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## ISRAEL CABINET TO DISSOLVE ON FRIDAY; NEW CABINET TO FOLLOW

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- An extraordinary meeting of the Israel Cabinet has been scheduled for Friday morning at which Premier David Ben Gurion will formally announce the resignation of the Cabinet. He will then proceed to the office of President Ben Zvi to inform him officially of the resignation, and will thereupon be invited to form a new cabinet in which the General Zionists will join.

Meanwhile, negotiations with the Labor-Mizrachi and Orthodox Laborites parties to remain in the Cabinet continue. Representatives of the Mapai and General Zionists agreed today to make a joint approach to the minor parties in an attempt to keep them in the Cabinet, despite their opposition to various points of the agreement on which the new broad coalition will be based.

While Mapai representatives were discussing these matters with Orthodox Laborites, Premier Ben Gurion was meeting with Minister Moshe Shertok and Rabbi S. Rosenberg, Mizrachi leaders, over Rabbi Nurk's remaining in the Cabinet. The Premier said that if the Poale Mizrachi will agree to allocate one of its posts to the Mizrachi, the Premier will also agree. He refused to accept an additional Cabinet post to keep Rabbi Nurk in the government, asserting that in such an event he would have to create another post for the Poale Agudat which would have the same Parliamentary strength as the Mizrachi.

### Mizrachi Laborites Decide Not to Enter New Cabinet

In Tel Aviv tonight, the executive committee of the Hapoel Hamizrachi Party decided unanimously to turn down the invitation to enter the new government. It adopted a resolution stating that "the executive favors the new government coalition, but the conditions and terms of the Mapai-General Zionist agreement prevents the Hapoel Hamizrachi from entering the coalition."

The Mizrachi Laborite leaders who reported to the executive on the negotiations between the two major parties and the Orthodox group stressed the "danger" to religious education contained in the projected educational legislation pledged by the Mapai and the General Zionist Parties. The Premier has invited Poale Mizrachi leaders to confer with him on joining the government, despite the position of the Orthodox executive. The meeting will take place tomorrow morning.

It was learned today that beside the written agreement between the Mapai and the General Zionists, the representatives of both parties signed an oral agreement on the following matters: nomination of Deputy Ministers; participation of the centrists in the machinery handling the German reparations payments; placing of the civil service system on a solid, non-political basis; administrative reorganization of the Knesset; and the formation of a Cabinet Committee on economic and monetary policy.



**U.S. QUERIED BY ISRAEL ON SUPPLY OF AMERICAN ARMS TO EGYPT**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Questions bearing on the supply by the United States of arms and war materials to countries in the Middle East and the present status of the tripartite declaration of May 25, 1950 guaranteeing the borders of each state in the Middle East, were raised today by Israel officials who met with John Jernigan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

The Israelis were: Israel Minister Plenipotentiary David Gatten and Col. Chaim Herzog, military, naval, and air attache. The question of the status of Israel's application for military aid under Section 202 of the U. S. Mutual Security Act of 1952 was raised. The interview was requested by Ambassador Eban who was detained at the United Nations and was therefore unable to attend today's meeting here.

Mr. Gatten, following the meeting in the State Department, told reporters that there had been some movement of arms to the Middle East, but he would not disclose the exact nature of this movement. However, he did say that the tripartite agreement had been affected. He said that "if there had or has been a supply of arms to Egypt, it would affect our position."

Asked if Israel had requested American military aid, Mr. Gatten pointed out that such a request was made early in 1952 and that Israel could get "reimbursable" aid. He indicated that the whole problem of the supply of arms to the Middle East was discussed.

**ISRAEL ENVOY, BANNED FROM PRAGUE AND WARSAW, GOES TO VIENNA**

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Arie Kubiš, Israel Minister to Czechoslovakia and Poland, who was declared persona non grata by the governments of these two countries, left Israel today for Vienna on private and official business, it was reported this afternoon.

Reports reaching here today from Vienna state that Mordecai Bentov, member of the Israel Mapam delegation to the Communist-sponsored Vienna "peace conference," stressed at the sessions there that Zionism is a revolutionary movement "directed against United States imperialism and loyal to the Soviet Union." Mr. Bentov made no protest, however, against the recent Prague "purge" trial, the report said.

**CZECH PRESIDENT SAYS PRAGUE TRIAL WAS NOT ANTI-JEWISH**

VIENNA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Klement Gottwald, President of Czechoslovakia, last night denied that the recent Prague trial and execution of Jewish Communist Party officials on charges of treason and espionage was an anti-Semitic act, according to a broadcast by the Prague radio.

Addressing the opening session of a two-day conference of the Czechoslovak Communist Party in Prague, President Gottwald said that because a man was a Jew did not make him a Zionist. He asserted that anti-Semitism was an offshoot of barbaric racialism, but that anti-Zionism was a "defense against United States espionage."

The President also blamed most of Czechoslovakia's economic ills on the "Slansky gang," the members of which were convicted at the Prague trial. He attacked Israel and Zionism and said they were "ruled by American imperialists."



## JEWISH CONGRESS REPORTS ON POSITION OF JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The 360,000 Jews living in the French North African protectorates of Tunisia and Morocco face the most precarious political, social and economic conditions, it was revealed in a study of the Jewish communities, released today by the World Jewish Congress. These problems have been intensified in the current bid for independence in French North Africa, which has seen extensive local violence.

The report, prepared by the World Jewish Congress' Institute of Jewish Affairs, reveals that the Jews of Tunisia are somewhat better situated than those in Morocco, due to the fact that Tunisia has been a French protectorate since 1881 -- some 30 years longer than Morocco. In Tunisia, Jews not only enjoy the same rights of citizenship as do Moslems, but a large number of them, having become naturalized French citizens, enjoy the same status and privileges as Europeans.

However, the vast majority of the Jews of both countries suffer from social and economic harassment, the report says. It emphasizes that in Morocco, only 33 percent of the Jewish population is gainfully employed and 35 percent are in need of relief. In Tunisia, only about half of the Jews -- those living in Tunis -- enjoy any status of equality. Those in the provinces are still subjected to economic boycott, hoodlumism and other persecutions.

In issuing the report, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, expressed the hope that both the French Government and the United Nations, as well as the responsible nationalist leaders, would do everything within their power to safeguard the rights of the minority groups in North Africa.

## JEWS IN TURKEY TO HOLD FIRST POPULAR ELECTION OF CHIEF RABBI

ISTANBUL, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Preparations are being made in all Jewish communities in Turkey for the forthcoming election of members of a temporary general assembly whose sole duty will be the election of a Chief Rabbi for Turkey, a post which has been vacant since the death of the last Chief Rabbi in 1931. The elections of the members of the assembly will be held next Sunday and the new Chief Rabbi is expected to be named and take office next month.

This is the first time in the history of Turkish Jewry that a popular vote will be held in connection with the naming of the Chief Rabbi. Formerly, the Chief Rabbi was appointed by the Grand Rabbinat's General Assembly, composed of communal and religious leaders. With the granting of permission by the Turkish Government for the holding of the forthcoming election, the government has to all intents and purposes scrapped an 80-year-old regulation which prohibited the naming of a Chief Rabbi without the express permission of the government.

It is expected that Rabbi Raphael Saban of Istanbul will be chosen Chief Rabbi, although there are five candidates in the field. His first task, it is believed, will be the revamping of the status of the Grand Rabbinat, which serves as the official representative body of Turkish Jewry. All 52,000 Jews living in Turkey -- whether Sephardic or Askenasic, Turkish or foreign -- will be permitted to vote in the elections for the temporary assembly, which will sit in Istanbul when it makes its selection of a Chief Rabbi.



## 1,500 DIGNITARIES ATTEND IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL FOR WEIZMANN

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The creation in Israel of a "reservoir of scientific knowledge and talents," to replace the "great repository of Jewish scholarship and science in Eastern Europe" in large part annihilated, was urged tonight by General David Sarnoff, chairman of the Board of the Radio Corporation of America, in addressing the memorial tribute to late President Chaim Weizmann of Israel held at the Waldorf Astoria here.

Fifteen hundred guests, including leading American and U. N. statesmen and political figures, many ambassadors, world-famed scientists and community leaders attended the tribute, which was sponsored by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science. Mrs. Vera Weizmann, the President's widow, had flown specially from Israel to attend the commemoration. The Grand Ballroom at the Waldorf Astoria had been specially decorated for the occasion and 78 candles near the rostrum symbolized the late President's age.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who was one of the principal speakers, hailed the late Dr. Weizmann as "the most consummate synthesis of an Eastern Jew saturated with the fullness of Western European culture." He said that the late President's Zionism was "the natural consequence of his Jewishness." His death had signaled the end of an era, Dr. Goldmann said.

Other speakers were Sir Simon Marks, noted British philanthropist, and president of the World Committee for the Weizmann Memorial; Ambassador Abba S. Eban of Israel; and Abraham Feinberg, president of the American Committee for the Institute. Sir Simon Marks, after reviewing the period of his friendship of over forty years with the late President, said that the Chaim Weizmann Memorial set up by the Israel Government and Jewish Agency at Rehovoth would be "a center of pilgrimage and inspiration for generations to come."

The audience adopted with acclaim a statement read by Dewey D. Stone, board chairman of the American Committee for the Institute, pledging the creation of a center of science and culture in Israel incorporating the Weizmann Institute of Science, in fulfillment of Dr. Weizmann's aims. Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute, announced the nomination of the Institute's first three Louis Lipsky Exchange Fellows. These were Prof. Charles D. Coryell, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr. Gerald Estrin, of the Institute of Advanced Study of Princeton, N. J., and Dr. David Ginsburg, of the Weizmann Institute at Rehovoth, who is going to Oxford University, England.

Beethoven's "Eroica," the late President's favorite symphonic work, was played by the N. B. C. Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leonard Bernstein. Miss Jennie Tourel sang a lamentation from "Jeremiah" and Ravel's "Kaddish."

## \$1,500,000 DRIVE FOR TECHNION LABORATORIES LAUNCHED IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A drive for \$1,500,000 for the electrical engineering laboratories of the Technion in Haifa was launched here today at a luncheon at the Hotel Commodore. The drive is part of the \$10,000,000 goal which the American Technion Society hopes to raise toward the \$20,000,000 needed to erect a new Technion.

Harry F. Fischbach, a director of the American Technion Society, told the guests at the luncheon that the electrical laboratories will be the first facilities erected on the new campus site on historic Mount Carmel.



## HADASSAH SPENT \$20,000,000 ON YOUTH ALIYAH IN 18 YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- More than \$20,000,000 has been spent by the Hadassah for youth immigration to Israel since the inception of Youth Aliyah about 18 years ago, it was reported here today by Moshe Kol, member of the Jewish Agency executive, addressing Hadassah's annual Youth Aliyah conference at the Waldorf-Astoria, attended by 500 delegates.

Mr. Kol shared the speaking platform with Leonard Bernstein, noted composer and conductor, who has made four trips to Israel to conduct the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and is serving as honorary chairman of World Jewish Child Day for Youth Aliyah. Mr. Bernstein's topic was "America's Stake in Israel's Youth." Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, former president of Hadassah and member of the executive of the Jewish Agency introduced Mr. Kol.

Mr. Kol described a new approach to the problem of educating young people through Youth Aliyah, giving them thorough agricultural training and practical experience in farming. He referred to the recently-dedicated Hadassah Youth Aliyah Rural Vocational Education Center at the Ben Shemen Children's Village in Kfar Vitkin.

"This center," he said, "will serve a total of 500 settlements. It will serve 270 Youth Aliyah groups as well as youths from 230 settlements that were established for new immigrants, and are specially allied with Youth Aliyah." The young people, he explained, will be given special courses designed to equip them for agricultural work and will get practical experience in handling farm machinery so that they will be able to join their families and help them in farming the land.

The Jewish Agency leader revealed that Youth Aliyah plans to change its program in North African countries in order to facilitate immigration there. Parents will be asked for permission to send youngsters under 15 years old to Youth Aliyah center in Israel for training, Mr. Kol reported. The parents will be asked to wait two years before emigrating to Israel, while their children are undergoing this training. Then, the young people will rejoin their families. By this time their children will have absorbed enough knowledge to assist their parents in becoming acclimated to Israel, when they arrive to settle there.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS FUND FOR BRITAIN AND ISRAEL ANNOUNCED

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The establishment of a 20,000 pound trust fund for travelling fellowships to be exchanged between British and Israeli students was announced here last night at a dinner sponsored by the British Friends of the Hebrew University.

The trust fund has been established by John Goodenday, philanthropist, who guarantees that if the income from the capital does not reach 1,000 pounds annually he will make up the difference. The fund has been named in his honor and grants will be made either to graduates of the Hebrew University who wish to continue their studies in England, or to British university graduates who wish to do research work in Israel. Prof. Norman Bentwich has been named chairman of the board of trustees of the fund.

## BOOK ON NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS AWARDED DUTCH PRIZE

THE HAGUE, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Abel Herzberg, Zionist author and publicist, who was a prisoner of the Nazis both here and in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, has been awarded the Jan Camper Literary prize for his chronicles of Jewish persecutions under the Nazis. Dr. Herzberg is a former president of the Dutch Zionist Association.



**ISRAEL IMPORTS TOO MANY VISITING EXPERTS, U. N. EXPERT SAYS**

HAIFA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A visiting United Nations expert who thinks that "there may be too many experts running around Israel," today told the press here that Israel should place less stress on importing experts, and more on teaching its own people to become experts. The visitor is Hyman Bornstein, prominent American metallurgical authority, who is here under the auspices of the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations.

"There is no doubt that Israel has much to learn from experts," Mr. Bornstein declared, "but from the point of view of your long range economy the country would be far better off spending its money supporting an institution like the Technion. Experts are not cheap just because an outside agency sends them," he added. "They cost Israel a lot of money, too, yet the Technion, with its 1,200 engineering students, is doing more to industrialize Israel and help it attain a high degree of technological efficiency than any group of foreign experts or any other agency."

Mr. Bornstein, who is chief technical consultant to Deere & Co. in the United States, also noted that whereas labor is well and efficiently organized in Israel, there is insufficient organization of industry. "Common problems with respect to manufacture, raw materials and marketing should compel Israel industries to get together and exchange information and assistance," he said. Mr. Bornstein is now engaged in drawing up plans for the establishment of a metallurgical laboratory, to be used for both education and research purposes. The laboratory is being sponsored by the Technion Society of Pittsburgh, at a cost of \$100,000.

**PLAN TO BUILD 50 SETTLEMENTS IN ISRAEL LAUNCHED IN NEW YORK**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Fifty religious settlements commemorating fifty leaders of religious Zionism will be established in the Huleh area in Israel under a plan launched here last night at a Chanukah dinner arranged by the Religious Department of the Jewish National Fund.

Rabbi Max Kirshblum, newly-elected president of the Mizrachi Organization of America, who recently returned from Israel, told the 1,500 guests that he had concluded a contract with the Jewish National Fund of Jerusalem for a tract of 3,000 dunams (750 acres) of land in the Huleh region on which will be constructed the fifty new religious settlements bearing the general name of "Nachlat Hach-amishim," Hebrew for "Settlements of the Fifty."

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS INTRODUCES COURSES IN HEBREW**

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Courses in the Hebrew language and literature are now underway at the University of Texas, in Austin, it was announced today at the offices of the World Zionist Organization here. The courses were made possible by contributions from the Department of Culture and Education of the World Zionist Organisation and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Both courses are conducted by Rabbi Mordecai Chertoff, of Austin, who has received the rank of Lecturer in Classical Languages from the University. It is hoped that these courses will lead to the establishment of a permanent Chair in Jewish Studies at the University of Texas, the announcement said.