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## **BEN GURION GOES ON VACATION; FRICTION IN CABINET REPORTED**

**JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) --** Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, was today named Acting Premier of Israel for the period during which Premier David Ben Gurion will be on vacation at Tiberias. Mr. Ben Gurion, however, will continue to carry out his functions as Defense Minister while he is on vacation, the Cabinet also decided.

Pinchas Lavon, Minister without portfolio, was named Acting Foreign Minister while Moshe Sharett is in Burma heading a Mapai delegation to a conference of Asiatic Socialist parties. The Cabinet decided to postpone the municipal elections until a short time before the Parliamentary elections at the end of 1955.

The Ministers were also faced with the first conflict between the members of the two leading parties, the Mapai and General Zionists. Reports here said that friction had already arisen in the new Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, which was only organized a week ago, and that all decisions of major importance had been put aside pending today's full Cabinet meeting.

Meanwhile, the economic situation seems to be worsening. Most price controls have been lifted, with more promised. Prices rose last week, including the price of gasoline, kerosene and electricity as well as foodstuffs. With the Histadrut pledged to hold off on wage increases, except for cost of living bonuses, real wages have dropped.

## **Government Determined to Stabilize Israel's Currency**

An acute shortage of money is felt everywhere--in government offices, where employees are behind in salaries, in private concerns which have dismissed many workers, and in business, where the public has been restricting its purchases to essentials. Commenting on suggestions that the government print additional currency, Mr. Eshkol declared, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that "under no circumstances" would the government print more money. Mr. Eshkol stressed that his immediate goal was to stabilize Israel's currency, and that printing new currency would lead to widening of the present inflation.

The Ministerial Committee on Economic Affairs, which is headed by Mr. Lavon, has proposed the dismissal of several hundred employees of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry whose duties were abolished along with the lifting of controls from most of the economy. Additional paring and streamlining of government offices is being planned by this body. Meanwhile, some newspapers have suggested the amalgamation of various economic functions held by several different Ministries under a single Economics Ministry. The merging of the Ministries of Police, Religion and Welfare with the Ministry of Interior was also urged.

## HUNGARY AND RUMANIA JAM ISRAEL BROADCASTS TO JEWS ABROAD

LONDON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The British representative of Kol Zion Lagolah--the Israeli radio station that broadcasts to Jews outside Israel--today declared that radio stations in Hungary and Rumania are deliberately interfering with the Kol Zion broadcasts.

According to the station's representative here, Communist stations in the past have frequently "cut in" on Kol Zion broadcasts and have made reception almost impossible in Britain. There have also been reports that Russian and Czech transmitters have been interfering with Kol Zion programs. Meanwhile, Soviet jamming of Hebrew-language programs beamed from London by B. B. C. to Israel is continuing.

## ISRAEL RECEIVES DETAILS ON EXPULSION OF JEWS IN HUNGARY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Reports of the expulsion of Jews from Szege, the second largest city in Hungary, were confirmed with the arrival here today of additional details on the expulsions.

The latest information says that the official reason given for the movement of the Jews is to prevent their crossing the border to Yugoslavia, which lies just across from Szege. The Jews are said to have been put to work in Hungary's rice fields. Some 2,000 Jewish families are believed to have been living in Szege.

## MOSCOW ORGAN SAYS ISRAEL SOLD TO "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS"

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Soviet Ministry of Education has joined in the campaign against Israel, according to a report from the Moscow correspondent of the New York Times. The report says that Teachers' Gazette, organ of the Education Ministry, came out with an article charging that Israel has created in Palestine ghettos for the Arabs "similar to Jewish ghettos created by Hitler in Poland."

Creation of Arab ghettos by what the Teachers' Gazette described as "hysterical Zionists" was said by it to be part of the racist policy of the United States, "the report states. The newspaper charged that "bosses of the Jewish state sold for dollars their country to American imperialists" and now without any limitation carry out "the policy of their transocean bosses."

## ISRAEL RESUMES TRANSPORTATION OF JEWS FROM PERSIA BY AIR

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The transportation of immigrants from Persia by air will be resumed next week with the arrival of 64 adults and eight infants, a Jewish Agency spokesman revealed here today. A contract to fly the immigrants to Israel was signed by the Agency with an air transportation company as winter weather closed the overland route through Turkey until next Spring.

Commenting on a protest last week by the American Zionist Council against the shipment of arms by the Western Powers to the Arab states, the spokesman said that the Agency welcomes the "initiative of any Zionist group or individual" who undertakes to assist politically the State of Israel in any of the dangers facing it.

## MAPAM DECIDES TO SEND DELEGATE TO YOUTH CONFERENCE IN PRAGUE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- By a vote of three to two, the left-wing Mapam Central Council decided yesterday to participate in a conference of the "Democratic Youth Movement" in Prague. The decision was taken despite a warning by some members of the party that sending a Mapam delegate to the Czech capital, where Mapam leader Mordecai Oren is under arrest, would only strain the organization internally. A leader of Hashomer Hatzair, M. Yasur, was selected to attend the Prague parley.

EGYPTIAN PREMIER CONFERS ON GERMAN-ISRAEL REPARATIONS PACT

LONDON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Egyptian Premier Gen. Mohammed Naguib yesterday conferred with West German Ambassador Gunther Pawelke on the Bonn-Israel reparations pact and Arab opposition to it, it was reported here today from the Egyptian capital.

The parley, at which Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Fawzi was present, was the latest in a series which began with an Egyptian protest to Bonn last September after German and Israeli signature of the pact. Last month the Germans handed Egypt a note refusing to cancel the pact with Israel but offering the Arab states favorable trade considerations. Later, Premier Naguib asked for further clarification of the German note, and yesterday Ambassador Pawelke told newsmen that the Premier was "getting" the clarification he asked.

Another dispatch reported that the Cairo newspaper Al Ahram today carried an interview with Gen. Naguib in which the Egyptian "strong man" threatens non-cooperation with the West for regional defense over the Big Powers' support of peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab States. Commenting on the resolution--narrowly defeated in the last U. N. General Assembly--calling for direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Arabs, the General said:

"It is strange that the West should favor the interests of 1,000,000 Jews over those of 40,000,000 Arabs holding a unique strategic position so essential in safeguarding world peace. The effect of these unjust measures on Egyptian and Arab public opinion make it extremely difficult for us to reach an understanding with the West."

(At the United Nations this week-end, the Egyptian delegation said that the Egyptian authorities had permitted several meat cargoes destined for Israel through the Suez Canal. Commenting on the Israeli charge that a meat shipment was removed from the Norwegian freighter Rimfrost last October, the Egyptian delegation said that the cargo was seized because it was originally identified as coming from the Sudan. After a protest from Eritrea, whence the meat was shipped, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry intervened with the customs officials and the meat was released, the statement said.)

ARABS IN TUNIS CONDUCT "UNDECLARED" BOYCOTT AGAINST JEWS

PARIS, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Arabs in Tunis are pressing an undeclared but highly effective economic boycott against the Jews in that city, it was reliably reported here today. The report added, however, that most of the Jews believe the present crisis will pass and that normal relations between Arabs and Jews will be restored.

The shipment of parcels to Israel has been banned by the Libyan Government, it was reported here from Tripoli. All postal and telegraphic communications between Libya and Israel are expected to be suspended shortly.

JEWISH EDITOR OF FRENCH NEWSPAPER ORDERED TO LEAVE EGYPT

LONDON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Etienne Cohen Deloro, editor-in-chief of Le Progres, French-language newspaper published in Cairo, has been ordered to leave Egypt within a fortnight, it was reported here from Cairo. Expulsions of other Jewish journalists from Egypt has taken place recently.

NEW CONGRESS GETS TWO BILLS AGAINST MCCARRAN IMMIGRATION ACT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Two bills aimed at rewriting or repealing the new Immigration and Naturalization Law which became effective ten days ago, were introduced yesterday at the opening of the new Congress. One, submitted by Rep. William A. Barret, Pennsylvania Democrat, asks for the repeal of the law, known as the McCarran-Walter Act, and for return to the immigration statutes in force before the measure was passed by the last Congress. The other bill, introduced by Rep. Jacob Javits, Republican-Liberal of New York, asks the House to order the re-writing of the law.

No real change in the spirit of the McCarran-Walter Act was foreseen today by sources close to the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization. These sources predicted that the Republican Administration would seek to modify some administrative technicalities so that the Act might be more effectively implemented, but that its racist features and general nature would remain unchanged.

A move for minor revisions in the Act may be suggested by President-Elect Eisenhower in one of his first messages to Congress but those close to the immigration picture fear that no really important change in the Act may be anticipated. Southern Democrats have already indicated that they will side with conservative Republicans in defense of the 1952 Act. Sen. Willis Smith, of North Carolina, openly predicted that Congress would make no "material changes in the law because there is nothing materially wrong with it."

Throughout the nation an estimated 2,500,000 resident aliens began registering at immigration offices under terms of the Act. The Act requires that non-citizens register by January 31 or risk deportation or imprisonment. It demands also that aliens carry special registration cards with them at all times. Organizations such as HIAS have established offices in major cities to aid aliens in filling out forms.

JEWISH CONGRESS ISSUES STUDY ON NAZI CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today published a study tracing the history of the Nazi campaign against the Jews from its earliest stages of discrimination, through plans for the wholesale removal of Jews from Europe, to the "final solution"--mass murder. The study was compiled on the basis of evidence introduced at the Nuremberg trials but not previously published in popular form.

Gen. Telford Taylor, chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trial, in a preface to the study, dispels the conception that the Nazi mass murders of Jews were conducted in secrecy. "The idea that the 'final solution' was a deep secret, known only to Hitler, Himmler and the SS special units is a myth," he declares.

Gen. Taylor discusses the role of various strata of German society in the Nazis' genocidal activities including the medical profession, chemists, industrialists and bankers, diplomats and the military, revealing that all these professions were deeply implicated in the Nazi campaign, and that the entire German population bears a deep moral responsibility for the gas chambers, concentration camps and crematoria which were the instruments of mass murder of millions of Jews.

Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the W. J. C. Institute of Jewish Affairs, in an introduction to the study published under the title "From Discrimination to Annihilation," warns against the dangers of neo-Nazi recrudescence in Germany. He expresses the opinion that one of the roots of the present rise of neo-Nazism lies in the failure to implement fully the denazification program in either West or East Germany, owing to the split between East and West and the competitive efforts to attract the support of Germans. The study was prepared by Anatole Goldstein.

SO. AFRICAN COMMUNITY LEADER EVALUATES AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The strong and weak sides of American Jewish life were analyzed here today by Gustav Saron, general secretary of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, prior to his leaving the United States, where he spent two-and-a-half months studying various aspects of Jewish community activities.

"American Jewry today," he said in a statement, "constitutes an intricate many-colored mosaic. There is so much variety: In one sphere you encounter striking examples of progressive organization; in another fragmentation and disunity still persist; here you meet a pulsating Jewish way of life; there you encounter enormous indifference and ignorance; now you are troubled by doubts regarding the continued identification of the young American Jew with his people, and then you are gladdened by coming upon groups of vital young men and women devoted to Jewish values and consecrated to the furtherance of Judaism."

Emphasizing that he believes that the future of world Jewry depends greatly on developments in the United States, Mr. Saron declared that he was immediately conscious of the notable strides forward which American Jewry made in meeting the crisis of the last 15 years and especially in coming to the rescue of the survivors of the Hitler terror and in aiding the State of Israel through the travails of its birth.

"As a result," he pointed out, "Jewish group solidarity has been greatly strengthened and a very effective organization for fund-raising has been perfected throughout the country. This has redounded to the benefit of local communal organizations, where there has been a notable trend towards centralized planning and coordinated activity, and additional men and women have come forward to participate in the leadership of Jewish communal life."

"One cannot fail to be impressed by the high quality of the welfare services which have been developed by the Jewish community--especially by its professional workers--services that in many fields have set new standards for the country as a whole. If what has been so far achieved is conserved and advanced, it can become a sure foundation for great future progress."

On the other hand, Mr. Saron found that the thinking and action of the American Jewish community is still too largely centered on fund-raising and philanthropy and social welfare in the narrower sense of the term. "The undue emphasis which is now placed on these aspects of communal life tends to obscure the importance of other more abiding, though less tangible facets, of Jewish life. I refer to such matters as Jewish education, culture and the life of the spirit," he stated. He urged greater cooperation and coordination, wherever possible, in all spheres of American Jewish life where common ground can be found.

27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF YIVO OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The 27th annual conference of YIVO, Yiddish Scientific Institute, opened here last night with about 2,000 delegates and guests in attendance. The opening session was devoted primarily to the presentation of papers on the Jewish catastrophe in Europe, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto. The conference will last four days, during which various aspects of Jewish cultural life will be discussed.

## HALF OF MONTREAL JEWISH CHILDREN RECEIVE NO JEWISH EDUCATION

MONTREAL, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today made public a report showing that of all Jewish children of school age in Montreal in 1952, 45.7 percent were receiving some kind of Jewish education. The report estimates that a certain number receive private tuition, bringing the percentage of all Jewish children of school age receiving some form of Jewish education to 52 percent. Of the total, 4.8 percent attended Sunday schools; 48.1 percent supplementary afternoon classes five days a week and 47.1 percent Jewish day schools.

While the percentage of all Jewish children of school age in Montreal receiving Jewish education was 46.7 percent, it was noted that 68.6 percent of Jewish boys of school age and 36.8 percent of Jewish girls of school age were in the group. The total number of Jewish children of school age in Metropolitan Montreal in 1952 was 14,650, of whom 6,625 were receiving some kind of Jewish education.

The educational and cultural committee of the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress circularized communities in Ontario with 20-60 Jewish families with regard to stimulation of activities in the field of adult Jewish education. The committee had established a Congress award presented to the community which distinguished itself most in this area. The competition for 1953 will be limited to 18 communities having 20-60 Jewish families. The facilities existing in these communities are considered to be similar.

## TOLEDO SYNAGOGUE DONATES LAND TO CATHOLIC INSTITUTION, CITY

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Congregation B'nai Israel of this city has donated more than 11 acres of a 19-acre plot it bought here to a Catholic institution in an action hailed by Toledo's Mayor Lloyd E. Roulet as "a landmark in the advancement of religious and racial tolerance and understanding." The Congregation, which will build a new synagogue, school and library on the six acres it is keeping, has also given the city one acre for the enlargement of an adjoining public playground.

The 11.7 acres was donated to the Ursuline Community of Roman Catholic nuns which will build a school on it. Two years ago the congregation, the Ursuline nuns and the city were competing for the tract, but an amicable settlement was reached for dividing the land. To express appreciation of the "fine spirit of amity" which made possible the compromise on the tract, the trustees of B'nai Israel voted unanimously to purchase the entire tract and give away the portions assigned to the other two parties, rather than share the cost. The parties have agreed to build no fences separating the three sections.

## SCROLL ON BAR KOCHBA'S REBELLION DISCOVERED IN JUDEA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A scroll describing Bar Kochba's rebellion against the Romans 1,800 years ago and written in a Hebrew-Assyrian script has been discovered in a portion of the Judean desert now under Jordan rule by a Dominican archaeological expedition, it was reported here today.

The scroll, in the Aramaic language, is entitled the "Testament of the Tribes." This testament was until now known only from its Greek translations.

## COLUMBIA STUDENTS TO HEAR LECTURES ON HEBREW IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The first in a series of three lectures on "The Revival of Hebrew in Israel" will be presented by Professor Naftali H. Tur-Sinai at Columbia University tomorrow. The lecturer, Professor Tur-Sinai, is a guest of Columbia's Center of Israeli Studies.