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ESHKOL INVITES MAPAM TO JOIN NEW CABINET; ASKS DISSIDENTS TO RETURN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, leader of the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment, which won the largest vote among all the lists for which Israelis balloted in the national elections last week, today invited the Mapam Party to enter the coalition for the new Government he is planning.

Mapam, according to the still incomplected tallies of the balloting, seems to have won eight seats in the next Knesset (Parliament), while the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment has a probable 44 seats and a possible 45 places. The final and official results of the elections are expected to be announced late tonight.

Mr. Eshkol made his offer to Mapam at a meeting here today with two of that party's leaders, Meir Yeari and Yaacov Hazan. The Mapam chiefs told Mr. Eshkol they would discuss the offer with their organization's executive bodies, after which they will meet with the Premier again.

Meanwhile, Mr. Eshkol indicated today that he would welcome the return to the Mapai ranks of some of the dissidents who broke away from Mapai to join Rafi, the Israel Workers List formed by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. In an address at Tel Aviv, Mr. Eshkol said he believed that "an errant minority" had become "involved in this adventure for various reasons, but they would return to the family."

He warned Mapai, as well as the alignment, to "look to the future, and not backward to the affairs that occurred in the past." He told the Mapai Central Committee, at the same time, that Mapai "must not rest on the laurels won in the election." "Victories," he stated, "are not perpetual, nor assured for the future. The party should now begin to ensure the confidence of the nation by virtue of its day-to-day work." He urged the inclusion in the party and in the Histadrut leadership of "the young and vital elements" among the members of both organizations.

Rise In Israel's Foreign Currency Reserves Reported

Meanwhile the Israel Treasury today announced that Israel's foreign currency reserves totaled more than \$700,000,000 at the end of the last fiscal year, an increase of 20 percent over the previous fiscal year. The Treasury also predicted a further rise to \$750,000,000 by the end of the current fiscal year.

In a breakdown, the Treasury reported that earnings from exports rose by \$50,000,000 and expenditures for imports declined by \$58,000,000. On the other hand, the flow of loans and other funds to Israel dropped from \$664,000,000 to \$650,000,000.

The chief drop was in West German restitution payments which declined from \$148,000,000 in 1963-64 to \$123,000,000. A further drop is expected this year but the amended restitution law in West Germany is expected to raise income from this source to \$150,000,000 in 1966-67. Aid from the United States totaled \$58,800,000 of which \$24,400,000 came as a loan and \$34,400,000 in the form of farm surplus grants.

ISRAEL SUBMITS COMPLAINT AGAINST JORDAN FOR PLANTED EXPLOSIVES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Israel lodged a complaint against Jordan today before the U.N. Jordanian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission, accusing the Jordanian Government of responsibility for the near-fatal planting of explosives discovered yesterday under the tracks of the Haifa-Jerusalem railroad, a few minutes before a Jerusalem-bound train was to pass over the spot.

Israel told the Armistice Commission that the explosives, weighing about nine pounds, were found at a spot only about 67 feet from the Jordanian border. The Israeli border patrol unit which found the explosive traced an electric wire leading from the potential site of the blast, extending about 35 feet into the Jordanian side of the border. In its complaint, Israel blamed El Fatah terrorists for the attempted attack, but held Jordan responsible for harboring the El Fatah sabotage gang.

JEWS IN GERMANY ASK GOVERNMENT NOT TO 'DEFER' INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS

BONN, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany sent a telegram today to Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, requesting that there be no delay in the payment of indemnification to victims of Nazism.

Germany's Finance Minister, Dr. Rolf Dahlgren, announced last week that, due to a cramped budget for 1966, the first installment of \$50,000,000, to have been paid next year to a special group of victims of Nazism, would be "deferred." That group, including an estimated 150,000 Jews, consists of those victims of Nazism who could not escape from East European countries in time to file restitution claims prior to an old cut-off date which set October 1, 1953, as the deadline for such applications.

Under a special "hardship fund," these post-1953 claimants would be entitled to a total of \$300,000,000, with the first installment due in 1966;

COUNSELOR OF GERMAN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL DENIES NAZI MEMBERSHIP

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Dr. Alexander Toerock, chief counselor of the West German Embassy in Israel, denied categorically here today that he had been a member of the Arrow Cross, the Nazi party in Hungary, as charged by Israeli newspapers yesterday.

After carefully examining a photostatic copy of his alleged Arrow Cross membership card, printed by a Hungarian Communist newspaper last week, and reprinted in the Israeli press, Dr. Toerock said his purported Arrow Cross membership card was a forgery. He cited the facts that the card shown in the newspapers listed his mother's religion as Catholic, whereas she was a Lutheran; and that his home address was different from the one shown on the card. He said his signature on the card had been forged.

A spokesman for the Israel Foreign Ministry said that, for the time being, the Ministry would abstain from taking a position on the charges against Dr. Toerock, awaiting his supply of further proof in support of his denial of the truthfulness of the charges.

When he was first appointed to his present post, last July, Israeli newspapers reprinted charges of his past membership in the Arrow Cross made in the Communist press in Budapest: Dr. Toerock, who is now a naturalized German citizen, was a Hungarian during the war, and represented Hungary in Berlin during the Nazi regime. However, he has consistently denied any membership in any Nazi organization, pointing out that a diplomat representing a country in a totalitarian state is not responsible for the politics of the country to which he is accredited.

Bonn Says Charges Against Dr. Toerock Are 'Erroneous'

BONN, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Office here said today that charges of past membership in the Hungarian Arrow Cross by Dr. Alexander Toerock, Number Two man in West Germany's mission in Israel, are "erroneous." "We have no reason whatever," said the spokesman, "to doubt his political past or his statements."

An official pointed out that, prior to his appointment to the post in Israel, Dr. Toerock had assured the Foreign Office he had no Nazi past. "It is unbelievable that Dr. Toerock would have lied to the Foreign Minister or would have dared go to Israel as deputy chief of the German Embassy there if he had, in fact, been a member of the Arrow Cross," the Foreign Office spokesman said. Political circles here noted that the charges against Dr. Toerock emanated from Communist sources in Budapest.

GERMAN JURY CONFUSED ON FIRST CASE INVOLVING STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

BONN, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- The first case in West Germany involving application of the statute of limitations for manslaughter was suspended in Schweinfurt today, when the jury found itself in a legal tangle and found itself unable to try the defendant.

The case involved Gerhard Schlosser, 51, who was a Nazi policeman in the Czenstochow Ghetto in occupied Poland, charged with the 1942 murder of Harry Mittler, a Jewish medical assistant in the ghetto. Schlosser had been tried four times previously for war crimes in the ghetto. In the fourth trial, he was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Mittler, but the judgment was set aside by the Bundesgerichtshaus, the highest West German court, on juridical grounds, and a new trial ordered.

The court held the crime to be manslaughter and not murder because the prosecution was unable to prove that Schlosser had killed Mittler because of "race hatred." The statute of limitations for manslaughter became effective five years ago without opposition. The jury members decided they were unable to try Schlosser.

DIVISIVENESS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U. S. JEWS SEEN AT CONSERVATIVE PARLEY

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 9: (JTA) -- "High walls of divisiveness" have arisen between the Jewish communities of Israel and of the United States because of the lack of a dialogue between them on the cultural, spiritual and intellectual levels, Prof. Moshe Davis, head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, declared here tonight:

Rabbi Davis, who is also research professor in American Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was ordained, addressed the more than 1,600 delegates attending the five-day biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, the congregational arm of the Conservative movement.

"If we really want to share a creative future," Prof. Davis declared, "we must find the way to enlist the inventive minds among American and Israeli Jewry in a cooperative thought force which will strive, in active cooperation, to give the Jewish people a new version of the ancient dream of Zion."

The divisiveness is happening despite a "new physical unity" among the Jews of the world because of the air and space age, he said: "Today, in terms of distance, the State of Israel, so to speak, is a suburb of the Diaspora; in terms of Judaism, the entire Diaspora is a suburb of Jerusalem. We must explore the meaning of this unprecedented situation," he told the convention:

He declared that what Israel requires of American Jewry is not only continued material help "but our spiritual strength as well -- the assurance of our ability to give Torah to Israel as well as to receive spiritual guidance from it." What is required of every Jew, he said, is personal identification with Israel, "whether it be a year of study or regular visits."

The convention luncheon today was in tribute to the Jewish Theological Seminary on its 80th anniversary. Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, provost of the Seminary and professor of homiletics, was the speaker.

B'NAI B'RITH LEADER WARNS BRITISH JEWRY ON RIFT IN JEWISH COMMUNITY

LONDON, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Charges that "all is not well" in the Anglo-Jewish community and that "divisions between the lay and religious sectors" appear to be increasing among British Jewry were made today by Jack Morrison, honorary grand president of the B'nai B'rith District Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland. He voiced those charges in an address to the annual meeting of the organization, at Leeds. More than 100 B'nai B'rith leaders attended the parley.

The divisions between the lay and religious bodies in Britain, said Mr. Morrison, "are harmful." He warned that "there is no time for complacency, but it is time to speak out against disunity and intolerance wherever they occur." At the same time, Mr. Morrison noted the recent upsurge of attacks against synagogues, declaring that these anti-Semitic outbreaks are by no means confined to Britain or to the lunatic fringe. "They serve to remind us of the need for constant vigilance, even in a free democratic country like England," he said.

Haim Pinner, executive director of the district, reported on B'nai B'rith's activities, designed to safeguard Jewish rights everywhere. He noted that B'nai B'rith now operates in 40 countries, and stressed particularly the fraternal order's "foremost part in the struggle on behalf of Soviet Jewry." One of the most important items on the convention's agenda concerned the future of the Hillel Foundation in this country, and further development of the B'nai B'rith youth movement.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES TO START STATISTICAL RESEARCH ON BRITISH JEWRY

LONDON, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- A unit to undertake statistical and demographic research on British Jewry has been established by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, in cooperation with the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The unit will concentrate during its first year on collecting and evaluating statistical data aimed at getting better estimates of the size of Jewish communities in London and the provinces.

THREE JEWISH CONGRESSMEN VISIT VIET NAM TO SURVEY SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Three Congressmen of Jewish faith have visited Viet Nam to observe the situation there in the last three weeks, it was reported here today. They are Representatives Seymour Halpern, Republican, and Lester Wolff and Joseph Resnick, both Democrats, all of New York.

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN MIZRACHI WOMEN ADOPTS \$1,335,000 BUDGET

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 9: (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Women's Organization of America adopted last night a budget of \$1,335,000 to meet child-care, social service and vocational education needs in Israel during the next 12 months and to continue its educational and cultural activities in the United States during the coming year. The budget was approved at the organization's national convention here attended by some 1,000 delegates.

The convention also approved a \$350,000 project involving a five-stage effort through the Jewish National Fund to redeem Mount Hazon in Israel's Galilee to be completed within a three-year period.

The project will include the building of two miles of road to the top of the mountain, which rises to an elevation of 2,000 feet; the planting of a forest of 75,000 trees; the erection of a watchtower at the top of the mountain; the redemption of 125 acres of land and the eventual construction of a recreation park when the area has been developed for settlement by religious settlers.

A special allocation of \$25,000 was voted by the delegates to expand the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library in Jerusalem established shortly after the late President's assassination.

MRS. MAX M. ROSENBERG REELECTED PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT

NEW YORK, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, of Short Hills, N. J., has been reelected national president of Women's American ORT for another two-year term, it was reported today by the organization. Mrs. Rosenberg is also a vice-president of the American ORT Federation and a vice-president of the Central Board of the World ORT Union.

ORT, the largest non-governmental vocational training agency in the world, operates over 600 vocational installations in 22 countries on 5 continents. Women's American ORT, a nationwide organization of 66,000 members in 490 chapters, is affiliated with the American ORT Federation, which currently receives funds, exclusive of membership dues, by special agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee.

2,000 JEWISH ARTISANS ARE ORGANIZED IN COOPERATIVES IN POLAND

LONDON, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Jewish craftsmen are organized in the 17 artisan cooperatives sponsored by the Jewish and Social Cultural Association of Poland, according to reports received here today -- from the Polish capital.

At a national conference of the Jewish artisan cooperatives in Warsaw it was also reported that a large number of Polish Jewish women work full or part time for the cooperatives and by so doing are able to supplement their families' incomes. Most of the members of the cooperatives are obliged to be members of the Polish Jewish and Cultural Association.

AUSTRALIAN STATE GOVERNMENT MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO JEWISH APPEAL

MELBOURNE, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- The Victoria State Government associated itself today, in an unprecedented gesture, with the current Jewish Welfare and Relief Appeal with a contribution of 250 pounds. The contribution indicated the state government's recognition of the important role of the welfare society in the social welfare services provided in the state.

CANTOR OF CHICAGO TEMPLE INVITED TO PERFORM SERVICES IN RUMANIA

CHICAGO, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- For the first time since the Second World War, a cantor from a western country will conduct services in Rumania when Cantor Maurice Roman of Temple Isaiah Israel here, performs at services in Temple Choral, the main synagogue in Bucharest, on November 19. Cantor Roman, a native of Rumania, was invited to conduct the services by Dr. Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi and president of the Jewish Federation of Rumania.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF JABOTINSKY ANNOUNCED BY HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Establishment of scholarships honoring the memory of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder of the Zionist-Revisionist movement, was announced here today by the Hebrew University.

Under a grant of 10,000 Israeli pounds (\$3,333), given by a group of Jabotinsky admirers headed by Max Lebeckin, of Zurich, the scholarships will be divided equally every year between two research fellowships for undergraduates at the university.