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## PRESIDENT RECEIVES BEN GURION'S RESIGNATION; SUMMONS PARTY LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, first Premier of the State of Israel, today handed his resignation to President Isaac Ben Zvi, after five and one-half years of service. The Premier walked to the President's office, accompanied by his military aide and his secretary.

President Ben Zvi indicated later to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he will summon the leaders of the various parties tomorrow and begin the task of forming a new government. He said he would entrust the formation of a new Cabinet to the leader of the largest party--Mapai.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Ben Gurion said he was confident of the President's moral support in the formation of a new Cabinet, which will serve until the end of the term of the present Knesset. Expressing the hope that a new Cabinet would be formed without delay, Mr. Ben Gurion said he was "surprised" that for "some reason" his leaving the government had caused anxiety inside and outside Israel.

He did not share this concern, Mr. Ben Gurion said. "No state rests on one man, and surely not on me," the letter declared. "I know my people as well as anyone and I have supreme confidence in their capacities, skill and will. Israel's fate does not depend on who is Premier."

The retiring Premier pointed out that this was the first time in the history of "our renewed state" that a Premier was leaving the government and that it was of supreme importance--from both the domestic and foreign point of view--that the parties which in the past have carried the burden of government shall continue to do so and that the Cabinet shall remain until the end of the term of Parliament.

### Premiers Come and Go, But Governments Remain, Ben Gurion Says

"A Premier comes, a Premier goes," Mr. Ben Gurion's letter said, "but the government exists in law. I feel that such behaviour by my comrades in the Cabinet will be a blessing to the country and will increase its honor and prestige outside (the country) and will increase confidence inside." He described such an action as one of political maturity. "To my regret such a Cabinet has not yet been formed, but I trust it will soon be established and my leaving will not cause any shocks," he added.

In conclusion, Mr. Ben Gurion informed the President that the Cabinet had granted him leave as of tomorrow and had appointed Moshe Sharett, Acting Premier and Pinchas Lavon, Acting Defense Minister.

Tomorrow, Mr. Ben Gurion leaves Jerusalem for Sdeh Boker, the tiny Negev settlement where he will make his home. After inspecting the house which is being

readied for his use, he will go to Tel Aviv for the week-end to liquidate his affairs. On Sunday he will return to Sdeh Boker to live there.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sharett announced Mr. Ben Gurion's decision to resign in Knesset today and reported that the Premier had submitted his resignation to the President. Mr. Sharett reported that since the Cabinet had granted Mr. Ben Gurion leave, the latter remained nominally Premier, but that Mr. Sharett had been named Acting Premier and Mr. Lavon Acting Minister.

After the conclusion of Mr. Sharett's report, Speaker Joseph Sprinzak opened the floor to debate. No one indicated any desire to discuss the resignation.

#### AMERICAN ZIONIST ASSEMBLY PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL; URGES EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The first American Zionist Assembly concluded its three-day session here today with the adoption of a resolution pledging continued and expanded moral and material support of the American Zionist movement to the State of Israel and to mobilize the entire American Jewry to that end.

The resolution greeted the government and people of Israel, and called upon them "to stand firm in the right and to be of good heart in their knowledge that their friends of all faiths in all lands remain vigilant in their defense and will not fail them in time of trial."

The delegates also adopted resolutions pledging support to the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond drive. They called upon Zionist councils throughout the country to set up liaison committees in cooperation with the United Israel Appeal "to spearhead the local UJA campaigns in terms of leadership, contributions and work" to assure that the maximum funds are raised for the UJA.

The Assembly decided to call in the near future a conference of all Zionist groups for the purpose of promoting Chaluziut from this country to Israel. It also emphasized that it considers Jewish education as the "primary instrument for the development of cultural and spiritual bonds between Israel and Jews everywhere."

The American Zionist Council was authorized by the Assembly to accept "the furtherance of Jewish education as a primary responsibility" and to take appropriate action to achieve the following purposes: 1. Fostering of Jewish culture and the Hebrew language in American Jewish life through classic and modern Jewish literature; 2. Promotion of the traditional concept of the Yishuv Eretz Israel which should include personal identification with Israel through visits, scholarships and study programs.

A resolution urging every Zionist "to participate in the furtherance of Jewish education in his community and to provide his children with a basic Jewish education," was also adopted by the Assembly.

Ambassador Abba Eban, addressing the session today, said that peace in the Middle East uniting its kindred peoples in a common effort on behalf of its material progress and spiritual development is a vision which the United States and Israel hold in common.

The joint ideals of political peace and economic progress in the policies of the United States and Israel for the Middle East, Mr. Eban said, are fortified by "a common dedication to the principles of democracy which Israel has made the foundation of its national development in a part of the world still subjected to every tyranny of absolutism and military dictatorship."

**"BIG THREE" MEET TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN DISPUTE**

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 7. (JTA) -- British, French and American representatives at the United Nations met today to consider three possible resolutions dealing with the Syrian complaint to the Security Council against Israel's building a hydroelectric plant at Bnot Yaacov on the Jordan River.

The resolutions which the representatives of the Big Three are considering, it was said, are: 1. To refer the matter back to Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, UN truce supervisor in Palestine, with the suggestion that he look into the matter further; 2. To approve Gen. Bennike's original report that Israel's project is detrimental to Syrian interests; or, 3. To declare the project a violation of the armistice and call for an investigation to determine what measures should be taken to protect Arab claims.

**U. N. IS URGED TO BRING ARABS AND ISRAEL TO "COMMON TABLE" TALKS**

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Council of Christians and Jews, at its annual meeting here today, called for "new comprehensive and constructive remedies" to bring about a solution of the Arab-Israel conflict and urged the United Nations to accept responsibility for "mediation and for bringing the two parties to a common table."

These sentiments were incorporated in a resolution adopted without dissent after Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York and critic of Israel, declared that this was a matter loaded with "political dynamite." He warned that comments on the resolution, referred to the Council by its executive, should be made cautiously. No comments were made.

The report from the executive referred to the "tragic massacre" at Kibya which it viewed with "grave anxiety." It welcomed the UN Security Council's appeal--in its resolution on Kibya--to both sides to act to prevent further violence. It also declared that the inter-related problems between Israel and the Arab states could not be solved in "piecemeal" fashion.

**BRITISH LABORITES ASK GOVERNMENT TO HELP ISRAEL-ARAB ACCORD**

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The National Executive Committee of the British Labor Party today adopted a resolution on Israel submitted by the Poale Zion Party of Britain calling on the British Government to intervene with Jordan to achieve better understanding between Israel and the Arab state.

The resolution welcomes the stand of the Parliamentary Labor Party opposing the supply of jet aircraft to the Middle East states until a peace settlement is achieved between Israel and the Arab states; declares the arms race in the Middle East a danger to peace and economic development in the region and deplores the incidents along Israel's borders. It also expresses "deep satisfaction" with the progress of Israel--"the stronghold of Social Democracy in the Middle East."

**ITALIAN MINISTER TO ISRAEL PRESENTS CREDENTIALS IN JERUSALEM**

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Italian Minister to Israel, Benedetto Caponazza Marchese Di Campo Lattaro, arrived here today to present his credentials to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and, later in the week, to President Ben Zvi.

GERMANY BUILDS TWO VESSELS FOR ISRAEL UNDER REPARATIONS AGREEMENT

COLOGNE, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Israeli purchasing mission here made public today details on the first two vessels to be supplied Israel under the terms of the reparations pact.

One vessel will be a 7,000 ton freighter built especially to handle citrus exports while the second, a 10,000 ton vessel, will be able to transport 7,000 tons of citrus fruit and 300 passengers. Both will be built in Hamburg for the Zim Navigation Company of Haifa and both will be ready late in 1954. The passenger-cargo ship will be placed in service on the Haifa-New York run.

BONN REPARATIONS PACT WITH ISRAEL DENOUNCED BY COMMUNIST GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 7. (JTA)-- The East German Government will not recognize the "completely unjustified" Luxembourg reparations agreement between the West German Federal Republic and Israel, according to an official spokesman at a press conference held in East Berlin in connection with the note addressed to Bonn last week by Walter Ulbricht, who is the Communist Party leader and Deputy Minister-President of East Germany.

The reparations deliveries received by Israel from the Federal Republic constitute only one of the many "tributes" which, according to Ulbricht, are being exacted from the latter. The note, which was shrugged off as just another propaganda maneuver by West German and Allied circles, urged West Germany to rid itself of these burdens by annulling its foreign debts and by demanding a reduction of occupation costs.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR SEEKS ABOLISHMENT OF DENAZIFICATION PROGRAM

VIENNA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Chancellor Julius Raab has asked the Allied Council to approve a number of measures designed to do away with the denazification program in Austria, it was reported here today in the wake of Allied approval of a two-year-old Austrian law to return certain political rights to ex-Nazis who were prisoners of war.

The report, in the semi-official Wiener Zeitung, said that the Chancellor had requested the Allied Council to approve bills which would close down the People's Courts in Lower Austria and Vienna, where Nazi criminals are tried; amnesty Nazis implicated in various crimes; lift a freeze on the promotion of civil servants who were Nazis; and halt the program for seizing property confiscated by the Nazis.

JEWS IN ROME PROTEST AGAINST RACIAL CLAUSE IN BIRTH CERTIFICATES

ROME, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has addressed a protest to Mayor Salvatore Rebecchini against the city's continued use of birth certificate forms left over from the Fascist regime. The birth certificates still require that the "race" of a newborn child be entered as either "Aryan" or "Hebrew."

BRITISH ZIONISTS PROTEST RUMANIA'S IMPRISONMENT OF JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The officers of the Zionist Federation of Britain today protested the Rumanian conviction and imprisonment of Jean Littman and Mrs Suzanne Benvenisti, World Jewish Congress leaders, and the continued detention of some 150 other Zionist leaders. The British Zionists demanded that all the Jewish leaders be released immediately and be allowed to immigrate to Israel.

ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER ARRIVES IN U.S. TO CONFER ON U.J.A. PLANS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel, arrived here today to confer in the next 10 days with leaders of the United Jewish Appeal and to help the UJA map its 1954 nationwide campaign. He will take part this coming week-end in the UJA's annual national conference opening Friday at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The conference, with more than 1,200 Jewish leaders in attendance from all parts of the country to set the stage for the Appeal's 16th successive nationwide campaign, will give special consideration to Mr. Eshkol's presentation of Israel's continuing problems and needs.

The Israel Finance Minister is expected to present the new State's needs in the light of continuing pressures and tensions in the Middle East.

J.D.C. PLACES VAST ORDERS FOR PASSOVER SUPPLIES FOR NEEDY JEWS

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has placed vast orders for Passover supplies needed by thousands of members of Jewish communities in nine countries of Europe and supplying funds for the purchase of holiday supplies locally in such countries as Israel and in North Africa and Iran, the European office of the JDC announced here today.

The agency has placed orders for 105,000 pounds of matzoth, 37,000 pounds of matzoh meal and 6,000 gallons of sacramental wine in Holland for delivery to JDC aid programs in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Yugoslavia and Albania. Orders have been placed more than four months in advance of the first seder next April 17, so as to insure the arrival of supplies well in advance of the need for them.

JDC budgeting for this purpose has dropped because the agency is no longer permitted to operate in Hungary, where it previously supplied Passover foods for many Jews. It also has ceased shipping matzoh products to Greece where the Greek customs duties on grain products have risen to such an extent as to make the shipment of matzohs into the country prohibitive.

U.S. SOLDIERS' PRESENT CHANUKAH GIFTS TO JEWISH DP CHILDREN

MUNICH, Dec. 7. (JTA)-- Jewish GI's stationed with American units in the Munich area today made it a happy Chanukah for some 30 children of DP's arrested and jailed several weeks ago for "illegal" entry into Germany.

The children of the families which had come here from Israel, without proper entry documents, in the hopes of immigrating elsewhere, were surprised with candy and toys bought in army PX stores. The children are living in an Orthodox synagogue together with those members of their families who were not arrested or who have already been released.

Chanukah celebrations were also held on army posts, hospitals and in local communities near army installations for Jewish soldiers stationed in Germany and France. Holiday supplies were furnished by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS TO CHECK BIAS IN HOUSING

MONTREAL, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has called on H. Winters, Minister of Public Works, to sponsor the amendment of the National Housing Act by the inclusion of anti-discrimination clauses. The measure is due to receive consideration at this session of Parliament.

The CJC, in a memorandum, pointed out that the Canadian Government has embarked on an anti-bias program--specifically in employment--and suggested that it was equally important for the government to eliminate discrimination in the field of housing. The CJC stressed that while inclusion of such a clause did not mean that discrimination was widespread, there were a number of cases involving discrimination that could be eliminated by such legislation.

ARCHBISHOP IN ARGENTINA REGRETS ANTI-JEWISH ATTACK BY PRIEST

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Archbishop of Cordoba has informed the Jewish community that he regrets a public attack on Jews by a Catholic priest and will take measures to guard against repetition of such attacks, it was revealed here today.

In October, the DAIA, central representative organization of Argentine Jewry, protested to the Archbishop against statements by Angel Clavero, a priest, referring to Judaism as a "cancer on society." The Archbishop's reply, forwarded by his secretary, said that such statements were "contrary to the spirit of universal charity" and that an attempt would be made to prevent further attacks.

JEWISH GROUP TO SURVEY FARM SETTLEMENT POSSIBILITIES IN FLORIDA

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agricultural Society announced that it will undertake a survey of opportunities for Jewish farm settlement in the state of Florida and if conditions warrant will open a branch office there. The society noted several favorable factors, especially with respect to marketing and indicated that a new field might be opened for Jewish settlers in a state where the Jewish population is on the increase.

New Jewish farmers have been established recently in poultry-farming and other branches of agriculture in the East and in California, the society reported. More than half of these new farmers are DP's and recent immigrants. The Florida survey of settlement prospects will be conducted by Herman J. Levine.

DENVER JEW LEARNS HIS LAND HAS \$100,000,000 WORTH OF URANIUM

DENVER, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Lawrence Kalish, 53-year-old Jewish community leader active in the affairs of Beth Israel Hospital here, has just learned that land he owns at nearby Central City contains fabulously rich uranium oxide ores.

It is estimated that the ores are worth more than \$100,000,000 dollars. Mr. Kalish will receive 15 percent of the gross value of all ores extracted from his land. He has already turned down an offer of \$2,000,000 from a Denver mining company for his rights in the property. He has owned the land for 20 years, since he prospected for gold on it.