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ISRAEL CABINET IN SIGHT; AGREEMENT REPORTED REACHED WITH LIBERALS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- Prospects for a new coalition Government were brightened today by reports that Mapai and the Liberal party had reached full agreement in negotiations;

The reported agreement was achieved in talks by Liberal party leaders with Mapai leader Levi Eshkol, who has been trying since September to assemble a new Cabinet under a mandate from President Ben-Zvi. It was indicated that the Liberals had been promised the portfolios of Commerce and Industry, Health, Development and Justice;

Meanwhile the leftist Achdut Avodah informed its ideological partner, Mapam, that it regarded Mapai concessions as an adequate basis for a new coalition. The Achdut Avodah leaders urged Mapam to maintain labor unity and join them in entering the coalition but they also indicated they were prepared to go ahead without Mapam, if necessary.

A meeting of the Mapai secretariat, originally set for last night, was postponed until Friday. The secretariat is expected then to confirm formation of a new Government in partnership with the Liberal party and to leave the door open for Achdut Avodah to join.

The postponement followed a request by Achdut Avodah that Mapai delay a decision for at least a day so that the Achdut council could decide on a final answer to the Mapai bid. There was an unconfirmed report that Achdut Avodah told Mapai it would enter a Mapai-led coalition provided the Liberal party was kept out.

JE WISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE REPORTS \$80,000,000 AID TO NAZI VICTIMS

GENEVA, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- A total of \$80,000,000 in reparations funds from the West German Government has been distributed since 1954 by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany to more than 150,000 victims of the Nazi era now residing in 30 countries, it was reported here today at the 16th annual overseas conference of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Speaking at the Claims Conference session, Moses A. Leavitt, JDC vice-chairman, said: "In exercising our unique responsibility of using German reparations money both humanely and constructively on behalf of Nazi victims throughout the world, we have needed the wisdom of a Solomon. Posterity will judge if we displayed it."

He pointed out that with many major objectives attained and with only three years left of its term of existence, the Claims Conference was now concerning itself increasingly with needs which it previously had not been able to meet;

"While we cannot expect to have sufficient time and funds to completely fulfill unmet needs, there are very important areas in which we can hope at least to lay the groundwork and set in motion programs which will be carried out after 1964," he said. He cited mental health problems in Europe as one of these areas. He said there was a high incidence of mental illness and disturbance among European Jews, particularly among Nazi victims and that the facilities for treatment were inadequate.

Ravaged Jewish Communities Rebuilt; Outlook for Next Year Outlined

Saul Kagan, secretary of the Claims Conference, cited the capital investment program of the Conference as one of its most significant achievements. "Combined with local funds," he said, "these allocations have had a key role in rebuilding ravaged Jewish communities in helping to provide new buildings and facilities for old age homes, kindergartens, religious institutions, community and youth centers and summer camps."

He said that "looking to 1962 and beyond, in fact, we believe that this task of communal reconstruction in terms of new buildings is approaching the end. In overwhelming measure, the projects already completed, those underway and those approved in principle may be expected to absorb the funds earmarked for this purpose." He explained that this meant that "new major capital projects have little chance of Conference approval because of the great volume of our present commitments."

"We feel, however, that with the completion of projects already on the drafting board, we will have helped to create the essential physical facilities needed for our Jewish communal life," he said;

BULGARIA'S CHIEF RABBI REPORTED ARRESTED; HELD SINCE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- Bulgaria's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Asher Hannanel, was arrested by Bulgarian authorities several weeks ago, according to reports reaching here today. The Bulgarian embassy here refused today to confirm or deny the reports of the arrest.

The Chief Rabbi's arrest was confirmed indirectly at Sofia when the Bulgarian Under-secretary for Religious Affairs attended services at the Synagogue during the High Holy Days. He was asked about Rabbi Hannanel's absence from the services, and replied: "I don't know what the charges against him are, but you may rely on the justice of the Bulgarian courts."

Rabbi Hannanel is a prominent figure of Bulgaria. He was active in the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, and the author of many works, including a comprehensive history of Bulgarian Jewry. He visited Israel last year and, at that time, hailed the Bulgarian attitude toward the Jews in that country.

MOROCCO LIFTS BAN ON JEWISH PUBLICATION; JERUSALEM EX-MUFTI VISITS KING

CASABLANCA, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- The Government of Morocco was disclosed today to have lifted a ban on sale in Morocco of the Jewish publication, L'Arche which has been in effect since last July. The ban was lifted after various interventions with officials by directors of the publication.

At the same time it was revealed today that the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem paid a three-day visit to Morocco during which he discussed with King Hassan II the "Palestinian problem" and Moroccan aid "in the fight against Zionism." During the visit of the ex-Mufti, a collaborator with the Nazis in the extermination of European Jewry, Moroccan newspapers, particularly those of the dominant Istiqlal (Independence) party, devoted several articles to the Palestine problem and the Arab refugees.

ETHIOPIA INFORMS ISRAEL FORMALLY OF DECISION TO GRANT FULL RECOGNITION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- The Ethiopian Consul General in Jerusalem formally informed Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, today of the Ethiopian Government's decision to accord full recognition to Israel.

The Foreign Ministry said in a communique that the notification was received "with sincere joy and profound satisfaction." Mrs. Meir asked that Israel's good wishes be conveyed to the Emperor and the people of Ethiopia.

Special significance was given here to the Ethiopian decision because of the fact that strong Arab pressure had been exerted for several years against any such action by Ethiopia. The move also was viewed as an indication of the stability of the present regime.

The recognition also reflected the many-faceted relations which have been established between the two countries. A number of Israeli missions are at work in Ethiopia in various fields, including farming, development, fishing, construction, education, public health and other areas. An Israeli staff directs the Ethiopian government hospital at Massawa and a technical college at Addis Ababa. Commercial relations also have been expanding.

Another indication of Ethiopian-Israeli relations was the disclosure today that Professor Moshe Rachmilewitch, Dean of the Hebrew University Medical School, went to Addis Ababa last week to check the health of the Empress. The Dean was the guest of Emperor Haile Selassie at a dinner. Details of the invitation and trip were disclosed today after the medical expert's departure from Addis Ababa.

MEETING TO ELECT NEW PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY IS CANCELED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the board of governors of Hebrew University, canceled today a special meeting of the board next month which was to have elected a new president of the university.

Dr. Wise said the postponement decision followed a request by the standing committee of the university Senate and that the regular meeting would be held next March. Asked whether he would be a candidate for the university presidency, Dr. Wise said "I am ready to accept any post I am called upon to fill."

NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS FROM 10 LANDS STUDY EFFECTS OF RADIATION ON ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- Twenty-nine nuclear scientists from ten different countries today began a four-month course in the biological effects of radiation which is being held in the building housing Israel's atomic reactor at Nahal Sorek, south of here.

The course, which is the first of its kind to be held anywhere, is sponsored by the United Nations Atomic Energy Agency and the Israel Atomic Energy Commission.

FRENCH EX-MINISTER FORESEES LARGE JE WISH IMMIGRATION INTO FRANCE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 25: (JTA) -- The possibility that French Jewry may have to face a problem of massive Jewish immigration into France from Algeria, regardless of the outcome of any political settlement in that area, was expressed here today by Daniel Mayer, a former French Cabinet Minister and chairman of the executive committee of the World Ort Union. He addressed the 1,200 delegates to the 16th biennial convention of Women's American Ort, taking place here.

Mr. Mayer said that French Jewry would "need much assistance in the alleviation of these human problems." He referred to France's postwar role as a haven for immigrants, and pointed out that France alone, of all European countries, had a larger Jewish population today than before the war. This, he said, was due to the tradition of sanctuary and friendly reception that France has always offered to refugees and also to a steady stream of immigrants from North Africa.

"Nevertheless," he declared, "this tide of North African Jews is a welcome addition" in spite of the fact that it presents serious problems of communal, cultural and economic integration. Mr. Mayer devoted his speech to the dual character of ORT in its immediate tasks with the refugees from Hungary, Egypt and Poland along with its long-range objectives of providing vocational education in Israel, North Africa, Iran and India;

J.D.C. AID ORGANIZED IN INDIA; ORT TO PROVIDE VOCATIONAL TRAINING

GENEVA, Oct. 25: (JTA) -- Establishment of a Joint Distribution Committee-ORT program in India early this year raised to 26 the number of countries in which such Joint services are available, it was reported today at the 16th annual overseas conference of the JDC here.

Sessions today were devoted to reports by directors of JDC operations throughout the world on the welfare, education and social programs in each country and the requirements for the coming year. A JDC budget will be prepared on the basis of these reports and presented to the annual JDC meeting in New York in December for final action and presentation to the United Jewish Appeal.

The 200 Jewish leaders from 26 countries were told that the new JDC-ORT program in India was centered mainly in Bombay which has an estimated Jewish population of 20,000. Ninety percent of the Bombay Jews are of local origin with the rest of Iraqi origin, according to Robin Gilbert, the JDC-ORT representative in India. Mr. Gilbert said that the program was organized at the request of leading Bombay Jews because the Jewish community has found itself unable to meet the welfare problems created by a growing impoverishment of large sections of the Jewish population.

The program, which concentrates on children and youth, consists mainly of setting up feeding and clothing efforts and supporting orphans. Parallel to the JDC program will be an ORT vocational training service. Aid also is being provided to the small Jewish community in Delhi where a study is being made of other Jewish communities throughout India.

It was emphasized that the JDC was not setting up new institutions but instead that it was operating through existing community institutions in the Indian Jewish centers and introducing new services with the help of Jewish community councils.

BOOKS DEPICTING NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS ARE ON EXHIBIT IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Oct. 25: (JTA) -- A variety of new publications on Hitler's Third Reich and the Nazi persecution of Jews were on exhibit today at the Frankfurt International Book Fair.

The books include Robert Neumann's "Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," which contains hitherto unpublished photographs of Nazi ghettos in eastern Europe; Hermann Glaser's "National Socialism and Democracy"; and Hans Joachim Winkler's "Legends About Hitler." The Glaser and Winkler books are both intended for the political education program in West Germany.

The books include also a new and revised edition of H.G. Adler's sociological study, "Theresienstadt"; "The Third Reich and Its Functionaries," by Josef Wulf, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Berlin, and a German edition of William L. Shirer's American best-seller, "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich." Mr. Wulf's book contains a collection of documents on the destruction of 500,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Israeli publishers are represented at the Book Fair, and the Israeli exhibit is attracting a great deal of attention here. Among the Israeli exhibits are translations into English of some Russian scientific works, published in Israel.

GERMAN PROSECUTOR OPENS PROBE INTO NAZI WAR CRIMES IN FOREIGN LANDS

DORTMUND, Oct. 25: (JTA) -- State Attorney Karl H. Pottgieser announced he has launched an investigation into Nazi crimes in foreign countries, concentrating on cases in which one or more suspects reside in the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. At the same time, a government coordinating bureau has been set up in Cologne to probe into war crimes committed in concentration camps conducted by the Nazi regime.

JEWISH GROUPS IN SAN FRANCISCO ALERT ON ANTI-SEMITIC TERRORISM CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- Jewish community relations organizations were on the alert today over a campaign of anti-Jewish terrorism against a Jewish couple which spurred police to provide a 24-hour guard at the residence of the couple.

Police ordered the around-the-clock watch after a renewal of anti-Semitic telephone calls and attacks on the automobile and home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman who previously had been the victims of a similar campaign over a 15-month period.

The Jewish Community Relations Council and the local office of the Anti-Defamation League issued a joint statement assuring San Francisco Jewry that they and other Jewish agencies were active in the case. In the statement, the two organizations rejected demand from outraged Jewish individuals for "vague, undefined and ill-tempered 'action' motivated by resentment." They warned that such demands "can only confuse the issues and impair the functioning of public and private agencies working on these problems."

"The Jewish Community Relations Council, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Labor Committee, and the American Jewish Congress--all with offices in San Francisco--are doing the most useful thing: Using the Bowman case, and other less-publicized outrages, to convince educators and youth leaders that they have an urgent responsibility in fighting anti-Semitism with all the tools, books, and like educational materials which these agencies offer," the joint statement asserted.

The attacks against the Bowmans, who conduct a furniture business in their home, were ended briefly several weeks ago when police sprung a trap and arrested 12 youths, two of them juveniles. The two juveniles had their case heard first. The judge denounced their actions and placed them on probation. The renewal of the violence followed the hearing of the two boys and the appearance of the 10 older youths indicted for conspiracy and now awaiting trial before Superior Judge Harry Neubarth.

The new police watch was aimed both at protecting the Bowmans and at apprehending a number of youths who have been congregating at the Bowman home. They smashed the windshield of the Bowman car, which had been set afire in the initial attacks, and have hurled rocks through windows of the Bowman home. Mr. Bowman said that the abuse was resumed soon after the court action and that gangs of boys and girls had staged "victory parades" almost nightly since the court hearing of the two juveniles.

Mrs. Bowman said that she and her husband, during the 15 months of harassment, had set a trap which disclosed the identity of some anti-Semitic elements in their neighborhood. She said they had worked in collusion with the gang of 12 who had terrorized them. The names of the anti-Semitic neighbors would be revealed in the trial of the 10 indicted youths, she said.

N. Y. COURT ORDERS CONVERTED MOTHER TO BRING UP CHILD IN JEWISH FAITH

NEW YORK, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- A Jewish divorcee who became a Christian Scientist was fined \$250 by a New York Supreme Court justice who held she had failed to live up to a separation agreement to allow her 12-year-old son to be raised in the Jewish faith.

Justice Thomas A. Aurelio ruled that Mrs. Sylvia Gluckstern Glasser, former wife of Philip Gluckstern, owner of a kosher restaurant in New York City, was in contempt of court. The couple was married in 1934, lived together as Orthodox Jews, and had three children. The youngest, Lewis Jay Gluckstern, was awarded to the mother in a 1959 separation agreement, on condition that the father "shall have full charge of the religious education" of the boy "and may bring him up in the Orthodox Jewish faith, notwithstanding any different religion which the mother may have."

In his ruling, Justice Aurelio said that each had since remarried and that Mrs. Glasser "has become converted to Christian Science." He cited the separation agreement by Mrs. Glasser that she would not try to teach the boy any other religion. At a trial of a suit brought by the father, Mrs. Glasser testified she took the boy to Christian Science services every Sunday. The boy testified that he wanted to become a Christian Scientist.

The judge ruled, however, that "this infant should not be permitted to abandon so easily the faith he was born in. He has not reached the age of discernment and understanding to fully appreciate the significance of this momentous decision."

In imposing the fine, the Justice suggested that the father consider instituting a separate suit to gain custody of his son. The father said that Lewis had attended classes at a synagogue in New Rochelle, N. Y., until about six months ago but that since then, the boy had refused to attend. The father blamed the boy's mother for the child's refusal to go the synagogue.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH SET FOR NOVEMBER; TO BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25; (JTA) -- The 18th annual nationwide observance of Jewish Book Month will be marked by hundreds of Jewish organizations across the country from November 3 to December 3, 1961, it was announced today by Dr. Alan Steinbach, president of the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board, sponsor of the Month.