JERUSALEM, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Clear skies and warm sunshine today heralded near-perfect election conditions, as 1,200,000 Israeli voters prepared to go to the polls throughout Israel tomorrow in the country's fourth national elections for Parliament.

As candidates and workers of all the 24 parties seeking seats in the new Parliament made last-minute electioneering efforts to win support for their slates, Minister of the Interior Israel Bar-Yehuda went on the air last night in a special appeal to the electorate to exercise its franchise and vote.

The cabinet minister's special objective was the group of 180,000 men and women who are eligible to vote for the first time in this election. This section of the population is composed of recent immigrants or youngsters who have reached the voting age of 18 in the last four years.

Premier David Ben-Gurion, who sparked his Mapal Party's drive for votes, wound up his platform efforts with a fighting campaign speech to 8,000 at Petach Tikva. His chief rival, Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, concluded his campaign with a spectacular motor cavalcade through the poorer quarters of Tel Aviv. The 40-car procession stopped in each quarter, and Beigin spoke. His audiences were estimated at 40,000. Mapal Party officials said today that Premier Ben-Gurion had directly reached audiences totalling 320,000 during the campaign.

The polls will remain open tomorrow night until midnight, to give everyone full opportunity to vote. The Israel State Radio will start broadcasting results two hours later, although final results are not expected to be announced for at least three days. Under the proportional representation system here, the electors cast their ballots for slates rather than for individual candidates, and the process of working out the allocation of seats among the parties in accordance with the percentage of the vote they received is a complex one.

ISRAEL AGREES TO ADMIT 200 BEDOUNS FROM JORDAN AS GOOD WILL GESTURE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Israel today notified the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission that it is prepared to admit about 200 Bedouins from Jordan as "a gesture of good will." although it has not been proved that these Bedouin Arabs lived in Israel prior to the claim made by the Jordanian Government.

However, Israel made it clear that the Bedouins from Jordan will be admitted only if Jordan drops its charge that Israel had forced these people across the border. Israel rejects the Jordanian claim that these Bedouins had been either forced to evacuate Israel or had been "encouraged" to do so.

A similar request for admission, made through the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization by the United Arab Republic, involving about 200 other Bedouins, has been rejected by Israel. Israel has notified the UN Secretariat that it will not permit the entry of these Arabs from the South, unless they prove satisfactorily that they lived here prior to their alleged "evacuation."

SOVIET POSTAL AUTHORITIES RETURN PARCELS SENT BY ISRAEL RABBINATE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Soviet postal authorities have returned to the Chief Rabbinate here 185 parcels addressed late last summer to Jewish communities in Russia, containing estrogim and lulavim, which are traditionally used by religious Jews during the observance of Succot. The parcels were marked by the Russian authorities "forbidden for import."

The rejected parcels are similar to others which the rabbinate had sent in previous years to Russian Jewish communities. Receipt of these parcels had been duly acknowledged. The return of this year's shipments was seen as indicating a change in Russian policy regarding the import of Jewish religious articles.

It is believed that other, similar parcels sent to individuals in the Soviet Union may have been received. Last week, the office of Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim received acknowledgment and thanks from one Jew in the Soviet Union who had received an individual shipment of the Succot supplies.
THOUSANDS PARTICIPATE IN FUNERAL OF JERUSALEM MAYOR; SCHOOLS CLOSED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2, (JTA) -- Led by the President and Prime Minister of Israel, many thousands of residents of this city, and representatives of virtually every town, city and settlement in the country, paid final homage today to the memory of Gershon Agron, Mayor of Jerusalem, who died early yesterday at the age of 66.

By order of the Ministry of Education, schools were closed this morning in Jerusalem, permitting schoolchildren to stage a mass march of mourning for their late beloved mayor.

President Izak Ben-Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, members of the Cabinet and other notables, stood before the catafalque on which the remains of Mr. Agron lay in state, as the eulogy was delivered by Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister and ex-Foreign Minister.

Hundreds of messages of condolence were received from leading Jewish organizations as well as from Zionist and Jewish communal leaders throughout the world.

Jewish Agency Eulogizes Agron; Mrs. Halpin Stresses His Devotion

Profound sorrow at the passing of Gershon Agron, mayor of Jerusalem, was expressed today by Mrs. Rose L. Halpin, acting chairman of the New York executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel. In a statement issued, she said:

"A man of singular courage, integrity and devotion to the Jewish people and to the buildingup of Israel, Gershon Agron embodied the finest pioneering tradition of the Zionist movement. As a soldier with the Jewish Legion during World War I, and again in 1948, as editor in war-torn Jerusalem he proved himself a fighter in the physical sense of the word. Yet his true victories were won by his incisive and eloquent pen, first as correspondent for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and later as founder and editor of The Jerusalem Post.

"Elected mayor of Jerusalem in 1955, Mr. Agron gave himself wholeheartedly to the task of expanding and improving the city he knew and loved so well. Many parks and miles of broad new streets stand today as a monument of his ability as an administrator and of his concern for the welfare of the people of Jerusalem.

"Mr. Agron, who was a delegate to a number of World Zionist Congresses, returned many times to his native United States to plead and interpret the cause of Zionism and Israel before American Jewry. Only last winter, he visited New York to help mobilize support for the economic consolidation of Israel and for the rehabilitation of the country's immigrant population. His loss will be sorely felt by the Zionist movement and by his innumerable friends who will always cherish his memory."

BRITAIN'S NEW ENVOY TO ISRAEL PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO BEN-ZVI

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2, (JTA) -- Britain's new envoy to Israel presented his letters of credence today to President Izak Ben-Zvi in a brief ceremony in which he voiced confidence that Britain would rely on Israel's cooperation in the common interest of establishing peace in the Middle East.

Patrick Francis Hancock, the new British Ambassador, told President Ben-Zvi that the British people were impressed by Israel's achievements and admired the qualities which made them possible. He noted the coincidence of the ceremony and the anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration on this day 42 years ago. He also paid tribute to the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel.

In his reply, President Ben-Zvi stressed the historic ties that linked Israel to Britain and told the ambassador that the name of Lord Balfour was held in reverence and great gratitude in Israel.

S.S. ISRAEL HAD 'PRIVILEGED' POSITION PRIOR TO HARBOR CRASH, PILOT SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 2, (JTA) -- Captain Samuel B. Jones, New York harbor pilot, indicated at a United States Coast Guard hearing this afternoon that the S.S. Israel was the "privileged ship" in the situation prior to her collision with the freighter American Press, off Governor's Island in New York Bay, last Thursday evening.

Captain Jones, a harbor pilot for 25 years, was on the bridge of the Israel when she sailed last Thursday evening for Gibraltar, Piraeus and Haifa. The Israeli luxury liner had aboard 269 passengers and a crew of 146. He told the inquiry that the Israel was heading for the main harbor channel when he first sighted the American Press, about a mile and a-quarter away. The Israel was approaching from the vessel's right. The International Rules of the Road at Sea state that, when two ships approach at right angles, the one that has the other on its own right or starboard side must change course so as to allow the other to cross ahead of it. In entering or leaving port, ships are required to keep to the right side of the channel.

The hearing is being conducted by Commander Ashton H. Barnes, United States Coast Guard, Captain Arthur R. Biagge, pilot on the American Press, testified earlier in the day.
SOVIET ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS REACH U.S.; CALL FOR POGROMS ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Leaflets signed by an organization calling itself "Kill the Jews and Save Russia" are being distributed in a number of Soviet cities, particularly in the Ukraine, according to The New York Times which noted "a sharp increase in Soviet attacks against Judaism and religious Jews." The newspaper said that copies of these leaflets have now reached the United States.

In the Moscow suburb of Malakhovka, leaflets signed with the initials of the anti-Jewish organization were distributed before an attempt was made there on October 4 to burn down the synagogue during Rosh Hashanah. Similar leaflets, the Times reports, had been distributed on the eve of Rosh Hashanah in three Ukrainian cities--Kharkov, Kiev and Vinnitsa. One of the leaflets, received here, criticized the Bolsheviks for having rushed to give the Jews equality.

The Jewish woman who died in the Malakhovka synagogue arson attempt was identified by the newspaper as Mme. Sarah Gordovskaya. It said she "did not die by accident, as was first believed, but was strangulated and her body thrown into the blaze."

The Times report said that on the eve of Rosh Hashanah Soviet authorities confiscated Torah Scrolls in synagogues in Kharkov, Minsk and in the Moscow suburb of Kuntssevo. Synagogues have recently been reported closed in Tiraspol, Uzhgorod, Chelyabinsk, Rogno, Drogbobych, Brest, Karaganda, Tashkent, and Samarkand. In the last two cities the closed synagogues were reported to be those of European Jews, while the synagogues of the Bukharin Jews have apparently been permitted to function.

Anti-Semites in Russia Believed Inspired by Soviet Press

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Despite continued reports of anti-Jewish agitation in the Soviet Union and acts of violence against Jews there, sources here which have been closely following Russian developments said today they still believed the Kremlin did not want violence against Jews. They stressed, however, that the large number of anti-Jewish articles in the Soviet press, particularly in the provinces, could not be coincidental and must certainly be government-inspired.

Anti-Semitic elements, they said here, undoubtedly considered these articles as giving them the green-light for anti-Jewish activities. Some of the articles, in newspapers received here, use language which could be interpreted as an open invitation to commit acts of violence. In one article, dealing with charges of alleged use of synagogues as centers for black-marketing, it was noted, the phrase was used: "We shall strike at their hands."

The aim of the Soviet authorities in setting an anti-Jewish press campaign in motion, it was believed, was to warn Jews not to interpret the general thaw in East-West relations as any indication of possibilities for any Jewish organization. The attacks on the synagogues, it is believed, were intended to indicate that even the assembly of ten Jewish worshipers--the "minyan"--could be considered as a semi-illegal assembly.

U.S. Delegation at United Nations Condemns Religious Discrimination

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Racial, religious and ethnic discrimination, whether by-law or by practice, were roundly condemned today by the United States delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. The attack on these forms of discrimination was delivered in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee by the American delegation's representative, Harold Riegelman, who spoke in the committee's debate on the policy of "apartheid" or complete racial segregation in the Union of South Africa.

In the course of his address, however, and in a preceding press conference, Mr. Riegelman made it clear that the United States condemnation of bias applied not only to South Africa but also to "powerful nations under authoritarian government" whom he accused of denying "human rights and fundamental freedoms contemplated by the United Nations Charter." Mr. Riegelman, without naming the Soviet Union, clearly implied that in the context of "authoritarian governments," he was referring to conditions in the Soviet bloc.

The U.S. delegate, who in his private capacity is active in the leadership of the American Jewish Committee, said at his press conference that the Washington delegation "condemns" all discriminations against peoples, "particularly when they have government sanction." However, when he was asked how the delegation views racial and religious bias in countries where the constitution forbids such practices, he replied: "We condemn both, with rough equality."

VANDALS DISFIGURE PLAQUE IN VIENNA HONORING MEMORY OF NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The plaque on the front of the building which was the headquarters of the Gestapo during the war, honoring the memory of the victims of Nazism, was disfigured last night, when vandals or anti-Semites smeared the plaque with oil acids, it was discovered today. The acids were applied in such a manner as to destroy that part of the inscription which pays tribute to the memory of the dead,
NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD ADOPTS $1,977,250 BUDGET FOR 1960

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board today adopted a budget of $1,977,250 for its programs in 1960. The action was taken by the organization's board of directors at the end of a four-day series of meetings at which members of the JWB advisory committees analyzed current needs and established priorities for the services to be provided by the organization in the coming year.

The 1960 budget includes $744,375 for the services of JWB's Jewish Community Center Division and $98,325 for the Bureau of Personnel and Training, two JWB operating units which deal most directly with JWB's affiliated Centers and YMHA's. The JWB program on behalf of Jewish servicemen is allocated $410,100 through JWB's Armed Services Division, $321,725 through the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy and $34,850 through the work of the JWB Women's Organizations' Division.

Speaking at the meeting of the JWB board of directors at the Manger Vanderbilt Hotel when the budget was adopted, Solomon Litt, JWB national president, pointed out that the total budget figure of $1,977,250 combines two elements: the rock-bottom operating budget of $1,460,500 and the cost of meeting the most urgent community needs for which program has been planned but resources must still be found.

The JWB receives its operating funds from Jewish community-wide fund-raising agencies across the country and from the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. It is the national association of 350 YM-YWHA's and Jewish Community Centers and is the government-authorized agency for religious, moral and welfare services to Jews in the U.S. Armed Forces and veterans hospitals.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES TEACHING RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress concluded its convention here today with the adoption of a resolution opposing the introduction of religious education in Canadian public schools. Samuel Bronfman was re-elected national president of the organization.

The CJC resolution against religion in the public school system deplored the fact that religious education has been introduced into the curriculum of public schools in certain provinces. This practice is prejudicial and violates democratic tradition of separation of church and state, the resolution stressed. The convention also adopted a resolution reaffirming the devotion of Canadian Jewry to Israel and calling upon every Jew in Canada to continue to aid Israel in every possible way.

A report showing that anti-Semitism has decreased in the Province of Quebec and elsewhere in Canada was submitted to the plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress by Fred Catsman of the joint public relations committee of the Congress and B'nai B'rit. Even the "lunatic fringe" publications, Mr. Catsman reported, "do not dwell much on Jews." He asserted that "the militant actions" of Canadian groups are destroying "the vestiges of anti-Semitism."

ISRAEL ENVoy SAYS ARAB INTRIGUES FOMENT DANGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Dangerous undercurrents in the Middle East area which may at any time come to the surface were cited yesterday by Israel's Minister Plenipotentiary, Yaacov Herzog, as evidence of the fact that the relaxation of world tension elsewhere has so far not found expression in the situation there.

"Not only the relentless Arab attitude toward Israel but the intra-Arab relationship itself--laden with intrigue, subversion and aggressive intent--seem totally removed from the context of general international trends," the Minister told over 1,000 guests who gathered at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel for the 21st annual luncheon of the Jewish Teachers Community Chest.

Minister Herzog paid tribute to the United Jewish Appeal for its invaluable aid in the welcoming to Israel and its absorption of Jewish refugees. He praised the Jewish teachers of New York for the help they have given through the years "to those in need and all over the world."

ISRAEL'S INBAL THEATRE OPENS TWO-WEEK ENGAGEMENT IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The Inbal Dance Theatre of Israel opened a two-week engagement here this week-end. A gala hundred-dollar ticket benefit, the opening performance was a $40,000 sell-out in behalf of the program of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. After Los Angeles, the Inbal dancers will work their way east by way of Chicago, for a two-week engagement in New York late in November at the City Center Theatre.

ABRAHAM ORLANS, HEBREW AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Abraham Orlans, Hebrew author and journalist, died here yesterday at the age of 66. He was a certified public accountant and a civil engineer. Mr. Orlans devoted much of his life to Hebrew writing and translating, and was political editor of the Hebrew weekly "Haodar." Born in Russia, he came to this country in 1907.