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ISRAEL CABINET MEETS ON SUEZ SITUATION; BEN GURION ABSENT FROM SESSION

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met today with Finance Minister Levi Eshkol presiding instead of Premier David Ben Gurion who refuses to sit at the same table with the four left-wing Cabinet members representing the Mapam and Achdut Avodah--the two parties which refused to support the government on the arms deal with Western Germany.

The ultimatum given by Mr. Ben Gurion that he would not participate in any Cabinet meeting at which the four "dissident" Cabinet members will be present was discussed today by leaders of Ben Gurion's Mapai Party. Former Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan expressed hope that the Premier would change his attitude and would again attend the Cabinet sessions and preside over them.

At today's Cabinet meeting the report by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on his talks in Cairo was discussed. In the absence of Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Acting Foreign Minister David Ben-Gurion, the details of Mr. Hammarskjold's report were presented to the Cabinet by Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Foreign Ministry.

The report dealt with the results of Mr. Hammarskjold's negotiations with President Nasser of the United Arab Republic on opening the Suez Canal for the passage of Israeli cargoes and on the fate of the Danish vessel Inge Toft detained at the entrance to the Suez Canal for carrying Israeli cargo. (A report from London today said that the United Arab Republic Custom Department auctioned yesterday the Israeli cargo of potash, cement and fruit juices seized from the Liberia vessel Capitan Manolis on February 25 while the ship was passing the Suez Canal.)

Some importance was attached here today to the sudden departure this week-end from the United Nations headquarters in New York of Andrew W. Cordier, executive assistant to Mr. Hammarskjold, who carries the responsibility for following up administrative UN work in the Middle East. Mr. Cordier left for Geneva to meet there with Mr. Hammarskjold and Maj. Gen. Carlsson von Horn, chief of the UN forces on the Egyptian-Israeli border. It was reported here that Mr. Cordier was in touch with the Israel delegation at the United Nations before he left for Geneva.

Today's Cabinet meeting also heard a report from Abba Eban, former Israel Ambassador to the United States, on his tour of duty in Washington. A report was also presented to the Cabinet on the talks now being held in London between the World Bank president Eugene Black and British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd. The World Bank is now considering a loan to Egypt for widening the Suez Canal.

The Cabinet meeting today named an inquiry committee to investigate the Haifa rioting Thursday. (See page 2 for details of the riot.) Judge Eliyahu Mani, president of the Jerusalem District Court, was named committee chairman. Other committee members were the Chief Rabbi of Ramleh, Itzhak Abu Kharzira, a former leader of the Moroccan Jewish community, and Izhar Harari, a member of the Knesset. The committee was instructed to examine police behavior, the causes of the disturbance and whether the rioting was organized.

Present Coalition Cabinet Likely to Remain as Caretaker Government

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- The likelihood that the present coalition Government would continue as a caretaker administration became a virtual certainty today after President Ben Zvi completed talks with representatives of all parties except the Communists.

The President, who received deputations of the two left-wing parties, Achdut Avodah and Mapam, and Agudah and Poale Agudah today, reportedly came to the conclusion that no combination could muster a majority for a vote of confidence in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. Deputies of parties in opposition to the sale of \$3,000,000 worth of Israel-made arms to West Germany, which brought about the current Government crisis, number 70 of the 120 Knesset members.

Simultaneously, the chances for the formation of a minority Government composed of Mapai and the Progressive Party, receded as opposition parties indicated they would not give passive support to such a minority agreement.

ELEVEN POLICEMEN INJURED IN HAIFA RIOTS; ARRESTED RIOTERS RELEASED

HAIFA, July 12. (JTA) -- Quiet prevailed in Haifa today following the release this morning of a group of rioters who were arrested last Thursday after they damaged a number of stores and overturned and set fire to a number of cars in a slum quarter of this port city. However, steel-helmeted police still continued today to patrol the quarter.

A report on the riots was presented today to the Cabinet by Police Minister Behor Shitreet. Eleven policemen and an unknown number of the rioters were reported injured in the battle between the police and the mob. The General Zionist Party and the right-wing Herut, meanwhile, announced that they would raise the question of the rioting in Parliament.

Although some sources described the outbreak as "communal riot" of North African Jews, it was determined that it was actually an underworld mob which launched the rioting. The affair began when one of the members of the mob, a known drunkard, resisted arrest while drunk Wednesday night. Police trying to subdue him were forced to shoot and he was taken to a hospital where his condition was reported as serious but not dangerous.

As rumors spread that the wounded man, an immigrant from North Africa, had died, a group of his friends began a demonstration, marching with black flags. The police, believing the demonstration would subside, made no effort to intervene. When the demonstration got out of control, the police moved in. This happened after the demonstrators were reinforced by the arrival from neighboring towns of more North African immigrants.

The reinforced police, aided by fire brigade equipment, finally restored order toward nightfall. Conciliatory efforts were made by Mayor Abba Khoushi and his councillors and quiet was restored by Friday morning.

REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH, ISRAEL PRESS BARRED FROM KOZLOV CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- Soviet First Deputy Premier Frol Kozlov returned to New York today from a tour throughout the United States and held a press conference at the headquarters of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations to which no representative of the Jewish and Israeli press was invited. Entrance to the conference was by invitation cards only.

Representatives of the general press, however, did not fail to ask Mr. Kozlov why Jewish culture is being suppressed in the Soviet Union and why synagogues are being closed down at a time when religious institutions of other nationalities in the USSR are permitted to function freely. The Soviet Deputy Premier avoided giving a reply to the question on the ban of Jewish culture, and reiterated his denial of last week that synagogues are being liquidated in his country.

During his stay in Chicago, Mr. Kozlov visited the International Trade Fair there, but carefully avoided the Israel pavilion there. On the other hand, he stopped at the Egyptian exhibit to chat and to be photographed examining products made in Egypt.

In Pittsburgh, Mr. Kozlov was taken by Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover on a comprehensive tour of the nearby atomic power station. At the plant, Adm. Rickover, who is director of the naval reactors there, asked Mr. Kozlov whether he thought that he, Rickover, could be elected to office in the Soviet Union. This was a reference to Adm. Rickover's Jewish background.

"Certainly," Mr. Kozlov replied. "You would be president or vice-president of the Academy of Sciences in our country. Members of the Academy of Sciences get the highest salary." Adm. Rickover then asked the Soviet Deputy Premier if money was the most important consideration. Mr. Kozlov did not reply.

ALL INDEMNIFICATION CLAIMS WILL BE MET IN RHINE-WESTPHALIA ON DEADLINE

BONN, July 12. (JTA) -- The indemnification deadline provided by law -- March 31, 1963 -- will be met in North Rhine Westphalia, A. Dufhues, Minister of the Interior, told a press conference yesterday. He said that up to June 30 of this year, 193,000 claims out of a total of 606,000 had been processed. He estimated about 250,000,000 marks had been spent.

Asserting that both federal and provincial reviewing institutions had failed to recognize the "political importance of a rapid indemnification," he stressed that they had thus hampered the decisions of indemnification officials. He said that measures are being taken to improve the situation.

SHARETT LEADS JEWS AND NON-JEWS ON PILGRIMAGE TO BERGEN BELZEN GRAVE

HAMBURG, July 12. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish and non-Jewish delegates to the Socialist International conference, led by former Israel Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, made a pilgrimage today to the mass graves at Bergen Belsen, the Nazi murder camp.

Participants included Dr. S. Levenberg of London, Mrs. Barbara Castle, chairman of the British Labor Party delegation, four Ministers of State of Lower Saxony and delegates from Denmark, Holland and other European nations.

79 JEWISH COMMUNITIES REPORT RAISING \$52,000,000 IN SPRING CAMPAIGNS

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds today reported that most Jewish community fund-raising drives are in their final stages and many have already been completed. As of June 19, the 79 communities reporting campaign results to the Council had raised \$52,049,848 for overseas, national and local needs. This is 14.1 percent higher than the comparable results on the same cards last year.

Among 16 large cities there was an average increase of 12.7 percent. Eleven of them have already exceeded their 1958 totals, five of the campaigns are still continuing. The cities that have completed their campaigns and their increases over 1958 final totals are: Boston, 7.9 percent; Cleveland, 6.7 percent; Kansas City, 7.4 percent; Newark, 10.3 percent; Pittsburgh, 4.6 percent; and Toronto, 36.2 percent. The five cities which have exceeded their 1958 totals but are still campaigning are Cincinnati, Denver, Miami, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

Thirty-eight intermediate cities, of 5,000-15,000 Jewish population, reported an average increase of 17.1 percent over 1958 for the same cards. The four communities reporting final results showed these increases: Dallas, 17.1 percent; Richmond, 14.9 percent; Scranton, 11.8 percent; and Tucson, 12.7 percent. In addition, another 19 cities have exceeded their 1958 totals although their campaigns are still going on.

The 25 small cities reporting to the CJFWF, whose campaigns are not as far along as those of the larger communities, reported an average increase on the same cards of 18.2 percent. Fifteen of these have exceeded their 1958 totals with the campaigns still going on.

Increases in Large Cities Came Mainly from Middle Brackets

Community and CJFWF leaders ascribe the favorable results to improved economic conditions, a deep conviction regarding pressing needs, the special emigration to Israel early in the year, vigorous leadership, careful rating of contributors, more attention paid to the middle gift brackets, greater personalization of the campaign, more individualized and persistent solicitation and more thorough organization.

Increases in the large cities came mainly from the middle brackets. In the 15,000 to 40,000 population group the increases came mainly from the big givers, although some communities reported greater percentage gains from smaller divisions. The same was generally the case in the smaller communities.

Campaigns were conducted faster this year and cuts were generally small and scattered, although some communities did suffer some severe cuts. The change in the volume of immigration to Israel did not materially affect the campaigns. The reason advanced for this were: 1. Some campaigns had already completed the bulk of their solicitation, particularly the big gifts; 2. Many shifted the emphasis of their campaigns to the need for caring for immigrants who had just come to Israel; 3. There was an underlying conviction regarding the urgency of total need--local, national, and the unmet backlog in Israel.

San Francisco Drive Reaches \$2,012,000; Record Total Expected

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12. (JTA) -- A total of \$2,012,000 in contributions to the 1959 Jewish Welfare Federation campaign of San Francisco was announced by Melvin Swig, general chairman, as the drive continued into its final clean-up phase. He said the new total included \$1,438,000 for the regular campaign, \$475,000 for the United Jewish Appeal immigration program, and \$99,000 contributed to the hospital debt retirement.

Mr. Swig also reported that although only three percent of prospects' cards remained to be solicited, "it is imperative that all volunteers with outstanding assignments finish the job within the next seven days." He said that "should this final clean-up job be carried out as effectively as early phases of our campaign, we can look forward to achieving the highest total in the history of fund-raising in our Jewish community."

Milwaukee Campaign Passes \$1,000,000 Mark; Best in Ten Years

MILWAUKEE, July 12. (JTA) -- Gifts to the 1959 campaign of the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund passed the \$1,000,000 mark this week with every indication that the final returns would mark one of the best in the past ten years, Marvin Glasspiegel, general chairman, revealed today.

He said that the rate of increase "will be better than just about any major city in the nation." He reported also that every contributor being approached currently was increasing his or her gift by more than 25 percent, the increase which marked the average gift earlier in the current campaign.

Miami to Reach a \$1,800,000 Total in This Year's Drive

MIAMI, July 12. (JTA) -- The Combined Jewish Appeal of Miami will reach a total in gifts for 1959 of \$1,800,000, Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg, executive director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, estimated today. He said this compared favorably with the \$1,616,000 raised in 1958.

MEMBERS OF N. Y. TENNIS CLUB URGED TO TAKE POLL ON BIASED POLICIES

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- A proposal for a poll of members of the West Side Tennis Club to determine whether they support the club's announced policy of barring Negroes and Jews from membership was the latest development today in the mounting controversy over those policies.

At the same time, a former club president, Renville McLann, who is also a past president of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, asserted that there was nothing in the club's constitution or by-laws to bar anyone from membership because of race or religion. He made this known as the club faced the possibility of losing the Davis Cup and national tennis championship matches.

Mr. McLann said he planned to meet with club officials to discuss the controversy as the New York City Department of Licenses began an investigation to determine whether a city license was needed to hold the tennis matches at the club in suburban Forest Hills, Queens. Thomas M. O'Neill, acting License Commissioner, said the club was private and exempt from the licensing law. However, he said he was also seeking to learn who sponsored tennis tournaments at the club. Sponsors who rent a private club for events at which admission is charged must have a license.

Acting New York Mayor Abe Stark said he was preparing a resolution of censure of the club for the City Council meeting Tuesday. He added he planned to introduce legislation banning the issuance by the city of a public exhibition license to any organizations, except a religious institution, which has membership policies based on race, color or national origin.

The proposal for a poll among club members was made by Mrs. LeRoy Wagstaff, member of the club for 12 years. She said she wanted to see how many members would resign if Dr. Ralph Bunche, Nobel Prize winner and United Nations Undersecretary, would become a member. Dr. Bunche revealed last Wednesday that he and his son, Ralph, Jr., 15, had been refused membership on grounds they were Negroes. Dr. Bunche said he had been told by Wilfred Burglund, club president, that if Negroes or Jews were admitted, hundreds of members would resign.

In proposing a poll of members, Mrs. Wagstaff said: "If we feel strongly, I believe we should speak up, not to grind our own axes and not to keep a thing like this boiling but to show where we stand. I would like to see a poll of membership and see who would resign if Dr. Bunche became a member."

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM TO TRANSFER HEADQUARTERS TO U.S.

LONDON, July 12. (JTA) -- The headquarters of the World Union for Progressive Judaism will be transferred from London to New York City in the near future, it was disclosed today at the eleventh world conference of the Union.

The Hon. Miss Lily Montagu, delivering her final presidential address, thanked the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its president, Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, for offering facilities for the World Union in the UAHC headquarters in New York. Miss Montagu, who is 85, will relinquish the presidency during the conference and become honorary life president. She will be succeeded by Dr. Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh.

Citing the development of Reform Judaism fostered by the World Union in many countries, including India, South America, Holland and Switzerland, Miss Montagu said that the "dawn of progressive Judaism was at last beginning to break through the religious mist" in Israel.

Rabbi Andre Zaoui, director of the International Institute of Hebrew Studies in Paris, told the delegates that the first graduates of the Institute would receive degrees next year. The Institute was founded by the World Union four years ago to replace the rabbinic colleges destroyed by the Nazis in Europe. He said students come not only from metropolitan France but also from North Africa and other countries.

Dr. Eisendrath challenged "those negators of the so-called exile" whether in Israel or elsewhere "who dismiss with a patronizing air the work" of the World Union. He told the delegates "I will match its creative development of the communities with anything that is being established in the Jewish world today."

ISRAELI SCIENTISTS LEAVE FOR EAST AFRICA TO STUDY VULCANIC ROCKS

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- A seven-man team of Israel geologists left today on an expedition to study volcanic rocks in a valley of East Africa extending through seven countries.

The team was made up of two Hebrew University scientists, one Weizmann Institute expert and four members of the Israel Government's Geological Survey. In the two to three month expedition, the team members will visit Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Somaliland and the Belgian Congo.

Prof. Yaacov Bentur, director of the Israel Geological Survey, who is now participating in the conference on Mediterranean Geology in Moscow, was expected to join the expedition as leader.