

Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16. N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXVIII - 43rd year

Tuesday, February 7, 1961

No. 26

TALKS ON FORMA'TION OF NEW ISRAEL CABINET STARTED; DIFFICULTIES FORESEEN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- President Izhak Ben-Zvi began today what apparently will be a long drawn-out and difficult process of obtaining a new Prime Minister and Cabinet to replace the Ben-Gurion coalition government which fell last week as a result of the Lavon Affair.

The President's first step was to receive a delegation representing the Mapai party's Kesset membership. The delegation, it was understood, urged the President to call on Mr. Ben-Gurion to form a new government.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, it was reported tonight, was prepared to undertake the assignment provided that he could set up more or less the same coalition he headed in the last government. However, he was known to face serious difficulties in this, both from his erstwhile partners and from within his own party.

Three of the coalition partners, the Mapam party, the Achdut Avodah and the Progressive party, indicated reluctance to serve again under Mr. Ben-Gurion. They took the position that Mr. Ben-Gurion, in his formal letter of resignation, actually reverted to the criticism and disparagement of his colleagues which had precipitated a Cabinet crisis. Mr. Ben-Gurion had subsequently apologized for these statements when members of his Cabinet threatened to resign_and his apology had been accepted by them.

A decision to boycott a new Ben-Gurion government was reached by the Mapam party leadership last night. Although the decision was subject to formal ratification by the party's executive committee, the Mapam leaders began immediate discussions with the Achdut Avodah and the Progressives, urging on them a similar stand.

The Mapam leaders were spurred by-two developments—the Mapai party move to force Pinhas Lavon's resignation as secretary-general of the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, and the repetition by Mr. Ben-Gurion in his letter of resignation of the criticisms he had previously voiced of his colleagues' position in the Lavon Affair.

The National Religious party, another member of the outgoing coalition, was said to be reluctant to enter a new coalition unless it included the moderate Progressive party. The General Zionist party, which was in the opposition, was described as opposed to entering a new government and firm in its demand that new elections be held.

Golda Meir Reluctant to Serve in New Ben-Gurion Cabinet

Mr. Ben-Gurion also faced towering obstacles in the ranks of his own party. Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Minister of Commerce and Industry Pinhas Sapir indicated that they would not enter a new Ben-Gurion government. Mrs. Meir officially went on two weeks' leave today but was likely to prolong her absence until after the formation of a new government. Both she and Mr. Sapir were under strong pressure from Mapai elements to agree to serve in a new cabinet.

Mr. Ben-Gurion appeared to be facing great difficulties from a grouping of labor veterars and the farm bloc within the Mapai party. They were impressed by the fact that in the showdown between Ben-Gurion and Lavon in the Mapai Central Committee last weekend, some 40 percent of the committee supported Lavon. They were described today as taking the position that if heads were to roll, Lavon's would not roll alone.

One of the demands this bloc was said to be pressing was for the abolition of the post of Deputy Defense Minister, now held by Shimon Peres, who was Lavon's chief adversary in the bitter fight over culpability for the 1954 security mishap when Lavon was Minister of Defense and Peres, director-general of the Ministry.

The bloc also sought the removal of Yosef Almogi, the secretary-general of the party, on the grounds that his failure to show sufficient flexibility had permitted the Lavon issue to develop into an open struggle.

The veterans—farmers bloc held that the dismissal of these two men, both trusted lieutenarts of Ben-Gurion, would, to a certain extent, offset the effect created in the public mind by Ben-Gurion's attitude towards Lavon, even though both would certainly receive new and probably more important posts.

CASABLANCA CHIEF OF POLICE MAY BE REMOVED TO ALLAY JEWISH FEARS

CASABLANGA, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Crown Prince Moulay Hassan, the Vice Promier of Morocco, was expected today to remove the Casablanca chief of police from office in order to allay the apprehensions of the Jewish community, alarmed by a series of repressive police measures in recent weeks,

The Casablanca police chief, Ali Belkacem, is generally held responsible for the police measures in this city which have harassed Casablanca Jews and engendered widespread fears as to the security of the Jews in Morocco. The Crown Prince summoned the police chief to a meeting to discuss the role of the Casablanca police in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, the Jewish community was disturbed by news of another police measure in Rabat, the capital. Two women, both the wives of rabbis, were arrested on their way to the Jewish quarter. They were taken to police headquarters, interrogated at length and kept under detention for 24 hours. One of the women was pregnant. She was not allowed to sit down in the police station, but kept on her feet until she fainted,

At the same time, a young student of the Institute of Higher Jewish Studies was also picked up on a street in Rabat and taken into custody. These arrests were believed to be the first of their kind in Rabat, although many similar incidents have occurred in Casablanca.

An opposition Moslem trade union announced today its membership had unanimously actived a resolution protesting against "the acts of repression of which our Jewish fellow-workers have been victims." The union's resolution declared that the arrest of innocent people and acts of repression against them were incompatible with the principles of democracy. It called for an inquiry into the recent anti-Jewish actions and the punishment of those responsible for them.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONCERNED OVER ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES IN MOROCCO

PARIS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville has informed the Foreign Affairs and-Security Commission of the Senate that the French Government is concerned over the anti-Jewish discriminations practiced by the Moroccan Government, the Quai d'Orsay revealed today.

The Foreign Minister's statement was made last Thursday to a closed session of the Senate body. It followed sharp criticism of the Moroccan measures by Christian Pineau, former Foreign Minister; M. Brocas, a Senator representing right-wing groups, and others. Attention was focused on the Moroccan anti-Jewish measures by the tragedy last month when some 40 Jews lost their lives trying to leave Morocco clandestinely.

Jacques Soustelle, former Vice Premier and de Gaulle aide who broke with his leader on North African policy questions, charged in an article in the publication of the Committee for Democratic Defense and Action, that the anti-Jewish policies of the Moroccan authorities were linked with overall racial policies prevalent in North Africa. M. Soustelle, who opposes independence for Algeria, charged that the National Liberation Movement, the FLN, like the Moroccan authorities, did not hide "its anti-Jewish sentiments." He appealed to "all men of good will, whether of the Left or the Right," to combat the racial theories of the FLN and to do their utmost to prevent them from being put into practice.

SECRETARY OF STATE PREFERS QUIET DIPLOMACY ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk today told a press conference that while the United States was thinking about the problem of reducing the arms burdens borne by Middle Eastern nations he did not believe he could profit by stating what measures were under consideration.

Replying to a request for amplification of Vice President Lyndon Johnson's weekend New York statement before the B'hai Zion Order, Mr. Rusk said this was one of the world problems where premature comment might not help.

MOSCOW HELPS NASSER TO BUILD A TOMIC_REACTOR, INTERNATIONAL BODY REPORTS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A nuclear reactor presently under construction at Inshas, 35 kilometers from Cairo, will become critical early this year, according to a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The reactor is described as indentical with the WWR stroke C reactor of the Academy of Science in Moscow.

The third volume of the World Directory of Nuclear Reactors, published by the IAEA, describes the reactor as a tank type, using enriched uranium, light water moderated and cooled. The directory gives its purpose as "research." The reactor is the property of the UAR Atomic Energy Commission. Fabrication of its components, according to the directory, is by the USSR.

KNESSET PASSES BILL POSTPONING ELECTIONS FOR CHIEF RABBINATE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israels Parliament, today passed the third and final reading of a bill postponing the elections for the Chief Rabbinate for between six and 12 months from today. A rider, which would have extended the tenure of the last Chief Rabbinate which expired last October 22, until the new elections were held, was rejected by a vote of 38 to 18.

CLAIMS CONFERENCE ALLOCATES \$10,102,154 FOR 1961 AID TO NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A budget of \$10,102,154 for 1961, earmarked for programs of relief, rehabilitation and cultural and educational reconstruction in 30 countries around the world, was presented today by Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, at the annual allocations session of its board of directors, held at the Jewish Agency for Israel. Over 150,000 victims of nazism are expected to benefit from the funds. The allocations will raise to \$80,000,000 in all, the sums granted by the Conference since 1954.

In presenting the budget, Mr. Blaustein sounded a warning that Conference funds are scheduled to end in four years, and that Jewish communities and central welfare organizations relying upon its grants "will be called upon to shoulder, in every growing measure, the costs of aid programs for Nazi victims."

"Some 400 Jewish organizations have applied for grants this year calling for more than \$20,000,000, all told, over twice the sum available for allocation," Mr. Blaustein said. "Confronting those great demands is the inescapable fact that our funds are limited to some \$10,000,000 per year and cannot be increased."

Over three-fourths of the entire budget, coming to \$7,789,617, is earmarked for relief and rehabilitation programs. About 90 percent of those funds will be spent in Europe by Jewish communal and central welfare agencies and the American Joint Distribution Committee. Needs are most urgent in Europe, especially for the aged, the ill and the handicapped. Conference funds will also aid in the emigration of Nazi victims from that continent and their resettlement overseas, most notably in Australia and South America.

Allocations of \$1,904,037 will add five major programs in Jewish cultural and educational reconstruction, Mr. Blaustein stated. They include education, research and publication, scholarships and fellowships, upkeep of rabbinical schools and the commemoration and documentation of the era of Nazi persecution. The programs are addressed to the reconstruction of Jewish institutions and of spiritual and cultural centers ravaged at Nazi hands, and to the rehabilitation of scholars, editors, writers and teachers who are Nazi victims.

Jewish education, primary, secondary, higher and adult, the largest and most farranging of the programs in this area, will receive allocations of \$1,032,000. Allocations have climbed year by year to reach an eight-year peak in 1961, institutions in Europe making up the foremost group of beneficiaries. Nearly three-quarters of the outlays are scheduled for primary and secondary schools, and capital grants to enlarge their facilities will reach record proportions in 1961.

Mr. Blaustein pointed out that besides the direct grants for cultural and educational reconstruction, the budget for relief and rehabilitation includes grants of about \$400,000 to aid traditional educational and religious activities of communal organizations in Europe. Other allocations in that budget will aid in the creation of community and youth centers, and in the upkeep of surmmer camps and kindergartens not connected with schools, where Jewish cultural and educational activities will play a featured role.

The Claims Conference, made up of 23 national and worldwide Jewish organizations, obtains its funds for allocation under the special agreement it reached with the German Federal Government in 1952. By that agreement, \$107,000,000 is being turned over to the Conference, in 12 annual installments, for the benefit of needy Nazi victims throughout the world.

WARBURG FOUNDATION MAKES \$250,000 GIFT TO NEW YORK UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Felix M. and Frieda Schiff Warburg Foundation announced a contribution of securities valued at \$250,000 to the "Adopt-a-Project" campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

The gift will provide scholarships and fellowships in the field of social work to prospective students. It will also provide funds for faculty members to take refresher courses and additional studies. The announcement of the contribution marked the 85th anniversary of the birth of the late Mrs. Warburg.

The "Adopt-a-Project" campaign, is a general program undertaken by the United Jewish Appeal to make special provision for specific areas of need in Israel--namely, consolidatinn of agricultural settlements, mental health and scholarship.

SENATE CONFIRMS KENNEDY'S APPOINTMENT OF KLUTZNICK TO U. N.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Senate today speedily confirmed, without opposition, President Kennedy's nomination of Philip M. Klutznick, American Jewish leader, as United States representative to the United Nations.

MORE THAN 1,000 PHYSICIANS ARRIVED IN ISRAEL DURING THREE YEARS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The overwhelming majority of the more than 1,000 doctors who have arrived in Israel during the past three years are practicing their profession, Health Minister Yehuda Barzilai reported to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. He said some 800 were employed by sick funds, clinics and various hospitals and most of the others were engaged in private practice.

CHICAGO PARENTS AND EDUCATORS URGE TO TEACH MORE ON NAZI CRIMES

CHICAGO, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A proposal that schoolchildren should be taught a full understanding of the Nazi era and its crimes was approved by the Chicago region of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers after debate as to the advisability of exposing children to such knowledge.

The recommendation was made after one Chicago school PTA reported that there was a lack of knowledge among "our children of both the significance of America's struggle against the Nazi swastika and the ideology for which it stood," The study also found that the children lacked understanding "of the positive contribution to culture and progress made by various ethnic grups,"

The region also noted that the texts picked by the Board of Education for public schools varied widely in detail and accuracy in material on the Nazi era. The resolution said that training should be provided for the teacher in the handling of such material "as an integral part of the introduction" of new curriculum guides dealing with the Nazi period.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONALIST WORKERS PARTY WITHDRAWS INVITATION TO ROCKWELL

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- An invitation to George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi party, to visit Australia, was withdrawn here today by the extreme rightwing Australian Nationalist Workers party. The action followed protests last week when it was learned that Rockwell was scheduled to address an anti-Communist demonstration on May 1.

In explaining the withdrawal of the invitation, Arthur Smith, Nationalist party leader, declared: "Our invitation has caused too much trouble and, if we had persisted in it, we would have antagonized the Government."

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH LEADERS HOLD THREE-DAY MEETING IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Opportunities in all fields of endeavor will be greater within the next decade for American youth who are members of minority groups, teen-age leaders of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization were told here today. The hospitable climate towards minorities will not be merely an advantage to young people, but will be America's gain in this critical age, "Herman Edelberg, Washington director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Blrith said in an address to the opening session of the three-day executive committee meeting of B'nai Blrith's youth serving agency.

Mr. Edelberg pointed out that the 1960 Presidential election "is another evidence that prejudice is a declining force in America." But, he said, this decline "is not a signal forrelaxation of efforts since there is still far too much prejudice for healthy society to tolerate complacently."

PROFESSOR KOPPEL PINSON, HISTORIAN AND EDUCATOR, DEAD; WAS 56

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Koppel S. Pinson, historian and educator, died here yestorday after a long illness at the age of 55. A specialist in Jewish and German history, Dr. Pinson was Professor of History and chairman of the division of social sciences at Queens College here.

Born in Vilna, Lithuania, Dr. Pinson was brought to the United States in 1907, when his family settled in Philadelphia. He was graduated from Gratz College (in Hebraic studies) in 1923 and from the University of Pennsylvania two years later. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1934. He was a founder and later president of the Conference of Jewish Social Studies and had been editor of its quarterly, "Jewish Social Studies," since 1938. He was also history editor of the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences.

Dr. Pinson had been adviser to the Jewish Education Committee in New York, a member of the Jewish Publication Society and editor of the annual publication of the Yivo Institute of Jewish Research. In 1945-46, he served in Austria and Germany as overseas educational director of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration's agency for Jewish displaced persons. He was the author of numerous works on German and Jewish history.

ANTHONY DE ROTHSCHILD DIES IN LONDON; WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Anthony Gustav de Rothschild. prominent Jewish banker and philanthropist, died here yesterday at the age of 73. He was holorary president of the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation and a past vice-president of the Anglo-Jewish Association. He was also president of the Jewish Orphanage and of the Jews Free School.

 Mr_{\star} de Rothschild was senior partner in the London merchant banking firm of N. M. Rothschild and Sons, Ltd.