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ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN STARTS IN ISRAEL; EGYPTIAN STAND IS A MAJOR ISSUE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- While several members of the Cabinet, including Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, are still vacationing, resting in preparation for an election campaign expected to be rough and hard-hitting, the campaign for November's general elections actually got under way at two meetings here last night.

The dominant Mapai Party held a rally here addressed by Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Abba Eban, former Ambassador to the United States. The left-wing Ahdut Avodah held a meeting here of its National Council and heard a fighting speech by Gen. Yigal Alon, retired Army hero of the 1948 War of Liberation. Election rallies were held throughout the country also by the General Zionists and by the Herut Party.

In his address, Gen. Alon declared that Israel is now "back in its pre-Sinai days," referring to the situation in 1956 when hostilities by Arab states forced Israel to undertake its march against the Egyptian armies in the Sinai Desert. He called for action in regard to freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal, declaring that, if the United Arab Republic insists on shutting the Canal to Israeli shipping, treating it as "a private waterway," Israel "must regard the Canal like any other Egyptian target."

Premier Ben Gurion, who had gone to a hospital for a physical check-up in preparation for the campaign, was found in "satisfactory" condition. However, he decided on a fortnight's rest before entering the campaign. Other members of the Cabinet on vacation are Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, of the Mapai Party; Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen, of the Progressive Party; Zalman Aranne, Minister of Education and Culture, Mapai; and Minister of the Interior Israel Bar-Yehuda, of Ahdut Avodah.

Mapai Defends Government Against Campaign Charges by Herut

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Stung by Herut Party charges that the governments led by the Mapai Party had wasted millions of dollars received from abroad, the Mapai ran large advertisements in the newspapers today to defend the administration.

The advertisements, directed against Menahem Beigin, who is leading the Herut election campaign, said that "Beigin knows" that the Sinai campaign cost Israel "several hundred millions." They stressed that Beigin knew full well that a jet plane cost one million dollars, that a single flight wing of Vulture fighter-bombers cost twelve millions, and that the training of a single jet fighter pilot cost \$500,000.

"Mr. Beigin certainly knows how many hundred millions Operation Kadesh--the code name for the Sinai campaign--cost," the advertisement declared.

Yigal Yadin Asks for "New Blood" in Israel's Political Life

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Yigal Yadin, the archaeologist who commanded Israel's army in the 1948 War of Liberation, disclosed today that his retirement as Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces had been due to differences with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion over the question of a reserve army.

Dr. Yadin said he did not identify himself with any political party in Israel. He expressed himself in favor of regional elections as compared to Israel's proportional representation bloc list system, as the only way to get "new blood" into the country's political life.

The scholar, who played such a great role in the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, said in an interview today with the newspaper *Haboker*, that he had refused a number of Government posts, ranging from an ambassadorship to a Cabinet portfolio, in order to devote himself to scientific research.

"You can be nominated or dismissed as an ambassador or cabinet minister," he commented, "but in science, you must reach perfection by yourself."

JORDANIAN INFILTRATOR PENETRATES INTO ISRAEL; KILLED BY PATROL FIRE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- An armed Arab infiltrator, apparently one of a band, was intercepted and killed by an Israeli patrol on the Jordanian frontier, it was announced here today. He was located a half kilometer inside Israeli territory. The patrol opened fire when he failed to respond to a challenge. The fire was immediately returned from several directions.

ISRAELI PILOTS FEEL SECURE AFTER ENCOUNTERS WITH EGYPTIAN PLANES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Encounters between Israeli fighter pilots in their French-built Mystere-IV's and Egyptian pilots in the Soviet-built MIG-17's since the time of the Sinai campaign have given the Israeli pilots a feeling of confidence and security, Brig. General Ezer Weizmann, Chief of the Israeli Air Force, said today.

The Israeli airmen had taken the measure of the Egyptians during the Sinai campaign, Col. Weizmann noted, when the Arabs flew the MIG-15. But the MIG-17, introduced later, was an "unpleasant unknown." In recent encounters, however, when Egyptian pilots violated Israeli airspace, the Israeli pilots and their Mysteres successfully coped with the MIG-17's, Col. Weizmann said, pointing out that this had encouraged the Israelis.

The air commander's comments appeared in a message he wrote for the Air Force Bulletin in connection with the observance of Air Force Day on August 19. Referring to the high costs of training and maintenance, Col. Weizmann observed that when it took only six minutes to reach Tel Aviv from Egyptian bases or Haifa from Syrian bases, "no price is too high when Israel's security is at stake."

BENGURION FOUND "A GOOD INSURANCE RISK" AFTER MEDICAL EXAMINATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, 73 years old, "is in good shape and is a good insurance risk," his doctor said today after the Premier had undergone day-long physical tests at the Tel Hashomer Government Hospital.

Mr. Ben Gurion arrived at the hospital early in the morning after having taken his customary six-kilometer walk and was immediately put through an exhaustive series of examinations.

"The results were amazingly more than satisfying," Dr. Chaim Shela, director of the hospital, said later. "For his age, his blood pressure is normal, his eyes clear, his digestive system functions in order--in short, he is healthy and in terms of insurance company rates, he can lower his premium."

Dr. Shela attributed much of the Premier's excellent condition to his practice of taking long walks daily.

ISRAEL MINISTRY CHARGED WITH MISMANAGEMENT OF STATE-OWNED FORESTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Minister of Agriculture Kadish Luz sent urgent instructions today to Amihud Goor, head of the ministry's forestry division, to return to Israel from a South American tour to answer public charges of mismanagement of the state-owned forests.

The charges against Mr. Goor and his department were made by Joseph Weitz, head of the development department of the Jewish National Fund. Mr. Weitz alleged that only about 25 percent of the 12,500,000 trees planted by the Ministry survived, as compared to some 80 percent of survival in the JNF forests.

The Ministry of Agriculture conceded that a smaller percentage of the saplings it planted survived, but argued that this was due to the fact that the forests being planted by the Ministry were--for reasons of economy--not irrigated as were the JNF plantings. Mr. Weitz had charged that the failure of the state plantings was due to mismanagement, "disorganization" and labor practices.

Behind the charges, which have been attracting considerable attention here in this election season, lay mounting friction between the Ministry of Agriculture and the JNF. One issue is control of the afforestation program under a recent law establishing a National Forest Administration combining the state and JNF forests.

Mr. Weitz and the JNF want the head of the new administration to be a JNF veteran. The Ministry of Agriculture wants the job to go to a ministry official.

BONDS OF HAIFA FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS TO BE SOLD IN THE U. S.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Finance today approved a 5,000,000 pound bond issue to be floated abroad by Fertilizers and Chemicals of Haifa. The bonds paying six and one-half percent interest, will be sold in the United States shortly.

President Ben-Zvi today appointed David Horowitz to a second five-year term as governor of the Bank of Israel. Besides serving as a reserve bank, the State bank also acts as the nation's financial watch-dog and manages Israel's accounts with 18 countries with which Israel has trade agreements.

For the first time since the establishment of the State, the cost-of-living index has remained unchanged for more than a half-year period, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported today. While rents increased slightly, poultry and egg prices declined, to keep the July index at the same level as January.

POPE SENDS "WARM FEELINGS" TO JEWS; STRESSES GOODWILL RELATIONS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Pope John XXIII has sent his "warm feelings for the Jewish people everywhere" through a Canadian rabbi whom he gave an audience at the Vatican several days ago. The rabbi, Dr. Abraham Feinberg, of Toronto, conveyed the Pope's message today to the people of Israel, upon his arrival here from Rome.

Rabbi Feinberg said that, from his visit to the Pope, he gained the impression that Israel today has a better opportunity than at any time since the State was born to develop cordial relations with the Vatican. The Canadian rabbi told newsmen here that the Pope stressed his interest in promoting good relations between Catholics and Jews.

YOUNG ANTI-SEMITE, WHO DESECRATED SYNAGOGUES, SENTENCED TO PRISON

COLUMBUS, G., Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Richard Vernon Smith, Jr., 18, convicted of smearing swastikas on synagogue walls and of setting a fire in a museum where the damages totalled \$30,000, was sentenced this week-end to a prison term of six to ten years.

Judge Hubert Calhoun, who sentenced young Smith, upbraided him for his anti-Semitism and told him to "forget the tommyrot about Jews." The youth, according to police, had called himself a "superman," and had described himself as "a hater of Negroes and Jews and a follower of the Nazi beliefs of Adolf Hitler."

Young Smith confessed that he had smeared swastikas in yellow paint on the walls of two synagogues here, and had made a bonfire of 160 paintings in the Museum of Arts and Crafts here.

JEWS IN ARGENTINA CELEBRATE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR SETTLEMENT

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The seventieth anniversary of the modern settlement of Jews in Argentina was observed widely by Jewish communities throughout the country this week-end.

It was in 1889 when the first group of Eastern European Jews came to Buenos Aires aboard the S. S. Weser, settling in a newly-established agricultural colony, named Moisesville, in Santa Fe province. The 136 settlers were all from the Ukrainian section of Czarist Russia. With the help of the Jewish Colonization Association, and the backing of the late Baron Maurice de Hirsch, the next five decades saw the establishment of 25 Jewish agricultural colonies, with a total population of 28,000 settlers.

Meanwhile, large-scale Jewish immigration was directed toward the larger cities. DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jews, with headquarters in Buenos Aires, was formed in 1934, and now has more than 100 affiliates throughout the country. The Jewish population of Argentina in 1957 was estimated at 360,000.

POLAND OBSERVES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZAMENHOF, "FATHER" OF ESPERANTO

VIENNA, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Eleazar L. Zamenhof, creator of Esperanto, was marked officially in Warsaw by government and city officials during the recent international congress of the Universal Esperanto Association, which was held in the Polish capital.

A report received here today from Warsaw gave the details of the observance. A plaque commemorating the birth of Dr. Zamenhof was unveiled in front of a building at No. 5 Zamenhof Street, in Warsaw, birthplace of the creator of Esperanto. Dr. Zamenhof was a Jew.

After the unveiling of the plaque, scientists attending the Esperanto Congress, as well as government officials, held a memorial honoring the late Zamenhof at the side of his grave in the Jewish cemetery at Warsaw. The monument erected in Warsaw to Dr. Zamenhof in 1928, eleven years after his death, had been destroyed by the Nazis.

FIRST EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES OPEN IN COPENHAGEN; 300 PARTICIPATE

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The first European Maccabi Games, a regional sports festival affiliated with the world-wide Maccabian games that are held every four years in Israel, opened here today. About 300 men and women are to participate in the games, in addition to a guest group from Israel.

Represented among the European sports groups here are Jewish sports clubs from Belgium, Great Britain, Finland, France, Holland, Eire, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria and Denmark. Among the events scheduled to be run in all the leading stadia in this area will be competitions in track, lawn tennis, football, hand ball, weight-lifting, and wrestling. Competitions will be held also in swimming and water polo.

The games were organized by the Copenhagen Bar Kochba Club, a Jewish organization, with the help of other leading sports organizations in this country. Sports authorities here consider the games the largest sports festival ever held in Copenhagen.

U. S. JEWISH READERS CONSIDER WORLD JEWISH NEWS FIRST IN IMPORTANCE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- World Jewish news is considered first in importance by readers of the Jewish Exponent of Philadelphia, one of the largest English Jewish weeklies in the country, with a circulation of about 50,000, according to a readership survey conducted by Research, Inc.

Survey teams sampled a cross-section of the Exponent's subscription list, interviewing every 35th name. News from Israel closely followed world Jewish news in importance to the readers interviewed and news of American Jewry came third. Local Philadelphia news followed behind. It had generally been assumed that readers ascribed most importance to local news.

The survey showed that nearly every member of the family receiving the paper read some part of it, and that 57.7 percent of each family read half or more of the paper. Nearly half the subscribers kept the paper on hand each week until the arrival of the next issue.

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH CONFERENCE FAVORS INCREASED PARENTAL CONTROL

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 16. (JTA) -- An overwhelming majority of Jewish teenagers in the United States wants more parental control, is willing to accept definite limits on behavior. These facts emerged here today from a survey conducted among 150 regional officers of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, attending a Leadership Training Conference this week-end.

Almost 97 percent of the teenagers voted in favor of a curfew to be set by the community for boys and girls below the age of 18. Among those questioned, 85 percent favored having parents "around" when teenagers hold house parties.

Almost unanimously, the Jewish teenagers agreed that displays of affection in public are in bad taste, beyond boys and girls holding hands. The youths were of the view that parents and teenagers should decide together the size of a youth's allowance, and 80 percent agreed that parents have a right to inquire as to how the allowances are spent.

REFORM JEWISH TEENAGERS URGE COOPERATION WITH CHRISTIAN YOUTH

NEWYORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The National Federation of Temple Youth, representing the youth in more than 500 Reform Temples in the United States, adopted yesterday a four-point program of educational and social action with the United Christian Youth Movement, the youth branch of the National Council of Churches.

The NFTY board also decided to explore the possibilities toward establishing a similar coordinated effort with the National Council of Catholic Youth. The NFTY represents 400 teenage branches in Reform congregations with over 18,000 members.

The four-point program adopted by the board urges: 1. Continued exchange of fraternal delegates between NFTY and UCYM at national and regional camp retreats; 2. Development of combined group projects in the community; 3. Comparative Religion Study programs as an effort towards understanding each other's religious faiths; 4. Exploration of common community social action problems of concern to teenagers.

CANADIAN RABBIS STUDY NEW METHOD OF PRE-SHECHITA HANDLING OF CATTLE

MONTREAL, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Canadian rabbinical authorities are studying a new method of pre-Shechita handling of cattle in order to determine whether it is acceptable from the Jewish religious point of view, it was disclosed today.

The proposed method, devised by Canada Packers and tried at the Canada Packers abattoir in Toronto, brings the cattle into position prior to Shechita by hoisting them in a sling. A group of rabbis representing the Canadian Jewish Congress Religious Welfare Committee and the Orthodox Division of the Congress were given a demonstration of the method and later discussed it at length with Canada Packers officials.

BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY TO OPEN BRANCH IN BEERSHEBA FOR NEGEV STUDENTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Bar Ilan University will soon open a branch in Beersheba, it was announced here today by Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, chairman of the University's board of trustees. The branch will be the first institution of higher learning in the Negev.

SHLOMO BERLINSKY, YIDDISH AUTHOR, DIES IN TEL AVIV; WAS 59

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Shlomo Berlinsky, a noted Yiddish writer and journalist, died here yesterday following a short illness. He was 59 years old.

Born in Poland, he came to Israel in 1947. He contributed regularly to the Davar, a Hebrew daily newspaper, and to Letzte Naves, a Yiddish paper. He authored several books, some of which were translated into Hebrew.