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BEN-GURION FORMS FIVE-PARTY COALITION CABINET; PRESENTS IT TO KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16, (JTA) -- A five-party coalition Cabinet, mustering 86 of 120 votes in the Knesset, was presented to the Parliament tonight by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

The new Government consists of: David Ben-Gurion, Premier and Defense Minister; Golda Meir, Foreign Minister; Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister; Giora Josephthal, Minister of Labor; Moshe Dayan, Minister of Agriculture; Zalman Aranne, Minister of Education; Behor Shitreet, Minister of Police; Abba Eban, Minister Without Portfolio, all of Mapai.

Pinchas Rosen of the Progressive party is listed as Minister of Justice; Moshe Shapiro as Interior Minister and Dr. Joseph Burg Minister of Social Welfare, both of the National Religious party. The two Mapam Ministers in the new Cabinet are Mordecai Bentov, Minister of Development and Israel Barzilai, Minister of Health. The Ministry of Transport went to Yitzhak Ben-Aharon of Achdut Avodah. Rabbi Jacob Toledano continued as Minister for Religious Affairs on a non-party basis.

The position of Minister of Posts will be held temporarily by Mr. Ben-Gurion in reserve for the General Zionist party, in view of the fact that General Zionists intimated today that they were reconsidering the possibility of joining the new coalition. The General Zionists were reported to want two portfolios but were nevertheless believed ready to accept one portfolio and one Ministry without portfolio.

New Coalition Cabinet Is Stronger Than the Previous Government

The new coalition, while made up of the same parties as those in the previous Cabinet is stronger because of the increased number of seats won by the Mapai and the National Religious party in the November 3 elections.

Participation of Mapam and Achdut Avodah was effected at the last minute when agreement was reached on the question of Cabinet collective responsibility, the issue on which Mr. Ben Gurion resigned the prior coalition in a dispute with the two left-wing parties.

The agreement provides that Ministers may abstain from voting on a Government bill if the issue involves "matters of conscience." However, if a Minister votes against a Government bill, he will be obliged to resign automatically.

The program of the new government, presented to the Knesset with the list of new Ministers, appeared to be generally along the lines of that of the previous government, although with some significant changes and additions, including the agreement on collective responsibility of all Ministers.

Cabinet Program Supports Disarmament; Offers Non-Aggression to Arabs

The program expresses support for every step toward general world disarmament and abolition of all armed forces with effective international controls. The program proposed that until such world disarmament was carried out, the Israel Government would offer to the Arab countries an agreement leading to full disarmament and abolition of armed forces in Israel and the Arab states, on condition there would be constant free mutual inspection and that neither borders nor sovereignty would be affected.

Israel will propose to all Arab countries the expansion of the ten-year-old armistice agreements by non-aggression pacts providing also for cessation of all political, military and economic acts of hostility. The program reiterated that Israel would not be a party to nor support any aggressive alliance and would strive for friendly relations with all countries without regard to their internal regimes.

In economic areas, the program was the same as that of the prior Government, particularly in noting that the cost of living allowance system would be retained. For the first time, also, the program explicitly stated that the implementation of the national water program would be speeded up and the project to bring Jordan River water to the Negev would be expedited.

Former Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan, the new Minister of Agriculture, is the youngest at 44 of the four new Ministers. Abba Eban, former Israel Ambassador to the United States, is four months older than Dayan. Dr. Josephthal, the new Minister of Labor, is 47. Born in Nuremberg, Germany, he holds a doctorate and served in the British Forces in World War II.

FIRST ISRAEL SUBMARINE ARRIVES IN HAIFA; GETS ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME

HAIFA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Israel's first submarine, manned by an all-Israel crew trained in England, was welcomed here today with an ear-splitting symphony of harbor sirens, naval gun salvos and roaring Super Mystere jet fighters.

The Tanin sailed into home port here after a two-week cruise from a British submarine base at Portsmouth where in October 1958, the former British submersible, HMS Springer, was re-named the Tanin and turned over to Israel. The undersea craft was one of two such vessels sold by Britain to Israel in a major turning point in Anglo-Israel relations.

Escorted by torpedo boats, the Tanin passed between decorated destroyers and was tied to the quay where thousands of excited Israelis were waiting. The dignitaries included Chief of Staff Chaim Laskov; Naval Commander Shmuel Tankus; Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister; Minister of Education Zalman Aranne; members of Knesset, Israel's Parliament; Defense Ministry officials, members of the diplomatic corps and others.

Prime Minister Designate David Ben-Gurion, in a letter to Commander Tankus from his homewhere he is immured with a cold, expressed his regrets at his inability to be present. Mr. Ben-Gurion added that "Israel's possessing and manning 'the third dimension' weapon for its security is a great cornerstone in Israel's military strengthening."

After the Tanin was berthed, its commander, Lt. Joseph Dror, himself a kibbutz member, saluted Commander Tankus who placed on Lt. Dror's jacket a special submarine emblem. Lt. Dror later presented his officers with the same emblem and they in turn presented it to the other members of the crew. Army bands added to the welcome.

Israel's second submarine, the Rahav, is expected here in a few months after its crew completes training in British bases.

U.S. VOICES NO OBJECTION TO \$56,500,000 LOAN BY WORLD BANK TO NASSER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Despite the continued anti-Israel blockade, the United States has made no objection to the loan of \$56,500,000 by the World Bank to the United Arab Republic for improvement of the Suez Canal, bank sources revealed today as the loan reached its final stage of consideration.

The sources today reported President Eugene R. Black favors the loan to Nasser both as a sound investment and as a stabilizing factor in the Near East. It was predicted that the bank would announce formal approval of the loan on Monday of next week.

Two leading UAR officials left for Washington today to be available when the bank's board of governors approves the loan. They are Mahmoud Yunes, Suez Canal Authority chairman, and Abd Guelil Elemay, president of the Egyptian National Bank. Yunes will sign the agreement on behalf of the Suez Authority, probably on December 21.

Henry Kearns, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, arrived in Cairo today with a portfolio of plans for closer relations with the United Arab Republic. He will engage in extensive economic talks with UAR officials.

Jewish Congress Asks for Suspension of Loan to Nasser

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the American Jewish Congress today adopted a resolution calling upon the World Bank "to suspend further consideration of the proposed loan until the UAR has demonstrated a willingness to abide by the terms of treaty obligations it has freely assumed and to respect the declarations of the United Nations.

"Until the UAR shows convincingly such willingness to respect international commitments and to preserve the peace by abandoning its illegal blockade of Israeli shipping and cargo, it is the moral obligation of United Nations agencies to refrain from any financial undertaking that would promote the belligerent aims of the United Arab Republic," the resolution stressed.

The resolution was adopted after AJC president Joachim Prinz, in an address to the meeting, termed as "misleading" suggestions by Secretary of State Christian Herter that the proposed loan had only "economic implications" and was divorced from all political considerations.

NEW COMMANDER OF U.N. FORCE LEAVES NEW YORK FOR SERVICE AT GAZA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Major General P. S. Gyani, newly-designated commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, left New York by air today for UNEF headquarters in the Gaza Strip. He is to take over command of the 5,000-man force on December 28.

Gen. Gyani told correspondents here today he had no information about reported United Arab Republic troop concentrations in the Sinai Peninsula. He declined to discuss the Middle East situation, stating that his assignment was simply to command the UN forces there. The Indian general was briefed extensively at UN headquarters on his new duties and will spend ten days with Lieut. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, who is retiring as commander.

WORLDWIDE SEARCH STARTED FOR 26,000 JEWS ENTITLED TO GERMAN PAYMENTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry of Justice launched today a world-wide search for 26,000 victims of Nazi property confiscations for whom claims were filed with West Germany.

These persons, or their heirs, are being sought on the basis of unquestionable evidence possessed by the Ministry of Justice Administrator General's office of such confiscations by the Nazis particularly in Germany and in Poland. The Administrator General has photographic copies of the confiscation orders and information that the value of the confiscated property totals 10,000,000 German marks.

Bonn authorities had agreed to compensate confiscation victims who met the April 1, 1959 deadline for filing claims. On the basis of the documents, the Administrator General filed claims in the names of the owners or heirs to protect their right to file claims.

Israel is now trying to locate the claimants to inform them of their right to proceed with individual claims. While claimants can press their claims personally, the Administrator General is willing to act as attorney if empowered by the individual claimants. The list of claimants will be displayed at various Israel Government offices, all Israel Consulates abroad and by organizations of Nazi victims.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN WEST GERMANY REACH AGREEMENT WITH J. R. S. O.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The completion of an overall agreement with the Jewish communities in the former U.S. Zone of Germany was announced here today by the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization (JRSO) at its annual meeting held under the chairmanship of Monroe Goldwater.

The agreement calls for the establishment of a trust fund for the benefit of the communal and welfare needs of the Jewish communities in the former U.S. Zone. The JRSO will make payments to the fund from moneys received by it in settlement of indemnification and restitution claims for damage to former Jewish communal property. Dr. Ernst Katzenstein, director of the JRSO in Germany, reported to the meeting on the status of negotiations on certain categories of important claims pending with the German Federal Government and a number of state governments.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, who was elected president of the JRSO for 1959-60, expressed gratification that the agreement with the Jewish communities was reached in a friendly and amicable manner, following extended negotiations. Other officers elected included: Monroe Goldwater, chairman of the executive committee; Jacob Blaustein, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, Hermann Simon and Edward M. M. Warburg, vice-presidents; David Glickman and Shad Polier, co-treasurers, and Saul Kagan, secretary.

The JRSO was formed in 1947 by a group of leading Jewish organizations in the United States, Great Britain, France and Germany to press claims for heirless Jewish assets confiscated by the Nazis. To date it has successfully settled the overwhelming bulk of these claims within the former U.S. Zone of Germany and Berlin.

JUDGE OF HIGH COURT IN GERMANY SUSPENDED FOR HELPING NAZI CRIMINAL

KIEL, West Germany, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernst Siegfried Nuresch, the highest judge in the Schleswig-Holstein Social Court, was under suspension today for his part in the Werner Heyde "euthanasia doctor" case.

The Administrative Court, announcing his suspension, said he had been accused of knowing since December 1954 that Dr. Fritz Sawade, employed as chief medical advisor to the Schleswig-Holstein social courts, was actually Dr. Heyde who had been sought for months. He had been charged with numerous murders committed during the Nazi period on mental patients, as well as political and Jewish concentration camp prisoners.

The Social Democratic opposition in the Schleswig-Holstein Parliament meanwhile demanded that the Parliamentary committee named to investigate the Heyde affair, should also investigate recent government proposals to fill the post of Parliamentary administrative director.

The Christian Democratic cabinet had given Parliament a choice between Wilhelm Voelpel, former SS leader, under suspicion of having committed war crimes in Norway, and Hans Laskowski, one-time personal attache of Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess. Voelpel was elected as the "lesser evil."

Uwe von Hassel, Schleswig-Holstein Premier, said that the issue did not matter because the administrative director's post "is merely an administrative job." He added that "for us, de-nazification is closed. We consider it unbearable to pursue these things over and over again."

JEWS IN VIENNA HOLD COMMUNITY ELECTIONS; AGREE ON SINGLE LIST

VIENNA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Vienna Jewish community held its election here. The various factions agreed on a single list of candidates. Dr. Emil Maurer was re-elected president.

EX-NAZI PROFESSOR SITTLER RESIGNS FROM LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

BROOKVILLE, L. I., Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Edward Sittler, the American-born Nazi radio commentator who has been teaching in the Long Island University's C. W. Post College here as an assistant professor, resigned today as a result of protests against his appointment and following the refusal of the faculty to endorse his hiring. His resignation was accepted by the college.

The 43-year-old teacher renounced his American citizenship in 1939 to become a member of the Nazi party in Germany and eventually became an enemy broadcaster during the war. The faculty refused today to endorse the hiring after questioning Dr. Sittler closely. The faculty members erased Dr. Sittler's name from a resolution offered by the administration and endorsed only the right of the school to hire its own faculty members. The vote was 27 for, three against and 18 abstentions.

Dr. Sittler, who has been trying to regain his American citizenship, defended himself at the faculty session. He denied that he ever swore allegiance to Hitler, that he was aware of Nazi Germany's concentration camps or that he had ever acted traitorously. He claimed he was misquoted in an interview with a New York daily which attributed anti-Semitic statements to him.

At least six Long Island veterans groups have demanded a federal probe of the case, and one New York State Assembly member had demanded that the state halt support of the college pending Dr. Sittler's suspension and an investigation of his background.

\$234,000 RAISED IN NEW YORK AT OPENING OF REFORM JUDAISM CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Gifts totalling \$234,000 were announced at a dinner meeting here tonight, opening the 1959-60 New York drive of the nationwide Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism. The amount raised thus far for the \$650,000 New York drive, represents a 23 percent increase over last year's opening fund. Close to 500 lay and rabbinic guests, representing the 89 Reform synagogues in the New York metropolitan area, attended the dinner.

The beneficiaries of the nationwide campaign, which seeks \$3,558,536, are the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with a present peak of 585 affiliated congregations in the United States and Canada, and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the oldest existing rabbinical seminary. The two institutions are the central bodies of American Reform Judaism.

NOTED WRITER BEQUEATHS \$15,000 TO JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The sum of \$15,000 has been bequeathed to the Canadian Jewish National Fund by the late Lionel S. B. Shapiro, war correspondent and author, it was announced here by Justice Harry Batshaw, chairman of the Canadian JNF Foundation. He said the money would be used to commemorate the memory of Mr. Shapiro with a forest of 10,000 trees in the Canada Forest in Israel.

The correspondent was the author of four books. His final book, "The Sixth of June," describing the Normandy invasion which he covered as a war correspondent, was a Book-of-the-Month Club choice and won him the Governor-General's Award for fiction in 1955. He died here May 27, 1958.

91 NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN AWARDS IN HEBREW CONTEST

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Ninety-one New York City junior and senior high school students, winners in an annual Hebrew language contest, received United States Savings bonds, cash and certificates today during a special exercise at the New York City Board of Education.

The contest was the 17th annual event sponsored by the Hebrew Culture Council of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, in cooperation with the Junior and Senior High School divisions of the Board of Education and the Hebrew Division of Hunter College. More than 2,000 students in 62 junior and senior high schools, all studying Hebrew, took part.

ZVI KESSEL PRIZES IN JEWISH LITERATURE ANNOUNCED IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee here today announced the 1959 winners of the Zvi Kessel prizes in Jewish Literature. The recipients of the awards are:

A. S. Stein of Tel Aviv for his work in Hebrew on the pseudo-messianic movement of Yaacov Frank--"And The Fire Left Ashes"; Dr. Solomon Simon of New York, for his work in Yiddish "In The Days of the First Prophets"; and Rabbi I. M. Fishleder of Mexico and Hirsch Abramowitz of New York, who shared one prize, the former for his Hebrew book "The Fortress of Israel" and the latter for his Yiddish work "Personalities That Are No More."

The Zvi Kessel prizes for \$350 each were established in 1947 by the Mexican philanthropist Harry Zvi Kessel, and are administered by the Central Jewish Committee.