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BEN GURION RESUMES DUTIES TODAY; AGREES TO PRESIDE AT CABINET MEETINGS

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, acceding to President Ben Zvi's request that he continue as caretaker Premier, informed the Cabinet today that he would preside at Cabinet meetings but would not take part in any Ministerial committees which include the four Ministers of the left-wing Mapam and Achdut Avodah parties. The Prime Minister will resume his duties tomorrow after a three-week vacation.

He reiterated in today's letter his contention that the four Ministers had violated the principle of collective responsibility in voting against the sale of \$3,000,000 worth of Israel-made arms to West Germany. Leftist members of the Cabinet retorted to his letter that they had not violated the collective responsibility principle. They reiterated their contention that the West German arms pact was not one of the issues involved in the coalition agreement three years ago.

Meanwhile, a new political movement announced today it favored a federation of Israel and Jordan. The new movement, to be known as "The New Regime" is composed of disappointed members of the pro-Government Mapai Party and the opposition Herut Party. It is headed by S. M. Tamir, leader of the Herut and includes Eliezer Livneh, formerly a leading figure in the Mapai. The new group has not decided whether to take part in the forthcoming national election, but if it will, its list of candidates will be headed by Mr. Tamir who gained prominence during the Kastner trial as the lawyer of the defendant.

BEN GURION TO DECIDE ON COURSE OF ACTION AGAINST EGYPT'S BLOCKADE

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- Top-level talks to determine an Israel Government line of action on the United Arab Republic blockade of the Suez Canal to Israel shipping are due this week with the return of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion from his vacation and Foreign Ministers Mrs. Golda Meir from her Latin American tour, informed sources indicated today.

These sources said there were four possible courses of action: First, an appeal to the United Nations Security Council on the detention by the UAR of the Danish ship Inge Toft, with its Israel cargo, at Port Said since May 21; second, raising the entire issue of the Suez Canal blockade at the next UN General Assembly; third, continuation of the "quiet diplomacy" reportedly urged on Israel by the major Western Powers, and fourth, some other action within or outside the UN.

(In Alexandria, President Nasser of the UAR delivered yesterday the most threatening speech against Israel. He said he wanted a decisive battle with Israel and "this time we will exterminate Israel." He described Israel as "a crime established in the midst of the Arab nations by treachery and imperialism" and said that the Suez Canal belongs to Egypt. "Israel will not be able to impose its will upon us," he asserted.)

Several developments were cited as making a prompt Israel decision imperative. One was that the World Bank has already prepared plans for granting a loan of several million dollars to the UAR for widening the Canal. Eugene Black, World Bank president, reportedly with strong support from the U.S. State Department, was known to be pressing for quick approval of the loan and it may come up for a vote at a meeting of the World Bank's board of directors in September.

An Israel appeal to the Security Council would focus attention on the UAR's violation of Security Council rulings requiring free passage for all peaceful ships through the Canal, and would presumably make more difficult the World Bank loan, particularly if Israel managed to obtain support of American public opinion for its position. Another consideration was the fact that an appeal to the Security Council in August would be at a time when the French representative is Security Council chairman.

As a factor in favor of continuation of the "quiet diplomacy" approach, Western nations reportedly have been telling Israel that this would bring more "concessions" from President Nasser of the UAR to ease the "conditions" he presented to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld when the two held conversations recently in Cairo.

LEBANESE FISHING BOAT CAPTURED IN ISRAEL WATERS; BROUGHT TO HAIFA

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- Three Lebanese fishermen and their boat were captured today by an Israel police coastal unit near Nahariya. The boat, which had an auxiliary motor, was brought to Haifa and the fishermen taken to police headquarters for interrogation. The three men said they had been fishing in Lebanese waters and that currents had carried them into Israel waters.

An army spokesman reported today that an armed Lebanese infiltrator was intercepted and killed by an Israel patrol Saturday near Tel Chai in the northernmost part of Israel. The infiltrator was shot dead when he ignored a challenge to stop. He carried a Lebanese identity card, a rifle with 50 rounds and a hand grenade.

SEPHARDI LEADERS IN ISRAEL START EFFORTS TO PREVENT RIOTS; DIRECT CAMPAIGN

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- Leaders of North African immigrant communities in various parts of Israel have started an effort to prevent recurrences of recent rioting in Haifa, Migdal Haemek and Beersheba, it was disclosed today.

The program includes information campaigns, house-to-house calls, talks to groups by rabbis, teachers and labor leaders. The goal is to give reassurance to North African newcomers concerning real or fancied grievances believed to have been a major factor in the riots. Committees plan to set up lists of complaints from the immigrants and also all allegations of discrimination. The lists will be turned over to municipal and national authorities.

Despite indications that such tensions were subsiding, police were maintaining an alert at sensitive localities, including Jerusalem. It was reported that at least three outbreaks were stopped in early stages in Jerusalem, Kiryat Shmoneh and Hatzor in northern Israel. Groups at these places started to incite residents but the groups dispersed immediately when police made a show of strength.

ONE CHIEF RABBI URGED FOR SEPHARDI AND ASHKENAZI COMMUNITIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- The passing of Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, revived support today for an effort to establish one Chief Rabbi and end the duality of separate spiritual leaders for the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities.

The executive of the General Zionist Party, passed a resolution embodying that proposal after a meeting at which the executive eulogized the memory of Rabbi Herzog who died peacefully in his sleep Saturday at 71. The resolution contended that the dual Chief Rabbis in effect gave legal recognition of the division of Israel into two communities.

Davar, the organ of the Mapai Party, in a supporting editorial, suggested that Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, the Sephardi Chief Rabbi, would remain the rabbinical representative of all communities in Israel.

An indication that the proposal for one Chief Rabbi still lacked effective support was indicated by speculation on Rabbi Herzog's possible successor. Names mentioned included those of Chief Chaplain Shlomo Goren; Dr. J. B. Soloveitchik of Brookline, Mass., Chief Rabbi Issar Yehuda Unterman of Tel Aviv; the famous Lubavitcher Rabbi; and S. Y. Zevin of Jerusalem, editor of the Talmudic Encyclopedia.

Chaplain Goren was reportedly favored by the "progressive" elements of the Israel Orthodox community, partly because he recently gave the opinion that electricity may be used on the Sabbath. Rabbi Soloveitchik reportedly was favored by the National Religious Party. There was some doubt, however, as to whether he would accept.

Elections of the Chief Rabbis are held every five years and the next elections are scheduled for February, 1960. Rabbi Nissim was expected to remain, at least in the interim, as exclusive Chief Rabbi. One proposal which was considered as having some chance was an arrangement in which the Sephardi and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbis would each serve a term successfully, thus dispensing with the duality problem while still conforming to the existence of the two religious communities.

The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, observed two minutes of standing silence in honor of the memory of Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog. Dr. Mordecai Nurcock, Knesset deputy of the National Religious Party, eulogized the late spiritual leader.

U.S. JEWISH RELIGIOUS GROUPS MOURN DEATH OF CHIEF RABBI HERZOG

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, representing all Jewish religious groups in this country, today issued a statement on behalf of the American Jewish religious community, expressing grief "over the passing of the sainted Chief Rabbi of Israel."

"His piety, his scholarship, his life rich in good deeds enshrines him in the hearts of all his people and all who were privileged to know him," the statement emphasized.

NEW AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONSIDERS RESTITUTION CLAIMS SETTLED

VIENNA, July 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Bruno Kreisky, the newly-appointed Austrian Foreign Minister, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Austrian Government believes there has been a complete solution of the problem of providing restitution for the losses of former Austrian victims of Nazism now living abroad.

Dr. Kreisky cited the fund for such purposes of 550,000,000 schillings the greater part of which has already been given to former Austrians. Citing an additional payment of \$6,000,000 to claimants abroad, he said foreign governments have indicated to Austria that they also regard the problem as finally solved.

COMMONS DISCUSSES GERMAN COMPENSATION TO BRITISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- British Labor Party leader Aneurin Bevan asked in Commons today what steps were being taken by the British Government to ensure early compensation from the West German Government for British citizens who had suffered Nazi persecution and for concentration camp victims who were now political refugees in Britain. Mr. Bevan charged that they were being denied compensation in defiance of commitments of the West German Republic in the Bonn convention.

John D. Profumo, Minister of State, replied that the British Government had opened discussions with the West German Government. Mr. Bevan pressed the issue by asking: "Have not these discussions been going on for some time and are not these people being very badly treated indeed?" Pointing out that "many years have gone by," he asked: "Was there not a strict undertaking in the Bonn Convention of 1952 and repeated afterwards in 1955 that this category of refugees should be sympathetically considered? So far," he asserted, "they have not been."

Mr. Profumo agreed that the settlement was taking "a long time." He added he hoped that the present talks would achieve a settlement. The West German Federal Government, he said, was "in no doubt about the importance we attach to this matter."

John Hall, Conservative Member of Parliament, asked whether Mr. Profumo was aware that certain German doctors disbarred by the West German medical profession for their participation in medical experiments on prisoners during World War II were now returning to medical practice with the permission of their medical authorities. The Minister of State replied that this involved "a wider question" which he "preferred not to answer."

GERMAN POLICE CHIEF ARRESTED; KILLED JEWS IN MINSK UNDER NAZIS

MAYENCE, West Germany, July 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Haeuser, chief of the Rhineland-Psالت State Criminal Police, was under arrest today on charges of murder of "an indeterminable number of persons" as leader of an SS Einsatz Commando unit near Minsk during World War II. Thousands of Jews were executed there by the Nazis.

A spokesman for the Rhineland-Psaltz Ministry of the Interior, announcing the arrest, said that when Dr. Haeuser was reinstated on the police force after the war, it was known he had been "assigned to the SS." It had been assumed, however, that he had merely carried out "routine police duties in Poland and Russia," the spokesman said.

His arrest was a result of investigations conducted by the Central Commission for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes which was established by the various West German states in Ludwigsburg last summer.

GERMAN STARTS SERVING JAIL SENTENCE FOR ANTI-JEWISH DEFAMATION

WUPPERTAL, July 27. (JTA) -- Hermann Koch, a 48-year-old engineer, recently returned from three years' emigration to Argentina, is scheduled to begin serving a four-month sentence this week for libel and public defamation of the dead. While intoxicated, Koch had declared in a restaurant that he was "sorry that Hitler was no longer alive because then no Jew would still be living."

Unknown persons have desecrated the Jewish cemetery in the town of Rheda, the police announced today. The vandals damaged 12 tombstones and defiled several graves.

TURKISH JEWRY MAY NOT BE REPRESENTED AT W.J.C.; NEEDS GOVT. PERMISSION

ISTANBUL, July 27. (JTA) -- The Turkish Jewish community will probably not be represented at the World Jewish Congress to attend its parley next week in Stockholm, it was learned today. The application to Turkish authorities for the necessary authorization has not been made by Turkish Jewish leaders.

In the past, with one exception, Turkish authorities have refused permission to Turkish Jewry to take part in WJC meetings. The Turkish Jewish community is one of the few Jewish communities in the free world which has no affiliation with the World Jewish Congress.

GEN. GRANT REJECTS A. D. L. REQUEST TO REPUDIATE ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLE

WASHINGTON, July 27 (JTA) -- Major Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, grandson of the 18th President of the United States, who disseminated an anti-Semitic article in connection with the U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission of which he is chairman, rejected a request from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to repudiate the article, it was disclosed today.

The centennial commission of which he is chairman is sponsored by the U. S. Government. Maj. Gen. Grant, who is 78 years old, admitted that the article he distributed appeared previously in Father Coughlin's anti-Semitic publication "Social Justice" and in the American Mercury which is known for publishing anti-Jewish articles. However, he continued to defend the article in which "Jew financiers" are charged with exploiting the Civil War.

Accusing the Anti-Defamation League of committing "a great disservice to historical truth and to contemporary goodwill among Americans," Maj. Gen. Grant said that what "international bankers" did a century ago "cannot by any reasonable person be considered a reflection of the many, many good Americans who are Jews." He justified recommending the anti-Semitic article to a group of descendants of Civil War veterans by saying that they "may not have known of the interest and participation of the international bankers."

The article distributed by Gen. Grant, carrying the title "Abraham Lincoln and the Rothschilds," alleged that the Rothschild family, together with Disraeli, plotted in London; Judah P. Benjamin, Confederate cabinet member, was termed their secret agent. An innuendo attempt was made to link Benjamin with the assassination of Lincoln. The ADL had charged Gen. Grant with using "the reprints furnished by Floyd Fleming, the local agents for the infamous John Kasper's seaboard White Citizens Council." Gen. Grant refused to identify "the member of the loyal legion" from whom he obtained his material.

Herman Adelsberg, ADL director, replying today to Gen. Grant, said: "You have reached a venerable age and you bear a great name. Surely, you do not want to close your public career by bequeathing that name to the fabrications of the warped minds who operate in the anti-Semitic underworld."

Mr. Adelsberg suggested that Gen. Grant consult the many reputable historians associated with the Civil War Centennial Commission. He expressed confidence that any of them "will declare the article 'a tissue of lies maliciously concocted to foment prejudice against Jews'."

NEWARK COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN TRANSFERS ITS SERVICE FOR FOREIGN BORN

NEWARK, N. J., July 27 (JTA) -- Agreement was announced today to transfer the functions of the Bureau of Service to the Foreign Born, which was maintained by the Newark Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, to the Jewish Family Service Association, an agency of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County.

A joint statement voiced the belief that merger of the Bureau into the family service agency "will not only continue all of its services undiminished, but will also unite these services with those of the Jewish Family Service Association into a Service to the Foreign Born Department adequately equipped to meet both the technical and human needs of its immigrant clients."

U. S. ALLOCATES \$30,000 FOR DEVELOPING TOURIST INDUSTRY IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 27 (JTA) -- The United States will finance a tourist promotion project in Israel, it was made known today. Israel has been seeking assistance on this project to develop its tourism for two years.

Today Albert E. Farwell, chief of the Near Eastern Division of the International Cooperation Administration, told the House Appropriations Committee that \$30,000 from a technical aid sum of \$1,600,000 designated for Israel has been earmarked for the Tourist Corporation of Israel. The money will aid Israel to develop its tourist industry which is increasing its role as a dollar-earner. The remainder of the technical assistance will be used for various other purposes.

1,000,000 ISRAELI POUNDS ALLOCATED FOR JERUSALEM CONVENTION CENTER

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA) -- The sum of 1,000,000 pounds was allocated today for completion of the Jerusalem Convention Center, the Binyanei Hauma, so that it will be ready for the World Zionist Congress next July.

Final construction on the convention building, which has been used for meetings, exhibitions and various international conferences, will include heating and air-conditioning installations and renovation of the auditorium which now provides seating on temporary benches for 3,500. Permanent seats will be provided for 3,200 persons.