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MIZRACHI RESIGNATIONS FROM CABINET FINAL; BEN GURION REPORTS TO KNESSET

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- An extraordinary meeting of the Israel Cabinet, capping a week of intensive negotiations, failed to find an acceptable compromise today and Premier David Ben Gurion went before the Israel Knesset to announce the resignation of two members of his Cabinet representing the United Religious Party.

The Premier announced that he would temporarily hold both resigned portfolios, Religion and Posts, giving rise to hopes that the two Religious Ministers and three Deputy Ministers who quit at the same time would soon rejoin the coalition government. However, after the announcement, Religious spokesmen said they considered the negotiations for their return to have broken down and that they could not retreat farther from their principles. Even without the votes of the Religious deputies, the Ben Gurion Government still commands a slight majority.

Though the negotiations seemed to be making progress today, the Premier made his announcement in Parliament to forestall a demand from the Opposition for a debate on the Cabinet crisis. As a result, when the Herut, rightwing opposition party, did offer such a motion, it was defeated.

The crisis developed over the leftwing and Labor members of the Cabinet insistence on the right of an individual to list himself as a Jew on the official identity card without reference to any standards. The Religious Ministers, backed by religious authorities throughout the land, insisted that a person must meet tests according to Jewish law before being identified as a Jew.

The Ministers who resigned are: Moshe Shapira, former Minister for Religion; Dr. Joseph Burg, former Minister of Posts; Moshe Cuna, Deputy Minister of Education; Yaacov Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare, and Zorach Warhaftig, Deputy Minister for Religion.

Government Reiterates Former Decision on Definition of "Jew"

An official communique issued after the special Cabinet session declared that the Cabinet had again decided that "a person who bona fide declares himself Jewish and not belonging to any other religion be registered (on his identity card) as a Jew. In the case of children whose parents are not Jewish, but where both parents declare bona fide that the child is Jewish and does not belong to any other religion, he will also be registered as Jewish."

The United Religious Party walked out of the Cabinet because the majority's definition of a Jew is contrary to the Religious Party's insistence that Jewishness must be defined according to Jewish law.

Yesterday's negotiations resulted in what was described as a "small" compromise offer from the Religious Party leadership. Under it, they would agree that if a child is converted to Judaism according to the requirements of Jewish law, the child may be registered as Jewish despite its parents remaining non-Jews. This concession was expected to be approved by the Supreme Rabbinical Council.

A snag developed, however, when other coalition partners -- Achdut Avodah, Mapam, Progressives and a considerable portion of the Mapai -- objected to what they labelled forcible proselytization of minors.

Israel Chief Rabbi Denounces Picketing of White House by Orthodox Sect

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- The picketing of the White House by followers of the Satmar Rebbe in protest against the mixed-bathing swimming pool in Jerusalem was denounced today by Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim.

In a letter to Rebbe Yoel Teitelbaum, Brooklyn leader of the sect, Chief Rabbi Nissim called the picketing a "measure entirely alien and contradictory to the spirit of Judaism." Rabbi Nissim added that "there is not the slightest doubt this went beyond what is proper and permissible." "Religious Jewry is always happy to receive aid from the Diaspora

but pleadings to and involvement of non-Jews in such internal issues were never sanctioned even in the most extreme instances," the Chief Rabbi declared.

While describing the construction of the pool as a "grave breach in the walls of modesty which have always characterized the Jerusalem populace," he warned against methods of protest which were both "questionable and harmful" in any effort to preserve the Holy City's aspects. He also expressed sorrow over threats of excommunication of the Satmar Rebbe which have been made in the dispute, saying "this weapon should not be employed in our times."

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EGYPT MAY FIND IT EASIER NOW TO GET U.S. VISAS

WASHINGTON, July 1. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today told a press conference that improvement has been made in the previous slow pace of visa issuance under U.S. emergency immigration legislation which includes provision of entry visas to Jewish refugees from Egypt.

He said delay in granting visas was at first due to unavoidable procedures but that most of this "red tape" was now "behind us." He saw the issuance of visas now "in much better shape."

A bill to facilitate United States citizenship for Hungarian refugees who came to this country as "parolees" after the 1956 rebellion was advanced one step closer to passage yesterday when the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the measure. The bill, already adopted by the House, would give the refugees permanent residence status dating back to their arrival in the country.

NASSER ISSUES DECREE FORBIDDING JEWS TO RE-ENTER UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

PARIS, July 1. (JTA) -- In a wholesale anti-Jewish decree, the Nasser Government has forbidden access to the United Arab Republic to any Jew who ever resided in Syria or Egypt and left those countries, Zachariah Shuster, European director of the American Jewish Committee, told the press here today.

This is the first instance of this kind since the Hitler era, he said. The decree affects citizens of the United States, Britain, France and all other countries whose nationals ever resided in UAR territory, for it applies to all Jews regardless of nationality who left this territory at ages between 10 and 65.

The decree, which singles out Jews as such and openly names anti-Jewish discrimination part of the official Nasser Government policy, is so worded that even tourists spending a short time in the UAR may find themselves on the government's blacklist of persons never permitted to reenter the UAR. Ethnic and religious discrimination are also incorporated in the UAR nationality bill now being prepared by the UAR Legislature, Mr. Shuster revealed.

The proposed law will worsen the already precarious position of approximately 15,000 Jews remaining in Egypt and the 5,000 to 7,000 in Syria, since it empowers the new UAR Minister of the Interior to withdraw UAR nationality from any subject who has "ever been qualified at any time whatsoever" as a Zionist.

It is obvious that under such a vague provision and with the term "Zionist" never being defined, the Minister of the Interior can act against any Jew who are still citizens of the UAR, Mr. Shuster asserted. The proposed law also provides that the Minister of the Interior can grant Arab nationality to persons born of a foreign father on Arab territory, on condition that the father came from a land where the majority of the population is Arab and where the religion is Islam. This is clearly discriminatory, Mr. Shuster said.

More than 25,000 Jews quit Egypt since November 1956 in view of the persecutory policies of the Nasser Government. However, until the issuance of this new decree, an attempt was always made to deny and camouflage anti-Jewish measures.

BENJAMIN COHEN RETIRES FROM U. N. SERVICE; WAS ONE OF HIGHEST OFFICIALS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 1. (JTA) -- Benjamin A. Cohen, Under Secretary of the United Nations in charge of Trusteeship and former Assistant Secretary General in charge of the department of public information, retired today after 13 years of service with the international organization.

Mr. Cohen, son of Alberto Cohen and Rebecca Gallerstein Cohen of Concepcion, Chile, was in the Chilean diplomatic service for many years prior to being "loaned" to the United Nations by his government in 1945.

PRESIDENT OF ZIONIST FEDERATION OF FRANCE DEFERS HIS RESIGNATION

PARIS, July 1. (JTA) -- Andre Blumel has decided to defer his resignation as president of the Zionist Federation of France until his visit next month to Israel, it was learned here today. It is anticipated that M. Blumel will settle his differences with the Jewish Agency during his stay in Jerusalem. An understanding to this effect has been reached between Dr. Nahum Goldmann, World Zionist president, and M. Blumel.

HUNGARIAN GROUP STARTS DISSEMINATING ANTI-JEWISH MATERIAL FROM MUNICH

MUNICH, July 1. (JTA) -- An anti-Semitic publication, printed by refugees from the Hungary of the Fascist Arrow and Cross regime, has made Munich its new quarters. The publishers, who fled to Austria in 1944 to avoid capture by Soviet armies, were forbidden to continue publication of "Ceif" in Austria.

As part of their service, the publishers supply anti-Semitic material to "old" Hungarian refugee organizations abroad--those which draw their membership from the pro-Nazi and fascist leadership of pre-war and wartime Hungary.

The trial of Guido Roeder, a German publisher, and two others on charges of distributing anti-Semitic printed material opened here before the Munich Circuit Court. Roeder and his fellow defendants are being tried on a rarely invoked Bavarian statute, the only in any of the West German states which makes a punishable offense of the distribution of literature which arouses racial hatred.

Roeder's leaflets created an international storm two years ago. At the time he distributed his own works linking "the Red dictatorship" with "Jewish finance," as well as translations of the anti-Semitic mouthings of an American hate-monger, Eustace Mullins.

GERMAN WITNESS CHALLENGES EXCUSE OF NAZIS ON TRIAL FOR KILLING JEWS

ULM, Germany, July 1. (JTA) -- A widely-used and frequently successful claim by defendants in Nazi war crimes trials that they had to obey orders from superiors to slaughter Jews was challenged today by the testimony of a former German district commissioner at the trial here of 10 former SS and Gestapo members.

Hans Gewetke testified that in 1942 he not only defied an SS leader who said he had been instructed to liquidate the ghetto in the Lithuanian town of Shtaulern, but also that his resistance to the murder of the Jews had caused him no difficulties whatever in his job.

Gewetke testified that he told the SS leader "if you touch but one Jew in the ghetto, I will arm my police and the Lithuanian partisans to fight against you." The defendants in the Einsatz Commando trial are accused of the killing of more than 5,000 victims.

Asserting that his superior Reich commissioner had, on his request, prevented the murder of thousands of Jews, Gewetke testified that he had reported to SS headquarters, after his warning to the local SS leader, that the Jews of Shtaulern were urgently needed to work in a local leather factory supplying the German army. He said the fate of the Shtaulern Jews remained undecided until they were taken to Germany in 1944.

GERMAN TEACHER EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR ANTI-JEWISH STATEMENTS

FRANKFURT, July 1. (JTA) -- Edgar Fernau, a schoolteacher who received a four-month suspended sentence for making public anti-Semitic statements and defending the Nazi treatment of Jews, has been expelled from the school system, the Lower Saxony Board of Education announced. An investigation is now under way to determine whether Fernau is entitled to all or only part of his pension rights.

The provincial authorities of Hesse province have taken a hand in a recent spate of anti-Semitic incidents aimed at an innkeeper and his wife in the town of Floersheim. Only the wife is Jewish.

When the Mayor of Floersheim reported to Hesse Interior Minister H. Schneider that the whole affair was merely "drunken vandalism," he was told that no matter how insignificant in appearance, any incident of anti-Semitism would be handled by the Hesse government with strength and decision. The provincial prosecutor has been ordered to investigate.

SAARLOUS JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED: REWARD OFFERED FOR ARRESTS

SAARLOUS, Germany, July 1. (JTA) -- The Mayor of this city today offered a reward equivalent to more than \$100 for information leading to the arrest of vandals who desecrated the Saarlouis Jewish cemetery a few days ago and overturned seven tombstones. The local Jewish community has complained to the provincial Ministry of the Interior.

BOOK LISTING HUNDREDS OF JEWISH MARTYRS IN BULGARIA PUBLISHED IN SOFIA

VIENNA, July 1. (JTA) -- A book listing several hundred Jewish martyrs who died fighting fascism in Bulgaria has been published in Sofia, according to a report from the Bulgarian capital received here today. The book is entitled "Jews Who Fell in the Struggle Against Fascism."

JEWISH STUDENTS IN ITALY EXEMPTED FROM SCHOOL TESTS ON JEWISH HOLIDAYS

ROME, July 1. (JTA) -- The Italian Ministry of Education ruled today that Jewish students in the public school system are entitled to ask for a make-up examination whenever such test falls on a Jewish religious holiday.

AMERICAN RABBIS URGE ABOLITION OF ALL RELIGIOUS PARTIES IN ISRAEL

LIBERTY, N. Y., July 1, (JTA) -- A call for the abolition of all religious parties in Israel was voiced here today by Rabbi Samuel A. Turk, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, in an address opening the organization's three-day annual convention. The Alliance represents some 400 Orthodox rabbis in the United States and Canada.

Rabbi Turk urged both secular and religious forces within the State of Israel to halt the cultural strife which, he said, has prevailed since the inception of the Jewish State. This could be accomplished, Dr. Turk asserted, by a mutual declaration recognizing Israel as a secular state in no way representing the fulfillment of Jewish hopes for the millennia.

The rabbinical leader suggested that such a secular state, which would have complete autonomy for local Orthodox communities, would assure that Orthodox Jews could live a full Jewish life as they saw it. At the same time, he said, secular Zionists must cease to speak of Israel in terms of Jewish redemption and the religious Jews must not try to use the coercive power of the state to enforce religious legislation.

U.S. SUPREME COURT BARS NON-COMMUNIST OATH FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

WASHINGTON, July 1, (JTA) -- The United States Supreme Court barred the State of California yesterday from requiring officials of churches and synagogues to take a non-Communist oath as a condition for asking tax-exempt status for their religious institutions.

The decision was adopted by a 7 to 1 vote. While the Court did not strike down the California law denying tax-exempt status to institutions whose officers advocated forcible overthrow of the government, it did require that the state accept the burden of proof against such officers.

FRENCH STATESMAN ELECTED WORLD ORT CHAIRMAN: J. D. C. COOPERATION CITED

GENEVA, July 1, (JTA) -- Daniel Mayer, prominent French statesman and active member of the Jewish community, was elected chairman of the executive committee of the World ORT Union today at the conclusion of a two-day meeting of the committee. A former Minister of Labor of the French Government and a one-time chairman of the French National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, M. Mayer is currently president of the League for the Rights of Man.

It was reported at the meeting of the world ORT leaders that the Joint Distribution Committee has agreed to provide for ORT activities the sum of \$1,575,000 for this year, an increase of \$75,000 over last year. The JDC allocation is to come from funds of the United Jewish Appeal and in part from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Emphasizing that the sum granted by the JDC to the ORT is approximately one-third of the total annual requirement of the ORT, the report submitted to the meeting said: "Relations between ORT and JDC are not limited to financing. In almost every key area ORT and JDC operate within an intimate partnership framework. There is hardly an aspect of ORT activity that has not been affected by this bond of mutuality."

GHANA PREMIER EXPLAINS HIS VIEW ON "JUST SOLUTION" OF PALESTINE PROBLEM

ACCRA, Ghana, July 1, (JTA) -- Premier Nkrumah of Ghana explained today that the "just solution" of the Palestine question to which he referred in a recent joint statement with United Arab Republic President Nasser issued in Cairo was one to be found in terms of the United Nations Charter. The Premier made his explanation at his first press conference since returning yesterday from a tour of independent African countries.

WEST NIGERIAN MINISTER IMPRESSED WITH ISRAELI AGRICULTURAL METHODS

TEL AVIV, July 1, (JTA) -- The West Nigerian Minister for Agriculture, Chief Akim Doko, said today that he was so impressed with Israeli agricultural methods that he was cancelling plans to tour Burma and Ceylon and was rushing back home to recommend immediate introduction of Israeli settlement agriculture. He said he visualized Israel-Nigerian trade relations developing soon. He specifically underlined Nigeria's needs for Israeli fertilizers.

REMAINS OF SHOLEM ASCH TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM LONDON TO ISRAEL

LONDON, July 1, (JTA) -- The remains of Sholem Asch will soon be transferred to Israel and a cultural center containing the Asch archives will be built at Bat Yam, a Tel Aviv suburb, it was announced last night by Dr. S. Levenberg, Jewish Agency representative.

The announcement was made at a ceremony marking the first anniversary of the death of the noted Yiddish author. Members of the Asch family attending the ceremony heard an extensive survey of the writer's literary activity during a half century of writing. The survey was presented by Dr. Levenberg and Dr. J. Mattis, British author.