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### FIRST MOROCCAN GOVT. INCLUDES JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE IN CABINET

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- One Jew was included today in the Moroccan Cabinet, the first Moroccan Government ever to be formed, it was reported from Rabat. The names of all members, including the Jew, will be announced later today after they are officially presented to Sultan Mohammed ben Youssef by Premier M'barek Bekkai, the report said.

The Jewish member will represent the approximately 300,000 Jews in Morocco. The other 19 Cabinet posts are distributed among the two major nationalist parties who fought against the French administration, which has ruled the country for 43 years. Moroccan nationalist leaders, at their convention in Rabat this week, adopted a resolution proposing that Jews be represented in all Moroccan legislative bodies. The resolution also advocated equal rights for Jews.

The Jews of Morocco were heretofore the most under-privileged Jewish community in North Africa. They were considered "protégés" of the Sultan and did not enjoy the same rights as Moslems, since they were judged according to the Islamic law, which is essentially religious. Deeds prepared by Jewish notaries had no validity, and a Jew's oath was not recognized. The Jews were excluded from all posts in the Moroccan administration, except that of Inspector of Jewish Education and Institutions.

### STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS AT VARIANCE WITH DULLES ON ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- State Department circles today continued to express a view that Arab-Israel peace prospects were improving despite statements yesterday by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Mr. Sharett warned yesterday that the situation might be getting worse while Secretary Dulles said there were no concrete developments indicating peace between the Arabs and Israel.

Because of the "improvement" in the situation and the desire to avoid jeopardizing it by an arms race, one source suggested that hasty action would be avoided on Israel's arms list. The list is now under consideration by the State and Defense Departments.

A consensus of opinion among sources in the government was that action on the list, whether affirmative or negative, could not be expected until early 1956. It was pointed out here that the United States is on the verge of improving relations with Egypt through American assistance on the construction of the "high Aswan" dam project on the Nile. Therefore, it was hinted, the United States does not deem it diplomatically wise to jeopardize chances for regaining rapport with Egypt by announcing at this time any favorable decision on the Israel arms purchase application.

On the other hand, some elements in the government feel that Israel should get at least a portion of the arms requested. But the element of timing is today regarded as the key factor by U.S. diplomats who wish to avoid further injury to the already strained American-Egyptian relations.

Mr. Sharett lunched today with Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, who has sought regional irrigation cooperation.

### ISRAEL WARNS LEBANON AGAINST SIGNING OF A MILITARY PACT WITH SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Israel warned Lebanon today not to sign a military pact with Syria, otherwise the Jewish State would have to consider Lebanon a partner in the campaign of hostility launched against Israel. The broadcast came after receipt of reports that Lebanon was on the verge of signing an anti-Israel military treaty with Syria.

In an Arabic language broadcast beamed to Lebanon, the government radio Kol Israel pointed out that up to now Israel had displayed a special understanding of Lebanon's problems and position, despite its adherence to the Arab League's stand on Israel. The broadcast also told the Lebanese that signing of such a pact would make Lebanon a satellite of Syria, would draw her into the conflicts of the other Arab states and would "bring her into the first line of fire in the event of danger." Lebanon can best avoid such dangers by taking a neutral and independent stand, the broadcast warned.

Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce supervisor, flew today to Cairo to confer with Egyptian authorities on proposals by himself and UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld for a truce in the Sinai. The Egyptian Ministry of Defense has agreed to a truce in the Sinai.

## ARABS ATTACK "BIG THREE" POLICY OF BALANCE OF ARMS IN MIDDLE EAST

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. , Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The United States, Britain and France were severely attacked here today by the head of the Syrian delegation, Ahmed Shukairy, for their stand that there must be a balance of arms between the Arab countries and Israel.

Addressing the Political and Security Committee of the UN General Assembly, the Syrian delegate announced the Arab states will not tolerate "intervention" by the Western powers in the Czech-Egyptian arms deal, nor in any other matter concerning acquisition of arms by the Arab governments. Mr. Shukairy said he did not see how the Western powers could take the position that there should be a balance of arms in the Middle East. This area was represented in the Assembly by sovereign states, which were not under "tutelage" any longer, he argued. The defense of the Middle East was the concern of these states, he added, and they were not prepared to accept intervention.

Mr. Shukairy asked the representatives of the Western powers the following questions: Under what authority are "you entitled to interfere in the plans for the defense of other countries and other peoples," or to "deal with the balance of arms in the Middle East or other areas in the world," or to "endeavor to arrest lawful agreements for the shipment of arms" to the Middle East or other areas? Also, "how and when have you been empowered to judge the balance and imbalance of arms" in the Middle East or elsewhere?

It was unthinkable, he continued, for the Western powers to exercise a power they did not possess, to judge a matter not their own, and to act where they were not entitled to act. He did not see why the Middle East should be a particular area for the Western powers to exercise an influence.

Mr. Shukairy went on to charge that the disturbed conditions in the Middle East were "the making" of the Western powers. The USSR, he declared, had not a single military base or a single soldier in the region. It was not the USSR, he said, that had created this "great tragedy" of Palestine. He stressed that his country was not a member of the Soviet bloc. It was determined, however, to "emancipate" the Arab world from the "relics of imperialism, from the vestiges of colonialism and from all manifestations of aggression." His speech was lauded by Vasily V. Kuznetsov, First Deputy Foreign Minister of the USSR and head of the Soviet delegation at the United Nations.

## BRITAIN WILL CONTINUE SENDING ARMS TO EGYPT, MINISTER TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Once again the Eden Government today refused to agree to cease supplying arms to Egypt and the other Arab states as long as they continue to threaten Israel's territorial integrity. Replying to Laborite Konni Zilliacus, Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan told Commons that it was the government's "policy to supply arms to the Middle East" in accordance with the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 and treaty obligations.

Mr. Macmillan rejected Mr. Zilliacus' suggestion that Britain was forcing Israel to make territorial concessions under threat of force by the Arabs, contrary to the United Nations Charter. He said Britain's "sole purpose" was to try to assist in a settlement and that members on both sides of the House were "keenly anxious" to see a settlement reached. Asked whether Britain would refuse to supply arms to countries which get weapons from the Soviet bloc, he replied negatively because Britain was not in a position to enforce any arms embargo since it no longer had a dominant role in supplying arms to the Middle East.

As Mr. Zilliacus continued posing questions, Mr. Macmillan turned down a proposal that the Arabs be warned that Britain would not act as a mediator in the conflict unless they ended their state of war against Israel. He denied that the Security Council had ever labelled the Arabs aggressors against Israel, and asserted that both sides had at one time or another violated Security Council resolutions and that nothing would be gained by attempting to apportion blame upon either side.

## MERGED AFL-CIO URGES U. S. TO CONCLUDE SECURITY PACT WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the reaffirmation of the Tripartite Declaration and its implementation by permitting Israel to obtain arms and a mutual security pact between the U. S. and Israel was adopted here today at the inaugural convention of the newly merged American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations. (See earlier story on page 3). The resolution said, in part:

"The AFL-CIO urges the United States, Britain and France to reaffirm their Tripartite Declaration of 1950, and to implement it by enabling the Republic of Israel to obtain arms and all other means necessary for the maintenance of its territorial integrity and national independence.

"The best interests of our country and the needs of world peace and social progress demand that our government enter into a mutual security pact with the Republic of Israel. Such a pact would be strictly defensive in character and would not be aimed at any neighbor of Israel. Such an American-Israel Mutual Security Pact might well serve as the model for similar accords between our country and the Arab lands, thus paving the way for a Middle East Mutual Security Treaty Organization, embracing all of the nations in this pivotal area, within the framework of the UN and dedicated to the furtherance of world peace and human well-being."

## B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT HOPES U. S. WILL OPPOSE ISRAEL "SELL-OUT"

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The hope that the United States would not accede to British Prime Minister Eden's proposals that Israel cede huge territorial areas to the Arabs in return for peace, was expressed here tonight by Philip M. Klutznick, world president of B'nai B'rith.

Speaking before 1,000 persons at Clinton Manor here, Mr. Klutznick declared that compelling Israel to yield huge chunks of land would be tantamount to a "sell-out" of Israel by the Western Powers and an "appeasement" of the Communists now encroaching upon the vital Middle East. He pointed out that he appreciated Prime Minister Eden's concern for peace in the Middle East, but warned that to force Israel to make substantial territorial concessions would only constitute another "Munich" and fail to bring permanent tranquility to the troubled Holy Land.

The B'nai B'rith leader's address was regarded as an appeal to U. S. Government officials whom Mr. Klutznick felt could not, in all justice to free nations around the world, permit an agreement that would amputate Israel's territorial sovereignty. Though Mr. Klutznick did not elaborate on his "sell-out" assertions, his words appeared to bear an intimation that Great Britain was seeking to prevail on the United States to join it in a policy to persuade Israel to yield substantial territorial areas in return for a peace settlement.

"Whom do we contemplate appeasing in the Middle East?" he asked. "Egypt? Saudi Arabia? or the Communists? The price proposed has been set in the Kremlin--not in Cairo," Mr. Klutznick declared. He said he is confident that Secretary of State Dulles would "reject" any "appeasement" of the Communists in the Middle East as contrary to America's interests in that part of the world and as inconsistent with the policy of the U. S. to maintain a high "moral" level of international diplomacy.

The B'nai B'rith president said he was "completely aware of the complexities of the Middle Eastern problem" but maintained that "a unilateral cession of Israel territory is not giving land to the Arabs, who have plenty - it is a sell-out to the Communists. Asking Israel to pay as a price with soil precious to it because of Russian intervention in the Middle East has an element of immorality which is inconsistent with American purpose and international leadership," he said.

## CONVENTION OF MERGED LABOR MOVEMENT HEARS PLEA FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The inaugural convention of the merged American labor movement heard a graphic description last night of the difficulties which Israel is facing as a result of the Czech-Egyptian arms deal and the tense situation created by the Kremlin's arming of the Arab countries.

The picture was presented to the convention of the American Federation of Labor--Congress of Industrial Organizations by Rabbi Israel Goldstein. In his address at the convention he emphasized that the Jewish State, which had given refuge to so many of the remnants of Europe's Jewish communities, was a bastion of democracy in the Middle East, and condemned the Communist arms shipments to Egypt in strong terms. He also paid tribute to the strong support which American labor had granted in the establishment and support of Israel, and noted especially the sympathetic view which George Meany, president of the new labor organization, and Walter Reuther, former president of the CIO, have taken of the Jewish State's problems and aspirations.

Earlier, Mr. Reuther's report on his recent visit to Israel was distributed to the delegates. The report contained a plea for efforts by the United States to assure Israel's security. Included among guests at the convention representing foreign labor movements was Mordecai Namir, general secretary of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation.

### Los Angeles Labor Council Pledges Solidarity with Israel

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A pledge of American labor's solidarity with the free trade union movement in Israel was delivered to more than 2,000 delegates at the 32nd annual Histadrut campaign convention in California meeting here, in the form of a message from Thomas Ranford, president of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, on behalf of the merged AFL-CIO and its 900,000 members in this area. The delegates adopted a \$300,000 quota for the Histadrut rehabilitation program in Israel.

The representatives of more than 400 fraternal, social, civic and trade union groups meeting here also heard California Attorney General Edmund G. Brown appeal for a mutual security pact and for arms to restore the balance of power in the Middle East. In addition to greetings from Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi and Premier David Ben Gurion, the convention also heard David Hachohen, a member of Israel's United Nations delegation, voice Israel's protest against any proposals to yield Israel territory to neighboring Arab states.

## GOLDA MYERSON DEPARTS SUNDAY FOR U. S. TO ASSIST IN U. J. A. DRIVE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel's Minister of Labor and Acting Foreign Minister in Moshe Sharett's absence, will leave Sunday for the United States to assist the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Sharett is expected to quit the U. S. for Israel on Monday.

## LAND VALUED AT \$40,000 PRESENTED BY CATHOLIC AS GIFT TO SYNAGOGUE

MONTREAL, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Alexis Nihon, a Catholic businessman, has been honored by the Jewish community of Ville St. Laurent for his gift of land, valued at \$40,000, for the construction of a synagogue there; it was reported in the "Bulletin du Cercle Juif" here.

M. Nihon, who emigrated to Montreal from Belgium, told the guests at the dinner which honored him that "the most important thing in life is 'Love thy neighbor.'"

## \$300,000 SOUGHT FOR RESTORATION OF OLDEST SYNAGOGUE IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The expansion of a fund for the restoration of the Touro Synagogue of Newport, Rhode Island, the oldest synagogue building in the country, from \$50,000 to \$300,000, was announced here yesterday by the Touro Synagogue Restoration Committee.

The additional funds will be sought to create a park area in front of the structure, one of the finest examples of colonial architecture. A number of nearby buildings will be purchased by the committee. The synagogue was established as a National Historic Site in 1946.

## PRESIDENT OF HANOVER JEWISH COMMUNITY DECORATED BY BONN GOVERNMENT

HANOVER, Germany, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Norbert Prager, president of the Hanover Jewish Community, was decorated by the West German Government at a special ceremony held in the office of the Minister-President of Lower Saxony, of which Hanover is the capital. This is the first time that the Federal German Government has decorated a Polish-born Jew.

M. Prager, a Hanover resident since 1920, was born in the Polish town of Dobrzyn and came to Germany upon the outbreak of the first World War. He survived the Buchenwald concentration camp and, after the war, rebuilt the Hanover Jewish Community, where he personally performs all religious functions. He is also chairman of the State Federation of Jewish Communities in Lower Saxony.

## FRENCH-JEWISH AUTHOR WINS FRANCE'S TOP LITERARY PRIZE FOR NOVEL

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- France's top literary award, "Prix Goncourt," was awarded yesterday to Roger Ikor, French-born son of Russian Jewish immigrants. The award was made for his novel "Les Eaux Melees" (The Mingled Waters) the second of two volumes published under the title of "Les Fils d'Avram" (The Sons of Abraham). The work traces the history of a Jewish refugee from Tsarist Russia who settled in France and his family.

Commenting on his work after the award was made, M. Ikor said that it was "not exactly" a history of his family, although he had drawn on family history. "Anti-Semitism presented such problems for me that I wanted to settle them once and for all," he said.

## ISRAEL DIPLOMAT REFUSES TO ACCEPT MEDAL FROM AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT

VIENNA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Arieh Eshel, Israel's retiring consul in Vienna, refused today to accept an Austrian Government medal, on the grounds that Israel diplomatic protocol forbids acceptance of foreign decorations.

Mr. Eshel paid his farewell visit to Premier Julius Raab today before returning to Israel where he will head the Eastern European Department of the Foreign Ministry. Last night, Foreign Minister Leopold Figl tendered a reception in his honor and presented Mr. Eshel with a silver cup. The medal was offered in view of his services in improving of Austrian-Jewish relations.

## FIRST JEWISH MUSEUM OPENED IN SOUTH AFRICA BY BOARD OF DEPUTIES

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The first Jewish Museum in South Africa was opened here today in the new headquarters of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies. Chief Rabbi Louis I. Rabinowitz, who officiated at the opening ceremony, compared it "not unfavorably" with the museum at Jews College in London and predicted that it would prove a "cultural stimulus" to Jews in Johannesburg.

I. Maisels, president of the Board of Deputies, said that the decision to open a museum had originated with a gift of Jewish ceremonial silver objects received from the Jewish Reconstruction Foundation, which had recovered many Jewish ceremonial objects from Germany after the war.

## 20,000 JEWS LIVING IN NETHERLANDS; 2,581 OF THEM ARE ZIONISTS

THE HAGUE, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Zionist Association of the Netherlands has a membership of 2,581 of a total estimated Jewish population of some 20,000, the organization announced here today. Zionist membership declined slightly, more than 100 in the past two years, from a total of 2,709.