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## ISRAEL ELECTIONS MARKED BY HEAVY VOTE; NETUREI KARTA LEADER ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Balloting in Israel's fourth national election since statehood picked up momentum after a slow start this morning. By midafternoon today 50 percent of the eligible voters had cast their ballots. Three hours before the midnight closing hour for voting, an estimated 75 percent of all eligible voters had cast their ballots. Supreme Court Justice Yoel Sussman, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, predicted that the total final vote would exceed the 82 percent voting in the 1955 election.

The voting was generally without incident and there were only a few isolated instances of fighting which broke out between excited adherents of opposing parties. The spurt in voting followed police removal from the proximity of the voting places of groups of ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta members who offered sums ranging up to 20 pounds for identity cards which must be presented to poll officials before a vote can be cast. The zealots also promised return of the cards after the elections.

Rabbi Amram Blau, the leader of the Neturei Karta, was detained by police after he stationed himself near an entrance to the polling station in the Mea Shearim quarter in Jerusalem to deter Orthodox Jews from voting on the premise that the zealots did not recognize the State of Israel.

Rabbi Blau stood near the polling station "to see and be seen" and loudly recited morning prayers. Officials of the religious parties, whose potential voters Rabbi Blau had been deterring, complained that his actions violated election laws which forbid campaigning or pressure near polling stations.

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim was among the early voters. Chassidic rabbis were escorted to poll stations by singing and dancing adherents in demonstrations which helped to puncture efforts of zealots to persuade Orthodox Jews to boycott the elections.

### President Ben-Zvi an Early Voter; Ben-Gurion Votes in Sdeh Boker

President Ben-Zvi was among the earliest to vote today but the first large group was Orthodox Jews coming from morning prayers. Then came workers in essential services. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion voted at his summer retreat at Sdeh Boker. Brigadier Chaim Laskov, Army Chief of Staff, was the first to vote at a special Army polling station at headquarters.

Voting began in unseasonably hot weather throughout the country. There were 2,300 polling stations for the 1,200,000 eligible voters who will choose 120 members of the new Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Among the 24 lists competing for the votes, the Mapai and the right-wing Herut were seen as emerging as the two strongest parties. It was considered that if the Mapai held on to its 40 seats this would be a fair success but if Herut added less than one-third to its outgoing 15 seats, this would be a failure.

The voting behavior of some 160,000 Israelis voting for the first time was the big question of the election. Original forecasts had been that Mapai would suffer considerable losses at the hands of the new voters while Herut would make substantial gains. Later analyses brought prediction that Mapai would hold its own and perhaps gain an additional seat while Herut would not gain more than two or three above its deputy strength in the third Knesset.

A final check of voter opinion before the balloting indicated that in urban centers and among the settled elements, Mapai had won increased support, particularly since the older settlers fear a large Herut vote. However, Herut was indicated to have won new adherents among the Oriental immigrants and in the slum areas. The votes of these newcomers may be decisive but regardless of their vote, it was considered certain that no party would obtain an absolute majority and that the post-election Government was certain to be a coalition presumably headed again by Premier Ben-Gurion.

A lively interest in the elections was shown in the Arab sections of Israel where some 75,000 to 90,000 Moslems and Christians were eligible to vote. Because of the importance, under Israel's proportional representation system of marginal votes, all parties sought the Arab vote. The Arabs, however, were expected, as in the past, to vote for their own independent lists headed by elders and communal leaders.

# GOLDA MEIR DISCUSSES REUNION OF FAMILIES WITH RUMANIAN ENVOY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Questions relating to the reunion of families were among the topics discussed at a meeting here between Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, and Petru Manu, the Rumanian Minister, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Manu called at the Foreign Ministry for what was officially described as consideration of "routine problems and relations between the two countries."

## JEWS IN RUMANIA TERRORIZED; REPORTS OF MASS-ARRESTS REACH LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government, startled by the number of Jews who registered for emigration last year, has launched a campaign to terrorize Rumanian Jews who have shown a desire to go to Israel, the Times of London reported today.

Noting that 120,000 Jews left Rumania in 1950 and 1951, the Times said at the same time, Rumanian authorities were arresting and sentencing Zionist leaders to varying terms in prison, with some 200 persons involved. The Times reported that "some of these people are now being re-arrested and tried for the offenses for which they have already served sentences."

Partly because of the unexpectedly large number of Jews who registered when "the Rumanian Government suddenly and without explanation reopened its doors to allow the departure of Jews to Israel," and partly because of the strength of Arab opposition, the Government stopped the emigration "but the Jews have remained restless." In response, the Government opened its campaign of arrests and trials on charges of espionage and treason, the Times reported, in a bid "to frighten the Jews into breaking their emotional ties with Israel."

The Times listed a number of individuals who have been victims of the new campaign:

1. Israel Hart, who was employed by the Israel legation as janitor and whose father and sister went to Israel ten years ago, was arrested on charges of espionage.

2. Kalman Bernstein, 60, and his two sons, both engineers, were charged with espionage. The evidence was the contents of letters sent to the Bernsteins by members of their families in Israel. The letters contained descriptions of religious ceremonies with pictures.

3. Efraim Zinger, who had previously been tried and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, was charged with betraying Rumania and the newspaper for which he worked in Kluj when he sent copies of songs he had written to a brother in Israel. Zinger had an extra day added to his sentence because he was seen signaling to his wife to remove her wedding ring, apparently so that she could dissociate herself from him.

4. A large group of Zionist leaders in Transylvania were arrested and were believed still awaiting trial. They included Dr. Ernest Horvath, 70, who served one sentence after being arrested in 1950. Bad health kept him in the prison hospital for most of his term and the new arrest may threaten his life, the Times reported. Re-arrested also was Dr. Leo Fried, who had been general secretary of the Zionist Organization in Transylvania, who served one sentence and emerged from prison suffering from tuberculosis.

Among the Jews arrested in Bucharest, the Times listed Chaim Wurzel whose family was murdered by the Nazis, except for a sister who went to Israel 12 years ago; David Faibash, a Hebrew writer; Schmidt, Schitinovizer, Horowitz and Tabakaru, all Zionist leaders; four employees of the legation, including Israel Hart, and three girls.

## ISRAEL REPORTS AT U.N. ASSEMBLY ON ITS ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH WORK

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Israel is offering foreign fellowships at its training center for the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, Michael Comay, deputy chairman of the Israel delegation here, told the General Assembly today.

Mr. Comay spoke at a plenary session of the Assembly where the member delegations were discussing the annual report of Sterling Cole, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, a UN body with headquarters in Vienna.

Mr. Comay informed the Assembly on the nuclear research activities being conducted in Israel. He pointed to the work of the Atomic Research Center, now being completed at Nebi Rubin, Israel, with the assistance of the United States Government, and to the Radio-Isotope Training Center at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, in collaboration with the Israel Atomic Energy Commission.

"The Radio-Isotope Training Center," Mr. Comay said, "may have some value beyond the confines of Israel, as it is one of the few such centers in existence, and the only one in our part of the world which conducts international courses. The courses are in the English language and give training in the use of radio-isotopes in various fields of science, medicine, agriculture and industry. Israel is offering fellowships for these courses and would be particularly happy if its training facilities could be of help to other newer countries as well."

## AUSTRIA URGED TO SET HIGHER STANDARDS OF INDEMNIFICATION FOR JEWS

GENEVA, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the Government of Austria and upon the Austrian Parliament to set higher standards of payment to Jewish victims of Nazism, and to include additional groups among the beneficiaries, was passed here today at a special meeting called by the Committee for Jewish Claims from Austria.

Attending the meeting were representatives of the Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities and of the World Council of Jews from Austria which includes former Austrian Jews now residing in the United States, Britain and Israel.

The committee which called today's meeting was established in 1953 by representatives of 22 world Jewish organizations and national Jewish groups in various countries. After a long series of negotiations, the Austrian Government signed an agreement undertaking to enact suitable legislation on behalf of Jewish victims of Nazism in Austria.

Today's meeting expressed dissatisfaction over the fact that "many thousands of needy victims are ineligible under the legislation finally passed, while the amounts awarded to those eligible have been insignificant."

"More than 20 years have passed," the resolution noted, "since the barbaric campaign of destruction against the Jewish population in Austria. More than 14 years have gone by since Austria was liberated from the tyrannic regime. Thousands of victims have already died, without having received indemnification. It is now high time for Austria to show justice toward the surviving victims."

## NAZI ENVOY WHO DEPORTED JEWS FROM BULGARIA RELEASED IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Bauer, prosecutor-general of Hesse, filed an appeal today against a Frankfurt court order releasing Adolf Heinz Beckerle, Hitler's ambassador to Bulgaria, who had been arrested on charges of complicity in the murder of 11,343 Macedonian and Thracian Jews. The victims were deported in March 1943 to the Treblinka extermination camp.

The lower court ruled that when Beckerle in 1942 applied pressure to a resistance Bulgarian Government to deport the Jews, he "probably" did not know about the Nazi intention to exterminate them.

Dr. Bauer, in announcing plans to appeal, said that "we have enough evidence to show that Beckerle read the protocols of the 'Wannsee Conference' in January 1942 when Nazi leaders planned steps for the 'final solution' of the Jewish problem."

## ROLE OF J. D. C. IN AIDING JEWS STRESSED BY WARBURG AT GENEVA PARLEY

GENEVA, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- American Jews have been enabled to identify themselves with Jewish communities throughout the world through the work of the Joint Distribution Committee, Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman, said in his opening address of the JDC's 14th annual overseas conference which takes place here.

Mr. Warburg drew a parallel between the JDC and the United Nations, asserting that both were striving in the same direction and that both included representatives of both developed and underdeveloped countries. About 125 delegates, including directors from the 25 countries where the JDC has operations, were in attendance.

Louis D. Horowitz, JDC director for Israel, told the conference that the Malben, the JDC program in Israel for the aged, ill and handicapped, should be fully implemented. "Much remains to be done" in solving the problem of many new immigrants, he declared. He reported that the JDC's cooperation with other agencies and with the Israel Ministry of Health and Social Welfare was the key to success of JDC operations in Israel.

Mr. Horowitz said the number one task of Malben was to make a "direct attack" on difficult cases in certain areas of Israel, including the transit camps, settlements, towns and urban slums. An intensive study of difficult cases had already been undertaken in one transit camp and "we found that their greatest needs are housing and economic help."

Charles Jordan, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, addressing the conference, stressed the significance of the World Refugee Year and urged increased Jewish contribution for it. He revealed that a substantial share of JDC's budget for its ongoing programs still goes for the care of the 58,000 refugees on its rolls.

During today's discussion, it was also disclosed that the JDC provided more support for Jewish schools than any other single agency in the world. The JDC has contributed to the education of 103,000 pupils in Europe, Israel and the Moslem countries.

## ANTI-SEMITES FLOOD AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS WITH ANTI-JEWISH PAMPHLETS

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Editors of newspapers in Australian provinces have been flooded with anti-Jewish pamphlets recently, according to reports reaching here today. One was a tabloid brochure, published by the printers of a Queensland newspaper, the *Saunders Times*, which was sent to editors by a notorious South Queensland anti-semitic, D. W. De Louth.

## CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS MOSCOW TO GIVE 'FULL RIGHTS' TO JEWS

MONTREAL, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Soviet Government to restore to Russian Jewry their "full rights as an ethnic and religious group" was made here last night in a resolution adopted at the closing session of the convention of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The resolution proclaimed the "deepest anguish" of the Canadian Jewry at the plight and isolation of the Russian Jewish community.

A number of resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing the interest of the CJC in Jewish education, and including proposals to encourage the establishment of Chairs for Jewish Studies at larger universities in Canada.

Other resolutions advocated that the CJC continue its efforts in the field of immigration, public relations, its ties with the World Jewish Congress, fund-raising and pay special attention to the establishment of central and local committees on Jewish youth.

There was also passed a strong resolution commending the Governments of those Canadian provinces which have either introduced or improved anti-discrimination legislation and have accompanied it "with adequate educational and enforcement provisions," and recommending that the CJC continue its efforts to obtain similar legislation in the remaining provinces.

## JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION TO AID SETTLEMENTS IN ISRAEL

PARIS, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A decision to join forces with the Jewish Agency to improve some underdeveloped settlements in Israel was approved today by the Administration Council of the Jewish Colonization Association.

The goal of the program, according to Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid, JCA president, who presided, is to bring the settlements up to a standard which will permit normal progress. The program will embrace 20 to 25 settlements and will cost 15,000,000 Israel pounds.

## TOP AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS HONOR ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A number of the nation's top labor leaders joined here to tender a luncheon honoring Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States.

Sponsors of the luncheon included Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers; James B. Carey, president of the Electrical Workers Union; George Harrison, president of the Railway Clerks Brotherhood; and Harry Bates of the Bricklayers Union.

A welcome dinner honoring Ambassador Harman, will be held here tomorrow at the Indian Springs Country Club, sponsored by local supporters of Israel bonds, and marking the first meeting of the Ambassador with Washington Jewish leaders.

## LATIN AMERICAN ZIONISTS AND BUSINESSMEN PLAN INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A branch of the Israel Corporation for Economic Development has been established here by the Argentine Zionist Organization, and will issue \$3,000,000 worth of debentures for participation by Latin American investors in the financing of public projects in Israel, according to an announcement today by Nachman Radcichowski, chairman of the AZO. Shares will be sold at \$200 each, drawing cumulative interest of five-and-one-half percent, Mr. Radcichowski said.

## ARCHBISHOP OF BUENOS AIRES VISITS SYNAGOGUES; PRESENTED WITH GIFT

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Msgr. Antonio Caggiano, the new Archbishop of Buenos Aires, visited the Temple Congregation Israelita here in a return of a courtesy call paid on him last week by Dr. Guillermo Schlesinger, the congregation's rabbi.

The Archbishop was greeted by Rabbi Schlesinger and a congregation committee. After visiting the synagogue, he attended a reception where he was presented by the rabbi with two volumes of the Hebrew Bible.

## SAMUEL RUBIN HONORED AT ISRAELI CONSULATE; HARP CONTESTANTS WELCOMED

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Samuel Rubin, president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and honorary chairman of the First International Harp Festival and Contest, was honored today at a reception in the Israel Consulate here. Consul General Simcha Pratt also welcomed back members of the jury and winning contestants from the United States and Canada who participated in the First International Harp Festival and Contest which took place in Israel.

Held September 15-29 with the participation of 33 contestants from 11 countries, the event was so successful that the Second International Harp Festival and Contest will take place in Israel in 1962, and every three years thereafter.

Mr. Pratt presented Mr. Rubin with a specially-struck commemorative harp medal in appreciation of his role in reviving the popularity of King David's ancient instrument. It was the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem and the Israel Festival Committee in co-operation with the Israel Government Tourist Office which sponsored the International Harp Festival and Contest. Commemorative harp medals were also presented in Israel to the members of the jury and to the contestants.