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KNESSET TO ASSEMBLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS; CHANGES IN CABINET INDICATED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Israel's new Parliament, elected last week, will convene for the first time on November 23 and Premier David Ben-Gurion stepped up discussions today on composition of a coalition Cabinet in order to enable him to present the new government to the Knesset at its first session.

Mapai leaders continued today to discuss the coalition possibilities open to them as a result of Mapai's great election victory in preparation for talks with the other political parties. Mapai is expected to discuss possible coalition composition with all the political parties except the Herut and Communist. Meanwhile, the General Zionist leaders, smarting from that party's shattering defeat in which it lost at least five of its 13 seats in Parliament and possibly also the mayoralty of Tel Aviv, met today and discussed the conditions under which it could enter a Mapai-led coalition.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister in the outgoing government, has repeatedly informed Mr. Ben-Gurion that she does not want to retain that post in the new government but the Premier is said to be insistent and hopeful that he can persuade his long-time associate to retain that difficult post.

Former Ambassador Abba S. Eban was expected to enter the Cabinet as a minister without portfolio if Mrs. Meir remained in the Foreign Ministry. Zalman Aranne, the Minister of Education, may drop out of the Cabinet to accept election as Speaker of the Knesset. In that case, the education portfolio might go to Mr. Eban.

Among other Mapai leaders mentioned for Cabinet posts today were Gen. Moshe Dayan, Giora Josephthal, secretary-general of Mapai, and Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Haifa Labor Council, who directed the Mapai victory campaign. Mr. Almogi, was being mentioned for the post of secretary-general of the party in succession to Mr. Josephthal. Mordechai Namir, Minister of Labor, is expected to drop out of the Cabinet to take election as Mayor of Tel Aviv. Kadish Luz, Minister of Agriculture, wants to retire. Both are Mapai members.

Progressives May Have Deciding Vote in Tel Aviv Municipality

The special election committee began this morning tabulation of the ballots which were cast by voters on active duty with the Armed Forces and until these tabulations are in, the exact composition of the new 120-man Knesset cannot be determined exactly. The final tallies and the exact distribution of seats may not be available for two or three days.

The General Zionist control of the Tel Aviv administration hung in the balance today and would not be settled until the soldiers' votes were in. In any case it appeared that the single Progressive Party member in the new 31-man Municipal Council might have the deciding vote. If a Mapai-led combination takes over the municipal government, then the General Zionists would like a Cabinet post for their retiring mayor, Chaim Levanon.

The completed count in the Jerusalem municipal elections showed today that although Mapai ran far ahead of all other parties and won eight of the 21 seats in the Municipal Council, it will be unable to form an administration unless the unity of the religious parties is broken. Mapai's only possible allies in the council are the Progressives and Achdut Avodah, each of which has one seat, and the combination would still be short of a majority.

The Herut Party won four seats, the Mizrahi parties and their Iraqi settlers affiliate, four, and the Agudist parties, three. If Jerusalem's municipal politics follow their customary trend, the city administration will be in the hands of a Religious Bloc-Herut coalition.

Election procedure for the twin posts of Chief Rabbi will get underway next week with the formation of an eight-man committee to convene the 72-man electoral body, it was reported here today. The current five-year term for the posts expires on February 18.

Four members of the eight-man committee will be appointed by the Government and four by the Rabbinate. The 72-man body which will name the Chief Rabbis, will be composed of 24 representatives of the country's municipalities and 48 appointees of the

Rabbinate. The electors will vote for a successor to the late Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Herzog, while the present Rishon Le Zion (Sephardi Chief Rabbi), Yitzhak Nissim, will be up for re-election.

The principal candidates to succeed Chief Rabbi Herzog are Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, of Boston, and the Chief Chaplain of the Armed Forces, Rabbi Shlomo Goren. Rabbi Soloveitchik has not yet revealed whether he would be a candidate.

ISRAEL LAUDS U.S. POLICY ON SURPLUS FOOD AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED LANDS

ROME, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- United States policy in making its surplus food products available to underdeveloped countries came in for warm praise here today at the biennial conference of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Administration.

Dr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel and head of the Israel delegation to the FAO, told the General Assembly that U.S. food surpluses had prevented social and economic deterioration in many underdeveloped lands and had warded off danger to the democratic way of life there.

The Israel delegate stressed the advantages of dealing with agricultural and food problems on a regional basis, but warned that regional organizations established for that purpose must be "universal in character and accessible to all nations of the region." His reference was to a proposed agreement between the FAO and the Arab League which would give the latter body recognition as an FAO regional organization. This would exclude Israel.

Mr. Horowitz told the assembly that Israel had increased its agricultural production 315 percent in ten years and was presently maintaining a 15 percent annual increase. Israel today produces 70 percent of its foodstuffs requirements, he said, compared to only 50 percent in 1949. "Israel," he commented, "is a small country, but it could well serve as a laboratory to show the effectiveness of proper application of large-scale assistance and self-help."

115-MAN U. J. A. MISSION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO STUDY IMMIGRANT NEEDS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A 115-man study mission of the United Jewish Appeal arrived here tonight from the United States to survey refugee and immigrant resettlement needs. The delegation was told that about 400,000 of more than one million immigrants reaching this country since the establishment of statehood still required outside aid for their complete absorption into Israel's economy.

The delegation, led by Edward M. M. Warburg, Morris W. Berinstein, Dewey Stone and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, arrived at Lydda International Airport in two chartered El Al planes, flying in from Vienna where they had attended a two-day conference on Jewish welfare needs in Europe, Africa and Asia. They were met at the airport by Theodore Kollek, director-general of the Prime Minister's office.

The mission will prepare proposals for the 1960 campaign goal of the United Jewish Appeal which will be set at the UJA's national conference in New York, December 11. During their 10-day stay in this country, the members of the mission will meet with leading personalities from all walks of Israeli life and will tour the country from one end to another to see conditions at first hand.

JEWISH CANDIDATE ON BOURGUIBA'S LIST ELECTED TO TUNISIAN PARLIAMENT

TUNIS, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- One Jewish candidate on the list of President Bourguiba's Neo-Destour party was elected to National Legislative Assembly in yesterday's national elections, it was established today. He is Albert Bessi, a member of the party headed by the President of Tunisia.

B'NAI B'RITH VOTES \$2,920,000 FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES; 47% OF TOTAL BUDGET

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith today voted a record-breaking \$2,920,000 for its youth activities. The allocation for youth work represents a 47 percent allocation of its total national budget of \$6,389,034 which the organization's board of governors approved today. (See page 3 for earlier news on the B'nai B'rith parley.)

A recommendation by B'nai B'rith's International Council for construction of a regional headquarters in Tel Aviv, Israel, was also voted by delegates representing the organization's 470,000 members. Philip M. Klutznick, chairman of the International Council of the organization, said that the construction would be financed in part by Israeli members of B'nai B'rith and by funds received by B'nai B'rith from the sale of its pre-war German headquarters building in West Berlin. The city of Tel Aviv had donated land for the building.

Reporting on the budget--the largest for Jewish youth programming in the nation--Maurice Bisgyer of Washington, D. C., executive vice president of B'nai B'rith, said that the Jewish community "has not yet come to grips with the problem of providing sufficient facilities for an expanding youth population." He told the organization's 116th annual meeting at the Waldorf Astoria that Jewish youth activities "which have any cultural content are cruelly understaffed and undernourished financially."

ANTI-SEMITES SENTENCED IN GERMANY FOR SLANDERING JEWS; TEACHER HELD

FRANKFURT, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Karl Sontheimer, 27, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment today and fined 100 marks for slandering a Jewish taxi driver in Wunsiedel. The court found Sontheimer guilty of having shouted at Fritz Oesterreicher: "Heil Hitler. They must have forgotten to gas you during the Third Reich." The incident took place in a restaurant here. During the trial, several witnesses who pleaded a "loss of memory," testified only after being reminded by the judge that they were under oath.

Rudolf Treffurth, 52, a trade school teacher in New Ulm, was under arrest again today on charges of libelling Jews. A lower court released him from custody last week following his first arrest after he accused Jews of ritual murder and of assaulting "blonde German women." The Memmingen circuit court ordered his re-arrest.

Trial of Karl Chmielewski, 56-year-old former commander of the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp, on charges of torture and murder of several thousand prisoners will begin in January in the Ansbach Circuit Court, it was announced today. During preliminary investigations extending over three years, the prosecution sought repeatedly to have the number of charges in the indictment reduced to save time and simplify the trial. The former SS leader will be tried for "only" about 100 crimes, the prosecution said. More than 300 witnesses from Germany and abroad have given testimony so far.

Exhumations of the bodies of victims of the Mauthausen death camp have been halted and the French Commission dealing with the problem is reconsidering the entire matter. A French proposal to erect a mausoleum at Mauthausen in which would be interred the thousands of skeletons still lying in the Mauthausen camp garage has been withdrawn. The question of disposition of the remains will be put before the World Rabbinical Council in Jerusalem for a decision.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT PLEADS FOR ACTION ON RIGHTS OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Deep concern for the survival of Jewish life in the Soviet Union was expressed here by Label A. Katz, national president of B'nai B'rith, addressing the opening session of the four-day annual meeting of the organization at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. He urged a policy of "pressing vigorously" for action by Soviet authorities to remove the existing restrictions against Jewish religious and cultural activities.

"It is a matter of urgency and responsibility for American Jews to exert positive efforts in behalf of the Soviet Jewish community," Mr. Katz said. In doing so, he added, "we make no plea to Mr. Khrushchev and the Soviet Union's ruling authorities for any special privileges for Russian Jews. What is claimed, is that Jews be granted equality in enjoying those rights and that status accorded to other nationality and religious groups within the established system of the Soviet Union."

Mr. Katz praised President Eisenhower's intervention in the matter in his Camp David discussion with Soviet Premier Khrushchev in late September. He said there are "no immediate means" for evaluating the effect of the President's action. "But if the Soviet Premier's pronouncements for a peaceful co-existence were genuine--and some competent observers have cautiously accepted this premise--the possibility exists that the President's words left an impact on Mr. Khrushchev that can reflect favorably on the cultural survival of the Soviet Jewish community," Mr. Katz declared.

The White House several weeks ago advised B'nai B'rith that the President had questioned Mr. Khrushchev on the status of Russian Jews and that the Soviet Premier had denied they were treated differently from other nationality groups in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Katz told the delegates that "the cultural crippling of Jewish life in the Soviet Union cannot be disposed of by merely saying it does not exist." He said there is "adequate objective evidence" that Russian Jews are denied the rights of other nationality groups and "as long as that situation endures, it demands our active concern." Asserting that the policy of discrimination is "government imposed," the B'nai B'rith president said its effect "is to asphyxiate every possibility for Jewish cultural and religious life in the USSR."

Ambassador Harman Stresses Positive Aspects of Israel's Elections

Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman told the delegates that Israel's national elections of last week reflected the "complete self-confidence of Israelis that their capacity to exist is an unshakable fact, militarily and economically." This confidence, he said, was evident in the fact that foreign policy issues played "practically no part" in the campaign or election results. Israel voters made their choice on domestic issues, including that of electoral reform, Mr. Harman said.

Another "positive aspect" of the elections, the Ambassador said, was that none of the lists which made their political appeals directly to the ethnic backgrounds of Israel's immigrants got into the Parliament. This, he declared, was demonstrable proof that Israel's "mixed multitudes are successfully undergoing a tremendous transformation from rootless people to rooted citizens."

While he characterized Israel's relations with the Arab states as still "negative on their (Arab) part," he predicted that "the day of positive relations is just a question of

time--if we use time advantageously to strengthen the roots of Israel." This was being accomplished through increased economic development and foreign exports, Mr. Harman said, pointing out that in the first nine months of this year Israel's exports have increased 17 percent accompanied by a decrease in imports.

The conference honored the B'nai B'rith president with the establishment of a Label A. Katz Youth Fellowship. The presentation was made to Mr. Katz by Paul Kapelow of New Orleans, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Foundation.

A. J. C. PRESIDENT SEES INDIFFERENCE TO JEWISH IDENTIFICATION GROWING

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A growing indifference to Jewish identification and an increasing ignorance of Jewish values, pose a "deepening crisis" in American Jewish life, Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared yesterday, addressing 500 leaders of the organization.

The meeting marked the launching of an "American Jewish Congress Month" proclaimed by a number of mayors and governors in various parts of the country. Purpose of "American Jewish Congress Month" is to focus attention on the activities of the organization in the fields of civil rights, civil liberties, Jewish culture and support to Israel; an intensive membership drive will also be undertaken during the month.

Dr. Prinz said that the AJC must meet "the challenge and opportunity offered by the freedom which Jews enjoy in America and other democratic lands of the West" and must combat the indifference of Jewish identification. He also described three other areas of responsibility which the American Jewish community faces today. He listed them as:

1. The strengthening of Israel and the protection of Jewish rights around the world, with particular emphasis on efforts to secure for Jews behind the Iron Curtain the right to continue their Jewish tradition and to assure their continuity as part of the Jewish people.

2. A "revitalization of the Zionist idea" to arrest the "decline" of the Zionist movement in America by creating an American-oriented Zionist group "uniting all those forces in the American Jewish community committed to the idea of Israel as the central element in the concept of Jewish peoplehood."

3. Full participation in the effort to make the promise of equality, which America offers to all its citizens, come true for those citizens who because of race, religion or national origin are denied it.

ISRAEL'S PEACE OFFER TO ARABS REITERATED AT MIZRACHI WOMEN'S PARLEY

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Israel's readiness to negotiate for peace with the Arab countries was reiterated here last night by Col. Nachman Karni, member of the Israel Mission to the United Nations. He addressed the 34th annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization held at Breakers Hotel. The convention was also addressed by Edward B. Lawson, former United States Ambassador to Israel. Mr. Lawson, who received the 1959 America-Israel Friendship Award, paid tribute to the resolute spirit of the Israeli people.

The convention sent a telegram to President Eisenhower recommending "total and complete disarmament of the Middle East as a great initial step forward in the direction of complete and total world disarmament." Mrs. Moses Dyckman, president of the organization, addressing the 1,000 delegates, cited the unique role of the People of the Book, and called for identification with the rights of all human beings to live in freedom and dignity.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY DEDICATES SEVEN-STORY \$500,000 RESIDENCE HALL

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A new seven-story \$500,000 residence hall was dedicated yesterday at Yeshiva University. The hall, housing 300 students, was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rubin, who financed it with a \$500,000 grant.

Judge Simon E. Soboleff, of the United States Court of Appeals, said at the ceremonies that in the modern concept of education, religious and scientific teaching go hand in hand. He said it is wrong to believe we "are confronted with a choice between God and science," and noted that Judaism has always had a receptive attitude toward science.

N. Y. MAYOR ADDRESSES JEWISH NATIONAL FUND PARLEY IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert Wagner of New York today urged the United Nations to take steps to end Israel-Arab strife. He told a conference of the Jewish National Fund it was "time for the United Nations to compel a decision ending the needless and frustrating tensions in this strategic area of the world."

JULES COHEN NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF J. C. R. C. IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Jules Cohen, national coordinator of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, was named executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council here, it was announced today by Murray Shusterman, JCRC president.