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## BEN GURION FORMS NEW ISRAEL CABINET; PROGRESSIVES JOIN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- President Ben Zvi today authorized David Ben Gurion, Mapai leader and Premier in the previous two Israel Governments, to form a new government. Mr. Ben Gurion officially submitted the resignation of his last Cabinet -- which was in office 14 months -- to the President last Friday. Mr. Ben Gurion will present his new Cabinet to Parliament tomorrow.

The coalition will include Mr. Ben Gurion's Labor Party, the General Zionists and the Progressive Party. After more than a week of strenuous negotiations the Progressives agreed to enter the government on the basis of a compromise over the projected reform of the election laws. Negotiations continue with the Mizrachi Laborites for their entrance into the Cabinet and there is hope that these negotiations will be successful.

The Progressive Party's central council decided by 18-9 today to join the new Cabinet after Progressive leaders reported that they had been assured in writing by both the Mapai and the General Zionists that the program of the new government would not include any mention of a limitation of Parliamentary representation to parties which obtain at least 10 per cent of the national vote. The compromise also provides that a special committee of representatives of all parties in the coalition shall be set up to study amendments to the election law.

Mr. Ben Gurion, who took the initiative in efforts to bring the Progressives into the Cabinet, also met today with Moshe Shapira and Dr. Joseph Burg, Mizrachi Labor leaders. He urged the Orthodox party to join the coalition and settle its differences with the larger parties from within. With the elimination of the Parliamentary limitation plank from the new government program, the major bones of contention between the Orthodox group on one hand and the General Zionists and the Mapai on the other is the proposed amalgamation of the various party educational systems and the mobilization of women for national service.

At a meeting of the General Zionist central council last night it was decided to name the following to Ministerial posts: Dr. Peretz Bernstein, Minister of Trade and Industry; Israel Rokach, Minister of Interior; Joseph Saphir, Minister of Communications; and Joseph Serlin, Minister of Health. The Progressives have decided to name Dr. Pinchas Rosen as candidate for the Justice portfolio.

## ISRAEL PROTESTS TO BIG POWERS AGAINST EGYPT'S EXTENDED BLOCKADE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today presented a note against Egypt to the diplomatic representatives of the United States, Britain and France for transmission to their governments. The note charged the Egyptian Government with extending its illegal blockade against Israel by seizing a meat shipment from Ethiopia destined for the Jewish State. Israel pointed out that this act goes beyond Egypt's own definition of preventing any "war material" from reaching Israel.



**U.N. ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS TOMORROW; LEAVES PALESTINE ISSUE UNSOLVED**

**UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 21. (JTA)** — The United Nations General Assembly will adjourn its current session this Tuesday until February with the Palestine issue no longer scheduled for discussion until the eighth regular session of the General Assembly at the end of next year. Israel notified the United Nations this week-end that it is withdrawing the Palestine item it had placed on the agenda as a counter-complaint against the Arab nations.

The Israel complaint accused the Arabs of violating the U.N. Charter and the armistice agreement with Israel. It would have come up for discussion after the Assembly's recess in February. However, after the Assembly's failure last Thursday to adopt the resolution sponsored by eight neutral powers proposing direct Arab-Israel peace talks, Ambassador Abba Eban, chief of the Israel delegation at the U.N., declared that Israel would take her complaints to other United Nations organs -- presumably the Arab-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission or to the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission.

The eight-power resolution calling for direct Arab-Israel peace talks -- supported by Israel and bitterly opposed by the Arabs -- failed to obtain the two-thirds majority vote needed for final adoption by the General Assembly, although the same resolution had been adopted a few days earlier by the U.N. Special Political Committee. The resolution was supported at the Assembly by the United States, Britain, France and the other Western Powers, but was opposed by the Soviet Bloc, the Arab countries and some Latin American states.

**Israel Disappointed At U.N. Failure to Urge Direct Peace Talks**

Although disappointed with the fact that the General Assembly failed to adopt the resolution advocating direct Arab-Israel peace talks, the Israel delegation at the United Nations drew some consolation from the Assembly developments. Ambassador Eban cited the following facts:

1. The Arabs had initiated the Palestine issue in the General Assembly. Their complaints had been thoroughly aired and had been dismissed by the General Assembly which had refused to act in any way on their complaints.
2. The General Assembly and the Political Committee had rejected attempts to have past resolutions on Palestine reaffirmed. Specifically, it had rejected the Arab demand to this effect and the General Assembly had rejected the Philippine amendment which would have made the past U.N. resolutions the basis of direct Arab-Israel negotiations. On the other hand, however, the Assembly failed to take any formal action to bring about direct negotiations although a majority had favored such action.
3. Israel and the Arab states are now to be left alone to work out their differences and the U.N. will not seek to influence a political settlement. "The issue now leaves the international forum," Mr. Eban said, "and enters the sphere of direct relations between the parties."

The Israel delegation pointed out that Israel had long advocated this course before the Arabs sought unsuccessfully to obtain a resolution from the General Assembly. Israel, the envoy declared, had made its stand on peace clear in its recent six-point declaration and remained ready to negotiate on these conditions with any and all of the Arab states.



## AUSTRIA REMINDED AT U.N. OF HER REPARATIONS OBLIGATIONS TO JEWS

**UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 21. (JTA) --** The Austrian Government was reminded here of its obligations with regard to the payment of reparations to victims of Nazism, in a speech delivered by Israel delegate Emile Najjar prior to the approval by the U.N. General Assembly of a resolution on Austria.

Israel was among the nations voting in favor of the resolution which called on the Western Powers and the Soviet Union to agree on the terms of a treaty ending the occupation of Austria and restoring the country to full sovereignty.

Emphasizing that Austria had given Dr. Theodor Herzl to the Jewish people, Mr. Najjar pointed out that after Hitler's entrance into Austria many Jews had to flee the country, among them the well-known author Stefan Zweig who died in Brazil and others who found their "redemption" in Israel.

The Israeli Government sincerely felt that the Austrian Government meant to meet her obligations in regard to reparations to victims of Nazism, Mr. Najjar said. His delegation hoped that soon the Austrian people would be able to free themselves from the shackles of foreign occupation. It was in this spirit that his delegation would support the four-power draft, the Israeli representative said.

## ISRAEL REJECTS POLAND'S CHARGES AGAINST ITS ENVOY IN WARSAW

**JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) --** The Israel Legation in Warsaw today informed the Polish Foreign Ministry that the Israel Government "rejects energetically and unreservedly" the charge made by the Polish Government against Dr. Arich Kubovi, Israel Minister to Poland, declaring that he misused his diplomatic privileges to the prejudice of the Polish Republic and demanding his recall.

The Israel note presented in Warsaw today emphasized that the Polish allegations against Dr. Kubovi were "totally unfounded and wholly contrary to the truth." At the same time, it was reported here that the Warsaw radio announced yesterday that the Polish Government had charged the Israel legation in Warsaw with espionage activities and had handed the legation a note demanding that "forbidden practices" of an "espionage character" be halted.

Accusing the Israeli Legation of overstepping the limits of normal diplomatic functions, the note said the Israelis had not only represented the interests of Israel and its citizens, "but also illegally claimed the right to make representations on behalf of Polish citizens of Jewish origin, and this even against their wishes."

The Warsaw radio added that the note stated that despite repeated warnings from the Polish authorities the Israel Legation had "attempted to become an ideological and organizational center to promote the growth of Zionist organizations liquidated in Poland a long time ago."

## SOVIET REPORTED JAMMING BRITISH BROADCASTS IN HEBREW

**LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) --** Reports here concerning alleged Soviet jamming of British Broadcasting Corporation Hebrew-language programs beamed to Israel indicated today that BBC officials may circumvent the interference by broadcasting from stations outside Britain. The officials are said to have evidence that their Hebrew-language programs have listeners behind the Iron Curtain, but noted that this audience is not encouraged to write to London about the programs.



**BRITISH JEWS CONDEMN ANTI-JEWISH TONOR OF PRAGUE TRIAL**

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) — The Board of Deputies of British Jews today adopted a resolution condemning the anti-Semitic tenor of the proceedings at the Prague trial. The same resolution was later accepted by a mass rally, organized by the Board, to protest the trial, sentencing and execution of nine Jews. It was carried over the protest of a small but vociferous Communist minority.

The meeting protested the "calculated attempt to exploit anti-Jewish prejudice among the people of Czechoslovakia" and the "vilification of Israel whose policy is to provide a home for the victims of persecution and discrimination." It also expressed concern over the "dangerous consequences" which such anti-Semitic propaganda "may bring to the broken remnants of Jewry in Eastern Europe."

British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie told the rally that "no one can shake off the memory of the recent sorrows and suffering. No one can but be terrified by the present callousness and indifference to human life which is one of the consequence of the convulsions which were started by fanatical anti-Semites whose malice, passions and falsehoods know no bounds."

**LABOR MEETING ASSAILS ANTI-SEMITIC TONE OF PRAGUE TRIAL**

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) — Some 2,000 persons attending a rally here to protest the anti-Jewish aspects of the Prague "purge" trial today adopted a resolution calling on the United Nations and the governments of the world to call on the Soviet Union to "unlock the doors and permit the remnants of the Jewish population to find refuge with their brothers and sisters in other lands."

The resolution was adopted by the Joint Labor Rally to Protest Soviet Anti-Semitism, under the chairmanship of Adolph Held. The meeting was sponsored by the Jewish Labor Committee. Speakers included leaders of the American labor movement as well as Alice Masaryk, daughter of the late founder of the Czechoslovak Republic.

A message by President Truman to the conference asserted that "the tragic fate of six million Jews at the hands of other totalitarian regimes does not permit us to witness the use of anti-Semitism without protest. The Jewish people are not alone in their concern over the implications of the Prague trials for the Jewish communities in Czechoslovakia and in the other Soviet satellite areas in Eastern Europe," the President stressed. "Decent men everywhere are disturbed by the revelations of the Prague trials. We Americans cannot condemn these procedures too forcefully."

President-Elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his message, declared that "the Communists, like the Russian Cossacks and the German Nazis, are using the Jews as scapegoats for the failure of their regime. I am honored to take my stand with American Jewry, the trade unionists, and all the other men and women of decent instincts who are participating in your meeting," the message added.

At the United Nations yesterday, Secretary General Trygve Lie received a protest against the Prague trial from Alfred Kohlberg, national chairman of the American Jewish League Against Communism, which urged the U. N. to probe the trial under its Charter powers to protect human rights. The letter called the trial the "Reichstag Fire of 1952" and predicted that it would lead to Communist-led pogroms.



## JEWISH CONGRESS CRITICIZES CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT CHURCH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today criticized the recent statements issued by the Roman Catholic Bishops of America and the Protestant National Council of Churches for advocating the injection of more direct religious instruction and content into public education "as constituting a serious threat to the traditional American principle of separation of church and state."

A resolution, unanimously adopted today by 250 Jewish leaders attending the joint administration and executive committees year-end meeting at the Stephen Wise Congress House, criticized the Catholic Bishops for being "primarily concerned with securing a share of tax-raised funds for parochial school purposes" and the Protestant group, though expressing adherence to the principle of church-state separation, "as nevertheless striving to delimit its interpretation so as to permit the utilization of the time, premises or curriculum of the public school system for religious instruction or indoctrination."

"The invocation of state aid on behalf of religion," the resolution warned, "will inevitably force citizens to divide along religious lines in controversy over either the amount of financial assistance various groups should receive from tax-raised funds or whose religion is to be taught in the public schools. In such a controversy, either religion or freedom, and generally both, are ultimate casualties."

While affirming the right of any religious group to maintain its own educational institutions, the American Jewish Congress insists in its resolution that the integrity of the public school system must be maintained against any sectarian encroachment. The resolution concluded with a plea to "all Americans who cherish religion and liberty alike to unite in maintaining that principle inviolate."

In a second resolution, the A. J. C. leaders assailed the recent Prague trials "as dispelling any lingering doubts that the countries within the Soviet orbit are now actively exploiting anti-Semitism as an instrument of national policy." The resolution charged that the weapon of anti-Semitism is being wielded "to provide a scapegoat for economic distress, to curry the favor of anti-Semitic elements in Eastern Europe and elsewhere, to herald a new alliance with the enemies of Israel."

But, the resolution added, "those purposes are less important than the consequences of this resort to anti-Semitism. There can be little doubt that Jews in the Cominform lands will now become the special victims of mounting suspicion and discrimination. The activities of Jewish institutions will be even more rigidly circumscribed and any hope of emigration to Israel has probably been wholly shattered."

## COURT ORDERS CLEVELAND SUBURB TO PERMIT BUILDING OF SYNAGOGUE

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A state court has ordered officials of a nearby suburb to grant a permit to the Euclid Avenue Temple of Cleveland to build a proposed new \$2,000,000 synagogue in the village.

Since last January, the officials of Beachwood Village have refused the permit on the grounds that construction of the temple would violate the residence zoning code and would depreciate realty values in the neighborhood. The judge ruled that use of the ordinance to permit the construction of two churches, a golf range and a nursery school while denying a permit to the temple was a discriminatory use of the code. He also denied that realty values would suffer.



## U.S. MINERAL EXPERT TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL ON TWO-YEAR MISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman announced today that Don L. Carroll, of Kensington, Md., a bureau of mines technologist, will leave for Tel Aviv about December 26 on a two-year Point Four assignment to serve as minerals resources adviser to the Technical Cooperation Administration director in Israel.

Mr. Carroll will assist the Israel Government in planning an extended program for exploration and development of the country's mineral resources. He will work with Israel technicians to study and evaluate the possibilities for furthering economic expansion through development of feasible minerals resources.

The technologist served as a member of an E. C. A. mission in Korea from October, 1949, until the outbreak of the Korean War, after which he was loaned to the United States Air Force for civilian duty in the Far East until December, 1950. He spent most of 1951 and 1952 in Bolivia appraising the petroleum and other mineral resources east of the Andes Mountains for the Export-Import Bank and private interests.

## FAVORABLE RATES ESTABLISHED FOR CONVERSION OF ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A more favorable rate of exchange for the conversion of Israel dollar bonds to Israel pounds has been announced by the Israel Treasury through the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, underwriter for State of Israel Bonds.

The new regulations are intended to facilitate conversion to pounds for those bondholders who wish to visit Israel, to invest in Israel industries, or to contribute to philanthropic agencies in Israel. The rates set up for Israel bond conversions for these purposes are as follows:

1. For approved investments of Israel bonds in Israel industries, the rate of exchange is one Israel pound for one dollar.
2. For tourists converting their Israel bonds while in Israel, the rate of exchange is also one Israel pound for one dollar.
3. For contributions of Israel bonds to philanthropic agencies in Israel, the rate of exchange is \$1.40 for one Israel pound.

Ordinarily, Israel bonds are neither transferable nor redeemable prior to May 1, 1954. However, the redemption in Israel pounds described in the Treasury regulations can take place at any time.

## TWO ISRAELIS WIN U. N. AWARDS FOR POSTAGE STAMP DESIGNS

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- An Israeli artist, Willi Wolf Wind of Tel Aviv, has been awarded first prize for his design of a United Nations postage stamp in a competition for general U. N. designs, it was announced here this week-end. Another Israeli, Steven P. Ir-Shay, won second prize for a design of a postage stamp to commemorate human rights.