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BEN GURION TO RECOMMEND COALITION WITH GENERAL ZIONISTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion is expected to recommend to his Mapai Party tonight that it join with the General Zionists in a coalition government, despite the fact that the Mapam has decided not to enter such a Cabinet. The Mapai political committee is scheduled to convene here tonight for a detailed report of the negotiations between Mapai and General Zionist representatives for the latter's joining a government led by the Labor Party.

Hayim Greenberg, head of the Jewish Agency education department, today told a press conference that a budget of 200,000 pounds (\$5,600,000) has been allocated for the extension of the Hebrew education program in Jewish communities throughout the world. Centers of Israel culture, offering chiefly adult courses, will be established in Buenos Aires and Paris, he announced, adding that special courses will be given in Israel and abroad for Hebrew teachers from countries outside Israel. He cited American Zionist and non-Zionist opposition to full-time Hebrew schools, but hoped that the "situation would improve" as a result of the decisions of the recent World Zionist Congress.

NEUMANN SAYS HE MAY HOLD NO PORTFOLIO ON JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, newly-elected member of the Jewish Agency executive, today declared that he may remain on the executive as a member without portfolio. He said he may spend half of his time in Israel and the remainder in the United States.

Meeting with reporters just before he left for the United States, Dr. Neumann called the recent World Zionist Congress a "constructive" one, saying that it successfully defined the aims of the Zionist movement. He expressed regret that the Revisionist-Herut grouping was not represented on the World Zionist executive and that the movement had failed to draw Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the "outstanding Diaspora personality," into a position of leadership. A farewell reception was tendered to Dr. Neumann here last night by the General Zionist Party.

AGUDAH LEADERS CRITICIZE IMPORTATION OF NON-KOSHER MEAT TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The "constant increase" in the importation of non-kosher meat to Israel, apart from being an act of discrimination against the Orthodox Jews, "may gravely endanger the right of shechita in many parts of the world," H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel World Organization, charged here today at a meeting of the European executive of the Agudah. He added that the organization feels that representations on this point must be made to the Israel Government.

He also reported that the position of Orthodox Jews in Hungary has not improved and that expulsions continue. R. Springer, another member of the executive, announced that the British Government has given permission for a group of young Jewish Orthodox men to come from Morocco to Britain for study in yeshivah.

U.J.A. LEADERS LEAVE ISRAEL AFTER TOUR AND CONFERENCES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal leaders who have been touring Israel left the country tonight by plane. The group conferred with Israel government members and Jewish Agency officials on Israel's needs and the U.J.A. campaign in the United States and inspected the Malben institutions supported by Joint Distribution Committee funds during the visit.

GOLDMANN PREDICTS CLOSER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN ZIONISTS AND W.J.C.

GENEVA, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Closer co-operation between the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress can be expected as a result of the decision of the 23rd World Zionist Congress that the Zionist movement should work for democratization of Jewish life and for the defense of Jewish rights, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting president of the World Jewish Congress, declared here today.

Dr. Goldmann, who is presiding over the annual W.J.C. executive meeting here, said that more active co-operation would be extended to the W.J.C. by Zionist groups throughout the world. Commenting on the achievements of the current session of the Congress executive, Dr. Goldmann said that it was paving the way for inclusion in its orbit of more Jewish communities, and for the achievement of greater co-operation among the Jewish people for unity and the defense of its rights, as well as for close co-operation with Israel for the fulfillment of its tasks.

Last night the executive adopted a resolution "putting on the record" its opinion that the admission of Germany into the family of nations must be preceded by a real and serious effort on Germany's part to "purge itself of the malevolent forces which inflicted irretrievable wrongs upon the Jewish people" and to make material and moral reparations to the Jewish people, and particularly to Israel which has taken on itself the task of admitting and rehabilitating the larger part of the Jewish survivors of Nazism.

The resolution also drew the attention of the governments and peoples of the world to the danger inherent in the rearmament and remilitarization of Germany "in view of the fact that real denazification and full democratization is far from having been achieved." It asserted that remilitarization of Germany will strengthen the "peace-endangering Nazi and reactionary" force in Germany which is growing in strength and will prevent the development of the democratic forces in the country.

ANTI-SEMITIC PAMPHLET APPEARS IN ROME; JEWS PROTEST

ROME, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A viciously anti-Semitic pamphlet entitled "Global Catastrophe is Imminent" has appeared on newsstands throughout Rome. Written in a style reminiscent of Nazi literature, the pamphlet quotes the forged "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" to prove that the world is threatened by destruction by "Jewish freemasonry, Jewish Bolshevism and the Jewish press."

A protest by the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy to the police authorities was rejected with the assertion that they could do nothing about the matter because the press laws guarantee complete freedom of the press. The Union has now taken its case to the Public Prosecutor's office and to the Ministry of the Interior.

Jewish Communities in Italy Expect Internal Crisis

ROME, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities will face a major crisis later this month when its executive body meets a second time to consider the resignations of Dr. Rafaele Cantoni and Dr. Renzo Levi, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Union.

The two men resigned some time ago, but have temporarily remained in their posts while the Union attempts to review the current situation. At its last meeting, the Union's executive body asked the two to reconsider and withdraw their resignations, but they refused. Subsequently, the executive asked them to continue in office pending the coming meeting.

Emanuel Neumann,
King David Hotel,
Jerusalem, Israel.

September 17, 1952.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba,

I have hardly had an opportunity to catch my breath during the past two months, the first of which was spent in touring South Africa and the second here in Israel under the heaviest pressure of work.

I hope you and Virginia have had a pleasant vacation in Europe and have returned rested and refreshed.

There is a great deal I would like to tell you about, but must leave it either for another letter or for oral transmission, if we meet in the United States within a few weeks, as is possible.

I am writing this letter with reference to a particular matter, in which your name is involved. The Authorities of the Hebrew University here recently resolved to favor your appointment as President of the University. The desirable procedure for them is to consult the members of the Committee of the Board of Governors in England and the United States and, ^{have} agreement on the matter before formal ratification by the Board of Governors at their Annual Conference which is to take place in November.

A Committee of Three, including Dr. Senator, Prof. Schwabe and Dr. Ginossar, consulted me about the likelihood of your giving favorable consideration to their proposal. They also thought that if you are inclined to listen, they would approach you, possibly by sending a representative to America to see you. They added that they had sounded the Government and found that there was no objection to you in that quarter.

I wanted to satisfy myself on this last point and in the course of a conversation which I had with B.G., I mentioned the fact that the University people want you to take the Presidency and B.G. immediately said that he would not oppose it.

The University people intimated that if you were not prepared to take the Presidency as a permanent proposition, they would be glad if you would agree to serve even for a limited term of say two or three years. They did not appear to be happy over the thought that if you turn it down, they may in the end be forced to accept Israel Goldstein, who is actively canvassing for the position. They want an outstanding personality like

yourself - one who could raise the prestige of the institution, give it intellectual and spiritual leadership, improve its administration and help to improve its financial situation as well. Regarding this last point, B.G. told me that the Government must come to the assistance of the University with much larger sums, and there is also an inclination in the Jewish Agency Executive to do the same. In fact, Locker expressed that thought to me only this morning.

I asked whether in the event that you did not see your way to accepting the Presidency, they would be interested in your serving as Chairman of the Board of Governors, and their answer was in the affirmative, though they hoped you would take the Presidency.

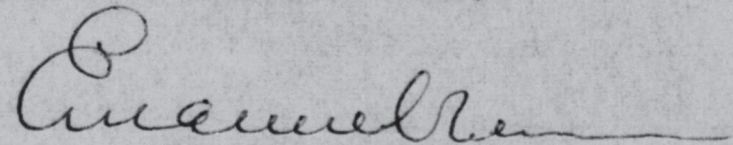
I am planning to fly to Switzerland on Thursday, September 18th, and will try to reach you on the 'phone from there. I am sending this letter on so that you might give it some thought before I speak to you. If I don't get you on the 'phone, I will send you a cable referring to this letter.

I doubt whether there is any point in my expressing my own opinion, for it all depends how you feel about it. The position is - or certainly would be - a very honored and dignified one, and if you were disposed to spend at least a large part of the time in Israel during the next few years, there is much that could be said in favor of the idea.

More hereafter.

With warm regards to yourself, Virginia and the boys, and with my best wishes for the New Year,

As ever, faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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P.S. I shall probably mail this letter from Switzerland in order to reach you sooner.