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## D. Z. PINKAS, ISRAEL COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER, DIES SUDDENLY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- David Zvi Pinkas, Israel Minister of Communications, died here early this morning in his room at the King David Hotel from a heart ailment. He was 57 years old.

His death was discovered by the management of the hotel after he failed to keep an appointment with other members of the Israel Cabinet with whom he was supposed to discuss problems concerning state interests. When he did not appear at the appointed hour, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol telephoned to Mr. Pinkas' room, and receiving no reply for some time, communicated with the hotel manager who ordered the door opened with a passkey.

Upon entering the room, the hotel employees found the Minister of Communications dead in his bed with documents from his office near him. A physician was summoned and established that Mr. Pinkas had been dead since about 2 A. M. The office of the Israel Premier was immediately notified and an urgent Cabinet meeting was held at which funeral details were worked out.

The Minister will be buried tomorrow in Tel Aviv near his parents, in accordance with his wishes which he incidentally expressed several hours before his sudden death. One of his officials asked him jokingly last night whether he intended to move to Jerusalem for permanent residence. He replied: "I am all for settling in Jerusalem while on duty, but I prefer to keep my permanent home in Tel Aviv, because when I die--and I don't yet intend to die--I would like to rest near my parents who prepared a site for me near their graves."

Israel marines, air force and police will keep guard throughout the night at the coffin which will be brought from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, and placed, until tomorrow morning, in the hall where the Knesset held its first meeting after the establishment of the State, and from where the funeral will start. The funeral procession will pass the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv where Mr. Pinkas was president. All government offices will be closed during the funeral. The preparations for the funeral are being supervised by Premier David Ben Gurion.

Born in Hungary, Mr. Pinkas received his education at the Vienna University and the Pressburg Rabbinical Seminary. He was a leading member of the Mizrahi, Zionist Orthodox organization. He settled in Palestine in 1925, and was elected member of the Tel Aviv municipality in 1932. He was chairman of the Finance Committee of the first Israel Parliament when the Jewish State was established.

## U. S. Groups Mourn Death of Israel Minister

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Statements mourning the death of Minister Pinkas were issued today by the Mizrahi Organization of America; Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency; Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Edward E. Gelber, president of the United Zionist Council of Canada, and numerous other groups.

## ISRAEL WILL PERMIT JEWS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY PERMANENTLY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Minister of Interior Moshe Shapiro told a press conference here today that the Israel Government will continue its liberal policy regarding those persons desiring to leave Israel permanently.

As long as defense regulations and the treasury are not affected, Mr. Shapiro said, the government will freely issue exit visas to citizens. He added that Israeli passports are ready and everyone who is entitled to a passport, and desiring it, can get one soon.

Mr. Shapiro, in outlining the government's immigration and citizenship policy, revealed that the government was resuming, as soon as possible, the registration of Arabs desiring to join their families within the framework of the unification of Arab families. He denied allegations of discrimination against Arabs in the citizenship law, stating that over 95 percent of the Arab inhabitants in Israel now enjoy automatic citizenship.

The Interior Minister said that 3,113 Arab applications to join their families had been approved during 1950, but only 1,965 Arabs arrived in Israel, while the others apparently had been prevented by the government of the countries where they reside. Egypt seems to be the most unwilling country to allow the Arabs to come to Israel. He said that the Arabs from regions recently added to Israel will be able, in due course, to obtain Israel citizenship in the same manner as others who have recently arrived.

## WORLD CONGRESS OF JEWISH PHYSICIANS APPEALS FOR DOCTORS FOR ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The World Congress of Jewish Physicians concluded here tonight with an appeal to young Jewish doctors throughout the world to come to Israel to serve as volunteers for one or two years in the medical system of the country.

The congress, attended by about 300 delegates from 18 countries, adopted a resolution condemning the use by Nazi doctors of medical knowledge to commit atrocities and to carry out sterilization with a view to annihilating Jews and others hostile to the Nazi regime. The resolution appealed to the medical world to "strengthen the foundations of medical ethics and forbid the use of science to destroy man or his personality."

It was reported at the congress that Israel is experiencing an acute shortage in physicians. At present there are about 3,000 practicing physicians in Israel. However, a large number of them are elderly people who had no opportunity to follow the latest developments in the field of medical science. Israeli delegates emphasized that the country is particularly short of young physicians able to work in immigrant camps in various parts of the Jewish State.

## Israel Government Seeks Right to Conscript Physicians

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- New regulations which will give the government the right to conscript doctors between 30 and 34 years of age for a period of two years' service in the armed forces--as well as physicians from 35 to 38 years of age for a period of one year's service--will be introduced in the Knesset today by Premier David Ben Gurion in his capacity as Defense Minister.

The Israel Government also intends to extend the period of compulsory military service by a further six months. Those in the age groups of 18-26 will serve for 30 months instead of two years, while those in the 27-29 age category will serve two years instead of 18 months. An exception will be made for new immigrants whose period of service will remain 18 months.

PHILIP AUERBACH, RABBI ORENSTEIN SENTENCED TO JAIL IN GERMANY

MUNICH, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian Restitution Office whose case has aroused world-wide interest, was sentenced here today to two-and-a-half years imprisonment on the charge that while holding office he "misappropriated" funds for Nazi victims.

Rabbi Aaron Orenstein of Bavaria was convicted for participating in the affair and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. Both the rabbi and the former Restitution Commissioner, insisted throughout the trial that they were innocent of the charges. Pleas made by defense attorney Joseph Klibansky for a new trial for his clients were rejected by the court which had three former members of the Nazi Party as judges.

The judges were accused of prejudice by Mr. Klibansky because of their membership in the Nazi Party. The fact that ex-Nazis were appointed as judges for this trial was severely criticized by some German newspapers, while anti-Semitic elements sought to utilize the charges against the two Jewish defendants for anti-Jewish propaganda.

GERMAN-JEWISH REPARATIONS TALKS TO CONTINUE FOR THREE MORE WEEKS

THE HAGUE, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The German-Israel reparations talks, which started here on March 22, will not end before the middle of next month, it was indicated here today. It will take another three weeks before the details of the agreement are worked out and ready for signature.

The agreement between the German delegation and the delegation representing the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany will similarly be ready for signature by that time, it was predicted. In the meantime, the members of the Israel and German delegations are continuing here their discussions over the kind of materials Israel is seeking to get from Germany as part of the reparations payments.

U.S. EXPERT DRAFTS PLAN FOR ISRAEL ON USE OF GERMAN REPARATIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The New York Times today reported from Tel Aviv that under a master development program devised by Solomon Trone, a United States engineer, the Israel Government is preparing to invest \$615,000,000 of the reparations funds to be paid by West Germany, \$181,000,000 obtained from other countries and \$825,000,000 in local currency over a ten-year period. Israel expects to receive \$715,000,000, mainly in goods from Germany.

Long an employee of the General Electric Company, Mr. Trone has worked as an engineer on the Dnepropetrovsk dam in the Soviet Union, the Yalu River dam in Korea, in China and in India. For the last eight months he has been employed by the Israeli Government and has submitted more than 30 reports on various phases of the country's economy.

Under Mr. Trone's plan, the largest investments will go into irrigation, building electricity, railway and road transport. Purchases in countries other than Germany were provided only in the case of electrical goods, such as wiring, requiring large quantities of non-ferrous metals, which are not readily obtainable in Germany.

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES TO MEET IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' Advisory Committee, on which Israel is one of the states represented, will meet here on September 15, it was announced today. The meeting, at which problems connected with the U.N. Emergency Fund for Refugees will be discussed, is expected to last five days.

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY REITERATES PLEDGE TO BAR PREJUDICE IN CAMPAIGN**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell of the Democratic National Committee today reaffirmed a pledge made by his predecessor, Frank E. McKinney, that "the Democratic Party will keep religious and racial prejudice out of the 1952 campaign."

Mr. Mitchell made his reaffirmation in a letter addressed to Sol Fineberg of the American Jewish Committee, who is acting spokesman for six Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders who had asked Mr. McKinney early in July for the support of the Democratic Party in preventing the injection of racial or religious bigotry into the 1952 campaign.

"I am glad to have this opportunity to reaffirm the pledge made to you by Frank E. McKinney, my predecessor as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, that the Democratic Party will keep religious and racial prejudice out of the 1952 campaign," Mr. Mitchell wrote.

"The Democratic Party never has condoned the use of religious or racial prejudice in a political campaign. If any group or any person should attempt to inject religious or racial prejudice into the campaign, I can assure you, as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, that the Democratic Party will be the first to condemn vigorously such actions, no matter who the person or group responsible may be."

The six leaders who wrote Mr. McKinney are: Rabbi Simon G. Kramer of New York City, president of the Synagogue Council of America; the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City, Mo.; Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill of New York, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America; Jacob Blaustein of New York, president of the American Jewish Committee; Dr. Arthur S. Fleming of Delaware, Ohio, president of Ohio Wesleyan University and vice-president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America; and Dr. George N. Shuster of New York, president of Hunter College.

**SEN. NIXON REPUDIATES CHARGES THAT HE WAS ANTI-SEMITIC; CITES RECORD**

DENVER, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Sen. Richard Nixon, Republican Vice-Presidential candidate, in a statement today to the Intermountain Jewish News and Jewish Telegraphic Agency, categorically repudiated charges that he was anti-Semitic. He said that the story of his alleged anti-Semitism was spread by Communists.

"I recently took my political life in my hands by opposing Jack Tenney, a protege of Gerald L. K. Smith, in the California primary for Congress," Sen. Nixon commented. "You can't imagine how much heat I took for that from the crowd that follows Gerald Smith, Robert Williams and those crackpots."

The California Senator called attention to his voting record as an advocate of aid to Israel and to his role in framing a pro-Israel platform plank, for which he received a letter of thanks from Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Committee. Earlier this week Sen. Nixon made an unheralded appearance at the national convention of auxiliaries of the Jewish Consumptives Relief Society, at the Brown Palace Hotel here.

(In San Francisco, the Jewish Community Bulletin reported that a whispering campaign against one of the candidates had flooded Jewish organizations with inquiries. The paper said in a front-page editorial that "a careful inquiry discloses at this time that none of the major nominees of the two principal national parties has ever been unfriendly to the Jewish people; nor in their case is there reason now in the light of all information available, to justify suspicions of that nature."

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ISSUES REPORT ON ISRAEL'S FOREIGN TRADE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Department of Commerce has issued a report on Israel's foreign trade during 1951 which indicates that Israel exported more goods than in the preceding year.

The report is based on Israel Finance Ministry figures and shows total imports of 122.6 million Israel pounds and exports of 16.7 million Israel pounds, representing a 19.5 percent gain in imports and a 27 percent gain in exports over 1950. Exports constituted 13.6 percent of imports by value, compared with 12.8 percent in 1950.

"It appears that the increase in import value in 1951 was due exclusively to price increases and that the physical volume of imports was one percent lower than in 1950," the report says. "Israel's population increased through immigration in 1951 by almost 15 percent.

"This greatest decline in volume of imports was registered by manufactured articles. Food imports were slightly lower in volume, whereas imports of raw materials increased 25 percent, largely because crude petroleum was imported instead of refined products and more lumber was imported," the report states.

The United States continued to be the most important supplier, but its share declined from 36.7 percent of total imports in 1950 to 31.8 percent in 1951, while imports from Britain increased from 8.8 percent to 10 percent. Imports from France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Finland continued to rise. Imports from Eastern European countries declined further. Of these, Czechoslovakia was the only one to show an increase over 1950.

"Composition of exports showed significant changes," the report pointed out. "Value of citrus fruit exports remained slightly below that of 1950, but a 60 percent increase occurred in value of industrial products shipped. Largely responsible for this increase were diamonds, fruit juices, and fashion goods, followed by motor cars, now assembled in Israel, and drugs and medicines. Exports of chocolate and sweets and of artificial teeth were lower than in 1950.

"Distribution of exports by countries remained generally unchanged. Great Britain topped the list, followed by the United States in second place. Finland replaced Denmark as third in rank, and trade with Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland, and Austria increased in importance."

ARGENTINE CATHOLIC DIGNITARY LAUDS ISRAEL'S TREATMENT OF CATHOLICS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Catholic situation in Israel was reported here today as being better than in certain Christian countries. The report was made by Monsignore Gustavo J. Franceschi, Argentine Catholic dignitary, following his return from a visit to the Jewish State.

Monsignore Franceschi quoted statements of Catholic dignitaries in Israel about the normal Christian religious life there. "The existing Catholic churches function in the most free manner, without any private or state interference in their internal existence," he stated. He emphasized that in many talks with monks and nuns, and with Catholic residents in Israel, he did not receive any complaints about hindrances to the exercise of freedom of belief or life.

ENTIRE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF MALTA VOTES TO MOVE TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The entire Jewish community of the isle of Malta--numbering 15 families--has voted unanimously to move to Israel and settle on the land. The Jewish Agency has been asked to aid in the necessary arrangements.

PREMIER MALAN OF SOUTH AFRICA RECEIVES ISRAEL'S CHIEF RABBI

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog was received today by South Africa's Premier Daniel Malan. Rabbi Herzog blessed Mr. Malan in Hebrew. The Premier will also attend a reception at the Israel Legation in Pretoria in honor of Rabbi Herzog and his wife.

A recommendation to form a Rabbinical Council of South Africa was adopted today at a Conference of Orthodox groups. The decision is generally regarded as a great step forward toward strengthening orthodoxy in the widely scattered communities of the country.

ORTHODOX DELEGATION FINDS ARGENTINE MEAT KOSHER FOR ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A special delegation of the Israeli Rabbinate which arrived here some time ago to check on the assertion of rabbis from Israel that meat sold as kosher here did not comply with the Orthodox ritual of slaughtering, today announced that it found the meat here perfectly kosher.

The delegation, composed of four ritual slaughterers, informed the Israeli Rabbinate by cable to this effect, in view of the fact that kosher meat is being sent from this country to Israel.

HAIFA RESIDENT REPORTS SEEING FIRST FLYING SAUCER IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A flying saucer was reported last night by a Haifa resident. The strange disk, the first to be spotted in Israel, was described as "greenish, about the size of a saucer and elliptical with a broad, rapidly revolving belt around its middle." The saucer was seen flying, according to the witness, for three seconds above Mount Carmel in a northwesterly direction.

ISRAELI SPORTSMEN LEAVE FOR MOSCOW TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORT GAMES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A selected team of Israeli volley ball players left yesterday for Vienna en route to Moscow where they will participate in international championship games starting there August 17.

U.S. COMMITTEE TO RAISE \$2,000,000 FOR JEWISH MEMORIAL IN PARIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The formation of an American Committee for the Unknown Jewish Martyr Memorial Fund was announced here today. The committee will seek \$2,000,000 in the United States to provide for the building of a monument and museum in Paris in memory of the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis in Europe. Congressmen Emanuel Celler and Jacob Javits were named honorary chairmen of the committee.

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