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TALKS ON FORMATION OF ISRAEL CABINET STARTED; EARLY ELECTIONS URGED

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel today started consultations with leaders of the major political parties in the country regarding the formation of a new government following the resignation of Premier David Ben Gurion last night.

The first group of leaders with whom the President met this morning was a delegation of Mr. Ben Gurion's Mapai Party, the largest group in Knesset, Israel's Parliament. The President was asked by the delegation to invite Mr. Ben Gurion to set up a new Cabinet as well as to advance the national elections to September 22 from November 19.

The Mapai delegation told the President that Mr. Ben Gurion could not continue with the present coalition, because four members of the coalition Cabinet had violated the principle of collective responsibility by voting against Israel's arms deal with West Germany which was approved by the Cabinet.

The suggestion to advance the national elections came from the Mapai Party because there seemed to be no prospect of forming a new interim government. The General Zionists and the National Religious Party, which have been sounded out on this subject, did not seem inclined to give Mr. Ben Gurion support for a caretaker administration.

The Progressive Party today indicated that it would agree to the advancement of the elections. Other parties were still hesitant, since they were not so keen on holding elections before Rosh Hashanah which starts on October 3.

In the feverish inter-party talks which were going on today, the General Zionists and the National Religious Party were asked to give passive support to a "Minority Cabinet" to be composed of representatives of the Mapai and Progressive Parties. Mapai's 40 Knesset deputies, plus five Arab deputies affiliated with Mapai and five Progressive Party deputies would provide a caretaker coalition of 50 of the Knesset's 120 deputies.

This arrangement would be workable, however, on the premise that either the General Zionists or the religious party deputies would abstain from opposition. The General Zionists, who supported Ben Gurion on the arms deal on grounds of national security, were nevertheless unwilling to make any political move which might prejudice the party in the November elections. The Religious Party members were equally resistant to giving assurances they would not embarrass the Prime Minister because they still felt a "deep hurt" in the controversy on the issue "Who is a Jew" which led the party to quit the coalition.

Stalemate Seen; Eshkol May Preside at Cabinet Meetings as Deputy Premier

The situation summed up a total stalemate, since the present Cabinet continues in office, under law, until a new Government is formed and obtains a vote of confidence in Knesset. Because there is no chance of a new formation and because Mr. Ben Gurion remains adamant in his refusal to sit with the four dissident left-wing Ministers in Cabinet meetings, the Mapai seeks earlier elections as one means of ending the embarrassing situation of a Cabinet problem in which the Prime Minister refuses to attend meetings. In the meantime, a deputy, presumably Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, would preside at Cabinet meetings.

In the midst of the inter-party talks on the formation of a new government, the National Religious Party came out today in its organ, Hatzofeh, with the accusation that the government was violating the Sabbath through the arms deal with Germany by keeping workers on Saturdays in the plants producing the arms.

The organ of the Religious Party asserts that the plant workers, who have been off their jobs on Saturdays, except for the brief period before the 1956 Sinai campaign, now are working full blast on Sabbaths and holidays since the date the arms agreement was negotiated with the Bonn Federal Republic. Representations against the practice to the Israel Ministry of Labor brought the reply that the Sabbath operations were necessary for security reasons.

Provisional statistics issued here today indicated that Israel exports to West Germany totaled \$9,000,000 for the first six months of this year compared with \$11,000,000 for all of 1958. The Bonn Government is now Israel's third best customer, importing citrus, jams, juices, preserves, chocolates, eggs and other exports.

HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATES ISRAEL'S RIGHTS OF PASSAGE THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- The issue of Israel's rights to send ships and cargo through the Suez Canal came up for debate in the House of Lords today, during which the members of the Upper House assured the House that "the view of Her Majesty's Government has always been that the Canal should be open to the shipping of all nations."

Speaking for the Government was Lord Landsdowne, who made his statement in reply to a request voiced by Lord Barnby for information on the Government's position "in view of the current disregard in the case of the SS Inge Toft of the rights of free passage for all ships and cargoes through the Suez Canal."

The Inge Toft, a Danish freighter, has been under detention at Port Said by the United Arab Republic since May 21 for carrying Israeli cargo. Its cargo was declared confiscated by the Egyptian officials as a "prize of war," despite refusal of the ship's captain to unload. Lord Barnby asked "what, if any, action the Government intends to take now."

Lord Landsdowne said that Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary General, had been personally discussing with the UAR "the whole question" of the rights of free passage of all ships through the Suez Canal. Lord Landsdowne added he felt that the UN Secretary General had been particularly concerned with the question of the passage of Israel shipping.

British Intervention Considered "Not Useful" at Present

Noting that the British Government had supported resolutions in the UN Security Council in September 1951 and October 1956 reaffirming Israel's rights to peaceful Suez transit, Lord Lansdowne said at the same time that "in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, no useful purpose would be served by any British intervention at the present time."

As the debate continued, Lord Barnby declared that UN "ineffectiveness" in the Inge Toft case bore "a similarity" to that in the case of the Hungarian revolt. "It would be a still further cause for concern among those who fear that the UN as an instrument for settling difficulties is diminishing steadily," he stressed. Lord Lansdowne replied that this "supplementary question" had no bearing whatever on the original question.

Another questioner, Lord Stansgate, asked if the British Government was saying that the Suez Canal Convention of 1888 was still valid in its entirety. To this Lord Lansdowne replied that the position of the British Government was "abundantly clear." He said: "We subscribed to the United Nations Security Council statement of September 1951 and again in 1956 upholding the rights of passage of all nations through the Suez Canal and that is still our plan."

While loud cheers greeted this statement, Lord Stansgate persisted on the question of whether the British Government considered the 1888 Constantinople Convention as valid. Lord Lansdowne retorted that Lord Stansgate was "well aware" that there were many complications about the convention. Reiterating that the British Government's position was "absolutely clear" in its support of the Security Council resolutions, he said "we stand by that."

KOZLOV CRITICIZED IN U.S. CONGRESS ON HIS STATEMENT ON JEWS IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, July 6. (JTA) -- First Deputy Premier Frol R. Kozlov today came under criticism in the House of Representatives for his assertion that the Jews live a "much better life in the USSR than they do in Israel."

House Majority Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., Democrat, said in a speech on the House floor that Kozlov made a "bad slip" when he sought to portray Jewish life in Russia as better than in Israel. "Everybody knows that isn't so," Rep. McCormack stated.

COURT GIVES ANTI-BIAS COMMISSION 48 HOURS TO WITHDRAW BACKING OF ARAMCO

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- State Supreme Court Justice Henry Epstein today gave the New York State Commission Against Discrimination 48 hours to decide whether it wanted to withdraw a decision dismissing charges by the American Jewish Congress that the Arabian American Oil Co. discriminates against Jewish applicants for employment.

The action came at a hearing at which the AJC sought to appeal a ruling by SCA chairman Elmer A. Carter that ARAMCO was entitled to an exemption from the New York State Fair Employment Law, which bars job discrimination.

Justice Epstein pointed out that if SCAD withdrew its ruling of November 10 granting ARAMCO an exemption, the AJC appeal would become moot. If SCAD should refuse to vacate that decision, Justice Epstein said, he would consider the briefs of both sides and issue an opinion on the appeal on or before July 19.

Commissioner Carter of SCAD ruling maintained that the requirements of American foreign policy made it necessary to grant ARAMCO a "bona fide occupational qualification" exemption permitting the company to discriminate against Jewish applicants for positions in Saudi Arabia.

NEO-NAZI YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN GERMANY MERGED; ELECT "FUEHRER"

BONN, July 6. (JTA) -- Seven groups of neo-Nazi youth organizations have held a national meeting at Idstein, agreed to consolidate their movement, and elected a former East German Communist functionary, Hans Schulz, as their "fuehrer."

The consolidated movement is said to represent between 40,000 and 70,000 members. The Idstein meeting was organized by adults, former members of the Hitler Youth, the SS and the National Socialist Party. Delegates attending the Idstein meeting wore Nazi-style uniforms, complete with helmets and shoulder straps.

The new "fuehrer" is a member of the Free Socialist People's Party, a splinter group which split off from the right-wing Deutsche Reichspartei, accusing the latter group of tendencies "not sufficiently to the right."

BERLIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENTENCED FOR INCITING AGAINST JEWS

BERLIN, July 6. (JTA) -- Helmut-George Hauser, a medical student at the Free University of Berlin, today was sentenced to three weeks in jail and three year's probation, after being convicted of "offending Jewish fellow-citizens."

A year ago, last April, Hauser wrote a letter to a student newspaper at the university, declaring: "The Jew comes back to Germany, playing here the poor man, and meanwhile Jews live undisturbed and well in Israel." He closed his letter with "Gut Heil!" A professor at the university initiated the complaint which resulted in the student's conviction.

BERLIN SENATE HONORS GERMANS WHO AIDED JEWS UNDER NAZI REGIME

BERLIN, July 6. (JTA) -- West Berlin's Senate today paid special tribute to 19 men and women, all of them Christians, for helping and sheltering Jews during the Nazi regime.

In ceremonies here, the 19 non-Jewish Germans were awarded special documents expressing the city's appreciation for their selflessness in risking their own lives and security on behalf of Jewish fellow-citizens during the Hitler era.

REMOVAL OF ANTI-SEMITIC FROM RADIO POLICY COMMITTEE URGED IN MUNICH

MUNICH, July 6. (JTA) -- A demand that Dr. Walter Becher, a member of the Munich broadcasting station's policy committee, be removed from that committee, was made here today by the policy committee's president, Dr. Mueller-Meiningen, who accused Dr. Becher of having written an anti-Semitic article during the Nazi regime, in 1939.

According to the accusation, Dr. Becher had written the article in a Sudeten-German periodical, demanding the elimination of Jews from German cultural life, and referring to Jewish writers as "cultural bugs."

Dr. Becher is a member of the Bavarian legislature, where he is chairman of the right-wing "All-German Bloc." Recently, he helped establish in Bavaria the National Democratic Union, with the aim of "coordinating all right-wing national elements in German politics." He introduced a bill in the Bavarian legislature, calling for reorganization of the Munich Broadcasting Station's policy committee along lines that would exclude the Jewish community from representation.

WEST GERMAN FILM ON ISRAEL AWARDED PRIZES AT BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL

BERLIN, July 6. (JTA) -- Two prizes were awarded at the Berlin Film Festival here today to a documentary film about Israel, hailing the movie as the best documentary of the year. The awards, with gold ribbons, were given to the Ifag Film Company, of Frankfurt-am-Main, which produced the film, and the director, Herbert Victor.

Dr. Gerhard Schroder, West Germany's Minister of the Interior, handed to representatives of the film company and to Mr. Victor the golden ribbons and cash prizes. The firm received 47,500 Deutschmarks as its prize, and Mr. Victor got 7,500 marks.

The film, in color, entitled "Paradise in a Furnace," records a trip through Israel, and presents the State of Israel as "the oldest country but the youngest state." It stresses that Israel is "the cradle of religion as well as the crucible of races."

ROME EXHIBIT DISPLAYS MATERIAL SHOWING NAZI HORRORS AGAINST JEWS

ROME, July 6. (JTA) -- Government leaders of the Italian Jewish Community participated here today at the inauguration of a special exhibit showing the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, organized by the National Association of Political Inmates of Nazi extermination camps.

A special section of the exhibit is devoted to illustrating the persecutions carried out by German Nazis and Italian fascists against Jews.

JEWISH FEDERATIONS PARLEY URGES EFFECTIVE INTER-GROUP RELATIONSHIPS

MIAMI BEACH, July 6. (JTA) -- The fostering of sound inter-group relationships by local Jewish Community Relations Councils, and the development of effective programs to this effect, was urged at a three-day regional conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds held here. One hundred and fifty delegates and community leaders from 25 major cities in 12 southern states attended the parley.

A resolution adopted declared that programs to deal with inter-group problems have become a community responsibility and that each community should have "an instrumentality through which the various forces of the Jewish community can jointly deal with their community relations on a planned and purposeful basis." The resolution also called for close and "harmonious" cooperation between local and national community relations agencies and the utilization by the local community "of all resources and services available locally and on the regional and national level in carrying out its responsibility."

Sherman Kaplan, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Dallas, addressed the conferees and emphasized the fact that, despite the increases in fund-raising, the community achievement had failed to meet the total health and welfare needs. "The needs far outstrip the funds we raise," he said. Max O. Laster, president of the Jewish Community Council of Richmond, Virginia, pointed out that welfare needs of both large and small communities are essentially the same and lauded the role of the central federation as a year round community planning service and fund-raising instrument.

In a session on the continuing needs of Israel, Label A. Katz of New Orleans, newly elected president of B'nai B'rith, who recently returned from Jerusalem, declared "American Jewry has a continuing responsibility for Israel's needs--to help provide housing, schools, education, and vocational training. Even if immigration ceased for three years, the internal economic needs would still be as great," he said.

Morris Jaffe, president-elect of the Southern States Region of the CJFWF, reviewed the achievements of the Jewish communities in this country during the last 15 years and emphasized the need to mobilize maximum aid to meet the growing Jewish demands in Europe, Israel and in this country.

CANADIAN JEWRY SENDS LOYALTY MESSAGE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH; OFFERS PRAYER

MONTREAL, July 6. (JTA) -- Expressions of loyalty and affection were transmitted by Canadian Jewry to Queen Elizabeth II now visiting Canada, it was reported here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The report said that Samuel Bronfman, national president of the CJC, sent to the Queen, on behalf of the Jewish Community of Canada, the following message:

"For the Canadian Jewish Community, your gracious Majesty's visit coincides with the commemoration of two hundred years of settlement in this blessed land, where people of diversified origins and creeds find the common denominator of free institutions and a steadfast belief in human dignity and human welfare.

"Canadian Jewry renews its expression of profound admiration for your Majesty, devotedly reiterates the time honored prayer for the Royal Family, recited reverently in Canadian synagogues since their first establishment in Canada in 1768:

"May the Supreme King of Kings, through His infinite mercy, preserve her and grant her life; and deliver her from all manner of trouble and danger. May He bless, preserve, guard, assist, exalt and raise unto a high eminence our Sovereign the Queen, and grant her a long and prosperous reign."

"The Canadian Jewish Congress, on behalf of the Canadian Jewish Community, transmits to you these expressions of loyalty and affection, accompanied by the hope that you reign long with your health and vigor unimpaired."

GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN PERU; CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER

LIMA, Peru, July 6. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, arrived here and was received by President Prado. She was entertained by Foreign Minister Dr. Paul Porras at a luncheon and later discussed with him Israeli-Peruvian relations.

Mrs. Meir laid a wreath, portraying the Israel Menorah, at the Pantheon de Proceres before an audience of public school pupils and a military guard of honor. She then visited a hall which had served as the Central Court of Inquisition in South America where Maranos were sentenced in the 17th and 18th centuries. She visited also the house of Emanuel Peretz, a leader of the Maranos who was burned at the stake for his secret adherence to Judaism.

SIDNEY KUSWORM, B'NAI B'RITH LEADER, RECEIVES TWO AMERICAN AWARDS

WASHINGTON, July 6. (JTA) -- Two major awards were presented to Sidney G. Kusworm, of Dayton, Ohio, treasurer of B'nai B'rith, at the District Five convention of the fraternal order. The awards were from the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped and from the American Heritage Foundation.