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## ISRAEL CABINET POSTPONES DECISION ON RESIGNATION OF RELIGIOUS MINISTERS

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet postponed today a decision on the resignation of two Ministers and two Deputy Ministers representing the United Religious Party. The delay, effective until Tuesday when a special Cabinet meeting will be held, means that a new attempt will be made to reach a compromise with the Religious Party over the dispute which has come to be known in Israel as "Who is a Jew?"

Meanwhile, the postponement has left unclarified the status of the four Religious Ministers, whose written resignations were read to the Cabinet today by Premier David Ben Gurion. The Premier also reported to his Ministers on the progress of attempts to reach a compromise.

The conflict, which threatens to split the Ben Gurion coalition Government but not necessarily to topple it, sprang from the Interior Ministry's inclusion in new identity card applications the right of each applicant to be listed as a Jew, if he chose. Religious authorities, from the Chief Rabbinate down, oppose this move, insisting there are certain religious tests which must be met before one may be listed as a Jew.

Earlier this week-end, after orally informing Mr. Ben Gurion of the Religious Party's decision, Moshe Shapira, Minister for Religions, conferred with the Premier on the possibility of his and his colleague's returning. But, like a later meeting between a committee of three prominent Mapai Party leaders and representatives of the Religious bloc, this conference came to naught.

It was reported in the press that after a bedside conference between Religious Party leaders and the venerable dean of the religious political movement, Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, the latter wrote to Mr. Ben Gurion warning against a split in the community. Noting that he was confined to a hospital, Rabbi Maimon underlined the extreme danger of such a disruptive development and expressed the hope that Mr. Ben Gurion would lend his support to finding a *modus vivendi*. Mr. Ben Gurion and Rabbi Maimon are old friends and comrades-in-arms in the long political and underground struggle for Jewish immigration to Palestine and, eventually, for Israel's independence.

Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister of Posts and second Religious member of the Cabinet, returned this morning from a lengthy visit to Australia and the Far East, recalled by party leaders because of the split. He reported that the situation in Israel had echoed throughout the world.

It was learned here today that the Religious Party's position had hardened, and its leaders had rejected a Mapai suggestion that the entire question of Jewish identity be dropped from the identity cards. Instead, they demanded a return to the situation which existed when Mr. Shapira was Minister of Interior.

## ISRAEL TO MEET WITH JORDAN ON PLANTING OF TREES IN NO-MAN'S LAND

JERUSALEM, June 29. (JTA) -- The Israeli authorities have informed the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission that Israeli delegates will attend a subcommittee meeting discussing Jordanian complaints against Israel's planting of trees in the no-man's land area of Jerusalem.

Israeli sources, meanwhile, have denied that this is the first of a series of steps designed to bring Israel back into the MAC, which has been under Israel boycott since 1956.

The Israel Foreign Ministry has received no information so far from the Jordanian authorities on the Israeli man and woman kidnapped by Jordanians this week-end while they were bathing in the Gulf of Akaba off Elath. The hitch in communications, through the intermediation of the United Nations truce staff, has developed because Moslems are currently celebrating a three-day religious holiday.

(Information reaching London today from Jordan stated that the Jordanian authorities have admitted holding the two Israelis but claimed that they are not civilians and are, therefore, being held for interrogation.)

BAVARIAN MINISTRY TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES AGAINST NAZI PHYSICIANS

MUNICH, June 29. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Ministry of Justice announced today that it would investigate charges made against former concentration camp doctors Hans Eiserle and Heinrich Plaza in the current trial of Marth Sommer, former Buchenwald camp commander.

The announcement followed disclosure that Eiserle had been accepted as a member of the medical staff of a public health insurance plan and granted an interest-free loan of \$6,000 to re-establish his practice. Originally sentenced to death for crimes against humanity as a Buchenwald doctor, Dr. Eiserle had the sentence commuted to life imprisonment and was freed after serving seven years.

A witness at the Sommer trial charged that Dr. Eiserle had killed "during one week more persons than Sommer during his entire life." Medical authorities in Munich said they would turn over the state Ministry of Justice "incriminating evidence" against Dr. Eiserle.

Investigations against Dr. Plaza were started in 1951 by the Trauastein State Attorney and suspended when medical officials testified that Dr. Plaza was suffering from multiple sclerosis and too ill for questioning. The State Attorney's office said an investigation was underway to determine the truth of reports that Dr. Plaza had recovered sufficiently to resume medical practice.

POLITICAL PARTIES IN ITALY PLEDGE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR ALL FAITHS

ROME, June 29. (JTA) -- A guarantee of religious freedom for all faiths in Italy was contained in the platform worked out here today by the Democratic Christian Party and the Social Democrats who are seeking to form a coalition government.

The platform, announced today, also attempts to make peace among the various religious groups. In addition, the two parties pledge themselves to the elimination of any laws still in force from the Fascist regime.

SHOLOM ALEICHEM'S WORKS TO BE PUBLISHED IN MOSCOW IN RUSSIAN, NOT YIDDISH

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 29. (JTA) -- Obviously attempting to counter-act criticism against official anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, the USSR delegation here today distributed information about plans being made now in Russia to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sholom Aleichem, famed Yiddish writer, next year.

Observers here noted particularly that the original article announcing the Sholom Aleichem anniversary plans appeared in a Communist propaganda organ, "Soviet Weekly," published in English by the Russian embassy in London. Prof. Hyman Levy, of London, a well-known mathematician and formerly one of the leading Jewish Communists in England, quit the Communist Party this year after visiting the Soviet Union, where he found anti-Semitism rampant in official circles.

The article in "Soviet Weekly" announces that, last year, a Russian language edition of 165,000 copies of Sholom Aleichem's "From the Market Place" was sold out "within a few days." Next year, the USSR's embassy publication declares, the Russian State Publishing House will issue in Russian a six-volume edition of selected works from the writings of the famous Yiddish writer. "Well-known translators," states the announcement, "are working on new translations."

The anniversary publications will also include works by "Soviet Jewish writers and critics," among these a number of essays on Sholom Aleichem, a novel based on the life of Sholom Aleichem by Abram Kagan, and a biographical novel "by the late Soviet Jewish writer Uriya Finkel." These works planned in memory of one of the greatest Yiddish writers will be in the Russian language, and not in Yiddish. The publication of Yiddish books has practically been banned in the USSR since the liquidation of all Jewish cultural institutions.

JEWISH CEMETERY IN HARBIN TO BE ERASED; JEWS SEEK AID TO REMOVE GRAVES

LONDON, June 29. (JTA) -- Local authorities in Harbin, North China, have ordered the removal of all graves within the city limits, including the Jewish cemetery which contains 3,500 graves, the World Jewish Congress reported.

Thus far, only graves still tended by relatives or friends are being moved. Unless the others are moved, at community expense, they will be levelled without exhumation to make way for new building projects. However, the community has no funds available for this purpose and has appealed to Jewish communities throughout the world and to the United Hias Service for assistance.

(In Rome, the Union of Italian Jewish Communities issued a notice to all Italian Jewish communities to inform all former residents of Harbin of the problem and to enlist their aid.)

# CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS ASKS F. B. I. TO ACT ON SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS

CHICAGO, June 29. (JTA) -- The 69th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, representative body of the Reform rabbinate, concluded here today with a resolution condemning the recent rash of synagogue bombings in the South and urging the FBI to take a hand in apprehending those responsible and in preventing further attacks.

Another resolution called upon the Conservative wing of American Judaism to enter upon a joint effort to stimulate the development of non-Orthodox worship in the State of Israel. "An urgent need exists in the State of Israel for the development of progressive forms of Judaism," said the resolution. "We recognize that such forms will be responsive to the needs and desires of the people of Israel. We urge the initiation of discussions between appropriate representatives of Reform and Conservative Judaism for the purpose of stimulating and encouraging the development of Progressive Judaism in Israel."

The convention also resolved to urge the exploration of the establishment of a national program of study retreats and Torah sessions for members. The delegates recommended that consideration be given to the advisability of a formal presentation of a code of practice or ritual guide for Reform Judaism at a CCAR convention in the near future. They commended the Synagogue Council of America for notable accomplishments and reaffirmed CCAR support.

A plan of religious instruction to offset the threat imposed by an over concentration on scientific studies was launched at the closing session today by the Commission on Jewish Education. In announcing the program Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, director of the Commission stated: "The threat of the nuclear age is forcing civilization to raise a population of scientists, mathematicians and technicians. Unless this knowledge is over-girded by a moral and spiritual sensitivity that is aware of the lofty humane purposes of the democratic civilization in which we live, we are in danger of rearing a generation of robots."

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh, chairman of the Commission, pointed out that "the top priority facing the Reform movement is the education of the parents. Today the adults are our central problem in religious education where 20 years ago, the child was our major concern. Unless our parents begin to catch up with our children, the forward momentum of our movement will be stalled. Education of children means nothing unless the parents have a profound Jewish education."

## Jewish Identification in U.S. is Becoming Stronger, Eban Finds

Last night, Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to Washington and its chief delegate to the United Nations, told a convention symposium on Israel's tenth anniversary that two alternatives face the Middle East: sovereignty among nations or Nasser hegemony over a protectorate. "Throughout the Middle East and Africa, free nations are awakening to the danger which Nasserism brings to their independence and integrity," the Ambassador said. "The question is whether they will find means of concerting their action to meet the common danger."

In a comment on the American Jewish community scene and its relation to Israel, Mr. Eban said the community is "growing ever more secure and established as an organic part of its democracy," but at the same time its Jewish identification is becoming stronger. "The resolve of American Jews to remain attached to Jewish destiny is far more manifest and widespread than it was a decade ago," he declared. "This fact finds expression in the great increase of religious cultural and educational institutions in which American Jews seek to live within the experience of our common heritage. It is also reflected, of course, in the active responsibility which your community assumes for Israel's consolidation--a sublime and massive responsibility the like of which the history of nations has never seen."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver hailed as Israel's most significant 10-year achievements, the ingathering of 1,000,000 refugees, organization of Israel's army, its remarkable industrial and agricultural development, scientific and cultural progress. In addition, he said, Israel achieved for world Jewry restoration of a "lost pride and confidence which the cruel centuries had almost succeeded in destroying."

Examining the many problems facing Israel as it enters its second decade, Dr. Silver warned that unless Israel moves away from "party tribalism" resulting from "a multiplicity of political parties and their intransigent partisanship," the Jewish State "may one day find itself in a political crisis similar to that through which France is passing today."

The delegates last night contributed \$35,000 for the graduate school in archaeology which Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is constructing at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. This action was taken at the annual banquet of the Alumni Association of the College-Institute at which Dr. Nelson Glueck, HUC-JIR president, was honored on the 35th anniversary of his ordination.

Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin of New York was re-elected president of the CCAR. Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, also of New York, was elected vice president.

#### YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION DENCUNCES NETUREI KARTA CAMPAIGN IN U.S

FALLSBURGH, N. Y., June 29. (JTA) -- The campaign against Israel being pressed in the United States by the extreme Orthodox group who follow the Neturei Karta tactics of anti-Israel demonstrations and picketing was denounced here today at the 46th annual convention of the Young Israel, a major Orthodox body in this country. More than 700 delegates are participating in the contention.

Terming the extremists "little irresponsible splinter elements in the United States," Moses H. Hoenig, president of Young Israel, said in his presidential address that their anti-Israel campaign in this country is "vicious, dishonorable and destructive." He stressed that "they are not only degrading and besmirching the sterling name of the State of Israel by offensive methods, but they are also casting unjustifiable reflections on the sincerity, honor and dignity of Orthodox Judaism in the United States."

"These purveyors of strife and hatred constitute a negligible minority in American orthodoxy and do not possess any scintilla of authority or power to speak for the vast majority of Orthodox Jews who are answering in their devotion to the free and democratic State of Israel," Mr. Hoenig continued. He asserted that "there is complete freedom of religion in Israel and the religious parties are afforded adequate representation, in all governing bodies of Israel."

Yaacov Herzog, Israel Minister to Washington, addressing the convention, said that the historic challenge confronting Israel and the Jews outside Israel is to merge in an all-embracing spiritual unity the two great streams of Jerusalem and Babylon which developed after the destruction of the first Temple."

#### PIONEER WOMEN ORGANIZATION RAISES \$1,100,000 FOR ISRAEL; COMPLETES QUOTA

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- Pioneer Women, the women's Labor Zionist organization, of America, today announced the completion of its 1958 quota of \$1,000,000 for Israel, plus a ten percent special gift for Israel's 10th anniversary. Mrs. Chaya Surchin, president of the organization, said that a cable to this effect was sent today to the Working Women's Council in Israel, sister organization of the Pioneer Women.

Mrs. Surchin, who recently returned from an extended stay in Israel, said that this total effort on the part of the organization was made in response to Israel's growing needs for the integration and absorption of new immigrants--of whom 40,000 women, youth and children were being given training, guidance and varied social services in the network of more than 500 institutions now being maintained in Israel through the Working Women's Council.

#### ANTI-SEMITIC YOUTH LEADER INDICTED IN NEW YORK; HELD IN \$12,000 BAIL

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- George Leggett, the 20-year-old leader of the anti-Semitic United Nordic Confederation was under grand jury indictment today on charges of burglary, petty larceny and weapons law violations. He is the founder of a confederation "to unite and purify all the Nordic peoples of the world."

The conspiracy came to light last January when Leggett was arrested with ten other Queens youths after police received a tip that the youths were planning to rob a bank to finance the confederation. Acting County Judge Vincent R. Impellitteri reported that Bellevue Hospital psychiatrists had found Leggett sane. He is being held in \$12,000 bail.

#### AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY ELECTS LEHMAN COUNCIL HEAD

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman has been elected chairman of the National Council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, it was announced today.

The Council is composed of 122 prominent men and women who guide and advise on major policy matters affecting the Jerusalem university nationally and in their respective communities. The American Friends is conducting a campaign to raise \$10,000,000 to complete the construction of Hebrew University's new campus facilities at Givat Ram.

#### SAMUEL FREYER, LEADING U.S. BIOCHEMIST, PURCHASES \$100,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS

LOS ANGELES, June 29. (JTA) -- Samuel A. Fryer, one of the leading biochemists in the United States, today purchased \$100,000 Israel bonds, and indicated his intention of making an additional \$100,000 purchase before the end of the year. This is the largest single Israel bond purchase in the history of the Los Angeles community.

#### 44 YOUNG AMERICAN ZIONISTS LEAVE FOR SEVEN-WEEK STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 29. (JTA) -- A party of 44 young Zionists left here today for a seven week summer institute in Israel during which the young men and women will attend leadership seminars at the Jewish Agency, a three-day symposium at ZOA House in Tel Aviv and orientation sessions at the Kfar Silver Agricultural Training Institute. The tour, which will include participation in the World Jewish Youth Jamboree, is sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America with the cooperation of the Jewish Agency.