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## PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO DEDICATE SYNAGOGUE IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- President Truman today accepted an invitation to lay the cornerstone for the new temple of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, a Reform group, which is now celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Mr. Truman told a delegation of Washingtonians who called at the White House today that he would be happy to participate in the ceremony scheduled for sometime in November. Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld said the temple's original cornerstone was laid by President McKinley and that Vice-President Adlai Stevenson, grandfather of the Democratic Presidential nominee, attended a ceremony at the temple.

## GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP RACE LISTS FOR VISAS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- An inter-departmental and inter-agency sub-committee on international migration statistics has been set up by the Bureau of the Budget to study requirements of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act for racial and ethnic data, it was learned today. The sub-committee will draw up the list of races and ethnic classifications required under the act.

Ten government departments and agencies, including the State Department, are represented in the sub-committee which will function under the chairmanship of Miss Helen Jeter, an official of the Office of Statistical Standards of the Bureau of the Budget.

The Bureau of the Budget, a part of the President's Executive Office, is charged under law with responsibility for reviewing Federal forms. It was this bureau which previously notified the Anti-Defamation League that it could not order removal of questions concerning racial and ethnic data from visa application forms since there were statutory requirements for this data in the McCarran-Walter Act. The ADL has protested inclusion of a question requiring visa applicants of Jewish origin to identify themselves ethnically as Jews.

Edward B. Maney, new chief of the Visa Division of the State Department, notified Rep. Jacob K. Javits today that United States visa application forms "will continue to provide a blank space in which an applicant shall state his race and each visa applicant will also be required to state his ethnic classification in accordance with the provision of Section 22 (A) and (C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act." He said that the Representative's protest against the labelling of Jews would be referred to the Budget Bureau's sub-committee.

## BEN GURION REPORTS TO CABINET ON GOVERNMENT 'CRISIS'

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet, meeting today, was informed by Premier David Ben Gurion of the secession of two religious parties from the government coalition and from the cabinet, and of his conversations with representatives of parties not in the government, including the General Zionists.

A government spokesman said following the meeting that the cabinet had no intention of convening a special session of Parliament to deal with the government "crisis."

Knesset members of the Mizrahi Workers Party met today to consider their party's stand in the crisis. The Mizrahi and the Mizrahi Workers failed to follow suit when their Agudist colleagues in the Religious Bloc walked out of the coalition last week, and their central committee is expected to announce that they will remain in the cabinet.

Meanwhile, it was learned the Achdut Avoda Party, a splinter group which recently quit the leftwing Mapam Party, is considering the Mapai Party's invitation to join the government coalition. The group, which holds two seats in Parliament, is said to have been offered a deputy ministerial post.

The cabinet today also considered questions on implementation of the German-Israel reparations agreement and formation of a company to handle Israel's end of the pact. It is understood that Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will head the company and Dr. George Josephthal, member of the delegation which negotiated the agreement, will be his deputy.

The cabinet approved appointment of Zeev Shind as temporary director-general of the Ministry of Communications and decided to set up an inter-ministerial committee to coordinate activities concerning international festivals and assemblies here and abroad to avoid duplication and faulty arrangements.

## ISRAEL DENIES FAVORABLE SOVIET REPLY ON REPARATIONS BID

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman today denied recent reports that the Soviet Union had replied positively to Israeli requests for a discussion of reparation payments by East Germany to victims of the Nazis. The spokesman stressed that the situation was unchanged and that the Russian reply to Israel's letter to the four occupying powers in March, 1951, asking for reparations for Germany, remains unsatisfactory.

## ISRAEL WEIGHS RESPONSE TO YUGOSLAV ARMY INVITATION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Government was today reported to be considering the advisability of accepting a Yugoslav Government invitation to send observers to the forthcoming Yugoslav Army maneuvers. Many Western military observers and experts have been invited to attend.

## BRITAIN CONSIDERING RESUMING ARMS SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office is giving active consideration to the terms under which Egypt might once again receive arms from Britain, it was learned here today.

Official circles here are believed favorably inclined toward the Egyptian request for resumption of arms shipments. The British Government recently decided to supply Chipmunk trainer aircraft to Egypt.

LIBYAN POLICE MALTREAT AND ARREST ISRAELI NATIONAL AT AIRPORT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- An Israeli citizen has been beaten and arrested by Libyan policemen at the Castel Benito airfield, it was revealed here today.

The Israeli citizen, Huato Kalchon, migrated to Israel from Libya two years ago. He returned there recently for business reasons and was preparing to fly to Tel Aviv when the Libyan police learned that he carried an Israeli passport. They descended upon the Israeli minutes before his plane was scheduled to leave, beat him and dragged him off to a police station, causing him to miss his plane.

It was reported here that several members of the Libyan Government were present at the airfield when the incident occurred, but did not interfere.

According to a Foreign Office source here, Libyan law forbids the re-entry of any person who migrated to Israel and this may have been the reason for Kalchon's arrest.

AFL CONVENTION CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF ISRAEL HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Labor convention here today adopted a resolution calling upon its affiliated bodies and membership to strengthen the Histadrut, the general federation of labor in Israel, by "participating wholeheartedly in the Israel Histadrut campaign."

The resolution also declared that the Histadrut, with a membership of over 400,000, is the only free trade union movement in the Middle East. It congratulated the "youngest democracy" and expressed "pride in the achievements of the Histadrut," pointing out that the AFL has for over a quarter of a century "taken the lead in mobilizing support among American trades unionists" for the Histadrut.

WEILER, BACK FROM ISRAEL, STRESSES NEED FOR IMMIGRANT HOUSING

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- One out of every six persons in Israel lives in a tent or flimsy hut, Jack D. Weiler said here today on his return from Israel to assume chairmanship of the United Jewish Appeal's emergency cash drive for \$35,000,000. He said that 250,000 immigrants in Israel remain without housing and stressed that "only with cash can the tents and shacks be pulled down and permanent houses built."

Mr. Weiler, who spent a month in a survey of conditions in Israel, warned that "unless American Jews give to the UJA the funds it has asked for, Israel's transition to economic independence may be dead-ended and its bright hopes for the future thwarted." He stressed Israel's acute shortage of dollar exchange.

The UJA leader, who was joined in Israel by Moritz M. Gottlieb, UJA national chairman for regions, and Henry C. Bernstein, executive vice-chairman of the UJA of Greater New York, will report on the Israel situation at the 13th anniversary dinner of the New York UJA on Thursday and to 500 communal leaders attending the two-day UJA National Leadership Conference at Washington October 18-19.

Mr. Weiler, who also visited Joint Distribution Committee installations in Europe and North Africa, said that 160,000 needy Jews in these areas still require assistance from programs financed through the UJA.

## CANADIAN CONGRESS OPPOSES PRIVATE TRADING WITH GERMANY

MONTREAL, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress, representative organ of the Canadian Jewish community, continues to "look with disfavor upon trading with and importing German goods," it was announced here today.

Replying to queries, the congress pointed out that "there is no contradiction in the fact that the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany and the State of Israel are dealing with Germany since the terms of their dealings are quite clear and negate any suggestion of forgiveness or expiation or other moral equations which are conditions precedent to the acceptance of Germany as an element in Jewish contracts."

The congress statement referred to the action of its public relations committee on April 25, 1949 on dealing with Germany and said that those decisions "still accurately reflect our position."

## Arab League in Protest Against Israel Reparations

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Former Egyptian Premier Aly Maher has been delegated by the council of the Arab League to carry to the West German Government the League's protest against the German-Israel reparations arrangement, The Times of London reported today. The Times described this decision as underlining the "implacable nature of Arab resentment" against Israel.

It declared that the council's acceptance of recommendations that efforts should be made to settle Palestine Arab refugees in Arab countries willing to accept them meant "no lessening in Arab hostility towards Israel."

## SEEK PROBE OF RELEASE OF NAZI SLAYER OF YUGOSLAV JEWS

MUNICH, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The German Social Democratic Party today demanded a full-scale investigation into the release and subsequent flight of Franz Rademacher, wartime head of the Nazi Office of Jewish Affairs, who was convicted of complicity in the murder of 1,300 Yugoslav Jews.

Rademacher was convicted last March and sentenced to three years and five months' imprisonment. He appealed the decision to a higher court which last month granted him a new trial and ordered his provisional release pending the new trial.

The Social Democrats said today that the affair had assumed the "importance of a national scandal." They also pointed out that Rademacher was released on the very day that the late Philip Auerbach committed suicide after his conviction on charges of fraud in office in a trial which is currently under investigation by a Bavarian parliamentary commission.

The judge who presided over the Rademacher appeal and was responsible for his release has denied that the Nazi fled the country, as is generally assumed here.

## 50 JEWISH STUDENTS ATTENDING GERMAN UNIVERSITIES

MUNICH, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- An estimated 50-60 Jewish students are currently attending West German universities here, in Berlin, at Heidelberg and elsewhere.

NO RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN TURKEY, MINISTER TELLS W.J.C. AIDES

ANKARA, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Jews of Turkey have and will continue to have the fullest opportunity to participate in all aspects of Turkish national life, Fuat Keuprulu, Turkish Foreign Minister, affirmed here today.

The Minister told Dr. M. L. Ferl Zweig of New York and A. L. Easterman, of London, representatives of the World Jewish Congress, that Turkey makes no discrimination among Turkish citizens on the basis of their religious belief or racial origin and declared there is and will continue to be complete equality in the exercise of citizenship.

"All citizens will continue to have the fullest opportunity to take part actively in all aspects of Turkish national life," the Minister declared. "I have no doubt that Jewish public opinion throughout the world will understand that this represents the firm policy of the Turkish Government and expresses a basic principle of the new Turkish democracy."

Prior to the meeting the congress representatives conferred with leaders of the Istanbul Jewish community on the religious and cultural problems of Turkish Jewry.

CZECHS ACCUSE OREN OF CONTACT WITH "DANGEROUS TROTSKYITE"

MUNICH, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Mordecai Oren, former member of Mapam, Israel's left-wing Socialist party, who has been under arrest in Czechoslovakia since late last year, has now been accused of being "in contact with a dangerous Trotskyite" and of working in an underground movement against the Czechoslovak Government, it was reported here today by the Yiddish newspaper, "Neue Zeitung."

The newspaper identifies the "dangerous Trotskyite" as the late famed Jewish Czech writer Egon Kisch who died in Prague two years ago.

Oren disappeared late in 1951 after a trip to East Berlin to attend a peace conference as a member of an Israeli delegation. His whereabouts remained a secret and were the subject of numerous inquiries by the Israel Government. It was only after the exchange of several notes between Tel Aviv and Prague that it was revealed by the Czechs that Oren had been arrested for "anti-state activities."

Czechoslovak Jewish Diplomat's Fate Remains Mystery

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Newsmen and others trying to learn the fate of Dr. Edward Goldstucker, a Czech Jewish diplomat and first Czechoslovak Minister to Tel Aviv, who disappeared last year when recalled to Prague for an appointment in Sweden, have run up against a blank wall.

Dr. Goldstucker's arrest in Prague was reported last March. At that time it was said that he would be a major defendant at a big political trial, in which several other prominent Jews would also be tried, but that trial has never taken place.

FORM SOCIETY OF RABBIS IN WEST GERMANY

MUNICH, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- A society of rabbis is being formed in West Germany "to safeguard the honor and prestige" of rabbis, which was "greatly harmed" recently as a result of the trial of Munich Chief Rabbi Aaron Orenstein, Rabbi A. Holzer of Hamburg announced at a meeting of the Central Committee of German Jews

SEMINARY OFFERS COURSE ON 300 YEARS OF JEWISH HISTORY IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A special 14-week course on the 300-year history of the Jews in America will be offered during the fall-winter semester at the Jewish Theological Seminary here, it was announced today. The lecture-discussion course, which begins October 6, is being presented in anticipation of the nationwide observance in 1954 of the arrival of the first Jews in New Amsterdam in 1654. Outstanding authorities on various aspects of American Jewish communal life and Jewish achievement will lead the sessions.

COURSES ON JEWISH CULTURE, ISRAEL PRESENTED BY RUTGERS

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Courses in the elements of Jewish culture have been added to the curriculum of the Newark College of Rutgers University, it was announced today. The course, sponsored by the Jewish Education Association, will be given by Dr. Louis M. Levitsky, director of the School of Jewish Studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

A series of eight lectures analyzing the political, social and cultural development of Israel will be presented by the University at Rutgers this semester. The lectures will be delivered by Benjamin Schwadran, lecturer at the Near East Center of the New School for Social Research.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Rosh Hashanah messages of Presidential candidates Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, which contained tributes to the State of Israel, were noted here with "satisfaction," by an Israeli spokesman. He said his government was "happy that friendship for Israel continues to be the policy of both American parties."

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TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- Establishment of the State of Israel brought about a cultural revival of American Jewry, which is now "starving for Zion's culture and spirit," Joseph Opatoshy, American Jewish author, told a meeting of Israeli writers held in his honor. He urged Israel to send poets and writers to Jewish communities abroad as a cultural export.

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UNITED NATIONS, (JTA) -- The Sub-Committee for Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, meeting to consider its program of work, was told of the need to publicize its views throughout the world.

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BONN, (JTA) -- Dr. S. Levenberg, Jewish Agency representative in London, has rejected an invitation from the West German Social Democratic Party to attend its forthcoming party congress in Dortmund as a representative of the World Union of Zionist Socialist Parties. Dr. Levenberg's reply, sent through the Socialist International, stated that the time was not yet opportune for a representative of Jewish labor to accept such an invitation.

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KARLSRUHE, Germany, (JTA) -- The Federal German court here has rejected an appeal by Hans Steinbrenner, former supervisor in the Nazi death camp at Dachau, against a life sentence imposed on him by a Munich court. The lower court convicted him of murdering two prisoners and injuring nine others.

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STOCKHOLM, (JTA) -- A 20-ton fishing boat was turned over to the Israel Minister to Sweden, Dr. Abraham Nissan, at a ceremony here. The vessel was a New Year's gift to Israel from Clas Groschinsky, Swedish Jewish shipbuilder, made through the United Israel Appeal.

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