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ELIEZER KAPLAN DIES IN ITALY; ISRAEL STUNNED; FUNERAL TOMORROW

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's Deputy Premier who recently resigned his post as Minister of Finance because of ill health, died today in Genoa. He was on his way to Switzerland where he intended taking a three-month rest.

Mr. Kaplan was 61 years old. He came to Palestine in 1923 from Russia where he graduated as a civil engineer. Born in Minsk, he received his general education, including college training, in Moscow. For many years prior to the establishment of Israel, he was treasurer of the Jewish Agency. He was one of the active leaders of the Histadruth and for many years a member of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council.

The news of his sudden death reached Premier Ben Gurion's office early this morning. A special meeting of the Cabinet was convened immediately at which the Premier eulogized the late minister. The Cabinet then named a special committee to arrange for Mr. Kaplan's funeral which has been fixed for 11 A. M. Tuesday.

Sharett to Escort the Body from Genoa to Jerusalem

A special El Al airplane was ordered by the Cabinet today from here to fly to Genoa and will return tomorrow afternoon with the body. Meanwhile, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who is now in Paris, left today for Genoa and may escort the body from Italy to Jerusalem.

The news of Mr. Kaplan's sudden death stunned the people all over the country. Government institutions lowered the national flag at half mast. The Israel Parliament tomorrow will hold a special memorial meeting to be addressed by Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the House and Deputy President of Israel. A special memorial session was held today by the Histadruth executive.

Plans for the funeral were being worked out this afternoon by a special committee named by the Cabinet. The committee includes Premier David Ben Gurion; Communication Minister D. Z. Pinkas; Education Minister B. Z. Dinaburg; Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Dr. A. Granott, head of the Jewish National Fund; and Dr. Arthur Hantke, director of the Keren Hayesod.

American Jewish Leaders Mourn Kaplan's Death

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Leaders of American Jewish organizations today issued statements mourning the sudden death of Eliezer Kaplan and emphasizing that he was an inspiration to others in Israel's battle for economic independence.

On behalf of the Jewish Agency here, acting chairman Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin said that the passing of Mr. Kaplan "removes from the Israel scene one of its most

dedicated and unsparing public servants who in recent years repeatedly disregarded the advice of doctors and friends that he let up on some of his activities.

"Mr. Kaplan stepped into the post of Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in one of the most crucial periods in the history of Zionism and Jewish Palestine," Mrs. Halprin declared. "It was at a time when the Agency had to assume responsibility for the absorption of Hitler's first victims, for the defense of Hitler's first victims, for the defense of Jewish Palestine against the Mufti's gangs, for Jewish Palestine contribution to the Allied war effort, the struggle for the admission of the survivors of the Nazi holocaust, and for Israel's liberation.

"From the day of its establishment until shortly before his death, Mr. Kaplan was responsible for the financial stewardship of the new state. We, who worked closely with the man, learned to respect his dedication, simplicity and high competence," the Jewish Agency statement concluded.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of governors; Rudolf G. Sonnenborn, president; Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee; and Henry Montor, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, issued the following statement:

"We are profoundly grieved at the sudden and untimely death of Eliezer Kaplan. For more than three decades his leadership and self-sacrifice molded the economic foundations of the Jewish homeland. A man of great simplicity and inflexible purpose, he was, in the capacity of Finance Minister, in the thickest part of the battle for the survival of the young nation.

"As chief architect in the launching of the State of Israel Bond Issue, he was the key factor in the program to make Israel economically secure. We mourn him as a hero of the new Republic of Israel, who gladly gave his life on the battlefield of freedom and reconstruction for the Jewish people.

"American Jewry will mourn the passing of a true nation builder, whose fire and devotion as a pioneer in the rebirth of Israel imbued it with a sense of destiny and stimulated it to play so vital a part in the history of the Jewish people."

No Man in Israel Was Burdened with Greater Problems than Kaplan

Henry Montor, who had worked closely with the late Mr. Kaplan, in the development of the campaigns of the United Palestine Appeal, United Jewish Appeal, and the organization and launching of the State of Israel bond drive during the past 15 years, made a statement of personal tribute to the deceased Israel Government leader in which he pointed out that no man in Israel was burdened with greater problems during the four years of Israel's existence than Mr. Kaplan.

All tasks in the country, whether economic, military or developmental, resolved themselves into the question of the source of money to finance that particular channel of growth," the statement said. "Every stage of Israel's economic expansion had its source in his imagination and encouragement. The United Palestine Appeal, the United Jewish Appeal, the United States Export-Import Bank loan to Israel, the encouragement of private investments, and the launching of the State of Israel Bond Issue, were among the major organizations and events which owed inspiration to Eliezer Kaplan," Mr. Montor pointed out.

ISRAELI DELEGATION TO GO TO MOSCOW; WILL NEGOTIATE TRADE PACT

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- An Israeli commercial delegation will leave soon for Moscow to negotiate a trade agreement, it was reported here by Shmuel Eliashiv, Israel Minister to Moscow, prior to his return to his post after a leave in Israel.

The delegation will be composed of three representatives of the citrus marketing board who have been waiting for some time for visas to enter the Soviet Union. They hope to negotiate substantial orders for citrus fruits and to buy timber for fruit packing cases. A shortage of such cases cut the number of cases of fruit which Israel exported last year.

U. N. RESUMES TALKS WITH ISRAEL ON RELEASE OF ARAB ACCOUNTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 13. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine resumed discussion here yesterday with the Israeli delegation to the U. N. on the method of releasing to their owners the Arab refugee accounts which have been blocked in Israel since the outbreak of hostilities in 1948.

Ambassador Ely Falmer of the United States presided over the meeting called on the basis of a communication from the Government of Israel to the United Nations. Israel was represented at the parley by Gideon Rafael, alternate representative to the United Nations.

U. N. TRUCE CHIEF SETTLES ISRAEL-JORDAN DISPUTE OVER OIL DRUM

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- A dispute between Israeli authorities and United Nations truce supervisory personnel over the right to open an oil drum being shipped by the Israelis to guards atop Mt. Scopus has been settled in favor of the Israelis, it was announced here today by a Foreign Office communique.

On June 4 a U. N. officer checking a supply train heading for Mt. Scopus demanded the right to open an oil drum to check its contents against the party's manifest. The Israelis refused to permit the search, as a matter of principle, insisting that if the U. N. officer refused to permit the drum to go through it must be returned.

Instead, the U. N. officer impounded the drum in a building used by both the Israelis and the U. N. Both parties placed armed guards outside the room in which the drum was kept and waited for U. N. truce chief Gen. William E. Riley to return from leave in the United States.

Upon his return this week, the General, with Israeli, Jordan and U. N. officers watching, opened the container. Finding that it contained oil as stated by the Israelis, he turned it over to them.

AREA OF TENSION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN SHIFTS TO DEAD SEA REGION

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The area of tension between Israeli and Jordan forces has shifted to the region between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Akaba where the Israel Army is now holding maneuvers in full view of the Jordan frontier posts, the London Daily Express reports.

The same newspaper reported from Jerusalem that a British shipbuilding yard has been given a contract to build ten fishing trawlers for Israel. From Amman, the Express reported that Britain will spend 3,000,000 pounds to make the Amman airport one of the largest in the Middle East.

RULING OF GERMAN COURT MAKES POSSIBLE REINSTATEMENT OF EX-NAZIS

KARLSRUHE, Germany, July 13. (JTA) -- A Federal court here has ruled that the dismissal of German civil servants by the British occupation authorities following the end of World War II because of membership in the Nazi Party will not be considered final expulsions, but rather as "suspension from office."

JEWS IN AUSTRIA PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED AMNESTY TO EX-NAZIS

VIENNA, July 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish communities of Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Linz and Salzburg have united in an official protest to Austrian Government authorities against the proposed granting of amnesty to former Nazis, who are presently imprisoned for war crimes.

The joint protest pointed out that among those who would be freed under terms of the amnesty are those "who were responsible for the atrocities which led to the extermination of Austrian Jewry."

At the same time, the Jewish protest expressed opposition to the recommended compensation payments for the victims of Nazism in Austria. Reliable sources stated that the government is planning to compensate Nazi victims at the rate of about \$17 for every month of imprisonment, the total sum to be paid out during the next four years. The communal protest said the proposed payments are too low.

The communities also demanded that the terms of the third restitution law be enacted to enable the Jews to get back the rights to their former homes.

ITALIAN JEWS ASK STRENGTHENING OF LAW PUNISHING RACIST PROPAGANDA

ROME, July 13. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has submitted a number of proposals to the Minister of Justice for strengthening the Italian penal code clauses dealing with group libel and incitement to race hatred. The changes were drafted after consultations with World Jewish Congress legal experts.

Among the modifications proposed by the Jews is a suggestion that incitement to racial hatred should be punished in cases where a grave breach of the public order resulted or could have resulted from such incitement. Also suggested by the Union was an amendment which would make an offense of "possession of distribution of propaganda material inciting to racial hatred" and of "preaching discrimination" or race hatred or contempt.

CANADA TO LIMIT IMMIGRANTS FROM ISRAEL TO CLOSE RELATIVES

OTTAWA, July 13. (JTA) -- The only immigrants who will be allowed to enter Canada from Israel under a proposed new immigration law will be close relatives of Canadian residents and "cases of exceptional merit."

A similar bar will exist for most European and Near East countries under the law, which was presented to Parliament by the government. However, certain exceptions will be made, as follows: "Holland, farm workers and some artisans selected under an agreement with the Netherlands Government; Germany, Austria, Greece and Finland, farmers, domestics, nurses and nurses' aides."

QUEEN ELIZABETH ACCEPTS PATRONAGE OF JEWISH ORPHANAGE IN LONDON

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- Queen Elizabeth has accepted the patronage of a Jewish orphanage here, which continues the royal patronage of the institute since 1830, when William IV first initiated it.

WILLIAM SHRODER, FOUNDER OF COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS, DEAD

CINCINNATI, July 13. (JTA) -- Messages of sympathy from leaders of major Jewish organizations throughout the country were received during the week-end by the family of William J. Shroder, founder and first president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, who died here on Friday, aged 75.

Abandoning a successful career of law, Mr. Shroder devoted himself to social and civic affairs and played an important role in Jewish communal life. He was vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, member of the boards of numerous national Jewish institutions, and actively participated in local Jewish organizations. He was the founder and first president of the Cincinnati Jewish Community Council.

For eight consecutive years he served as president of the Cincinnati Board of Education. He was chairman of the executive budget committee of the Cincinnati Community Chest for 30 years. He also held other important civic positions.

A native of Cincinnati, he graduated from Yale and Harvard and practiced law from 1901 to 1921 when he retired to devote his entire time without compensation to social and civic activities. During the Spanish American War, he enlisted as a private in the Yale University Battery. He was elected national judge advocate general of the United Spanish War Veterans in 1905 and commander of the Ohio Department of the United Spanish War Veterans in 1906-07.

18 JEWISH ATHLETES ON U.S. TEAM COMPETING IN WORLD OLYMPIAD

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Eighteen Jewish athletes from the United States, four of them members of the J. W. B. -affiliated Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHA's, are members of the U.S. Olympic team which is ready to compete against the athletic elite of the world in the 15th Olympiad, opening this week in the Helsinki Stadium, it was announced here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Shepherded by Charles L. Ornstein, J. W. B. representative on the U. S. Olympic Committee, who is responsible for housing and feeding the American team, the Jewish athletes wearing Uncle Sam's colors, who are entered in eight events, constitute the largest Jewish contingent on any American Olympic team. In the 1948 Olympiad at London there were 15 Jews on the American team, competing in 10 events.

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR NEW HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDENT DORMITORY

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for a student dormitory at the new Hebrew University site on the outskirts of Jerusalem was laid yesterday. The building will contain 80 student rooms, a library, a meeting hall and a restaurant.

DR. LEO SHAPIRO, B'NAI B'RITH EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR, DEAD; WAS 37

ST. LOUIS, June 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Leo Shapiro, director of the education department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, died of a heart attack here, aged 37. He was a former New Yorker who served as a lecturer and instructor at Teachers College, Columbia University, and New York University's School of Education.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HERZL'S DEATH MARKED IN CEREMONIES AT GRAVE

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- The fortieth anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, was marked here today with ceremonies at his grave attended by Israel cabinet ministers, members of the Jewish Agency and veteran Zionists. An Israeli Army unit presented arms at Dr. Herzl's tomb.