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MAPAI AND ACHDUT REACH AGREEMENT; BEN-GURION TO FORM 'NARROW CABINET'

TEL AVIV, Oct. 29; (JTA) -- Mapai and the left-wing Achdut Avodah party reached agreement early today on the formation of a coalition cabinet which will enable Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to present for Knesset approval, a "small coalition" composed of the dominant Mapai party, Achdut Avodah, the National Religious party and Poale Agudat Israel. The four parties will command a slim majority in the Knesset.

Liberal party circles said today that their party would not join "a prepared Government and take portfolios that will be offered them." Mapam leaders also indicated they would not join the projected coalition.

Agreement between Mapai and Achdut Avodah was reached after nearly two months of negotiations. The Mapai Secretariat will meet tomorrow evening to vote on approval of the agreement. The Mapai party apparently has no other recourse but to form the narrow coalition with little hope of either Mapam or the Liberals joining it at a later date.

The Mapam party, which has been going hand-in-hand with Achdut Avodah, has decided to enter a Mapai-led Cabinet only if its major demands are complied with. These demands are--immediate abolition of Military Government and the conferring of such wide powers on the Parliamentary Security and Foreign Affairs Committee as would entitle it to overrule the Defense Ministry in certain cases.

HIGH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL ON STUDY MISSION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29; (JTA) -- Phillips Talbot, Assistant United States Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, arrived here today for a four-day visit to Israel. He told newsmen that his Middle East trip was "primarily a study mission" designed to acquaint him closely with the area's problems.

Mr. Talbot, who met today with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will confer tomorrow with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, and will also meet with other high officials of the Government. Today, he toured the Galilee region, and also visited Israel's project for diversion of Jordan River waters.

At the same time, a number of prominent United States members of Congress arrived here today for brief visits. Among them are Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri, Senator J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas. Senator Humphrey told correspondents here at a news conference that he has met with leaders of Arab countries and is more optimistic now about prospects of peace in the Middle East area than he was after his last visit to the region four years ago.

Other members of the U.S. Congress who arrived here today are: Rep. William G. Bray of Indiana, Rep. Alexander Pirnie of Connecticut, Rep. Ken Hechler of West Virginia, Rep. Hastings Keith of Massachusetts, Rep. Ben Reifel of South Dakota, Rep. W. Pat Jennings of Virginia, Rep. Clark MacGregor of Minnesota, Rep. J. Edward Roush of Indiana, and Rep. Ralph Harvey of Indiana.

ISRAELIS DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF SOVIET EMBASSY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 29; (JTA) -- Strong police forces, including mounted police, cordoned off the Soviet Embassy compound in suburban Ramat Gan today when a large demonstration was staged outside the police lines by an organization calling itself the Movement Against Nuclear Weapons and Tests.

The demonstrators carried signs calling on the USSR to cancel plans for exploding a 50-megaton hydrogen bomb "because of the hazard to all humanity." Members of the group tried to enter the Russian Embassy to present a petition to Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov, but were prevented from entering by the police. Police officers who inquired inside the Embassy whether the petitioners would be received were told: "Today is Sunday, not a working day; let them try tomorrow."

Pickets representing the organizers of the anti-Russia demonstration paraded also in an empty lot across the street from the American Embassy carrying signs advising President Kennedy: "Don't let Khrushchev drag you into the nuclear race."

NASSER PREPARES TO CONFISCATE MORE JEWISH PROPERTY, CAIRO REPORT SAYS

LONDON, Oct. 29: (JTA) -- Gamal Abdel Nasser's widely publicized "Arab Socialism," announced recently through steps toward confiscating property of rich, "reactionary" Egyptians, may turn out to be no more than a new drive to rob the property of the few remaining Jews and of others considered "foreigners" by the Egyptian dictator, according to Cairo dispatches received here today.

A week ago, the Egyptian regime announced the sequestration of property from 167 "reactionaries"--many of whom were Jews, Greeks and anti-Nasser Lebanese; Today's dispatches from Cairo report that a second wave of confiscations is about to be announced. Once more, the reports indicate, the victims include the same categories--Jews, Greeks and Lebanese.

ISRAELI SAILORS RESCUE SEVEN CREW MEMBERS OF LEBANESE FISHING VESSEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 29: (JTA) -- The Israel Navy investigated today the circumstances under which a Lebanese fishing boat collided with an Israeli naval vessel. Israeli sailors rescued seven Greek members of the fishing boat but an eighth member of the crew could not be found. Israel reported the incident to the Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission.

A government spokesman said that the Israeli vessel observed the boat traveling without any identification flag, which is a violation of international maritime law, in an area known to be a route for drug smuggling. As the Israeli ship approached the fishing boat, it suddenly veered course and collided with the Israeli vessel and sank. Two of the rescued sailors were treated in Haifa hospital. They said their base was in Beirut.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OPENS ACADEMIC YEAR WITH 7,600 STUDENTS; 50 FROM U.S.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29: (JTA) -- The Hebrew University opened its 37th academic year here today, with an enrollment of 7,600 students. Among them are 50 Americans, from 32 universities and colleges in the United States, taking one-year courses. About 500 other Americans at the university are research students. Forty of the students are from Asian countries.

Eighteen students from Africa and Asia began studies today in medical courses at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School here. They are enrolled in a regular, six-year curriculum, in English. Each student will serve an additional year of internship in a hospital here.

In the course of their studies, they will also be expected to learn Hebrew. The students were chosen by committees representing the World Health Organization, local minority groups in various countries, and medical schools in those countries.

WASHINGTON URGED TO BLOCK ARAB SABOTAGE OF SOLUTION OF REFUGEE PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Oct. 29: (JTA) -- The Kennedy Administration was urged today to use "every resource at its command" in blocking Arab attempts to "sabotage" a solution of the Palestinian refugee problem based on economic development of the Middle East.

Julian Freeman, of Indianapolis, chairman of the commission on international affairs of the American Jewish Congress, told the organization's national governing council that Arab spokesmen in the United Nations were preparing to reject again any proposals for alleviating the plight of the refugees by integrating them into the economies of the countries where they are now living.

The American Jewish Congress leader cited the economic development and reclamation plan proposed in 1959 by the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld which stated that the reintegration of the Palestinian refugees into productive life was "perfectly within reach" and which urged that the displaced Arab population be regarded by the host countries "not as a liability but, more justly, as an asset for the future."

NO JEWISH YOUTH GROUP CAN BE PERMITTED IN RUSSIA, SOVIET DELEGATION SAYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29: (JTA) -- A delegation of Soviet youths now touring major American cities made it clear to the B'nai B'rith here that no Jewish teen-age organizations would be permitted in the Soviet Union.

This was emphasized by the delegation in a discussion with Dr. Max Baer, national director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. "All Russians are equal citizens of the USSR," Albert Belyaev, member of the central committee of the Soviet Young Communist League, said; "Establishment of groups along religious or ethnic lines would defeat this objective of a single national identity."

Responding to a question by Dr. Baer, the leader of the delegation denied there is any contradiction when the Soviet Government stamps the word "Jew" on its passports as part of its policy of identifying its ethnic groups by nationality. The meeting with B'nai B'rith officials was held at the request of the Soviet delegation.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE APPEALS TO UNITED NATIONS AGAINST LIBYA

NEW YORK, Oct. 29; (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today concluded its three-day executive board meeting with an appeal to the State Department and to the United Nations to intervene with the Government of Libya against her official policy of harsh oppression--religious, cultural and economic--against its Jewish citizens:

"These restrictive policies are carried out despite the fact that Libya was created by the United Nations which helped to frame the Libyan constitution," the Committee pointed out. "The constitution promised equal rights to all citizens. Immediately following Libya's recognition by the United Nations, a UN Mission to Libya was established and currently extends technical and economic aid to that country:

Disclosure of Libya's flouting of UN principles and suppression of civil rights and civil liberties was based on information obtained last week from inside Libya. The report was made public yesterday by Committee president Louis Caplan who revealed that the following measures are now in operation against Jews:

1. Jews cannot vote, attain public office nor serve in the army or police;
2. The government is authorized by law to take title to "the properties of certain Jews;"
3. Jews are prohibited from acquiring new property;
4. All Jewish religious instruction and community affairs are regulated and supervised by a Moslem Commissioner;
5. Jews cannot receive passports or certification of their Libyan nationality. If a Jew wants to leave the country he may obtain a special travel document which does not indicate that he has Libyan nationality. If he does not leave within six months after receiving the document, it expires and he automatically loses his nationality and property rights;

At the present time there is a new governmental decree in preparation which would compel all "non-Libyans"--this category includes Jews, despite their centuries of residence in the country--to register with the government all property they possess, the report indicated. It asserted that the Libyan press ceaselessly attacks the Jews and there are frequent mass demonstrations against Israel and France. Persons caught in possession of letters received from Israel even indirectly through other countries are jailed.

The 6,500 Jews currently residing in Libya are the remnants of a 1948 Jewish population of some 40,000. After pogroms in 1945 and 1948, more than 33,000 Libyan Jews emigrated to Israel. Those who remained relied on the assurances of the new Libyan constitution which guaranteed that "all subjects and aliens without distinction by race or religion shall enjoy all rights established by the Constitution." In addition, they were encouraged by the Libyan government's solemn commitments to equality of all its citizens, given when it was created by the United Nations.

Reports Results of Study of Anti-Jewish Vandalism in United States

Addressing the AJC national executive board meeting last night, Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president, reported that a year-long study of youth involved in last year's swastika epidemic has revealed that the youngsters came from middle class backgrounds and were not typical delinquents. The study showed too that extensive press, radio and television coverage of the religious vandalism had triggered widespread imitative acts among the youth, many of whom were found to be emotionally ill.

The study, begun last April and completed recently, was conducted by the Research Center of the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University, in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee. Research teams of social workers and sociologists, aided by psychiatric consultants, studied the "offenders' backgrounds. The teams probed into the community and family environments of the youth, their psychological problems, their school records, neighborhood relationships, and all the complex factors contributing to the offenders' personality structure.

Although the parents of boys who had engaged in the anti-Semitic vandalism denied any anti-Semitic tendencies, familiar anti-Semitic expressions were very much in evidence both among the boys and their parents during the interviews by the study team. The interviewers also concluded that the boys had a "fairly secure feeling" that anti-Semitic acts would not evoke too much criticism of the people in their surrounding environment, "not sanctions necessarily--just not disapproval."

Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the Committee and a member of the United States Delegation to the Tenth General Assembly of the United Nations, delivered a eulogy at today's closing session for UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold whom he said had been "the world's greatest practical exponent for peace and human rights." He characterized the late world diplomat as a man who "knew that peace rests on the recognition and preservation of the rights of man."

NEW YORK, Oct. 29; (JTA) -- There are 4,079 Jewish congregations of all three denominations--Orthodox, Conservative and Reform--in the United States, according to tabulations in the 1962 Yearbook of American Churches, issued here today by the National Council of Churches. The yearbook states that all of the Jewish congregations together have a total of 5,367,000 members.

(The American Jewish Committee Yearbook gives the total of the Jewish population in the United States as 5,531,000. It is known that a substantial number of Jews in this country are not affiliated with any congregation.

SECRETARY RIBICOFF URGES UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RELIGION AND SCIENCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 29; (JTA) -- Religion can serve as a vital catalyst in creating mutual understanding between the sciences and the humanities, Abraham A. Ribicoff declared tonight. He lamented the fact that these "two great cultures scarcely know each other."

The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare observed that religion, and religious education, can serve to bring these two cultures into "one universe of discourse," since religion has always explored "the meaning of human destiny and individual self-fulfillment." He spoke before an audience of 750 guests at the Roosevelt Hotel, where he was the guest of honor at the Louis Marshall Award Dinner of the National Patrons Society of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Earlier in the day, Mr. Ribicoff received from the Seminary the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at a special convocation.

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OPENS FOUR-DAY ANNUAL CONVENTION IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Oct. 29; (JTA) -- A call for a "moratorium on hate-mongering and threats of military aggression in the Middle East" was voiced here tonight by United States Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, who urged the United States to take the initiative toward promoting a Mideast arms control pact between the Arab states and Israel.

Senator Keating was the principal speaker at the opening of the 36th annual convention here of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America. Five hundred delegates representing 50,000 members are attending the four-day parley.

Ogden R. Reid, former United States Ambassador to Israel, was honored with the 1961 America-Israel Friendship Award at tonight's session. The award is given by the Mizrahi women every year to the "person not of the Jewish faith who has contributed most deeply to understanding between the peoples of the United States and Israel."

U. N. SENDS CONSULTANT TO ISRAEL TO ADVISE ON CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Mrs. Pauline B. Cawley, a former personnel management analyst and consultant with the State of California Personnel Board, left for Israel to study and suggest improvements in the country's Civil Service. She has been assigned to Israel for an initial six-month period under the United Nations program of technical assistance.

The Government of Israel has asked the United Nations for expert advice on the methods and procedure followed for entry and advancement examinations in the Civil Service. Mrs. Cawley is expected to propose ways and means for improving these examination procedures and to advise on the preparation of examinations, including aptitude and personality tests, professional examinations for different positions, and the method of verifying the reliability and validity of these tests.

MORRIS L. SCHAVER, NOTED LABOR ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN DETROIT; WAS 68

DETROIT, Oct. 29; (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Morris L. Schaver, nationally prominent Labor Zionist leader, who died here yesterday of a heart attack, three days after his return from a visit to Israel. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Schaver was born in Warsaw and came to the United States at the age of 20, settling in Detroit. He was active in a wide range of Zionist programs and made substantial contributions to Zionist causes.

In addition to being one of the leaders of the Zionist labor movement in this country, he was also a board member of the AMPAL, and of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel. He was one of the founders of the Histadrut campaign in this country and a member of the National Committee for Labor Israel. Locally, he was a board member of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation and of the Mount Sinai Hospital.

He and his wife, Emma Schaver, the noted concert singer, had recently visited Europe prior to their visit to Israel. Mrs. Schaver presented a series of concerts in Poland for Jewish audiences during the visit there.