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ESHKOL COMPLETES FORMATION OF NEW CABINET; EBAN IS DEPUTY PREMIER

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- Finance Minister and Premier-designate Levi Eshkol virtually completed today the formation of a Cabinet which probably will be presented to the Parliament on Monday.

One difficulty to the formation of a new Government to succeed that of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was resolved when Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan reversed himself and said he would join the new Cabinet. He had previously asserted that he would resign to devote himself to study and the writing of a book. However, the former Chief of Staff said he would remain in the new Cabinet for only a few months.

It was indicated that a veteran Mapai leader, Zalman Aranne, would be named Education Minister and that Abba Eban, the present Education Minister, would be Deputy Prime Minister. Still unsettled was the question of whether Mr. Eshkol would continue as Finance Minister, in addition to being Prime Minister and Defense Minister. The indications were that the Finance Ministry might be given to Trade Minister Pinhas Sapir, who would continue also in the Trade Ministry pending a final decision in a few months.

Gen. Dayan had created a brief deadlock by reportedly demanding the Defense portfolio "or nothing" but changed his mind and agreed to continue as Agriculture Minister in the new Cabinet. His agreement averted other problems, primarily that involving Shimon Peres, who agreed to continue as Deputy Defense Minister only if Mr. Dayan remained a Cabinet member.

Observers said that what apparently emerged from the Cabinet maneuvering in Mapai was that the party veterans had managed to retain their almost total influence on the Government with the party's "young Turks" having almost no say in the situation.

SOVIET MISSILES AND ROCKET EXPERTS REPORTED ARRIVING IN EGYPT

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) -- Groups of Russian rocket experts have been arriving in Egypt recently along with considerable quantities of Russian anti-aircraft weapons and air-to-air missiles, the London Daily Telegraph correspondent reported here today from Beirut.

He said that according to reliable Middle East sources, the rocket experts included men shifted from Cuba. The correspondent asserted that, following the announcement last Tuesday in Moscow of a new Russian agreement to provide aid to Egypt, it could be expected that the number and size of Russian rockets going to Egypt would increase.

He also reported that preliminary work had been started on sites in Egypt for medium-range missiles supplied by the Soviets. Cairo Radio reported yesterday that the new Russian-Egyptian agreement would "strengthen Egypt militarily and economically." The correspondent declared that the development was a further setback for President Kennedy's policy of regarding Egyptian President Nasser as Washington's "chosen instrument" in the Middle East.

He reported that Egypt was known to already have four Russian-equipped launching sites while several squadrons of Russian MIG-21 jet fighters have been equipped with air-to-air missiles serviced by Russian technicians. A Russian naval mission is training Egyptians in the use of Soviet-built Komar-class missile-launching ships, he added.

BRNN ADMITS TRAINING ONE DOZEN ISRAELIS IN GERMAN ARMY

BRNN, June 20. (JTA) -- The West German Government officially admitted today that about one dozen officers and men of the Israeli armed forces are being trained in the use of anti-aircraft by units of the West German Army. The training is taking place in Rendsburg, a garrison in Schleswig-Holstein.

The West German Defense Ministry had refused in recent days to confirm or deny such reports, presumably from fear of a hostile reaction from Arab countries.

GERMAN CABINET RECOMMENDS EXPANSION OF PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

BCNN, June 20. (JTA) -- The West German Cabinet approved yesterday an amendment to liberalize the existing indemnification laws for Nazi victims by including also persons who suffered from Nazism but were unable to file their claims before October 1, 1953--the cutoff date in the original indemnification law--because they were then in Iron Curtain countries.

The claims of such persons, most of them Jews, will be recognized only if they have in the meantime left the Soviet bloc countries and are now living in other countries. West Germany does not recognize claims of persons living in the Soviet countries.

The amendment to the indemnification law approved by the Cabinet yesterday provides for an additional \$750,000,000 for liberalization of payments. This sum includes \$150,000,000 marked as a special hardship fund for payment of compensation to those who were unable to submit their claims by October 1, 1953, as well as increased pensions and other payments to individual victims of Nazism. The amendment will be presented to Parliament and is expected to be enacted soon.

The amendment is the second approved by the Cabinet to liberalize the existing compensation law. Last week, the Cabinet approved an amendment to the 1957 law on restitution for claims for certain types of movable property confiscated by the Nazis. This included bank accounts, jewelry, furniture and similar property, the location of which is unknown.

That amendment includes a special hardship fund of \$100,000,000 for victims who never filed claims for restitution because the original law placed the burden of proof on the claimants that the lost movable property was actually shipped to Germany from the various occupied countries. Such victims, particularly those in East European countries, were told by attorneys that it would be impossible to provide such proof and therefore did not file claims.

After the law was enacted, the West German Government dropped the requirement that victims would have to furnish proof. That agreement, however, did not help those victims who had not, in good faith, filed claims under the original burden-of-proof requirements. The \$100,000,000 hardship fund in the amendment to the restitution law was set up to pay claims for restitution in such cases.

The amounts of \$150,000,000 and \$100,000,000 in the two special hardship funds in the amendments are in addition to the \$3,500,000,000 already paid out by West Germany as well as in addition to the sums scheduled to be paid out under the indemnification and restitution laws. The amendments will be submitted to the West German Parliament soon and are expected to be enacted into law before the end of 1963.

SENATE GETS AMENDMENT AIMED AT SUSPENSION OF U. S. AID TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- The drive for a mandatory measure to sever aid from Egypt because of that country's diversion of its own resources for the purchase of Soviet arms moved forward today with the introduction of a Senate amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill by Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican.

The proposed amendment would make mandatory the "sense of Congress" measure adopted by Congress last year. Sen. Keating and Rep. Seymour Halpern, also a New York Republican, feel the former measure was inadequate because it was subject to the discretion of the State Department and consequently ignored. Sen. Keating today told the Senate his move was supported by Rep. Halpern and other members of Congress who are supporting either Halpern version in the House or the Keating measure in the Senate. Senator Paul Douglas, Illinois Democrat, announced his co-sponsorship of the Keating amendment.

Sen. Keating said his bill would, "ensure that United States funds are not used to subsidize aggressive military ventures and purchases of Soviet military equipment" by recipients of American aid. "The American taxpayer should not be called upon to subsidize aggressive actions of certain nations against their neighbors," he stated.

The Keating amendment would require that "the President shall suspend assistance" to any country that uses its domestic funds to purchase arms from nations in the Soviet bloc. Also mentioned as conditions for aid severance were subversion, propaganda, and military preparations against other nations receiving U.S. assistance. The President would be required by law to sever aid unless he determines it would be contrary to the national security and accordingly notifies the appropriate committees of Congress of such determination and the reason therefore.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs today voted to incorporate into the Foreign Aid Bill a clause proposed by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, to minimize assistance to countries like Egypt which divert their own assets for the purchase of Soviet arms. The amendment is similar to the so-called Keating-Halpern amendment in last year's Act which was ignored by the State Department.

SENATORS SEEK TO OVERRIDE BIBLE READING BAN; INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- Early Congressional committee action was sought today by southern Senators who, with the backing of a group of Republicans, introduced three proposed Constitutional Amendments to set aside the Supreme Court decision ban on prayer and Bible reading in public schools.

Senator Strom Thurmond and Senator Olin D. Johnston, both South Carolina Democrats, each introduced such an amendment. The third was introduced by six Republicans. The key element of the three proposals was that no school supported by public funds in whole or in part should be prohibited from holding Bible reading or non-sectarian prayer as long as pupil participation is voluntary.

While such measures were considered certain to run into strong opposition in both Houses, they were expected to get strong support in the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by another southerner, James O. Eastland, Mississippi Democrat. Hearings are expected either in the full committee or in the constitutional amendments subcommittee which is headed by Sen. Estes Kefauver, Tennessee Democrat. The proposals must first be approved by both Houses and then be ratified by three-fourths of the states to become amendments.

U. J. A. ENTERS INTO CONSULTATION WITH COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The National United Jewish Appeal has entered into a cooperative budget information and consultation process with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, it was announced jointly today by Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the national UJA, and Louis Stern, president of the CJFJWF. The agencies came together earlier this month for their first meeting to initiate the process, the announcement said.

Representatives of the overseas agency will continue to meet periodically with the CJFJWF's Committee on Overseas Services to present detailed budget information and to discuss UJA's underlying needs, services, and major operations. This newly concluded arrangement parallels that which the two parent organizations of the UJA--the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. and the American Joint Distribution Committee--entered into with the CJFJWF earlier this year.

The national UJA receives the largest share of all funds raised by federated welfare campaigns in this country. The budget information and consultation process with UJA deals with the costs of its fund-raising operations. The process with JAFI, Inc. and JDC deals with their overseas immigration, welfare, and related services.

Both Mr. Meyerhoff and Mr. Stern declared that these opportunities for discussion, questions, and reactions are making possible greater mutual understanding and closer cooperation for the benefit of Jewish needs in Israel and other countries. They both welcomed the process of closer cooperation between UJA and the community welfare funds. Reports of the pertinent substance and developments at these sessions will be made available to member welfare funds of the CJFJWF.

The UJA was represented by Mr. Meyerhoff, and Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the agency. Chairman of the CJFJWF Overseas Services Committee is Irving Kane of Cleveland. His committee membership includes a national cross-section of community leaders--presidents, budget chairman, executive directors, and other officials of local federations.

MAITLAND B. STEINKOPF FIRST JEW TO BECOME MANITOBA CABINET MEMBER

WINNIPEG, June 20. (JTA) -- Maitland B. Steinkopf, a 50-year-old Winnipeg attorney and civic leader, was sworn in as Provincial Secretary and Minister of Public Utilities in the Manitoba Cabinet. This is the first time a Jew has been named to a Cabinet in any Canadian province other than Ontario.

In announcing the appointment, Premier Duff Roblin said the new Minister brought to his post considerable business and legal ability and a unique administrative talent. As provincial Minister, Mr. Steinkopf's jurisdiction includes the civil service commission and the operations of the Queen's Printer and the province's centralized purchasing bureau.

The new Minister served in the Queen's Cameron Highlanders in World War II as a private, finishing as a lieutenant colonel in the Ordinance Corps. He has been president and director of a wide variety of business firms and a governor of the Winnipeg YMHA and Winnipeg General Hospital. He has served as Manitoba chairman of Israel Bonds and Bar-Ilan University. He has been a co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. His father, Max Steinkopf, came to Canada in 1889 and was the first Jewish attorney in Western Canada.

ISRAEL INTERIOR MINISTER REPORTS INCREASE IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

TEL AVIV, June 20. (JTA) -- An increase in juvenile delinquency in Israel was among the "negative aspects" in the country reported here today by Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro addressing the opening session of the convention of the National Religious Party of which he is one of the leaders.

Emphasizing that only a true Jewish religious education could remedy these social ills, the Minister told the convention that more than 200,000 children are now attending religious schools in Israel and that there were 4,500 synagogues. He said 12,000 students attended 200 yeshivahs.

He referred critically to the "American style Reform Judaism" which he said represented only increased assimilation and disintegration. He also extended greetings and a message of encouragement to Russian Jews now oppressed. More than 1,000 delegates are attending the convention.

ST. LOUIS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS BAN SMOKING FOR YOUNGSTERS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board reported today that, because smoking is considered a harmful habit for young people, a ban on smoking was instituted last week for the 2,300 teenage members of clubs meeting at the Jewish Community Centers Association of St. Louis. Until recently the youngsters could smoke in teen lounges but nowhere else in the Center facilities.

I. E. Millstone, president of the St. Louis agency, said the action was taken because of the Centers' sense of responsibility to the young people in its charge. He pointed out that Center officials felt that they had to maintain standards on behalf of their younger members, despite parental permission which may have been given for smoking elsewhere.

The new ruling was adopted as a result of a petition by the Centers' Senior High Council asking that smoking privileges be broadened. The Council was asked to prepare a program on the pros and cons of smoking. After a consideration of the findings presented at the program, it was decided that smoking is "a harmful habit" which youngsters should not develop, and the Centers' board ruled against teenagers smoking on the Centers' property or at Center functions.

NEW SUNDAY CLOSING BILL IN ILLINOIS BLOCKS PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

CHICAGO, June 20. (JTA) -- Introduction of a new Sunday closing bill in the Illinois Legislature was seen here today as another effort to block or slow down the drive for passage of the Sunday closing bill which has been approved by the State Senate. The bill, now before the House, contains a Sabbath exemption.

The new measure asks that a commission be set up to study the question and submit its findings and recommendations to the 74th General Assembly "on or before April 1, 1965."

TORONTO JEWISH LEADERS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ARAB CENTER IN NAZARETH

TORONTO, June 20. (JTA) -- An official of the Israel Young Men's Christian Association announced here today that two Toronto Jewish leaders will have key posts on a committee seeking to raise \$425,000 to help build a recreation and rehabilitation center in Nazareth for Israeli Arabs.

Rev. Herbert Minard, general secretary of the YMCA in Jerusalem, said that John D. Fienberg, Toronto builder, and Leo Weinstein, retail grocery executive, would assist J. Howard Hawke, director of the campaign in Canada. He said that about \$17,000 has been raised by public subscription in Israel and that Canadians will be asked to contribute the balance in the two-week campaign.

The two Jewish members of the committee are active in Jewish communal activities and in fund-raising for the United Jewish Appeal, the local Jewish Welfare Fund and other activities.

DR. FELIX LEVY, LEADING AMERICAN REFORM RABBI, DEAD; WAS 78

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Felix A. Levy, long-time American Reform leader and president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis from 1935 to 1937, died of a heart attack at his home in New York at the age of 78.

A member of the executive board of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Levy was a founder and president of the Academy of Higher Jewish Learning. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1907. He served as a rabbi in Rochester, N. Y. and Chicago until his retirement in 1955.

He was a chaplain in France during World War I and vice-president of the League Against War and Fascism in the 1930's. He had been chairman of the editors of Judaism, a journal of the American Jewish Congress, a member of the Board of Jewish Education of Chicago and president of the Chicago Rabbinical Association. He was the author of numerous books on Judaism and a regular contributor to Jewish periodicals.