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## REMAINS OF ELIEZER KAPLAN RETURNED TO ISRAEL; FUNERAL TODAY

TEL AVIV, July 14. (JTA) -- The special plane bearing the body of Eliezer Kaplan, Israel Deputy Premier and former Minister of Finance who died in Genoa yesterday morning, landed at Lydda airport at 4 P. M. today. The funeral will be held in Jerusalem tomorrow.

The plane was picked up far over the Mediterranean Sea by an escort of four Air Force fighter planes. Waiting on the ground were Premier David Ben Gurion, Acting President Joseph Sprinzak, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Yigal Yadin, members of the Cabinet and Knesset, and hundreds of other leaders of Israel's political, economic and social life.

The Premier and Minister of Trade Dov Joseph entered the plane to pay their respects to their friend and colleague, then eight Army majors carried the coffin down from the plane and placed it on a special truck. Detachments of the Army, Navy, Air Force and police presented arms as the coffin was brought from the plane and placed at rest on the truck and a wreath from Premier Alcide de Gasperi of Italy was laid on top. Then the truck began its slow three-mile trip to Tel Aviv along a road lined with thousands upon thousands of immigrants whose arrival in this country was in part made possible by Mr. Kaplan's stringent fiscal policies.

### Body Lays in State in Premier's Office

In the city itself thousands more stood silently in the streets and watched the coffin make its way to the Histadrut headquarters where the procession halted for a few minutes. Then it proceeded to Jerusalem where the Premier and few former colleagues had chosen a burial plot in the Mt. Herzl cemetery. The remains will lay in state in the Premier's office in Jerusalem tonight where it will be guarded by a special honor guard of police and members of the staff of the Finance Ministry, which Mr. Kaplan headed from the state's inception until a few weeks ago.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who was in Paris when the news of Mr. Kaplan's death broke and who rushed to Genoa immediately, accompanied the body to Tel Aviv. On the same plane were Mrs. Kaplan and their two daughters, all of whom were en route to Switzerland for a vacation when the Deputy Premier collapsed.

A special session of Parliament was held this morning with Speaker Sprinzak and the Premier delivering the eulogies. While the deputies stood in silence and gazed at the black draped chair on the rostrum which Mr. Kaplan had occupied when alive, Ben Gurion, in an emotion-choked voice, said "he was not an easy man to work with" but everybody respected his opinions because they came from "deep and pure conviction." The Knesset then adjourned until after the funeral tomorrow.

**SECRETARY OF STATE CABLES CONDOLENCES TO ISRAEL ON KAPLAN'S DEATH**

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson today cabled to Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion a message of condolence on the death of Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's Deputy Premier. Sec. Acheson said: "I have learned with profound regret of the death of Deputy Prime Minister Eliezer Kaplan and extend to his family and to the Israel Government and people sincere sympathy on the loss of this outstanding citizen and public servant."

Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, in a statement issued here, said: "The people of Israel have suffered grievous loss in the passing of their first Finance Minister who sacrificed his health in their service. Eliezer Kaplan alone amongst the Finance Ministers of history was called upon to maintain a state economy against the stress of a population increase exceeding 100 percent in four years. His triumphant achievement in giving new dimensions of the country's production and creating the conditions for large-scale assistance abroad are part of the heroic annals to which many generations in a stable and prosperous Israel will look back with wonder and awe."

**ZIONISTS CANCEL FESTIVE AFFAIRS; PLAN PUBLIC MEMORIAL MEETING**

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- Various Zionist festive affairs scheduled to take place here today were cancelled as expressions of mourning over the sudden death of Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's Deputy Premier.

The opening of the Israeli exhibition at Rockefeller Plaza this Thursday will be converted into a memorial for the late Israeli statesman. A public memorial meeting, arranged jointly by the Israel Consulate and American Zionist groups, will be held on the Day of Shivah, the seventh day after Mr. Kaplan's death.

A memorial meeting of the Israel embassy staff was held today at the Embassy in Washington at which Ambassador Abba Eban eulogized the late member of the Israel Cabinet. A similar meeting, with the participation of Mr. Eban, will be held tomorrow at the Israel Consulate here.

The officers of the United Jewish Appeal issued a statement expressing their "deepest sorrow and sense of personal loss" at the death of Mr. Kaplan. The statement, signed by Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the U. J. A., William Rosenwald, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, Jonah B. Wise, national chairman and Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman, said in part:

"The officers of the United Jewish Appeal, and the great army of U. J. A. volunteers and contributors, came to know Eliezer Kaplan not only as the Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, and after 1948 as the Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Israel, but as that one man who more than any other fought for and mobilized the great and necessary funds that in their time helped make possible the unprecedented reflowering of a desert land, the matchless victory of 1948, and all those miracles of achievement which since 1948 are recorded in the rescue and movement to Israel of hundreds of thousands of homeless men, women and children from lands of danger and oppression."

The United Israel Appeal, in a statement issued by Rudolf Sonneborn, national chairman, and Ellis Radinsky, executive director, said: "On Eliezer Kaplan's shoulders weighed the unprecedentedly formidable task of financing the doubling of a country's population in four years' time with a bare minimum of natural resources. He was concerned chiefly with human needs and fiscal problems; when they clashed,

as they did because of Israel's vast immigration program, he threw his authority behind human needs and worked continuously to cope with the manifold problems of bringing in needy newcomers from depressed areas throughout the world. "

The American Zionist Council, representing all Zionist groups in the United States, issued a statement declaring that Mr. Kaplan's services to the establishment of Israel would go down in history as "one of the most brilliant, dedicated, and exemplary contributions." The statement was signed by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Council, and Judith Epstein, vice-chairman.

Mrs. Samuel J. Rosenschn, Hadassah president, said in a statement that the Hadassah mourns Mr. Kaplan's death and that "he will be sorely missed by the Government and the people of Israel, by the Zionist movement and the Jewish people throughout the world." The statement emphasized that "as a courageous and wise statesman, Mr. Kaplan won international admiration and respect" and that "his nobility of character, his integrity, simplicity, and the complete selflessness of his lifelong service to his people, will always be an inspiration to those who knew him. "

The National Committee for Labor Israel and numerous other Jewish organizations cabled messages of condolence to Premier David Ben Gurion. Henry Montor, vice-president of the State of Israel Bond Issue, left by plane to attend the funeral services for Mr. Kaplan. Mr. Montor was closely associated with Mr. Kaplan during the past 15 years in the mobilization of American financial support in behalf of Israel.

#### Jews Throughout the World Mourn Kaplan's Sudden Death

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has received cabled messages and reports of mourning over the death of Eliezer Kaplan from Jewish organizations in various parts of the world. From Johannesburg a message stated that the 23rd biennial convention of the Zionist Federation of South Africa, which was in session when the news of Mr. Kaplan's sudden death arrived, expressed its "deep shock" and sent its condolences to Mr. Kaplan's family.

In Rome, Dante Lattes, vice-president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, issued a statement that "Mr. Kaplan's death is a great loss for Italian and world Jewry." Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff said special prayers for the late Israeli statesman as the plane bearing his coffin departed from Italy. The Italian press published tributes to Mr. Kaplan.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews in London sent a message to Israeli Minister Eliahu Elath expressing its sympathy over the "untimely death of Eliezer Kaplan whose efforts in behalf of Israel have earned him the admiration of world Jewry. In a cable addressed to Premier David Ben Gurion, the British Section of the World Jewish Congress said that Mr. Kaplan's "great efforts for the realization of the Zionist cause will be remembered, especially in Britain where he stood up most courageously in the most critical moments in Zionist history. "

#### U.N. TRUCE SUPERVISOR TO INSPECT ISRAEL POSITIONS ON MT. SCOPUS

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- United Nations truce supervisor Gen. William E. Riley today announced that he will visit Mt. Scopus, held by Israeli forces, tomorrow to inspect the installations there. He told a press conference here that he would not be accompanied by Jordan representatives.

In the course of questioning by newspapermen, it was learned that Gen. Riley had urged both parties to re-establish the special commission on Jerusalem and the Holy Places as provided for in the Israel-Jordan armistice pact.

GERMAN-JEWISH TALKS REACHING FINAL STAGE, U.S. JEWISH LEADERS REPORT

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- The negotiations between the West German Government and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany are heading toward a satisfactory conclusion, it was reported here today by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, upon their return to the United States today from Europe. Both are members of the Conference presidium.

"Understanding between Western Germany and the Government of Israel has now been substantially reached and negotiations between Western Germany and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany are in their final stages," Mr. Blaustein said. "The written treaties covering these understandings are now being drafted. The basic understandings as to amounts, methods of payments and guarantees on the part of Germany are being arrived at after long negotiations, which, among other things, required the members of the Conference presidium to go to Europe three times since February of this year.

"A legislative program proposed by the Conference will enable individual claimants to obtain more adequate restitution and indemnification for damages sustained under the Nazi regime," Mr. Blaustein continued. "In addition, the global sum to be paid by Western Germany is intended to defray the cost incurred by the Israel Government in rehabilitating the Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who came to Israel to resettle, and to satisfy partially the claims of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany with respect to heirless Jewish property which had been improperly seized by the Nazis. The funds that will be turned over to the Conference will be used for aiding Jewish victims outside of Israel who survived that Nazi regime. Obviously, however, no material compensation can atone for the moral aspects of the unprecedented Nazi crimes.

"The agreements, which, it is hoped, will be concluded in the near future, would not have been possible without the support of President Truman, the State Department and of our High Commissioner in Germany, John J. McCloy. As on previous trips, I had talks with Mr. McCloy about these claims and other matters pertaining to Germany, and his and our government's interests and helpfulness have been in the best American humanitarian tradition," Mr. Blaustein concluded.

Important Aspects of Jewish Conference Claims Outlined

Dr. Goldstein said in his statement that the basis of the Israel-German negotiations is "Western Germany's offer of \$715,000,000 to be paid in goods over a period of approximately 12 years." After agreeing upon provisions to safeguard the stability of the value of the goods, guarantees of the implementation of the agreement, and the legal drafts, the negotiators will bring their recommendations to their respective governments for ratification, Dr. Goldstein reported.

"The claim of the Conference of Jewish Organizations is of a twofold nature," he pointed out. "It has urged upon the Federal Republic of Germany the adoption of a legislative program making provision for adequate restitution and indemnification to categories of victims of Nazi persecution including and in addition to the categories provided for in the contractual agreement between Western Germany and the United States, United Kingdom and France. The Conference also makes a monetary claim of \$500,000,000 in settlement of the heirless claims of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

"Negotiations between the representatives of the Conference and the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany are expected to come to a head during the coming week when the latter's response is expected as to both the legislative program

and the monetary claim advanced by the former. Upon receiving that response, the negotiators on behalf of the Conference will report to the praesidium which, in turn, will make its recommendations to the Policy Committee of the Conference for its ratification. The legislative program, if adopted, will be one of the important aspects of the accomplishments of the Conference, as many thousands of individuals will benefit thereby. I am hopeful with regard to it," Dr. Goldstein declared.

#### GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO OUTLAW "NATIONAL SOCIALIST IDEALS"

BONN, July 14. (JTA) -- The Federal Government has concluded the draft of a law providing changes in the German criminal statute, including one amendment which orders the "extermination" of all "National Socialist ideals."

During a budget debate in the provincial parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia it was revealed that Erich Reeder, a former Nazi government official in the province and onetime high ranking Gestapo officer, has been awarded a settlement of 26,000 deutschmarks (approximately \$6,500) as "compensation" for loss of employment when he was ousted as an ex-Nazi. Reeder, who was once chief administrative officer of the German occupation forces in Belgium, also draws a pension of 1,000 marks a month.

#### JEWS IN IRAN APPEAL TO PREMIER TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- The New York Times today reported from Teheran that the Jewish Cultural and Social Association of Iran has addressed a petition to Premier Mohammed Mossadegh asking him to put a stop to the anti-Semitic agitation of semi-Fascist organizations in the country. The Jews in Iran have a Deputy in Parliament and full equality with other Iranian subjects under the constitution and the laws of the land.

The petition, according to the Jewish newspaper Beni Adam, states that certain newspapers friendly to the Government have recently attacked Iranian Jews. The petition requested the Premier, according to the report, "to take action in accord with the constitution and the Charter of the United Nations to bring to an end racial and anti-Semitic propaganda in Iran."

The Times report said that the agitation against Iranian Jews is centered in the new National Socialist party founded this spring by Davoud Monchi Zadeh, who spent some 20 years in Germany and adopted Hitler's National Socialist ideology, and the Pan Iranian Party, which has a Fascist approach and a Greater Iran program for expanding Iranian frontiers.

#### POLICE SEMINAR ON HANDLING OF RACIAL TENSIONS OPENS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 14. (JTA) -- A seminar for the study of the role of the police in handling racial tensions in this country began today at the University of Chicago. Sessions will continue through July 25. Fifty police chiefs and other peace officers from many parts of the nation will discuss the basic legal, social and psychological factors that shape the role of local authorities in racial conflicts.

#### ITALIAN JEWS PROTEST FAILURE TO REINSTATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

ROME, July 14. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has prepared a protest to the Italian Ministry of Education against the Ministry's failure to reinstate four Jewish university professors who were ousted from their positions and forced to flee Italy because of Fascist persecution. According to Italian law the professors should have been returned to their jobs.

## SO AFRICAN ZIONIST CONVENTION REJECTS CHALLENGES TO PARTY SYSTEM

JOHANNESBURG, July 14. (JTA) -- The major issue on the floor of the convention of the Zionist Federation of South Africa which opened here this week-end is the question of continuance or abandonment of the party system within the Zionist movement in this country. Some 700 delegates are attending the convention, which is described as one of the largest and most representative in the history of the South African Zionist movement.

A group of non-party delegates proposed a resolution which would change the organization's constitution to provide for the election of a Federation executive on the basis of individual ability regardless of party affiliation. The non-party delegates insisted that the party system is an anomaly since the establishment of Israel and hurts aid to Israel. The advocates of the party system believe that no Zionist mass movement is possible without the party system. The resolution was defeated.

The opening session of the convention heard an address by Cecil Heyman, Israel Ambassador to the Union, who thanked the South African Government and people for its aid to the Jewish State. A message from Israel Premier David Ben Gurion to the convention said that the accomplishments of the 100,000-member Jewish community of South Africa in behalf of Israel had not been surpassed by any other community outside Israel.

## P.E.C. SPONSORS ESTABLISHMENT OF \$1,000,000 LUMBER MILL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- A modern \$1,000,000 lumber mill for the manufacture of citrus boxes as well as doors, window sashes and other standard lumber products is being established in Israel under the sponsorship of the Palestine Economic Corporation, it was announced today by Robert Szold, chairman of the board of the P.E.C.

Capital for the new enterprise originates in the United States and Israel. At least 60 percent of the mill's total output will consist of crates for citrus products, Israel's leading export commodity. The mill, which is scheduled to be completed by the middle of 1953, will be located on a 30-acre site south of Haifa.

## BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT RECEIVES ISRAELI MINISTER TO ARGENTINA

LA PAZ, Bolivia, July 14. (JTA) -- Bolivian President Dr. Victor Paz Esteban received Yacov Tsur, Israel Minister to Argentina, for a discussion of relations between Bolivia and Israel. Diplomatic relations have not yet been established.

The President expressed appreciation of Israel's achievements and showed an interest in the establishment of political and economic relations between Bolivia and Israel. He praised Bolivian Jewry and stated his opposition to any form of discrimination. Later, Minister Tsur was received by Vice-President Siles Zuazo and Foreign Minister Guevara.

## S. GRUMBACH, FRENCH STATESMAN, DEAD; WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS

PARIS, July 14. (JTA) -- Salomon Grumbach, French-Jewish Socialist leader, who was for many years a member of the French Parliament and at one time served as chairman of its Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, died here yesterday at the age of 68, after an operation. He was very active in Jewish affairs.

Between the two World Wars he represented France at the League of Nations and in a number of international conferences at London, Locarno, San Remo, Genoa and Geneva. After World War II he served as a delegate to the United Nations.