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BEN-GURION FACES MAPAI COURT OF HONOR; SAYS PARTY IS 'ON TRIAL' *

TEL AVIV, Aug. 18: (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's former Prime Minister and leader of the Mapai Party for many years, appeared here today before the party's Court of Honor, which had summoned him to show cause why he should not be expelled from the party for attempting to split it through formation of "Rafi." The name is made up of the Hebrew initials of the Israel Workers List, an independent group which has announced it will run its own nominees in the November elections for the Knesset (Parliament), against the official Mapai list to be headed by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol.

The Mapai Secretariat had already ruled that Mr. Ben-Gurion and six of his leading adherents had "expelled" themselves from the party.

Defying the Court of Honor, Mr. Ben-Gurion delivered a 90-minute address in which he turned the tables. He rejected the role of defendant; declared himself, instead, the accuser; and insisted he was placing both the party and its topmost court on trial for "lack of moral values."

In opening the session, the chairman of the Court of Honor thanked Mr. Ben-Gurion for accepting the summons to appear. The head of the court requested the attorneys for both sides to put their questions to Mr. Ben-Gurion "in a style which is in accordance with his rights."

Declines Special Attention; Declares that 'Rafi' is 'Real Mapai'

Mr. Ben-Gurion promptly replied that he expected no special rights for his services to Israel but that, on the other hand, he did not want "the opposite." He then launched into an attack on Premier Levi Eshkol's leadership. In the "battle between the party machine and moral values," he declared, "the latter will win." He added that, while he had been called to the court as a defendant, he was in fact "the accuser."

Charging that Mapai today was not what it was in the past, the 79-year-old leader told the court: "I cannot work with colleagues who are yesmen." He assailed the limited alignment which Premier Eshkol had worked out with Achdut Avodah for the parliamentary elections, declaring that "the party is now not Mapai but an alignment. Rafi is the real Mapai."

Noting that he had been a member of the party for 59 years, he said that "if Mapai does not stand for moral values any more, I am unprepared to accept this. Lately, there has been a reign of fear and terror in the party. Thousands of officials in the party machine depend on this state of affairs. But honest people like Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres were unprepared to agree to this."

Gen. Dayan resigned earlier this year as Minister of Agriculture in support of Mr. Ben-Gurion's challenge to Premier Eshkol but has not formally joined Rafi. Mr. Peres resigned as Deputy Defense Minister and is one of the six Rafi leaders declared "self-expelled."

Because of the situation within Mapai, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "we were brought to this trial. But there are cases when majority decisions are wrong, and this is one of them. I will not agree to be expelled from Mapai as long as I live."

There were indications that the court hearing may last several more weeks, and that Mr. Eshkol may also be called as a witness.

The Secretariat action in suspending Mr. Ben-Gurion and his followers was challenged by Rafi on grounds that the Ben-Gurion backers had not been invited to that meeting. The challenge was sustained by the Tel Aviv district court. In response the party's central committee dismissed the 64-member Secretariat last Sunday night and then re-elected all of its members except 11 supporters of Rafi. One of the members re-elected to the Secretariat was Gen. Dayan, whom Mr. Ben-Gurion identified before the Court of Honor today as an opponent of the Mapai leadership.

BONN SETS BEN-NATHAN CEREMONY; ISRAEL ANTHEM NOT TO BE PLAYED

BOCNN, Aug. 18; (JTA) -- Israel's first Ambassador-designate to West Germany, Asher Ben-Nathan, will present his letters of credence next Tuesday in a ceremony devoid of military guards or playing of national anthems, Foreign Ministry officials said today.

Mr. Ben-Nathan will present his credentials to Dr. Georg Zinn, president of the Parliament's upper house, the Bundesrat, in the absence of Federal President Heinrich Lübke, who is away on a holiday. There will be no military guard, nor will the national anthems of Israel and Germany be played, in line with West German protocol.

The envoy and members of his staff will be taken to the presidential palace, the Villa Hammerschmidt, in a cavalcade of official West German Government automobiles, escorted by police. Mr. Ben-Nathan will read his credentials in Hebrew, and a German translation will be read by Ehrenfried von Holleben, head of the Foreign Ministry protocol division. The Israeli envoy will then deliver the customary Ambassador's speech to which President Zinn will reply.

Completion of this ceremony will officially make Mr. Ben-Nathan Israel's first Ambassador. In preparation for the event, a 20-foot high flagpole has already been erected in front of the Israeli Mission building in Cologne, which will be the temporary site of the Israel Embassy.

Mr. Ben-Nathan said today that political meetings probably will come later next week, when he confers with Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. While no date has been set for that meeting, informed sources here reported that the Chancellor was anxious to meet Mr. Ben-Nathan "at the earliest" possible time. Mr. Ben-Nathan also will confer then with Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder, who is expected back in Bonn next week.

Pauls Presents Credentials Today; 20,000 Yellow Badges May Greet Him

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18; (JTA) -- West Germany's first Ambassador-designate to Israel, Dr. Rolf Pauls, is scheduled to present his formal letters of credence to President Zalman Shazar tomorrow, and about 20,000 residents of this capital city have been provided with yellow badges, emblazoned with the word "Jude," to wear in protest against him and against Israeli diplomatic relations with the Bonn regime.

The badges, accompanied by leaflets, were distributed at random in the streets yesterday by about 30 faculty members and students at the Hebrew University. The leaflets urged Israelis not to forget the Nazi crimes against European Jewry, not to use German products, and not to befriend Germans.

Authors of the leaflets stressed that they did not belong to any political party, and that the group had no desire to express any opinion on the issue of Bonn-Jerusalem diplomatic relations because this was a political decision taken by the Government. Their appeal, they said, was directed at the individual Israeli, urging him "not to forget."

HOSPITAL DOCTORS IN ISRAEL ON STRIKE; 600 TRAINEES TO QUIT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 18; (JTA) -- All hospital doctors in Israel, except for skeleton staffs, began a 48-hour strike today in protest against the Government's treatment of young doctors. The younger physicians have demanded pay increases, extra pay for night shifts, and free time to increase their medical education. In another action, 600 specialist trainees in the hospitals submitted their resignations to take effect in 30 days.

UKRAINIANS GIVEN PRIVILEGE DENIED TO JEWS FOR LINKS ABROAD

LONDON, Aug. 18; (JTA) -- A news item in Pravda Ukraina, a daily newspaper published in Kiev, received here today, showed that Ukrainians are permitted to establish links with their people abroad -- a privilege denied to Russian Jewry.

The newspaper, official organ of the Communist Party of the Ukrainian SSR, reported that a district branch of the Society for Cultural Ties with Ukrainians Abroad had been set up in the city of Chernovtsy. There is no equivalent organization in Kiev, one of the larger centers of Jewish population in the USSR, for cultural or any other ties with Jews abroad.

Another Moscow dispatch today reported that a Soviet publishing house, "Sovietski Pisatel," has issued a book of verse by the Yiddish poet, Joseph Kerler. However, the poetry was translated into Russian.

Kerler's poems have appeared frequently, in Yiddish, in Sovietish Heimland and in the Warsaw Yiddish newspaper, Die Folkstimme.

HADASSAH ADOPTS \$9,488,000 BUDGET; CALLS FOR MID-EAST PEACE

NEW YORK, Aug. 18: (JTA) -- Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, closed its 51st annual convention here today by adopting a \$9,488,000 budget for its 1965-66 programs in Israel and the United States. The 2,500 delegates also elected Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson to a second one-year term as president.

The budget includes \$8,140,000 for the Israel programs, including \$3,740,000 for the Hadassah Medical Organization, \$2,100,000 for Youth Aliyah, \$1,000,000 for the building fund of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, \$700,000 for the Jewish National Fund, and \$600,000 for Hadassah's vocational education program.

In a resolution on the Middle East, the delegates voiced "growing concern" over "the continuing flow of conventional and sophisticated arms from the Soviet Union to Egypt, and the continuing insistence of Egypt's President Nasser that war with Israel is inevitable."

The resolution called on the United States Government to take all necessary steps to implement its commitment to "support the territorial integrity and political independence of all countries in the Near East." This, the resolution declared, "is a decisive factor in creating the conditions necessary for peace in the Near East."

Hadassah specifically urged the United States, in this resolution, to directly provide arms to Israel to prevent "a military imbalance" between the Arab states and Israel; to impress on the Arab states that "unlawful water diversion projects are and will be considered acts of aggression"; to continue economic aid to Israel; and to encourage the leaders and peoples of the area "to concentrate their efforts and their resources on regional cooperation and peace, and to reject hostility to Israel as a national policy."

Emigration to Israel Seen as One Path Toward Jewish Fulfillment

In another resolution, the delegates noted that the rebirth of Israel offered Jews "in free countries new paths for Jewish self-fulfillment" and that immigration to Israel was "one such path." The resolution added that, while "not every Zionist will choose this expression of self-fulfillment, Hadassah believes it is an obligation of the American Zionist movement to foster the idea of aliyah, to encourage those who choose aliyah and to help them attain their objective." The convention called on all Hadassah chapters "to cooperate with official groups charged with facilitating the plans of those who have decided on aliyah to Israel, and to encourage support and understanding of aliyah within their communities."

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, executive secretary of the Foundation for Jewish Culture, at today's closing luncheon, told the delegates that the real challenge to Jewishness "in our time is for it to learn to speak to America, rather than to the Jews of America, which further implies speaking to the whole Jew not merely to the Jewish part of him." He asserted that "the motivation for Jewish learning must be shifted from preparation for existence within the Jewish enclave, or against the possibility of Jewish catastrophe, to the conviction that such understanding will make more effective spokesmen for the attainment of social justice and world order to which the contemporary Jewish contribution is potentially powerful."

Humphrey Lauds Israel's Medical Research as Boon to World

Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, told the annual Hadassah dinner session last night that, after seeing the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, he wanted to see it again, and that he wanted more and more Americans "and other visitors of every faith and nationality, to see it and be inspired by it."

The Vice-President said that Israel's medical research "has already enriched the world far beyond what would be predicted by some slide rule formula -- by the size of her population, or the modest amount of her natural resources or brief length of her sovereignty." He also declared that official United States assistance to Israeli research in dollars and in counterpart currency "is probably one of the highest dividend-paying 'investments' in history."

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, who also attended the banquet session, said it was significant and important that Hadassah had honored the Vice-President with its 1965 Henrietta Szold Award for his contributions "to the advancement of medicine." Another of the dinner's principal guests of honor was Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, who had addressed the convention earlier in the week. Mr. Comay warned that continuing Arab hostilities leave Israel no choice except that of maintaining "a high level of deterrent strength." He said the Arabs would attack Israel "only when their leaders think they can win."

JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED NEAR ALBANY; 14 TOMBSTONES OVERTURNED

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 18: (JTA) -- A Jewish cemetery on the outskirts of Albany was desecrated sometime in the last few nights, 14 tombstones being overturned and a number of others being smeared with defamatory slogans, it was discovered today. However, it was noted that no swastikas were in evidence.

The cemetery is one consecrated for the use of members of the local branch of the Workmen's Circle, and the discovery of the outrage was made by Carl Rosenkopf, district secretary of the Jewish fraternal organization. He reported the desecration to state police, who said they would start an immediate investigation in an effort to find the perpetrators.

Leaders of the local Jewish community, angered over the manifestation, said, however, that they believed no anti-Semitism but simply vandalism was involved. They pointed to the fact that several other cemeteries near the Workmen's Circle burial grounds had been damaged, although the worst of the desecrations took place in the Workmen's Circle site.

JEWS ACCUSE RABBI OF RUNNING 'BAR MITZVAH FACTORY'; HE DENIES IT

NEW YORK, Aug. 18: (JTA) -- A Town Board in suburban Long Island began an inquiry today into complaints by residents, most of them Jews, that a rabbi was operating a "Bar Mitzvah factory" and a kosher catering business which were creating traffic hazards.

The target of the complaints of a group of residents of Syosset was Rabbi Morris Appleman, spiritual leader of the 2,500-member East Nassau Hebrew Congregation. Members of the Syosset Homeowners and Birchwood Park Association made the charges at a meeting of the Oyster Bay Town Board.

An association member said it was embarrassing for the residents, largely Jewish, to seek action against a rabbi "but he is hiding behind a church cloak and we've just got to do something about it." They charged that Rabbi Appleman had expanded his catering service beyond the needs of his congregation, and was violating a zoning ordinance. They also expressed concern over mounting automobile traffic resulting from the weekend catering services at the synagogue.

Rabbi Appleman denied all the charges, replying that there was no issue but that the residents "are making a problem."

SABBATH OBSERVING STUDENTS GET SPECIAL RULING IN N. Y. SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Aug. 18: (JTA) -- High school students and teachers whose Sabbath observance begins Friday afternoon will be allowed to have their schedules adjusted where possible to eliminate any conflict with their beliefs, according to a memorandum sent to high school principals by Dr. Bernard E. Donovan, Acting Superintendent of New York Schools, made public here today.

The memorandum resulted from discussions held at the Board of Education in reference to late sessions in the high schools and their effect on after-school religious instruction and Sabbath and holy day observance of Jewish children and teachers. The National Council of Young Israel urged Jewish parents to take advantage of the new ruling to request early sessions for their children on Friday.

BRITISH LABOR UNIT CALLS FOR BOYCOTT OF STAMP SHOWING SWASTIKA

LONDON, Aug. 18: (JTA) -- The Transport and General Workers Union in the Channel Islands revived today the controversy over a Battle of Britain commemorative stamp, containing a swastika in its design, by calling for a boycott of the issue.

The stamp, to be issued September 13, shows a downed German plane with a swastika on its tail. The British Government rejected six requests in the House of Commons and the House of Lords for withdrawal of the stamp or for a change in the design. The Board of Deputies of British Jews has complained on the issue, without success.

MONUMENT TO 10,000 JEWISH MARTYRS DEDICATED AT BRNO, MORAVIA

LONDON, Aug. 18: (JTA) -- A monument to the 10,000 local Jews deported and slaughtered by the Nazis was unveiled in Brno, the capital of the province of Moravia, it was reported here today from Prague. A huge gathering of Brno citizens, as well as representatives of the authorities and of the Jewish community, attended the ceremony. The monument is a statue recalling the tragedy.

HARRY HANDLER, JEWISH EDUCATOR, LEADER OF PRINCIPALS, DEAD

PASSAIC, N.J., Aug. 18: (JTA) -- Harry Handler, a founder and former president of the Hebrew Principals Association and a former member of the licensing board for Hebrew teachers, died of a heart attack here. He was 84.