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## ELIEZER KAPLAN LAID TO REST; THOUSANDS PAY LAST RESPECTS

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's first Finance Minister and Deputy Premier, who died in a Genoa hospital Sunday morning at the age of 61, was laid to rest today in the cemetery atop Mt. Herzl here.

Thousands of residents of Jerusalem and Israelis from all parts of the country paid their last respects to the architect of Israel's financial structure as Mr. Kaplan's coffin was borne through Jerusalem's main streets to the cemetery. The funeral began at 5 P. M. when a special police detachment moved the coffin from the Premier's Office to a hearse which was draped in black. The hearse was escorted by units of the Israel Army, Air Force and Navy.

The two-mile-long procession was headed by members of the Kaplan family, members of the Cabinet and of Parliament. When it entered the cemetery, adjoining the national military cemetery, thousands of Jews followed and slowly filled the burial area and the surrounding slopes. No eulogies were delivered and a cantor's simple chanting of the Psalms was heard as the coffin was lowered into a grave hewed out of solid rock. A national flag was then spread on the coffin.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor, and for many years a friend and co-worker of Mr. Kaplan in the Israel labor movement, the Jewish Agency and, finally, in the government, almost collapsed during the services. She was given first aid treatment and was comforted by Ministers Dov Joseph and Moshe Sharett.

### Memorial Services for Kaplan Held Abroad

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- Reports of additional tributes to the late Israeli Deputy Premier Eliezer Kaplan and memorial services for him were received here today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from various parts of the world.

In Stockholm, memorial services at the Israel legation were attended by Israelis in the city as well as leading Jewish community and Zionist personalities. Speakers at the meeting included Dr. Abraham Nissan, Israeli Minister to Scandinavia, Zalman Shazar, Jewish Agency member who is here on a visit, and Chief Rabbi Wilhelm.

In London the Israel legation was officially closed, except that arrangements were made for persons who wished to express their sympathy for Israel's loss to sign a special visitors' book. The British Zionist Federation timed its memorial meeting to coincide with the funeral in Jerusalem. Chief speakers at this meeting were Israel consul Moshe Keren, Jewish Agency representative S. Levenberg, British Jewish leader Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Barnett Janner, M. P., and Zionist Federation chairman Janus Cohen.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS FOR KAPLAN HELD IN NEW YORK; MAYOR SPEAKS

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The opening ceremony today of the first Israel industrial exposition ever held in the United States, attended by more than 300 Jewish leaders, was formally dedicated to the memory of the late Eliezer Kaplan, who was buried today in Jerusalem. The ceremony was addressed by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri and leaders of the Israel bond drive, which is sponsoring the exposition.

The Israel Consulate here today held a memorial meeting at which Ambassador Eban and Consul Eliezer Doron delivered eulogies. Benjamin Mintz, Deputy Speaker of the Israel Parliament who is now in the United States, recited the El Mole prayer.

A memorial meeting was also held today on the premises of the Israel Government Supply Mission. The meeting was attended by the entire staffs here of the Israel Treasury Office, the Supply Mission and its Defense Section, Materials for Israel and the Israel Manufacturers Association. Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, representative of Israel's Ministry of Finance, and Aryeh Manor, head of the Supply Mission, paid tribute to Mr. Kaplan.

Exposition to Be Opened to Public on Thursday

The Israel exposition, located at Rockefeller Plaza, will be opened to the public on Thursday and will remain open for several months. It comprises 45 separate exhibits of goods made in Israel for home consumption and export. Speaking at today's opening ceremony, Ambassador Eban said:

"From the first moment of our independent sovereignty and even before the establishment of Israel the nation laid upon the sturdy shoulders of Eliezer Kaplan the full and onerous burden of providing the means for its security, its political stability, its progress towards economic development, the expansion of its agriculture and industries, the procurement of food and other basic requirements. It was quite clear that in all this he was not merely responsible for Israel's source of life but was a central pillar of its very existence." He eulogized Mr. Kaplan as a man "humble, serene and tranquil, possessed of a spirit of self-sacrifice, exemplary public service and devotion to his people."

Mayor Impellitteri, paying tribute to Mr. Kaplan, said: "It was my great privilege to lunch with him when I was in Israel last year. At that time he was Minister of Finance of the State of Israel. His was the difficult task of finding the money to keep Israel moving in the only direction he knew - forward. He combined the rare qualities of practical and visionary statesmanship. A few hours with him convinced me that Israel had the leadership to steer it through its most difficult hours." Mr. Impellitteri called upon New Yorkers to complete the task "for which Mr. Kaplan gave his life."

Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president of the Bond drive, who worked closely with Eliezer Kaplan in the flotation of the Israel bond issue in the United States, described him as a man single-minded in his devotion to the success of the Jewish State. He praised Mr. Kaplan for his skill in steering her economy during critical days. "A man of great simplicity and inflexible purpose, he was, in his capacity as Finance Minister, in the thickest part of the battle for the survival of the young nation,"

Mr. Sonneborn said. "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."

### Zionist and Non-Zionist Leaders in U.S. Express Grief

The Joint Distribution Committee, in a statement signed by Paul Baerwald, Edward M. M. Warburg and Moses A. Leavitt, emphasized that Kaplan's "long and devoted efforts on behalf of homeless and helpless Jews and his great contributions to the establishment and upbuilding of the State of Israel earned him the love and respect of countless thousands. In the efforts of the Joint Distribution Committee on behalf of needy Jews overseas, he proved a devoted co-worker and a wise counselor."

Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Z. O. A., said in his statement: "The Zionist Organization of America mourns the passing of a man whose deep convictions and dogged determination have done so much to bring the State of Israel into being and seeing it through the initial years--so full of trials, so great in promise." Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Keren Hayesod in America, emphasized Mr. Kaplan's "unique contribution to the upbuilding of the State of Israel and its economic system as an integral part of his living for the Jewish people" and "his burning desire that they be given an opportunity to rebuild a culture in their homeland."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, in his capacity as president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, issued a statement saying: "The death of Eliezer Kaplan has deprived Israel and the Jewish people of one of their noblest sons. No soldier ever offered his life more valiantly on the battlefield than did Eliezer Kaplan on the field of service to the Zionist movement and to Israel." Dr. Goldstein also issued a statement eulogizing Mr. Kaplan on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, of which he is president.

The Jewish National Fund of America said: "The passing of Eliezer Kaplan removes from the scene one of the ablest and most devoted servants of the Jewish people. He was one of the foremost architects of the State of Israel. An economist of note, he saw Israel through its most difficult days lavishing his ingenuity on the financial difficulties of the young state." The statement was signed by Dr. Harris J. Levine, J. N. F. president, and Mendel N. Fisher, executive director.

Frank Goldman, B'nai B'rith president, said in a statement: "In a most significant period of Jewish history, Mr. Kaplan came to the forefront as one of the truly great leaders of our people. The breadth of his vision, his selfless devotion to service and his resourcefulness in the face of emergency were bastions of strength in the heroic struggle for their in-gathering into a haven which he helped make free and independent. The stability and progress of Israel will ever be a monument to the memory of Eliezer Kaplan--patriot, statesman and practical idealist."

Pioneer Women of America and Canada, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization, sent telegrams of condolence to Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben Gurion, and to its sister organization, Moetzet Hapoalot, the Working Women's Council of Israel, expressing the deep sense of loss and sorrow upon Kaplan's sudden passing. The condolence messages were signed by the national president of Pioneer Women, Dr. Sara Feder.

The Jewish National Worker's Alliance, a labor Zionist order, issued a statement mourning the death of Mr. Kaplan and emphasizing that his demise is "a loss for Israel, for the Zionist movement, for the Jewish people and for the Zionist laborites." The statement was signed by Meir Brown and Louis Segal, president and secretary of the organization, respectively.

**ARABS IN ISRAEL STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST NEW NATIONALITY LAW**

TEL AVIV, July 15. (JTA) -- Most Arab workers and shopkeepers in Israel observed a half-day work stoppage in protest against the new nationality law which went into effect yesterday.

The Arabs protested what they called discrimination in the law against the Arab residents of the country, because it does not automatically give citizenship to all Arabs in Israel. Government estimates state that 150,000 Arabs will receive citizenship, while another 2,000 will have to make formal application for naturalization. Citizenship is automatically conferred upon all Jews in or arriving in the country as immigrants unless they give the Israel authorities prior notice of rejection of citizenship.

Many of the Arab leaders of the protest movement are Communists and the Communist-sponsored Arab weekly Alitihad was closed for a month following the publication of articles about the nationality law which the authorities considered "inciting." In Nazareth most stores were closed yesterday, although tavern owners decided to remain open and sought police protection. Police stood by throughout the day, but no incidents occurred.

**KIDNAPPED FRENCH PRIEST RELEASED BY SYRIANS AFTER ISRAEL PROTESTS**

TEL AVIV, July 15. (JTA) -- A French priest kidnapped by Syrian troops from Israel territory Friday was released yesterday following a sharp Israeli protest to the United Nations truce supervisory machinery, it was announced here today.

The priest, Father Pierre Guichau, who was visiting Israel, was captured by Syrian soldiers in the Lake Kinnereth region near the point where the Israeli, Syrian and Jordan boundaries meet. He was blindfolded and led inside the Syrian lines where he was kept until the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, to which Israel protested, secured his release.

An Israel Government spokesman today warned the Syrians against any attempt to change the present Israel-Syrian border arrangement by force. Commenting on a report from Damascus that Syria wants a slice of Israeli territory along the eastern banks of Lake Tiberias, the spokesman said that the present armistice agreements could not be changed unilaterally. In the event the Syrians try to change the situation by force, he added, the "Israel Army, which always knew how to repulse attackers, will use its full force to foil Syrian ambitions."

**HAGUE REPARATIONS NEGOTIATIONS AWAIT RETURN OF GERMAN LEADER**

THE HAGUE, July 15. (JTA) -- The Israeli, Jewish Conference and German delegations at the reparations negotiations here were waiting today for the return of Prof. Franz Boehm, chairman of the German group, from Bonn. Meanwhile, no formal meetings of any kind have been held during the past few days.

From Bonn it was reported that a German Parliamentary commission appointed to investigate charges that the Nazi Foreign Service was top-heavy with former Nazi Party members has criticized Dr. Heinz von Truetzschler, a member of the German team here. Recommending that Dr. von Truetzschler, if kept in the Foreign Office, should not be sent abroad on official missions, the commission said that he had "forgotten" large portions of his past, including his connections with a group set up by former Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to work out the details of Hitler's "New Order" in Europe.

**JEWS FAVOR LUMP SUM SETTLEMENT OF HEIRLESS CLAIMS IN AUSTRIA**

VIENNA, July 15. (JTA) -- When Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl visited Great Britain and the United States recently, he was approached by Jewish groups in both countries with a request that the Austrian Government make a lump sum payment to Austrian Jews instead of setting up a fund from the proceeds of heirless and communal Jewish property, it was learned here today.

The Vienna Jewish Community, although not officially notified of the approaches to Chancellor Figl, approves of the lump sum payment proposals, it was also learned. The Austrian Jews believe that thus they would get the benefits of such a sum in the immediate future, while the heirless property fund will probably be many years in the establishment and eat up a large proportion of the funds.

The British Jewish groups are said to have asked a sum between 150,000,000 and 200,000,000 schillings, while the Americans suggested \$10,000,000. The Austrian Jews are said to favor the \$10,000,000 figure.

Meanwhile, Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, who has just returned from Paris, reported that while there he received a promise from the Joint Distribution Committee that the community would receive 1,600,000 schillings from the J. D. C. in 1952, a sum sufficient to cover the costs of its welfare program.

**DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM BRATISLAVA REPORTED; 'SECURITY' IS REASON**

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The Communist Party political purge in Czechoslovakia has been accompanied by growing unofficial pressure upon Jews with Zionist connections, the New York Times reported here today. Citing information received in New York, the Times said that Jews have been urged to give up plans for migrating to Israel.

The report quoted by the Times said that among hundreds of persons in Bratislava ordered to leave the city within ten days on "security grounds," Jews predominate. It also stated that Dr. Sigmund Stein, one of the founders of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and for several years legal advisor of the Czechoslovak Government and a friend of Rudolph Slansky, arrested former Deputy Premier, has been arrested in Prague. His arrest was believed by diplomats in Prague to be part of a purge of Jews in important positions, the report emphasized.

**GERMANS START LEGAL ACTION IN BANKRUPTCY OF JEWISH BANK**

FRANKFURT, July 15. (JTA) -- Legal action has been initiated here against five leading members of the former Jewish Industries and Trade Bank and the Armknecht Banking House of Hamburg as a result of the bankruptcy of the Jewish bank in 1950.

Among the five, who are charged by the Hesse authorities with fraud, misappropriation of large sums of money and violation of the Exchange Control Act, is A. Klibanoff, an attorney who is one of the defense staff of Dr. Philip Auerbach, onetime head of the Bavarian Restitution Office and now on trial on charges of fraud in office.

**GREEKS AUTHORIZE SHIPMENT OF GOODS FOR IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL**

ATHENS, July 15. (JTA) -- At the request of the Jewish community here, the Greek Government has authorized the export to Israel of 12,000 pounds worth of goods for the use of Greek Jews who immigrated to the Jewish State. No license and no exchange formalities were required for the authorization.

U.S. COURT REFUSES TO EXTRADITE NAZI PUPPET OFFICIAL TO YUGOSLAVIA

LOS ANGELES, July 15. (JTA) -- Andrija Artukovitch, who was charged with taking an active role in the extermination of Jews when he served as Minister of Justice in the Nazi puppet cabinet of Croatia, was set free here today by U.S. Judge Pierson M. Hall, who ruled that there was no basis for granting Yugoslavia's request that he be returned to that country to face trial. The judge said the extradition treaty under which he was sought was not valid.

The American Jewish Congress and other organizations have submitted information to show the complicity of Artukovitch in Nazi war crimes, including anti-Semitic decrees signed by him and speeches he made inciting the Croat people against the Jews. Sources close to the case have observed that although the hearings continued for several months no consideration of the facts of Artukovitch's Nazi record was made by the court, which concerned itself with the technicalities of Yugoslavia's suit for his extradition.

ARGENTINE JEWISH YOUTHS WIN PRIZES FOR ESSAY AND SHORT STORIES

BUENOS AIRES, July 15. (JTA) -- Three prizes for the best essays and short stories written by Jewish youths in Argentina were presented here yesterday by the Jewish Cultural Congress at an impressive ceremony held in the Jewish Community auditorium. The prizes were made possible by the Matias Stoliar Fund, named in honor of the late editor and publisher of the Yiddishe Zeitung, largest Jewish newspaper in South America.

The first prize of 3,000 pesos went to Abraham Rotenberg for his essay "Youth in Argentina and Israel"; the second prize of 2,000 pesos was awarded to Bezalel Kuper for a short story "The Meeting"; the third prize of 1,000 pesos was given to Herszl Tushiner for a short story "Fear." The prizes were awarded on the first anniversary of Mr. Stoliar's death. Although the contest was limited to Argentina, the jury was composed of four New York authors: S. Niger, Dr. J. Shatsky, Jacob Pat and Boris Smolar.

RABBI WEILER RESIGNS PRESIDENCY OF PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM MOVEMENT

JOHANNESBURG, July 15. (JTA) -- Dr. M. C. Weiler, founder and builder of the Reform movement in South Africa, and temporal head of the movement for the past 19 years, resigned from the position of president for life of the S. A. Union for Progressive Judaism. Mr. I. Greenberg, former chairman of the Johannesburg Reform Congregations, was elected president to succeed him.

Rabbi Weiler said he believed this position should be held in the future by a layman. He indicated that he was not retiring from working on behalf of the movement, but as long as he lived in South Africa he intended to take an active part in the movement. He was unanimously elected honorary president of the Reform movement in South Africa.

KUPER RE-ELECTED TO HEAD SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION

JOHANNESBURG, July 15. (JTA) -- S. M. Kuper was re-elected chairman of the South African Zionist Federation at the closing session today of the organization's 23rd biennial convention. The 700 delegates at the convention decided to call a nationwide conference on Jewish education within six months.