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BEN-GURION REPORTS TO CABINET ON HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO U.S., ENGLAND

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today took leave of the Cabinet prior to his departure this week for the United States. In reporting to the Cabinet on his trip, the Prime Minister said he would meet political personalities as well as Jewish leaders in the United States and later in England.

A Government spokesman later told representatives of the press that there were no discussions at today's Cabinet meeting with regard to Mr. Ben-Gurion's trip. The spokesman intimated that the Prime Minister may also visit Paris at a later stage. Yesterday, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion received Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist leader, who is now visiting Israel.

(President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, speaking in Damascus, assailed Mr. Ben-Gurion and urged Washington to shun him during his visit to the United States. He described Premier Ben-Gurion as "the greatest war criminal of the twentieth century.")

Preparations Completed for Ben-Gurion's Arrival in U.S.

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Preparations were completed today in the United States for the arrival on Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion for a week's stay, during which Mr. Ben-Gurion will be the recipient of an honorary degree from Brandeis University at Waltham, Mass. The Prime Minister is scheduled to fly from Israel directly to Boston. However, should weather conditions prevent his landing in Boston, he may land in New York and proceed to Boston immediately.

The Prime Minister will issue a brief non-political statement upon his landing and will not give any interviews at the airfield. In Boston he will rest for the day and will proceed Wednesday morning to Waltham for breakfast with the faculty of Brandeis University. Later he will attend the special convocation which will take place shortly before noon and at which he will deliver a 45-minute lecture on the contributions made by Greece, India and Israel to science and ethics. He will leave Boston on the same day.

Details of Mr. Ben-Gurion's schedule for the entire time of his visit will be announced from day to day. It is expected that during his stay in Washington he will see President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Christian Herter. However, the State Department said that the exact dates had not yet been fixed.

United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold announced yesterday that he will tender a luncheon to Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion at his apartment in New York on Monday, March 14, to be followed later in the day by a visit of the Prime Minister to the United Nations headquarters and by an official reception given that evening by Mr. Hammarskjold at the United Nations.

(In London, the Foreign Office announced that Prime Minister Ben-Gurion will arrive there from the United States on March 17 to meet with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd. The meeting will take place on the day of Mr. Ben-Gurion's arrival, the Foreign Office said.)

ISRAEL READY TO ADMIT ALL JEWISH SURVIVORS OF AGADIR EARTHQUAKE

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency has notified various authorities maintaining contact with Morocco that Israel is ready to accept immediately all Jewish survivors of last week's Agadir earthquake disaster, it was reported here today.

Thousands of Israelis of Moroccan origin who have relatives in Agadir are urgently trying to obtain information on their kin through various indirect channels since no direct contact with Morocco is possible from here. Morocco broke off postal communications with Israel several months ago in compliance with the Arab League's anti-Israel boycott.

Israel's willingness to receive all Jewish survivors of the Agadir earthquake disaster was stressed at a press conference today by Yaacov Tsur, member of the Jewish

Agency executive. He termed as "inhuman" the fact that Moroccan Jews in Israel cannot contact relatives in Agadir to ascertain their fate.

(Two-thirds of Agadir's Jewish population perished in the earthquake and tidal wave, David Moryouffes, president of the Agadir Jewish community in Casablanca, said yesterday. He estimated that only 700 of 2,200 Jewish residents of the Moroccan coastal town survived the disaster. He said he had lost his entire family. He estimated that 80 percent of the houses in the Jewish section collapsed.)

J. D. C. Continues to Send Aid to Victims of Agadir Disaster

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is maintaining constant touch with its overseas headquarters in Geneva on the developments in Agadir and is sending aid to the survivors.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, sent a message of sympathy to King Mohammed of Morocco on the Agadir disaster. He also dispatched a \$1,000 gift on behalf of the WJC to the Moroccan Red Crescent. The American Council for Judaism Philanthropic Fund gave the Moroccan Consulate in New York \$1,000 for the victims of the disaster.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe in New York received information from Casablanca that 70 pupils of the Lubavitcher school in Agadir had been killed in the disaster and ten others critically injured. The school, which had an enrollment of 100 boys, is completely destroyed.

EGYPT RENEWS SENDING TRAINED COMMANDO UNITS INTO ISRAEL TERRITORY

TEL AVIV, March 6. (JTA) -- Reports of large-scale infiltration into Israel territory of Egyptian-trained fedayeen units received confirmation yesterday when another such unit was intercepted by an Israel Army patrol several miles inside Israel's western Negev border. Three of the infiltrators were killed in the ensuing clash with the patrol, while a fourth was seriously injured. All of the infiltrators were equipped with fedayeen-type arms.

The incident yesterday occurred two days after another encounter with armed fedayeen in the southern Negev in which one of the infiltrators was wounded and captured. The prisoner said that Egyptian intelligence forces were massing fedayeen in Gaza Strip camps and sending the infiltrators into Israel for espionage purposes. The captured infiltrator said that his group was given the task of observing military communications along the Negev highways.

PRAYER DAY FOR RAINS PROCLAIMED IN ISRAEL; DROUGHT WORST IN 111 YEARS

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate today proclaimed Thursday, the Fast of Esther, as a countrywide day of supplication for rains. A solemn prayer for rain will be recited on Thursday in all synagogues throughout the country.

Official rainfall figures for the period from last September to February of this year, released today by the Government Meteorological Bureau, show that Israel's current drought is the worst to have hit the country in its 111 years of recorded rainfall history. The Jerusalem area received only 22 percent of the average rainfall for the six-month period; the Negev 25 to 35 percent and Galilee 50 percent of the average rainfall.

JEWISH CONGRESS ACCUSES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE OF 'MORAL BLINDNESS'

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today renewed its attack on the Administration over the Arab boycott of Israel. Dr. Joachim Prinz, AJC president, accused the Agriculture Department of "moral blindness" for allowing Arab nations to demand that U.S. shippers carrying American surplus food to their nations have no dealings with Israel.

An Agriculture Department spokesman said last week that such contracts are of "no concern" to the Government. Dr. Prinz said he was "profoundly disappointed" at the department's "indifference to the assault on the rights of American citizens by Arab League countries and other nations."

Earlier, the Navy removed from its oil-cargo contracts a clause that was criticized for condoning the boycott of Israel.

U. N. BODY URGES GOVERNMENTS TO HELP FORMATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS

GENEVA, March 6. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights, now holding its 16th session here, unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that governments stimulate the formation of human rights committees. The resolution expresses the view that the studies and opinion of such bodies could be of great value to the governments in the promotion and observance of human rights.

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL PARLEY AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM OPENS IN ITALY

ROME, March 6. (JTA) -- A two-day International Conference Against Anti-Semitism opened here today, sponsored by a number of organizations, including the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy. Attending the conference are delegates from Italy, France, West Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Greece, the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

The sponsoring committee included Sen. Ettore Tibaldi, president of the International Resistance Federation; Finocchiaro Aprile, president of the International League for Human Rights; Sergio Piperno, president of the United Jewish Communities of Italy; Piero Valeffi, Socialist Senator and president of the Association of Former Concentration Camp Inmates; and Umberto Terracini, Communist Senator and president of the National Association of Political and Anti-Fascist Persecutees.

The Italian Federation of Freedom Fighters announced a boycott of the conference and accused the sponsoring Resistance Federation of being "notoriously tied with East European Communist parties" and with having refused to participate in similar meetings "when the safety and interests of the Jews in Israel and in Eastern European countries were menaced or trampled."

A message was read at the conference from the Mayor of Rome expressing his support "and solidarity with all political parties, independently of their political orientation, in their fight against anti-Semitism." Eliahu Sasson, Israel's Ambassador to Italy, also sent a message in which he said he was "deeply moved" by the conference and added that "your initiative shows that honest men have not forgotten the tragedies arising from racial hatred."

Dr. Piperno, who brought greetings of Italian Jewry, said: "We would have liked that on this occasion, all forces, regardless of political differences, willing to fight against anti-Semitism anywhere and in whatever form it manifests itself, could have joined their efforts. We hope to participate in future initiatives showing that anti-Semitism is sincerely repudiated by all political parties."

He concluded his message with praise for the "courage of the Jews of Israel" and a denunciation of "the threats of the new Pharaoh," a reference to President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, "and those nations helping him or passively witnessing his violations of international law."

The Italian Jewish leader expressed the hope that "from Rome, the cradle of civilization, from both sides of the Tiber, high and solemn protests will be pronounced against anti-Semitism and against all those who, no matter where, prevent Jews from professing their faith and conserving their traditions and from reaching their ancestors' land."

Sen. Vebu Bridel, vice-president of the International Resistance Federation and a member of the French party supporting President de Gaulle of France, told the meeting that "we are not here only to condemn anti-Semitism in general but to denounce the recent anti-Semitic incidents originating in German and the resurgence of pan-Germanism."

Sen. Caleffi also identified West Germany as the source of the worldwide spate of anti-Semitic incidents in January and warned that extreme vigilance was necessary to avoid any resurgence of the Nazi-fascist ideology.

THIRTY RIGHT-WING GROUPS REPORTED FUNCTIONING IN WEST GERMANY

BONN, March 6. (JTA) -- The head of West Germany's internal security police disclosed today that there are about 30 right-wing political groups and youth organizations operating in West Germany and West Berlin. He said they had a total membership of about 98,000, half of them in adult groups which form political parties. These right-wing political parties polled a total of about 350,000 votes in the last elections, he said.

Dr. Rudolf Toyka, head of the internal security department in the Ministry of the Interior--West Germany's FBI--cited these figures today when he received five visiting United Nations correspondents. He said his organization had screened the youth groups--15 in number, with a total membership of between 40-50,000. Only one of them, he said, was down in his records as outrightly tending towards a Nazi type of ideology. This group, which maintained contact with the German Reichs Party, had a membership of 2,300.

The majority of the youth groups, Dr. Toyka said, officially accept the democratic principles of the West German Constitution but, "whether they are Nazis at heart, I could not tell." He said that members of these groups wore military-type uniforms, marched in military fashion and tried to glorify the old military traditions of pre-Hitler Germany. The other youth groups did not, he said, declare themselves Nazi.

Dr. Toyka, who supervised preparation of the White Book issued recently by the German Government on the outbreak of anti-Semitism in West Germany, said, in reply to a question that he had been a member of the Nazi Party from 1937 to 1945. Under the

Nazi regime, he said, his job had been that of a tax collector, following a generations-old family tradition. He said that, like many other Germans, he began privately questioning the "morality" of the Nazi State.

Like "the vast majority of Germans," he had known nothing about the Nazi concentration camps or other Nazi atrocities, he stated today. Dr. Toyka has served as head of the security organization since 1954. He was put in the job by Dr. Gerhard Schroeder, the Minister of the Interior. Dr. Schroeder himself has been accused of having been a member of the Nazi Party.

SHARETT URGES AMERICAN JEWS TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL; OPPOSES PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister of Israel, has appealed to American Jews to settle in Israel but stipulated Israel wants American Jews to come out of an inner compulsion to do so and not from outside propaganda pressures. He spoke at a Histadrut rally here.

"The ones who lack this compulsion or will and cannot come to Israel must help to build Israel and strengthen it against our enemies," Mr. Sharett said. He urged American Jews to help through the Histadrut and by similar means. Discussing the economic sector of Israel's growth, he said there was ample room for both private and public initiative to help develop the Jewish State's economy.

LACK OF JEWISH EDUCATION PRESENTS DANGER TO U.S. JEWRY, SHAZAR SAYS

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Zalman Shazar, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, warned American Jews Sunday that they are faced with another "half of a lost generation" because more than 50 percent of its youth lacks a knowledge of Judaism, particularly Hebrew literature, both ancient and modern.

The Israeli leader, who is president of the World Hebrew Union, while paying tribute to American Jewry for the growth and expansion of Jewish schools and what he termed its great multifarious activities in the spiritual, cultural and social fields in the past decade, said: "One cannot help noting that while large numbers have been drawn into the Jewish educational system, a larger part remain outside the Jewish schools.

"If the conscientious part of American Jewry," he continued, "has endeavored to make up for a lost generation in the past by loyalty to Jewish values and traditions, the pain must be all the deeper that notwithstanding such endeavors we observe with nonchalance that in our days another half of a generation is being lost to Judaism through ignorance of Hebrew culture and Jewish values."

Mr. Shazar spoke before 800 Jewish communal and Zionist leaders assembled at the annual dinner of the Histadruth Yvrith of America, Hebrew Language and Culture Association, at the Hotel Commodore, here. Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the Zionist Organization of America, presided. Dedicated to the Herzl Centennial Year, marking the 100th birthday of Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, the dinner was also in the form of a tribute to Mr. Shazar on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, pointed to an "increasing acceptance of Hebrew as an integral part of Jewish identification in our time." At the same time, she said: "While we are deeply gratified by the growing number of adult students in Hebrew courses throughout the country, we must remember that in the interest of Jewish survival in the diaspora--survival not in the physical but in the spiritual sense in which alone survival is meaningful--the ultimate test of our efforts lies in our ability to attract our young people to the study of Hebrew."

Mrs. Halprin voiced the view that "our youth must come to feel that the study of Hebrew is not just a matter of afternoon or Confirmation classes but the key to a whole world stretching back through the ages and across the seas to Israel. With the growing emphasis on the study of foreign languages in our schools and universities, I feel that every Jewish parent should consider it his duty to have his child acquire Hebrew as a natural second language."

DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR AMERICAN JUDAISM RAISES \$4,150,000 IN THREE MONTHS

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Contributions of \$4,150,000 have been amassed by the Development Fund for American Judaism in the three months since it was brought into being with a goal of \$15,000,000 to underwrite a nationwide physical expansion of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion--the principal national institutions of the Reform Movement in American Judaism--it was announced today by Max L. Koepfel, the Fund's general chairman.

RICHARD MAASS NAMED HEAD OF JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL DRIVE FOR 1960

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Richard Maass, a member of the Housing Advisory Council of the State Commission Against Discrimination, has accepted the general campaign chairmanship of the 1960 drive of the Joint Defense Appeal in New York, it was announced today. The Appeal is the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.