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## ISRAELI GOVERNMENT URGED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO FIGHT ON UNEMPLOYMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The battle within Israel's parties over plans to deal with the country's economic troubles shifted today to a growing demand that Government action to check mounting joblessness receive immediate priority.

The parties within Premier Levi Eshkol's Mapai-Achdut Avodah-dominated Government continued to be sharply split over details of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's tough, three-year austerity program. The Sapir plan calls for higher taxes, drastic cuts in cost-of-living allowances to wage-earners, penalties for inefficient industries, and incentives to industries producing for export. A series of coalition party meetings has done little to end the differences. Mapam holds that the Sapir plan bears too heavily on the wage earners. The National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals urge greater efficiency as the key to Israel's mounting inflation and worsening trade imbalance.

While Mr. Eshkol announced plans for further efforts to win some kind of coalition agreement on the Sapir plan, virtually all of the parties began putting pressure on the Government to deal with the problem of growing joblessness.

Mapam sources said Israel should seek "a more just distribution of the burden of fighting unemployment." They said this was the basic reason for Mapam's demand for a compulsory loan as well as for higher taxation on middle and higher incomes. Achdut Avodah was reported to be in complete agreement, despite Mr. Sapir's strong opposition to such a loan.

At the same time, Mapai leaders in the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, indicated increasing concern about the unemployment problem. They estimated there would be 45,000 jobless by January, 1967, compared with some 24,000 unemployed workers at present.

### Tel Aviv Mayor Sees Threat of Joblessness in Building Trades

The Tel Aviv secretariat of Mapai urged immediate Government action to curb unemployment in the building trades in Tel Aviv. Mayor Mordechai Namir told a Tel Aviv branch meeting that applications for new building permits were down almost to zero, and said there would be severe unemployment among building workers in Tel Aviv. The Mapai branch then endorsed the mayor's demand that the Government carry out a promise to start slum clearance projects and build housing for young couples.

The pressures for prompt Government action to curb unemployment were expected to add new difficulties to Premier Eshkol's efforts for the Sapir plan which specifically envisaged considerable unemployment as inevitable if the country was to expand exports by greater industrial efficiency and lesser Government outlays for workers.

The Premier said he planned to convene another meeting of all coalition parties next week to seek an economic program acceptable to all parties. One result of previous meetings was an announcement by the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals that they have coordinated their position to oppose any heavier taxation, including an Alignment proposal to increase taxes on companies by 5 percent. They also reaffirmed their opposition to any compulsory loan.

## ISRAEL'S PARLIAMENT HOLDS FIRST SESSION IN SPANKING NEW EDIFICE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Three raps of the gavel by Speaker Kaddish Luz marked the beginning today of the first working session of Parliament in its new building.

The atmosphere was still in the spirit of yesterday's inauguration festivities, which ended with the formal opening of the new Knesset building. Delegates of Jewish communities from 47 countries, as well as the more than 40 Speakers of foreign Parliaments, who came to Israel for the inauguration, attended the first session.

Before the session began, the visiting Speakers were received by Speaker Luz in the Chagall Hall of the new building. Each delegation brought a gift to the Knesset -- paintings, independence declarations, African sculptures and silver lamps -- and each in turn was

given a gold medallion marking the inauguration. The session received a cable of congratulations from 44 members of the Parliament of India. India has recognized Israel but never exchanged diplomatic representatives. The message signed by representatives of several parties, including 24 members of the dominant Congress Party, extended "cordial felicitations and sincere good wishes on the inauguration of the new Kneset home." The message also expressed the hope that Israel's Parliament would "contribute to the development of parliamentary democracy."

#### Debate Has Old Ring in New Surroundings; House Recesses for Hclidays

Despite the new surroundings, debate in the initial session soon took on the old familiar ring. Prime Minister Levi Eshkol introduced a bill to regulate the activities and functions of Israel's Cabinet. This was one of a number of "constitutional bills" which Israel has been gradually adopting over a number of years. Menahem Beigin, speaking for the Herut-Liberal Gahal alignment, the main opposition faction, sharply criticized the bill. He said it incorporated "a number of old usages and some new regulations which are bad."

The visiting speakers sat in the gallery and appeared to be listening attentively, although they did not understand a word of the proceedings, which were in Hebrew. After an hour, the visitors left for a tour of Jerusalem and other functions organized for them. The Kneset session today was a symbolic one. After referring Mr. Eshkol's bill to committee, the session was ended, and Parliament resumed its recess until after the High Holy Days.

The main hall of Parliament has been arranged much like the old one. The Speaker's dais is flanked on the left by seats for Kneset clerks; on the right there is a podium for the Kneset member addressing the house. Members sit in concentric circles, the openings of which are toward the Speaker. The innermost circle is the Government bench. One new feature of the hall is air conditioning, which was expected to lead to disappearance of a familiar sight in the old Kneset of members attending sessions in shirtsleeves.

#### Ben-Gurion's Absence from Ceremonies Raises Speculations

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, who did not attend the inauguration yesterday of the new Parliament building, took his seat today in the new Kneset home. He declined to reply to a question as to why he was absent from yesterday's ceremonies. Members of his dissident Israel Workers Party (Rafi) said they did not know why Mr. Ben-Gurion did not attend the event.

It was assumed that he took offense for not being invited to kindle the torch at the new Kneset which might be considered his due as the oldest member of Parliament. He also was not invited to sit with the visiting and Israeli dignitaries during the inauguration, despite the fact that former Prime Ministers rank high in the order of precedence on Israel's protocol list. He is Israel's only living ex-Prime Minister.

#### Stickers in Jerusalem Denounce Goldmann as "German Lackey"

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Stickers denouncing Dr. Nahum Goldmann as a "lackey of the Germans" were found pasted on houses in Jerusalem today. Dr. Goldmann tendered a luncheon today to Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag, the lower house of the West German Parliament. Dr. Gerstenmaier had come to Israel to participate in the inauguration yesterday of Israel's new Parliament building.

Police also found writing on the wall of Dr. Goldmann's home here, urging him to "return to Germany." When he arrived from Europe last week, Dr. Goldmann did not complain about such activities, but police have been quietly guarding him since.

#### TOP EXPERT URGES ISRAEL TO ADVANCE ROCKET PROPULSION RESEARCHES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The science of rocket propulsion is sufficiently advanced in Israel to support a modest space research program, according to Prof. E. D. Bergmann, former chairman of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission and now a member of the National Committee for Space Research.

Prof. Bergmann told a symposium of scientists here that it was important for Israel to participate in space research, even on a modest scale and even if "we have to be a satellite of a satellite." The symposium was part of the Bath-Sheva Seminar on Planetary Physics, held at Tel Aviv University.

Dr. Bergmann said the committee favored research "with the help of meteorological rockets which might, after years of work, culminate in the ability to design a satellite." He said, however, that he did not know whether the committee would get the funds for the suggested research program.

Prof. W. Suomi of the University of Wisconsin, told the symposium that Israel's Space Research Institute was designing a receiving station for satellites now in orbit.

ARAB REFUGEES TRAINING FOR WAR ON ISRAEL TO BE DENIED AMERICAN AID

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The final version of the foreign aid bill, approved today by a Senate-House conference, contained amendments prohibiting assistance to Arab "Liberation Organization" members, and otherwise responding to the Near Eastern situation. The conferees accepted three basic amendments proposed by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

One amendment prohibited any assistance to Arab refugees receiving military training in the so-called "Palestine Liberation Organization." This provision was designed to "dampen down the aggressive design of the refugees and encourage them in the direction of peaceful aspirations," said Rep. Farbstein.

Another clause reduced by \$700,000 funds authorized for Arab refugee relief. This was in keeping with the Farbstein plan to reduce American support of the refugees by 5 percent annually, in hope of encouraging Arab states to resolve the festering and neglected refugee problem.

A third amendment authorized \$1,000,000 in Israeli currency, generated by sale of U.S. surplus commodities, to be used for construction of a new wing to the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem.

Rep. Farbstein stated that he was "highly gratified that these three amendments will become part of this year's foreign aid law." "I think," he added, "Congress leaves no doubt in accepting these amendments that its mandate to the Administration is to seek by every possible means the peaceful resolution of discord in the Near East."

U.S. SAYS TRAINING ARAB OFFICERS HERE HELPS EASE MIDEAST TENSIONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- A high-ranking Defense Department official justified today the training by the United States of Syrian and other Arab military officers, on grounds that "among the alternatives to military training provided by the United States are the United Arab Republic and the Soviet Union." Adam Yarmolinsky, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, wrote Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, that the United States is training Arab officers in hopes of instilling democratic concepts. He referred to Egypt and the USSR, stating that "were either of these countries to gain increased access to a military establishment in one of the Arab states, our influence in the Near East would be lessened, and the existence of political tensions exacerbated."

Rep. Farbstein elicited the statement by informing Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara of his objection to the training of officers from Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. He questioned the wisdom of training such officers when the Syrians recently executed aggressive military actions against Israel. Speaking for Mr. McNamara, Mr. Yarmolinsky said: "A primary objective of the United States in the Near East is to preserve the peace and prevent the outbreak of hostilities between Israel and the Arab states. We currently conduct training programs for military officers from a number of Arab countries."

Stressing that the military plays a key role in Arab states, he declared: "By this training, we hope to introduce younger military officers to Western traditions of democratic society and to serve as a means of continuing friendly contact with various defense establishments. We believe that our training programs have been and will continue to be effective in achieving these goals."

EBAN URGES U THANT NOT TO REFUSE REELECTION TO UNITED NATIONS POST

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban has urged in a cable to United Nations Secretary General U Thant, that Mr. Thant not refuse election to another term. Mr. Thant, whose term is to expire soon, is expected to announce his plans tomorrow in a letter to members of the United Nations.

Mr. Eban's message is similar to others sent to Mr. Thant from many statesmen throughout the world. Mr. Eban and Mr. Thant have known each other from the period when each headed his country's mission to the U.N.

ARGENTINE JEWISH INTELLECTUALS SEEN IN NEED OF DEEPER COMMITMENTS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- A two-day conference on Jewish identity ended in Cordoba City today with an appeal for deeper religious commitment on the part of Jewish intellectuals, who were described as absent from Jewish life in Argentina. Problems of Jewish education also were considered.

The conference was attended by 27 university professors, members of the Argentine judiciary, former Congressmen and a number of leading Jews from all parts of the country. The event was sponsored by the Latin American office of the American Jewish Committee, the Hebraic Society of Cordoba, and the Cordoba chapter of the Women's International Zionist Organization.

ARAB-JEWISH SCHOOL INTEGRATION IN ISRAEL ADVOCATED BY CONGRESSMAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Rep. Thomas C. McGrath, Jr., New Jersey Democrat, proposed in a House speech today that Americans should help establish "a comprehensive Arab-Jewish elementary school" to promote integration in Nazareth, Israel. Rep. McGrath said that, on a recent visit to Israel, President Zalman Shazar agreed with him that a school to educate Arab and Jewish children between the ages of 12 and 18 would be "an excellent starting point" in promotion of Arab-Jewish mutual trust.

The Congressman said: "During my visit to Israel, I noted that Arab and Jewish children are now taught in separate schools. This system gives rise to the possibility that future citizens of Israel will be divided in their attitudes toward the state and widen the gap of suspicion that has existed between the two communities since the creation of Israel in 1948."

Advocating an integrated school in Nazareth, where he indicated separate schools now exist for Arab and Jewish communities, the Congressman said it would help reduce "the tensions that exist between the Jews and Arabs within Israel." He said: "This is a process we have seen working right here in the United States, where racial tensions and unwarranted fears have dissipated through everyday contact between youngsters of the Negro and white races in the classroom."

Rep. McGrath told the House that a balance of military power "can at best provide only a temporary and unstable peace between the Arab states and Israel." He advocated education as a means of building trust. "Matching jet plane for jet plane, missile for missile and gun for gun may stave off a military show-down," he said, "but only mutual trust and respect between Arab and Jew -- which once flourished in Palestine -- can bring true peace." He estimated the cost of the proposed Nazareth educational project at \$665,000, and urged Americans to contribute toward realizing the proposal.

HALPERN CHIDES U.S. FOR FAILURE TO RATIFY U.N. ANTI-GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Failure of the United States Congress to ratify the United Nations genocide convention was deplored today in a speech on the House floor by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican. The convention, adopted by the U.N. in 1948, has been ratified by nearly 70 states, including the USSR.

Rep. Halpern said the treaty, which would outlaw persecution of racial, ethnic, and religious groups, should be ratified at this session, or "our nation's participation in the coming human rights year will seem shallow." He said: "It is truly lamentable that the United States, which has always stood for the dignity of the individual, has not acted in a practical way to enhance the application of human rights around the globe. Our indecision on the genocide convention is a typical instance."

CANADIAN COURT BARS NAZI LEADER FROM ADDRESSING PUBLIC PARK RALLY

TORONTO, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Canadian Nazi Party leader John Beattie vowed today to make an appearance in Allan Gardens, a Toronto public park, "by hook or by crook," after the Ontario Supreme Court rejected his application to speak at a rally he had scheduled there on September 11. Beattie was involved in an incident last year in the same park that led to violence and the arrest of a number of persons at a rally he had addressed. He appealed to the court when the Toronto city authorities denied him a speaking permit for the September 11 rally.

In rejecting Beattie's request for a court order to speak in the park, Justice Donahue said that the Nazi leader was certain to cause a commotion in which police would have to risk physical harm to protect him. He said the "courts have to protect people from harm and have the power to do so."

In the court hearing, M. E. Fram, counsel for the city, argued that granting Beattie's application would force the city to break a by-law which denies park speaking privileges to anyone charged with stirring up racial or religious hatred. Replying to the Nazi leader's complaint that his freedom was being restricted, Mr. Fram said that Beattie "can speak elsewhere than in a public park."

After hearing the court decision, Beattie said that he planned to have another Nazi Party member take out a permit in his own name and that Beattie himself would stand on the speakers platform while the other Nazi addressed the gathering.

MORRIS J. MENDELSON DIES; HEADED VETERANS, ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Morris J. Mendelsohn, one of the few surviving Jewish veterans of the Spanish-American War and a former national commander of the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic, predecessor of the Jewish War Veterans, died here yesterday at the age of 86.

According to his family, Mr. Mendelsohn's age was listed in Government records as 90 because he falsified his age to join Col. Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the fighting in Cuba, where he lost an arm. A veteran Zionist, Mr. Mendelsohn served as president and later chairman of the United Zionists-Revisionists of America.