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NEW KNESSET CONVENES TODAY; ESHKOL PROPOSES FULL MAPAI-ACHDUT MERGER

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet will formally present its resignation to President Zalman Shazar at noon tomorrow and, immediately afterward, the Knesset (Parliament) will convene for its sixth session since the rebirth of Israel in 1948. Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will preside at tomorrow's opening session of the Knesset as the oldest member of the Parliament. He will announce the resignation of the outgoing Cabinet;

The Cabinet's resignation, however, will not end the responsibilities of the members of the Government. They will continue in office as a caretaker Government, until the new coalition, under the leadership of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, is formed. That task is expected to be completed in about three weeks.

In a proposal for full merger of the Mapai Party and Achdut Avodah, which had formed an alignment that won a dominant role in Israel's political life as a result of the November 2 elections, was made in Tel Aviv last night by Mr. Eshkol. At the same time, he expressed the hope that a united Mapai-Achdut Avodah Party would "eventually" include also those members of Rafi "who would return to the fold." Rafi is the name of the dissident group of former Mapai members who ran their own Israel Workers List in the elections, under the leadership of Mr. Ben-Gurion, winning 10 seats out of a total of 120 in the next Parliament.

Mr. Eshkol made his proposal for a full merger between Mapai and Achdut Avodah at a post-election rally of members of the alignment. The merger idea had first been broached at the meeting by Minister of Labor Yigal Allon, then spelled out concretely by the Premier. Mr. Eshkol suggested that Mapai and Achdut Avodah members of the Knesset form a faction which would act as a "central committee" of the projected united party.

Eshkol Terms Ben-Gurion's Remark a 'Burning Insult' to the Voters

While welcoming a return to the Mapai ranks by members of Rafi, Mr. Eshkol at the same time took sharp issue with Mr. Ben-Gurion's characterization of the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment as a "corrupt and stupid regime." Such labeling of the alignment, Mr. Eshkol said -- without naming Mr. Ben-Gurion -- was "an insult" to the 500,000 voters who had cast their ballots for the alignment's ticket. He stated that the alignment's votes had included the ballots of the majority of Kibbutz members in the country, and declared that "this slander, this burning insult, awaits reparation."

Meanwhile Mapai secretary-general Reuven Barkatt met today with Aryeh Bahir, a member of the political committee of Rafi, to discuss "normalization" between the two groups. The meeting coincided with a reported remark by Mr. Ben-Gurion to key Rafi members that, with publication of his book on the Lavon Affair soon, he would consider the interparty issue closed. This was a reference to the battle between him and Pinhas Lavon, a Mapai leader, who was forced out as Defense Minister in 1955 as a result of a never-disclosed security disaster.

In Tel Aviv, Mordechai Namir was assured today of continuing in office as mayor, as a result of decisions by Rafi, Mapam and the Independent Liberals to join his coalition. Mr. Namir is a member of Mapai.

While there were still conflicting reports here today on whether Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Education Minister Zalman Arrane would continue in their posts in the new Cabinet, Foreign Minister Golda Meir is insisting on going through with her plans to resign from the Cabinet. She is expected to be replaced by Deputy Premier Abba Eban.

20,000 ISRAELI PROFESSIONALS GET 18% SALARY RISE; RETROACTIVE TO 1964

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Twenty thousand Israeli professionals employed by the Government and in public institutions were granted an 18 percent salary increase today, retroactive to April, 1964. The increase will affect engineers, doctors, teachers, chemists, economists and journalists.

The wage hike was granted by the Ministerial Committee on Wages which has been studying the demands of other professionals besides engineers for parity in salaries paid to all professional and administrative personnel. The new salaries are to be linked to the wage scales already established for engineers and for other professionals given increases during the past several months.

JEWS IN GERMANY APPEAL TO PARLIAMENT ON PAYMENTS OF RESTITUTION

BONN, Nov. 21, (JTA) -- The Central Council for the Jews in Germany reported today it had appealed to both houses of the West German Parliament to keep their promises to pay restitution payments to Nazi victims on schedule.

Finance Minister Rolf Dahlgren announced on November 4 that payments totaling 200,000,000 marks (\$50,000,000), scheduled to have been made this year to a special class of victims of Nazism, would be "deferred" for one year. Those affected were persons who were unable to file for restitution prior to October 1, 1953, the deadline in the original legislation. They include thousands of Jews who were prevented from filing their claims because they lived in countries behind the Iron Curtain at that time.

The widely-circulated German weekly Die Zeit came out in its current issue with an article charging that many of the West German judges hearing appeals in cases concerning compensation to victims of Nazism are themselves former Nazis. The publication claimed that at least 30 of the 33 judges hearing such appeals in Coblenz were formerly members of the Nazi Party or its ancillaries. Of six judges on the local court hearing such cases in Coblenz, the periodical stated, five are former Nazis. Among the five, it was charged, is the chairman of the local court dealing with compensation cases.

GERMAN DIPLOMAT IN ISRAEL LEAVES FOR BONN TO PROVE HE WAS NO NAZI

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21, (JTA) -- Dr. Alexander Toerock, the top deputy of West Germany's diplomatic mission here, who had been accused publicly of having been a member of the Arrow Cross, the Hungarian Nazi party, during the Hitler era, left for Bonn today "to hold talks with the Foreign Ministry people."

He said he hoped to prove to the Foreign Ministry that the charges, which he has denied persistently, are unfounded. "I was not asked to come to Bonn," he said, prior to his departure from Lydda Airport. "I am going on my own initiative, and shall return very shortly."

J.W.V. ATTACKS EQUIPPING OF GERMAN WEAPONS WITH U.S. NUCLEAR WARHEADS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21, (JTA) -- A proposal that West Germany be equipped with long-range weapons armed with American nuclear warheads was attacked here today by the national policy committee of the Jewish War Veterans in a statement issued after a policy meeting.

The statement, commenting on a suggestion by a member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, said America should cooperate in defense of West Germany and Europe but retain possession and control of nuclear weapons to prevent escalation and proliferation. "Let us not forget that twice in this century, German militarists unleashed viciously irresponsible wars of aggression," the statement stressed.

CATHOLIC EDITOR SAYS VATICAN DECREE ON THE JEWS IS 'IRREVERSIBLE'

NEW YORK, Nov. 21, (JTA) -- The recently promulgated Catholic Church doctrine, repudiating the ancient charge that the Jews are collectively guilty of the death of Jesus, is "irreversible" because, from now on, it is a "doctrinal" statement, the Rev. Walter M. Abbott, a prominent American Jesuit, declared here in a lecture this weekend. Father Abbott is an associate editor of America, a Jesuit weekly.

He said that the statement regarding relations between the Catholic Church and the Jewish religion cannot be undone in the future because it calls for "teaching" of the new doctrine. Hereafter, he declared, any Catholic who uses biblical phrases to denounce the Jews as deicides or as an accursed people will be a heretic in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

B'NAI B'RITH TO ASSIST IN JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21, (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith board of governors, holding its 122nd annual meeting here, today initiated plans to assist the Jews of Latin America in developing closer relations with non-Jews.

Latin American members reported to the board that the "spirit of ecumenism" generated by the Vatican Council in Rome "will advance intergroup harmony" in Catholic nations, but that the "full impact of the Vatican Council's Declaration on the Jews will probably take one or two generations to develop." B'nai B'rith adopted a program of technical and financial aid for human relations activities that will be "locally-planned and locally-directed" through B'nai B'rith affiliates in Latin American countries. B'nai B'rith has units in 15 Latin American nations.

Dr. William A. Wexler, B'nai B'rith international president, announced that the program will begin early next year.

MORRIS ABRAM CALLS ON ARABS TO RECONCILE THEIR PROBLEMS WITH ISRAEL

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21: (JTA) -- A call to the Arab nations to reconcile their problems with Israel and to promote coexistence between Israel and the Arab countries was issued here today by Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, at the conclusion of a two-day session here of the annual meeting of the AJCommittee's national executive board.

Referring to Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's recent order to liberalize the restrictions on the Arabs in the country residing in areas close to the frontiers of the neighboring Arab countries, Mr. Abram said that the Arabs, who always talk about coexistence in the United Nations as members of the non-aligned bloc, actually have been "purveyors of racism" in Latin America and elsewhere, where they continuously appeal to the most violent elements.

"They have been deliberately fomenting trouble between citizens of peaceful countries such as Argentina and Brazil, simply because of their anti-Jewish feelings," he declared. Mr. Abram, who is U.S. representative on the Human Rights Commission at the United Nations, reported that, when the Convention condemning racial and ethnic discrimination was introduced at the United Nations, the Arab countries inserted an attack on Zionism, linking it with anti-Semitism and Nazism.

Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the Committee and a former U.S. delegate to the United Nations, presented the organization's American Liberties Medalion to Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. representative at the United Nations. The award was accepted for Ambassador Goldberg, who has been bed-ridden for a week with a virus, by Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr., his deputy.

A. J. C. Study Shows Anti-Semitism Was No Factor in Negro Riots

A study presented to the American Jewish Committee at its concluding session today establishes that anti-Semitism was not a primary factor in the North Philadelphia rioting of August 28-30, 1964, even though the overwhelming majority of the white businessmen in the riot zone were Jewish.

The study analyzes the violence that shook North Philadelphia in the late summer of 1964: "Not one eye-witness to the riot recalls the mobs shouting anti-Semitic slogans although anti-white slogans abounded," the report says. "Nor is there anything to suggest that the results would have been appreciably different had the majority of the white merchants been of Italian, Swedish or German background."

On the other hand, the report does point out "the residents of the area are very much aware of ethnic and religious differences, and there is, in fact, some anti-Jewish sentiment which grows in part out of the economic facts of life."

The prevalence of Jewish merchants in North Philadelphia, the report relates, stems from the history of the area: Once a predominantly Jewish neighborhood, North Philadelphia changed its ethnic character as the Jewish community climbed the economic ladder and moved to other neighborhoods. But, the report adds, "it is likely that many, if not most, of North Philadelphia's residents are treated by Jewish doctors, advised by Jewish lawyers and served by Jewish community agencies."

SERVICE OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO AFRICANS STRESSED AT NEW YORK DINNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The role of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in promoting stability and peace by preparing the emerging nations of Africa and Asia to govern themselves was stressed here tonight by Dr. Bernard Cherrick, executive vice-president of the University.

Dr. Cherrick, who addressed the Scopus Award dinner of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, said that "virtually every program we have at the Hebrew University, including the medical school, takes into consideration the obligation we feel and the opportunity we have to contribute to the development of these countries."

The Scopus Award was presented at the dinner to Dr. Albert B. Sabin, the developer of oral polio vaccine, who lauded the university medical center as "an indispensable component" of the "future growth and development of Israel." Dr. Sabin said that the university medical center "has unique opportunities for contributing knowledge that can benefit all mankind."

A guest at the event was the Earl of Balfour, nephew of the late author of the historic Balfour Declaration who urged support of the Hebrew University from all quarters. Nathaniel Goldstein, president of the American Friends organization, called the Hebrew University Medical School "an international focus for the dissemination of medical knowledge."

\$20,000,000 HOSPITAL DEDICATED AT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21: (JTA) -- The new hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine was formally dedicated today on the campus of the College in the Bronx. The 12-story, air-conditioned general hospital, with a capacity of 375 beds, will admit its first patients on January 3, 1966.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony at the hospital entrance marked the completion of the new \$20,000,000 patient-care facility. Participating in the ceremony were: Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University; Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, dean of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the Board of Overseers of the College and Max J. Etra, chairman of the University's Board of Trustees.

The day's events were climaxed with a dedication dinner in the evening. Contributions totaling over \$4,000,000 were announced at the dinner for the completion, equipment and initial operating costs of the hospital.

JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST DONATES \$1,500,000 TO NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 21: (JTA) -- K. Bernard Weissman, a Jewish financier whose immigrant father ran a small candy store on New York's lower East Side, donated \$1,500,000 to New York University for the construction of a new building for the institution's School of Dentistry, the university announced here last night. The building, to be erected not far from Mr. Weissman's birth place on Forsyth Street, will bear the name of the donor.

Mr. Weissman helped support his family when he was 10 years old by teaching English to East Side immigrants, by working in a tailor shop and, later, by teaching piano. He amassed his fortune by financing agriculture in various foreign countries.

JEWISH SEMINARY HOLDS CONVOCATION IN BOSTON; MARKS 80th ANNIVERSARY

BOSTON, Nov. 21: (JTA) -- R. Sargent Shriver, director of the U.S. Peace Corps and of the Government's anti-poverty program, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters at an academic convocation held here today by the Jewish Theological Seminary. It was the first convocation ever held here by the seminary, which marked its 80th anniversary with this event.

Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the seminary, who conferred the degree on Mr. Shriver, also awarded an honorary degree to Dr. Julius A. Stratton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and bestowed the seminary's 80th anniversary medal on Dr. Harry A. Wolfson, Nathan Littauer professor emeritus of Hebrew literature and philosophy at Harvard University. He lauded all three for the "high moral purpose" which motivated each of the recipients in his respective field of endeavor.

OBSERVANCE OF 'JEWISH BOOK MONTH' STARTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Nov. 21: (JTA) -- Observance of Jewish Book Month was started this weekend in more than 2,000 Jewish institutions and groups throughout the United States under the slogan "A Jewish Library in Every Jewish Home." Jewish Book Month is conducted annually under the auspices of the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board to promote an understanding of an appreciation for Jewish literature.

Jewish Book Month programs have been scheduled by Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHA's, synagogues, libraries, Hillel Foundations, PTAs of Jewish schools, bureaus of Jewish education, local chapters of national Jewish organizations, Jewish military chaplains and JWB Armed Forces and Veterans Services Committees. They include book fairs, dramatizations, lectures, forums, panel discussions, exhibits, children's events, radio and television programs and book reviews.

PROF. DANTE LATTES, PROMINENT JEWISH SCHOLAR, DIES IN ITALY; WAS 89

VENICE, Nov. 21: (JTA) -- Professor Dante Lattes, a noted Jewish scholar, author, journalist and educator, died here this weekend at the age of 89. He wrote a number of works on the history and philosophy of Zionism.

Born in Pitigliani, Italy, Dr. Lattes studied at the Rabbinical College in Leghorn and became an early devotee of Zionism to which he dedicated his life. He was lecturer at the Rome Rabbinical College. He served as secretary of the Zionist Federation and later as its honorary president.

His career in journalism began when he founded a Jewish periodical in Trieste which later merged with the weekly, Israel. He also founded and edited the monthly, Rassegna d'Israele, one of the world's top-level Jewish periodicals. During the Second World War, Dr. Lattes lived in Palestine. He returned to Italy in 1946.

Among his numerous works were "The Idea of Israel," which has been translated into many languages; "The History of Zionism," and a number of books on Bible commentary, literature, philosophy and history.