COMPOSITION OF NEW ISRAEL CABINET ANNOUNCED IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion today announced the composition of his new three-party coalition government to the Israel Parliament, following a brief review of the domestic and international situation. The parties in the new government are: Mapai, General Zionist and Progressives.

The Mapai members of the Cabinet are: Mr. Ben Gurion, Premier and Minister of Defense; Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance; Dr. Peretz Naphtali, Minister of Agriculture; Behor Shitreet, Minister of Police; Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor and Public Works; Moshe Sharett, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Prof. Ben Zion Dinor (formerly Dinaburg), Minister of Education; Pinchas Lavon and Dr. Dov Joseph, Ministers without portfolio.

The General Zionist Ministers are: Dr. Peretz Bernstein, Minister for Commerce and Industry; Israel Rokach, Minister of Interior; Joseph Saphir, Minister of Health; and Joseph Serlin, Minister for Communications. The lone Progressive Minister is Dr. Pinchas Rosen, Minister of Justice. The Welfare and Religion portfolios will be distributed within a week, Mr. Ben Gurion announced.

Ben Gurion Outlines Policy of New Government

Outlining the program on which the new coalition will be based, the Premier said that it would accept joint responsibility for the defense of the country's democratic regime and would exercise joint responsibility before the Knesset. It also provides: Hebrew shall be the official state language, but the Arab population shall be entitled to use its own language; the cost-plus system shall be eliminated from the economy of the country; output shall be increased; a general compulsory educational system shall be introduced for all children, with a religious education available for children whose parents prefer it.

The program also provides: absolute equality in the political and economic and other fields for Arab citizens; the Sabbath and Jewish holidays shall be official holidays, but the minorities will have their own religious holidays; exit visas shall be abolished, except for security reasons; and a new electoral law shall be introduced in Parliament to end the fragmentation of parties.

Negotiations to induce the Mizrachi Laborites to join the new coalition government were still in progress as late as this afternoon and it was hoped by Premier Ben Gurion that these talks would bring the Orthodox workers into the Cabinet in which they were promised three seats. However, shortly before Parliament
convened, the Mizrachi Laborite group sent a letter to the Premier stating that they were unable to join the government because their demands in the field of religious education were not granted.

**Government Commands Largest Majority It Ever Enjoyed**

Never before has Premier Ben Gurion commanded such a comfortable majority in Parliament as now. The pro-government majority in Parliament will consist of 77 deputies, out of the total of 120. It will include 45 Mapai members, 23 General Zionists, five Arab Democrats and four Progressives. The opposition will, for the time being, command 41 votes since it is known that two members of the Agudah Labor Party will not join the opposition but will abstain from voting on all issues.

The opposition may dwindle to 33 should the Mizrachi Laborites decide to join the new Cabinet. An indication that he still expects the Mizrachi Laborites to join the Cabinet was given by Premier Ben Gurion in his address in Parliament today during which he took leave of the two Mizrachi members of his old cabinet -- Dr. Mordecai Nurok and Haim Cohen -- but refrained from bidding farewell to two Mizrachi Laborite members of the former Cabinet.

Immediately after the Premier's address, a six-hour debate began in Parliament with Meir Yaari, leader of the leftist Mapam Party, vigorously attacking the new government for allying itself with the centrist General Zionist group and placing obstacles in the way of a rapprochement with the Eastern world. "The new government will receive a vote of confidence at the end of the debate in which all opposition groups will participate."

(In New York today, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, sent a cable of congratulatations to Dr. Bernstein, leader of the Israel General Zionists, and to Dr. Rosen, leader of the Progressives. Dr. Goldstein declared that "the new coalition should be the source of new strength for Israel.")

**LEBANON PERMITS ISRAEL TO JOIN IN RESCUE OF FRENCH SHIP**

**TEL AVIV, Dec. 22. (JTA) --** After an unsuccessful attempt at rescuing some 1,500 passengers aboard a French liner aground four miles south of Beirut, the Lebanese authorities today permitted Israeli tugs to enter Lebanese waters to assist the stricken vessel.

Previously, the Lebanese had banned the Israeli tugs, despite Israel's insistence that international law as well as humanitarian considerations would keep the Israelis from leaving the scene with the 12,546 ton liner "Champollion" in danger. The vessel, which was in danger of breaking up in heavy seas, had sent out an SOS.

An Israeli military spokesman revealed that Israeli authorities had received three different messages on the "Champollion" from the Lebanese representatives on the Mixed Armistice Commission. The first announced that the Lebanese had succeeded in refloating the liner, the second admitted failure byt prohibited the entrance of the Israeli naval tugs into Lebanese waters, while the final message granted permission. It was learned that during the unsuccessful Lebanese attempts one Lebanese boat was capsized.
ISRAEL VOTES AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-AMERICAN MOVE AT U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Israel joined the majority of the U.N. General Assembly in rejecting a Soviet charge that United States forces committed the "mass murder of Korean and Chinese prisoners of war on the island Pong Am" which was debated early this morning just before the Assembly adjourned.

The resolution was turned down by five in favor (the Soviet bloc) to 45 against and ten abstentions (Asians and Arabs). Israel delegate Gideon Raphael, explaining Israel's vote, recalled that his country, together with 53 other member states, had voted for the Indian proposal for an armistice which had been rejected by China. He described this as "one of the most saddening events and a blow to peace."

The Israeli delegate declared that death and devastation was still gripping Korea, "because a group of states" refused to accept the "just and reasonable" proposal. He hoped that the General Assembly would dispose of the Soviet charges and concentrate on bringing peace to Korea.

ISRAEL-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE SET UP IN NEW YORK

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A decision to establish an Israel-American Chamber of Commerce in New York has been reached among the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, the Israel Manufacturers Association and the Farmers Association, it was learned here today.

The Israel National Bank has agreed to extend facilities to the projected chamber which will help guide capital investment in Israel. The organization will be directed jointly by Israeli and American management.

U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY INVITE EGYPTIAN PREMIER TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A proposed visit by Egyptian Premier Mohammed Naguib to Washington to meet with President-Elect Eisenhower has been discussed by the State Department with Egyptian Embassy officials here, it was learned today. The visit would take place after the inauguration.

A note of urgency has been injected into the discussions by the Egyptians to frighten the State Department into the belief that the Naguib Government may be replaced within the next several months by an administration less friendly to the United States. The view of elements in the State Department is that since Egypt leads the Arab League, a visit by Gen. Naguib to President Eisenhower may provide a vehicle by which Egypt and other Arab League states may be brought closer to the United States.

U.S. APOLOGIZES TO ISRAEL FOR UNAUTHORIZED PLANE FLIGHT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Monnet B. Davis yesterday apologized to the Israel Government for the violation of Israeli air space earlier this month. The Israel Foreign Ministry had lodged a verbal protest with the Ambassador over the unauthorized flight of U.S. military planes over Israel's portion of Jerusalem on Dec. 1 during maneuvers in Jordan.
FREEDOM OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN WEST GERMANY PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Action "soon" on the freeing of Nazi war criminals was predicted today by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in an interview released here by U.S. News and World Report. Dr. Adenauer was quoted as saying that "something will happen soon" and that he had discussed the matter with Walter J. Donnelly, U.S. High Commissioner for Germany.

The White House, meanwhile, has received a plea from the National Council for Prevention of War to release before Christmas the 300 Nazis still in American custody. The N.C.P.W., in the organization which endorsed Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's activities in defense of Gestapo troopers guilty of the Malmedy atrocities, has otherwise sought to aid Nazi war criminals.

State Department sources said today that the Nazis remaining in custody represent the most vicious war criminals including Gestapo killers and concentration camp sadists. All but these most fanatic Nazis have already been pardoned.

GERMAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT TO ERADICATE BUCHENWALD CAMP

MUNICH, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Communist government of East Germany has decided to tear down all the buildings in the Buchenwald concentration camp, where the Nazis tortured more than 100,000 inmates to death, and to cover the area with trees, it was reported here today from Berlin. The planting of the trees will start in the spring.

A memorial to the victims of the Nazis was dedicated at the town of Reutlingen, in Southern Germany, yesterday. During the last few years of the war some 120 concentration camp inmates, most of them Jews, were shipped to the town, and were murdered and cremated at the local crematorium.

BRITISH JEWS PROUD OF "DOUBLE LOYALTY" TO BRITAIN AND JUDAISM

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The pride of British Jews in their double loyalty to Britain and Judaism in no way implies a lack of sympathy for either the State of Israel or the affairs of the Jews of any other part of the world, Ewen Montague, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, last night told the annual meeting of the organization here.

In a reference to the Prague trial, Mr. Montague said that developments at the trial came as "no surprise" since information received here indicated "quite clearly that sooner or later the Jewish scapegoat would prove of value to the Communist tyrants." He said that the great mass of Jews in Eastern Europe do not even have the means of escape which "some of the German Jews had."

AUSTRALIA ABOLISHES IDENTIFICATION OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Government of Australia has halted its practice of identification of Jews as a separate category on application forms for prospective immigrants, it was revealed here by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. The Council had protested this practice to the Australian immigration authorities.
NEW YORK STATE ASKED TO BAN BIASED RESORT ADVERTISEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'ni B'rith, why announced that it has submitted a brief to the New York State Commission Against Discrimination urging the banning by the State of such phrases as "churches nearby" in resort advertisements.

The League's brief asserted that such advertisements violated the New York State law against discrimination and pointed out that they first began to appear in 1914 after the New York County District Attorney held that the use of such phrases as "selected clientele" and "restricted clientele" were illegal.

As verification of "what many Americans know from personal experience," the League presented S. C. A. D. with the results of an intensive study it had made of resort hotel advertising in two leading New York newspapers. In this test, identical letters requesting reservations -- one signed with an obviously Jewish name and one with a non-Jewish name -- were sent to 185 different resorts which operated in 16 different states and in Canada, and whose ads included the phrase "churches nearby" or a variant thereof.

An analysis of the replies, the League reported, showed that "when the name of a prospective guest revealed that he might be Jewish," his chance of obtaining accommodations at the resort of his choice was 27% if he selected it from the ads in one newspaper and 48.1% from advertisements in the other. "If from his name he appeared to be non-Jewish," however, "he had an 88% to a 90.7% of success."

The results of the study, the League contended, were "conclusive proof that these polite phrases, apparently offering special facilities, such as 'Catholic and Protestant Churches nearby' " were "simply devices for discrimination in guest selection on the basis of religion."

The League also drew S. C. A. D.'s attention to a statement made by the non-sectarian Travel Agents Committee to Combat Discrimination, which charged that resort owners who use "churches nearby" ads do so "in order to avoid the more obvious references which are prohibited by law." As far as the general public was concerned, the Travel Agents Committee reported, "the majority of persons so interpret these phrases as indicating the established practice of limiting the acceptance of guests to those of the Christian faith and thereby exclude members of other religions."

COLORADO AND WYOMING COLLEGES TO DELETE REFERENCE TO RELIGION

DENVER, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Colorado-Wyoming Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers voted to delete from all uniform application blanks any reference to race, religion or church preference.

Notice of the action was conveyed by Charles H. Maruth, director of Admissions & Records at Denver University, to Dr. Arthur L. Campos, chairman of the Mountain States Committee on Equality of Educational Opportunity in Higher Education, an organization of educators from Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah which seeks to eliminate discriminatory aspects of college and university life.
ITALY BANS TEXTBOOKS CONTAINING SLANDER AGAINST JEWS

ROME, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Italian Minister of Education Enrico Segai has informed the Union of Italian Jewish Communities that he has ordered a ban on future sale of an elementary school textbook which contains a slander against the Jews.

The book accuses the Jews of the 15th century of performing ritual murders in the Trente. The Minister has also issued instructions to all teachers whose pupils now have the book to explain the error it contains.

The National Academy of the Lincei, Italy's foremost academy of arts and sciences, has honored Senator Guido Castelnovo, Italian Jewish scholar and mathematician, who has headed the Academy since the end of the war, when it was organized. Italian artists and scientists and representatives of foreign learned societies attended the ceremony.

HADASSAH COMMUNAL HEALTH PROGRAM UNDER WAY IN ISRAEL VILLAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A new Hadassah experimental communal health program which will offer a medical and health education program to family units is already being organized at Beth Masmil, some three miles from Jerusalem, Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, national president of the women's Zionist organization, told a press conference here today. The program is expected to cost $20,000 in the first year of operation.

Mrs. Rosensohn revealed that the program, which is "exciting the whole of Israel," will cover some 5,000 persons. Approximately half of them will be organized in family units living in homes which are now being built. The remaining half will be immigrants still living in Maabarat.

Teams of doctors, nurses, social workers, psychiatrists will be assigned to the program to offer medical service, health education, nutrition classes and club work, Mrs. Rosensohn said. In studying and working with the family as a whole, the project is aimed at "conserving what is precious in these people and not establishing an Israeli pattern," she added. Although the project has not yet been opened officially, nine team members -- including doctors and social workers -- are at work in the community.

DR. FELIX BLOCH, NOBEL PRIZE WINNER IN PHYSICS, RETURNS TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Felix Bloch, atomic scientist at Stanford University, who received the Nobel Prize for physics in Stockholm Dec. 10 in the same ceremony at which Dr. Selman Waksman received the prize in medicine, returned here today. Dr. Bloch expressed the opinion that research in the atomic field for peacetime uses had not been retarded. He also said the United States had supremacy in the atomic field.

JEWISH GRAVESTONE OF 13TH CENTURY DISCOVERED IN FRANKFURT

FRANKFURT, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A gravestone bearing the inscription, "Israel, son of Mordecai," and dated 1284 was discovered by workmen here restoring the Frankfurt Cathedral. The Cathedral is located on the site of a Jewish cemetery that was destroyed in 1349, when the Jews in this city were subjected to persecution. The stone was later used in the altar work of the Cathedral.