



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

Monday, October 23, 1961

No. 199

FORMATION OF ISRAEL CABINET THIS WEEK DOUBTED; BARGAINING CONTINUES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22; (JTA) -- Two months after the Knesset elections, there was still no new Cabinet functioning today. Nor was there any clear indication of how the Cabinet will be composed.

The hope that Mapai, the dominant party, would decide this weekend on who would participate in the coalition government faded when Mapai leaders decided to postpone decision until some time this week after it would have received the "final word" from the leftist Mapam and Achdut Avodah parties and from the Liberals as to their conditions for joining any coalition.

The Liberals, whose leaders met here Thursday evening to discuss conditions agreed only to call a meeting of their party's central body for today. Similar action was taken by Mapam and Achdut Avodah. It still remained in doubt today whether Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will be able to announce the formation of a new government this week.

SOVIET RESTRICTIONS AGAINST JEWS DISCUSSED AT LONDON CONFERENCE

LONDON, Oct. 22; (JTA) -- Sharp condemnation of restrictions and discriminations against Jews in the Soviet Union, especially in regard to religious practices and cultural aspirations, were voiced here today at a conference of leading British political and intellectual figures, non-Jewish as well as Jewish.

At the conclusion of a series of reports, many of them based on personal observations and experiences in the USSR, the conference adopted a resolution which:

1. Enumerated many anti-Jewish articles in the controlled Russian press;
2. Listed restrictions on the practice of religious rights by Jews in the Soviet Union.
3. Condemned the limitation of Jewish cultural activity in Russia;
4. Pointed out that Russian Jews were "forcibly separated" from other members of their families outside the USSR and appealed to the Soviet authorities "not to remain insensitive to the voice of public opinion in this matter."

The conference had been summoned by two members of Parliament, Richard Crossman and Lord Boothby, and by Israel M. Sieff, prominent Anglo-Jewish leader. Emanuel Litvinov, British author who visited the Soviet Union, presided. He gave the conference a detailed report on the situation of Soviet Jewry. He declared that "individual Jews" were rehabilitated after the death of Josef Stalin in 1953, "but nothing was said about the injustice done to the Jews as a group."

Anti-Semitism Seen in Many Areas; Many Jews Live Like Marannos

Soviet authorities deny that there is discrimination against Jews. Mr. Litvinoff said, "but a half million Jews who declared in the last census that Yiddish is their mother-tongue have almost no press or books, while about the same number of the small sect of Maris living in the USSR have 17 newspapers." He pointed out that there are only 233,000 Yakuts in the Soviet Union, and these people have 28 newspapers. "At the same time," he said, "Russian Jews are hungry for culture."

Every publication in Yiddish, said the author, is "snatched from the bookstalls as soon as it appears." Yet, he said, many Russian Jews still wait for copies of "Sovietisch Heimland," the new Yiddish periodical published recently, which was issued only in 20,000 copies.

"There is also anti-Semitism in many areas," Mr. Litvinoff continued, "though it is often disguised as anti-religious propaganda. The synagogue remains the only Jewish address." While the Baptists, he said, have one chapel for 1,100 congregants, there is only one synagogue for 20,000 Jewish worshippers.

Turning finally to Russia's ban on emigration, he said: "The inability of members of Russian Jewish families to be reunited with members of their families in Israel has

created many tragedies. The Jewish problem in Russia remains unsolved, 44 years after the revolution."

The only non-British participant in the conference, Manus Sperber, a well-known French author, told the conference: "The Russian Jews remain a people, whatever the Soviet theory may be. Many of them live as the Marranos did, as far as their Jewishness is concerned, though they are free as citizens by and large. I hear from friends who talked with Khrushchev that he is obsessed by the Jewish question, and returns to it again and again, so that he himself denied any sense of discrimination."

Non-Jewish Speakers Deplore Anti-Jewish Discriminations in Russia

Max Hayward, of St. Anthony's College, Oxford, said: "We have an ally in this fight for Russian Jews in the Russian intelligentsia, some of whom are as disgusted as we are. But anti-Semitic excesses could break out under certain conditions. In fact, some small incidents have occurred from time to time." He said he, himself, was "assaulted as a Jew," although he is not Jewish.

Sir Leslie Plummer, a member of Parliament, juxtaposed the situation of the Jews in Russia and in Poland. In Poland, he said, the towns are free of anti-Semitism, while peasant communities remain anti-Semitic. But in Russia, he declared, agricultural collectives are free from anti-Semitism, while the urban populations are anti-Semitic. "We must mobilize world opinion," he said. "Not in the cold-war sense, but only in regard to the Russian treatment of Jews."

Reverend W. Simpson, of the British Council of Christians and Jews, told the conference: "We must try to avoid getting involved in wider issues. Our purpose is to demand, in the name of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in the name of civilization generally, the right for Russian Jews to live their cultural and religious life like other Soviet nationalities."

A hope that Russia might allow its Jews to emigrate was expressed by another parliamentary speaker, Marcus Lipton. Pointing out that China had allowed Jews to leave "because they simply did not fit into the Chinese revolution," he said "some Russian Jews may not fit in perhaps--we may hope that the Russians will emulate the Chinese example."

A former Russian who addressed the conference, S.B. Utechkin, stated: "When I lived in Russia in my boyhood, I was not even aware of the Jewish problem. I learned about it later. As a Russian, I am ashamed I did not know about it before and I am sure many Russians feel the same, whatever their political outlook or wherever they are. This is why drawing attention to the problem is important."

Novelist Wolf Mankowitz said a group of writers has written to the Soviet Writers Union about the situation of Russian Jews, but has received no answer thus far. "We know, however," he declared, "that many of our colleagues in Russia are as perturbed by anti-Semitism in their country as we are." At times, he said, Russian provincial newspapers "stoop to the obscene levels of the 'blood libel' and the Streicher technique, like printing cartoons showing a swastika encircled by Stars of David."

Alex Nove, a lecturer at the London School of Economics, said anti-Semitism is "deeply rooted in Russia, and has many ways of manifesting itself." "Strangely enough," he said, "it has increased since the end of World War II." Jacob Miller, of Glasgow University, warned that "incredible as it may seem, pogroms could occur in Russia under certain circumstances, though such manifestations might give the authorities a shock."

FOUR-DAY ANNUAL OVERSEAS CONFERENCE OF J.D.C. OPENS TODAY IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Oct. 22: (JTA) -- The 16th Annual Overseas Conference of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Second Assembly of European Jewish Community Services, representing Jewish communities in free Europe, will open here tomorrow. The JDC conference will last four days during which problems concerning relief and rehabilitation of Jews in various countries will be discussed.

In conjunction with the JDC Conference, the first meeting will also be held of the newly created International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services. The general purpose of the new council, which was formally established in London four months ago, is to provide a permanent forum for the exchange of views and information among member organizations on problems of Jewish welfare services. It is comprised of various social and welfare agencies including the JDC, the Central Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, the Jewish Colonization Association, the United Hias Service and the World ORT Union.

ISRAEL DECLINES U.N. REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22: (JTA) -- Israel today declined a request by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for a contribution of \$86,000 to an \$87,000,000 fund for the rescue of Nubian antiquities in Egypt and Sudan threatened by the construction of the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River in Egypt. In turning down the request, the Israel National Commission for UNESCO explained that the financial consideration and the method proposed for financing it were of such magnitude that they should be brought before UNESCO's general conference for a decision.

U.N. URGES NAZI VICTIMS TO FILE CLAIMS BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A reminder that some former refugees from the Nazi regime must file indemnification claims before the end of this year, while other ex-persecutees have until the end of 1962 to file claims, was issued here today by the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The United Nations and the Government of West Germany entered an agreement under which Germany is to contribute \$11,000,000 for aid to persons who had been persecuted by the Nazis "by reason of their nationality" but who were not eligible for indemnification under German law. Persons in this category, the High Commissioner's office pointed out, must file their claims not later than December 31, 1961.

Other persons eligible for indemnification, by reason of having suffered physical injury through Nazi persecution, may file as late as the end of the next calendar year. These claims must be filed before West German authorities rather than with the office of the High Commissioner.

EX-NAZIS LISTED AS ELECTED DEPUTIES TO NEW WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT

BCNN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The names of some former Nazis appear on the official list of deputies elected to the new West German Bundestag published by the Government Information Office this weekend. They include Hermann Conring, a member of Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union from Lower Saxony who was a wartime Nazi provincial commissioner in Groningen, Holland, charged with helping to break the strike of Dutch workers against deportations of Jews.

Two of the former Nazis are deputies of the Free Democratic parties. One is Siegfried Zoglmann, of Dusseldorf, who was a Reich Hitler Youth Leader. The other is Ernst Achenbach of North-Rhine Westphalia, who has been accused of aiding in the organization of the deportation of French Jews, was associated with the neo-Nazi Naumann underground movement after World War II, and is the initiator of a bill for general amnesty for Nazi crimes.

Among the deputies who had served in the last Bundestag, who were associated with the Nazi regime, and who dropped out in the most recent election were four Christian Democratic party members. They are former Refugees Minister Theodor Oberlander, who was eased out of Chancellor Adenauer's Cabinet after a lengthy campaign by the opposition Social Democrats; Waldmar Kraft, former SS agricultural expert in occupied Poland; and Pascual Jordan, associated in recent years with HIAG, the organization to aid former SS men.

GERMAN EDUCATORS ARRIVE IN U.S. FOR STUDY OF HUMAN RELATIONS EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Six prominent West German educators arrived in the United States today for a six-week study of American methods and techniques in the teaching of civil responsibility. They came under an exchange program sponsored by German institutions. The exchange program was arranged by Professor Max Horkheimer, director of the Institute of Social Research at Frankfurt University, who is a consultant of the American Jewish Committee.

This is the second delegation of German educators to visit this country. The first delegation was financed by the Ford and New World Foundations and directed by the Institute of International Education which traditionally organizes exchanges of this nature. The IIE is utilizing the American Jewish Committee as a source because of the Committee's specialized knowledge of human relations education, its extensive contacts in West Germany and its long-standing concern with education for democracy in Germany.

KLUTZNICK EMPHASIZES SIGNIFICANCE OF B'NAI B'RITH ACTIVITIES TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The significance of B'nai B'rith's helpfulness to Jewish life was emphasized here today by Philip M. Klutznick, former national president of B'nai B'rith who is now a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations, with the rank of Minister. He spoke at an all-day conference of the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith which was attended by 1,500 delegates, representing 310 lodges in the New York area.

"The voluntary service of B'nai B'rith has made it the handmaiden of the expression of Judaism itself, the synagogue and the temple," he said. "Our work with youth, whether through Hillel or the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, our significant adult education program, our sturdy efforts to mobilize our people for all causes of Jewish concern, whether it be the just ambitions of Israel or the affairs of our own domestic community, have earned for the B'nai B'rith a richly deserved generalization as the largest and oldest Jewish service organization in the world."

Mr. Klutznick expressed the fear, however, that many members of B'nai B'rith do not know about the work of the B'nai B'rith International Council. B'nai B'rith, he said, "through its International Council, must stimulate the people whom it can influence to understand not only the United Nations but the peoples of the world."

WOMEN'S AMERICAN CRT OPENS CONVENTION TODAY; LAUDED BY KENNEDY

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today hailed the Women's American CRT, which is opening its 16th biennial convention here tomorrow, as an organization that "long has made outstanding contributions to the skills, independence and freedom of people throughout a large part of the world."

The message from Mr. Kennedy was disclosed by Mrs. Joseph C. Gayl of this city, national president of Women's American CRT. More than 1,200 delegates, representing nearly 60,000 members in 419 chapters throughout the country, are expected to attend the four-day parley.

Principal speaker at the convention will be Daniel Mayer, former member of several French cabinets and chairman of the executive committee of the World CRT Union. Other speakers will include F. Schrage, director of CRT in France; Georges Emsalem, director of CRT in Algeria; Joseph Shapiro, president of CRT-Israel; and Dr. Akiva Kohane, member of the Joint Distribution Committee's staff in Geneva.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN PLANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- An 18-point program of action by volunteers throughout the country toward improvement of employment opportunities for all youth was launched here today by the National Council of Jewish Women. Announcement of the program was made by the organization's national president, Mrs. Charles Hymes, of Minneapolis, as the NCJW opened its annual convention, at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel here.

Mrs. Hymes called on the organization's 329 local units across the country "to bring key community groups together for joint planning to meet the emergency." A "massive effort," she said, is needed "to modernize and extend vocational guidance and training" for youth which, a Council study has shown, "is inadequate and outmoded." According to Mrs. Hymes, 57 local sections of the country have already conducted surveys of the situation in their areas.

Miss Hannah Stein, executive director of the NCJW, told today's session of the convention that "extreme rightism" is becoming a "more serious threat to individual liberty in this country than McCarthyism was." The convention will be in session for the rest of the week.

CANCER COORDINATORS OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS CONFER AT EINSTEIN COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Faculty members of over 100 schools of medicine, dentistry and osteopathy attended an all-day conference here today of Coordinators of Cancer Teaching, at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University.

A two-week series of cancer detection clinics is being held at the Einstein College of Medicine. Practical instruction in latest methods of cancer detection is being offered physicians in six individual clinics, all of which are being held at the Jacobi Hospital. The objective of this program is to aid general practitioners in making the earliest possible diagnosis of the disease in some of the most common and more readily accessible sites in the human body.

J.N.F. CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES ADOPTS \$1,500,000 GOAL; HONORS SWIG

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The 30th annual conference of the Jewish National Fund of the Greater Western area, attended by about 2,000 delegates, concluded here today with the adoption of a \$1,500,000 goal. Benjamin H. Swig was installed as president for the area.

At a pre-gift dinner, the sum of \$176,000 was raised towards the JNF 20-Year Development Program. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt participated in the pre-gifts dinner. At a similar dinner in San Francisco, at which Mr. Swig was honored, the sum of \$30,000 was raised.

DR. SCHWARTZ LEAVES FOR EUROPE TO MAP 1962 PLANS FOR ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, left for Europe today to confer with European Jewish leaders on a program of accelerated activity in 1962 to provide increased funds for Israel's economic development.

In conferences with Baron Edmond de Rothschild of France, president of the Israel bond campaign in Europe, and other overseas leaders, Dr. Schwartz will discuss Israel's plans for large-scale development and settlement of the Negev.

NEW YORK JEWISH HOSPITAL DEDICATES NEW \$1,250,000 PAVILION

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The new \$1,250,000 Edward Neimeth Institute for Medical Research of Maimonides Hospital was dedicated here today in the presence of senior city officials and prominent community leaders. Speakers at the ceremonies included Lawrence A. Wien, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Dr. Ray E. Trussell, Commissioner of Hospitals of the City of New York, and others.