews, recent political and economic disruptions have made life more difficult for Indonesian Jews and many have left the country. Those who remain regret a lack of ties to the State of Israel.

ALL JEWS IN COMMUNIST GERMANY REMOVED FROM OFFICIAL POSITIONS

BERLIN, June 26, (JTA) -- All Jews in East Germany who held official positions either as Government officials, party posts or commissions in the East German "National People's Army" have been dismissed. It was reported here today from a reliable source. The report also said that no Jews are being admitted to the East German Army.

AUSTRIAN COMPENSATION LAW, PASSED BY PARLIAMENT, IRKS NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, June 26, (JTA) -- The Austrian coalition government, in the face of vehement opposition from all groups from the neo-Nazi right to the far left, late yesterday pushed through a compensation law equating persecutees of the Nazis with victims of World War II. Anticipating disorders as a result of its action, the government posted heavy police guards about Parliament, but no demonstrations occurred.

Associations of political and racial persecutees immediately announced that they would continue to press for legislation to meet their demands, which include compensation for public employees who suffered damages through dismissal by the Nazi regime. In a radio address, meanwhile, Chancellor Julius Raab admitted the justice of the persecutees' demands, but asserted that the government was not in an economic position to meet all claims and therefore had compromised on its present legislation.

The bill passed by Parliament provided a sliding-scale of payments up to a maximum of the equivalent of \$1,000 in most cases and \$2,000 in cases where "duress" was involved in the damages. Claims are limited to losses of individuals, not organizations, and cover only loss of apartments or property and equipment needed for professional purposes.

The period covered by claims ranges from March 6, 1933, when the Socialist regime was overthrown by Chancellor Dolfuss, to May 8, 1945, when the Allied armies drove the Nazis out and liberated Austria. The deadline for filing claims under the measure is June 30, 1959.

AUTHORITIES IN POLAND REPORTED IMPLEMENTING LAW AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, June 26, (JTA) -- The new Polish law which increases the penalties for "hooliganism" and anti-Semitism is being implemented, according to a report from Poland reaching here today. The dispatch reports that a man named H. Gartenkraut, of Walzbich, was sentenced by the local court to three months' imprisonment for creating a disturbance at the headquarters of the Walzbich Jewish Cultural Association where he damaged the telephone and directed "offensive" language against Jews gathered in the office. Offenses of this nature had been dismissed with mere reprimands until now.

There are still about between 40,000 and 48,000 Jews left in Poland, despite the heavy emigration to Israel, according to figures published in Die Volksstimme, Yiddish-language daily newspaper published in Warsaw. An article in the latest issue of the newspaper, received here today, reports that one-fourth of the total Jewish population in Poland now consists of Jews repatriated from the Soviet Union.

According to Die Volksstimme, the repatriated Jews have been given by the older Jewish residents of Poland an active share in the administration of the work being done by the Federation of Jewish Cultural Associations in the country. The newspaper declares, on the basis of a survey in 19 centers of Jewish population, that between a third and half of the Cultural Association executive committee members are now Jews who had recently come from Russia.

ANTI-SEMITIC SENTIMENTS IN GERMANY STILL STRONG, EDITORS REPORT

DUSSELDORF, June 26, (JTA) -- There is a danger of "regression" into "nationalist passions" in West Germany today, German editors warned today at a journalists' conference called here by the German Society for Christians and Jews.

Freiherr von Imhoff, editor of a local paper, who sounded this warning, revealed that Nazi-like slogans appeared during recent provincial elections and that the compensation authorities have received stacks of anti-Semitic mail, as have newspapers and radio stations throughout the Republic. Karl Marx, publisher of the weekly "Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden, reported receipt of huge quantities of anti-Jewish mail, but said his experiences with German youth, particularly students, gave him cause to be hopeful.

In Cologne, meanwhile, at a Mayor's reception for Prof. Martin Buber, two German authors announced the establishment of a library in Cologne to specialize in literature concerning German-Jewish relations. The library will seek material and assistance from other institutions in Germany and abroad.

GERMAN MUNICIPALITY REJECTS TABLET FOR SYNAGOGUE BY JEWISH COMMUNITY

STUTTGART, June 26, (JTA) -- The town council of Ludwigsburg has voted to reject the text of an inscription of a memorial tablet drafted by the local Jewish community to commemorate the destruction of the town synagogue. The Jewish community's inscription would have noted the fact of destruction, the date and that it had been done by the Nazis

DEPT. OF JUSTICE EXPLAINS RELUCTANCE TO ACT ON SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- The U.S. Department of Justice does not want new laws that would widen its authority to act against the bombers of synagogues in the South, W. Wilson White, Assistant Attorney General, indicated last night in an address to the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association at Spring Lake Beach, N.J.

"There are grave questions of policy involved in such a basic change in the responsibility for law enforcement, which would extend the Federal police power to a crime peculiarly local in nature--the violent destruction of property in the community," Mr. White said.

"Although such an extension of Federal authority could be supported under the commerce clause, it might have an effect foreign to its purpose," he pointed out. "All of these bombings appear to have their origin in racial or religious prejudice. Such occurrences should unite the communities concerned in their response to violence and bigotry." He said that a shift of enforcement responsibility to the FBI "could be used by local officers for relaxing their own efforts or for evading their responsibility."

REFORM RABBIS DIFFER IN OPINION ON RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CHICAGO, June 26. (JTA) -- Citing widespread evidences of "practices which transgress the spirit if not the letter of the First Amendment with respect to the establishment of religion, the Commission on Church and State of the Central Conference of American Rabbis today warned that "the principle of separation understood by an earlier generation is being progressively undermined.

The report, presented by Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin of Glencoe, Ill., to the CCAR convention now taking place here, asserted that "in no area of national life is the transformation more apparent than in the sphere of public education." While predicting that pressure for an enlarged program of religion in the public schools will rise in the future, the report stated that resistance also will increase.

The report said that while there is agreement among virtually all members of the CCAR that the Conference continue its 66 year opposition to religious legislation at least on "the grosser violation of the principle of separation" of church and state, "there is what appears to be a groundswell of feeling that our historic policy should be more resilient and flexible with regard to other aspects of the issue." The specific issue on which some Reform rabbis would like to see modification, the report continued, is CCAR opposition to religious education in the schools.

Advocates of modification feel, the report reveals, "that the CCAR stand of unremitting opposition to the teaching of moral and spiritual values with Divine sanction in the public school may be a mistaken policy. Their own experiences in the rough and tumble of the church-state controversy have convinced them that the Conference attitude in this sphere is what they variously term 'negative, sterile, inadequate.'"

Presentation of the Commission report was followed by addresses by Rabbi Arthur Gilbert of New York recommending modification and Rabbi Joseph L. Fink of Buffalo calling for unchanged retention of the traditional policy. The convention voted to initiate a mail canvass of members' views which will be recorded, analyzed, and studied by a committee to be appointed by the CCAR president. The committee will meet in mid-winter to prepare recommendations based on the survey's findings for action at next year's convention. This is the first such national view of church-state policies initiated by the Central Conference since it was established in 1889.

AMERICAN STUDENTS SAIL FOR A YEAR OF STUDY AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- Thirty-one American collegians sailed today on the Israel liner S.S. Zion, to spend a year of study at the Hebrew University. The students, 24 undergraduates and seven graduates, ranging in age from 18 to 23 years and representing a cross section of 21 U.S. schools of higher learning and one Canadian university, comprise the fourth successive annual group of Americans to participate in a special study project at the Hebrew University.

According to Prof. Oscar I. Janowsky, chairman of the Academic Council of the American Friends of Hebrew University, which sponsors the program in cooperation with the Jerusalem university, the students were selected after extensive and rigid screening from among 50 applicants registered for the project.

Dr. Janowsky explained that the program, which extends for 12 months, from the beginning of July 1958 until the end of June 1959, is divided into two parts. The first, of four months' duration, is devoted to an intensive training course in Hebrew, with the remaining period of eight months concentrated on instruction in academic subjects.

ABRAHAM LEVIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BRITH SHOLOM AT NATIONAL PARLEY

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 26. (JTA) -- Abraham Levin of Philadelphia was elected president of Brith Sholom last night at the close of its four-day national convention.