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## COMMUNITY DISAGREEMENT DELAYS NAMING OF JEW TO MOROCCAN CABINET

CASABLANCA, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The appointment of a Jewish Minister to the new Moroccan Cabinet, the country's first autonomous government, continued to be delayed today by the failure of Jewish organizations and institutions to agree upon a suitable candidate. The original candidate chosen, M. Ben Simon, was not acceptable to the Moroccan community and he did not accept the post, which was offered last week.

In an interview here, Premier Bekkai declared that he and his fellow ministers "were sorry at the absence of our Jewish colleague when the Cabinet was presented to the Sultan. There is no question of the Ministry of Posts and Telegraph being assigned to anyone other than a Jew," he declared.

Premier Bekkai added that both he and Sultan Ben Youssef were anxious that the Jew chosen for the post should have a background of sympathy for the nationalist cause, which would "prove of benefit both for the future of Morocco and the Jewish community."

## PENTAGON COMPLETES STUDY OF ISRAEL ARMS LIST; GETS COST AT \$50,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The Pentagon yesterday completed its study of the list of arms requested of the United States by Israel and returned the list to the State Department, it was learned here today.

The Defense Department's evaluation of the arms list, which reportedly asked some \$50 million worth of weapons, said that the arms requested were of a "defensive nature." Many of the arms requested were available, the Defense Department said. Those that were not available, officials were known to have said, were relatively unimportant.

Although the arms list has been kept secret, both because of protocol and at Israel's specific request, it is understood that jet planes intended to offset the Communist-manufactured MIG 15's received from Czechoslovakia are on the list, as are anti-tank guns and vessels useful in destroying submarines, which Egypt has on order with the Communist bloc.

The report of the Defense Department on Israel's request completes the first phase of "consideration" of the arms list by the United States Government and returns the matter to the hands of the State Department, where Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will make the final decision, after consultations with the Treasury and other government departments.

(Addressing a Jewish National Fund dinner in San Francisco last night, Sen. Estes Kefauver, Democratic hopeful in the Presidential race in 1952 and again in 1956, called upon the United States to supply Israel with defensive arms. While he expressed opposition to an arms race in the Middle East, he said that as long as Egypt had obtained arms from the Communist bloc the U. S. should give arms to Israel.)

## Sharett Hits "Malicious Distortion" of Israel Position

Israel's Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, this week-end refuted as a "malicious distortion" a newspaper report from Washington alleging that Israel's position in regard to peace talks is "rigid." In a statement referring to an article which attributed the information to "informed sources" at the capital, Mr. Sharett declared:

"The article about my talk with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles distorts the picture. I have not heard from the Secretary of State that Egypt is ready for negotiations even through mediation. On the other hand, we can see through this article the malicious intent on the part of the source to discredit Israel by painting Egypt's alleged willingness to accept mediation against Israel's unwillingness to agree to territorial concessions. It is a complete distortion to imply that the Government of Israel is not ready to enter peace negotiations and that it has to be prodded into it. On countless occasions, Israel has declared her readiness for negotiations without prior conditions if the other party is also willing to negotiate on such a basis.

"At the same time, the Government of Israel deemed it necessary to make it clear to the United States Government that she is opposed to any territorial concessions. Israel does not submit prior conditions to direct negotiations with Egypt or any other neighboring state, and it is an untruth to talk about prior conditions on Israel's part in this respect."

EISENHOWER, EDEN TO CONSIDER FUND FOR MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT

LONDON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- When President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Eden discuss the Middle East situation in Washington next month, it is believed here that they will have before them detailed plans for the establishment of a central fund to aid the economic development of Middle East countries. Official sources here say that there is already agreement between the two countries that more must be done by the West if it is to combat Soviet influence by economic aid than has been the case in the past.

The British Foreign Office is concerned to settle, once and for all, the question of a joint military, political and economic approach to the Middle East. While this has been agreed on in the past, it is said here that public statements by United States officials have tended to dissipate the effectiveness of Anglo-American solidarity on Middle East questions. One major step which is expected here is formal American adherence to the Bagdad pact in the very near future. There is little belief here that this move will be accompanied by any formal extension of a security guarantee to Israel.

Interest in Parliament in the Middle East debate tomorrow is so great that the debate is likely to be extended far into the night. The main points in the Labor attack on the government's policy will be its refusal to acknowledge the need for Israel arms parity and its refusal to extend to Israel a mutual defense treaty.

EBAN, AT U. N., ASKS EAST AND WEST FOR RESTORATION OF AN ARMS BALANCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 11. (JTA) -- A plea for restoration of the arms balance as between Egypt and Israel was made to both East and West this week-end by Abba Eban, chairman of the Israel delegation, in an address during the disarmament debate in the General Assembly's Political and Security Committee.

Conceding that there is "a legal right of sovereign states to buy or sell arms anywhere they choose," Mr. Eban told the United Nations that "this legal right, like all others, can either be applied with discretion and prudence--or abused by a lack of judgment and restraint. The question is not of legality, but of basic international responsibility." Obviously addressing himself to the members of the Soviet bloc, Mr. Eban said: "To those who have sold these arms or publicly defended their sale, we say in full earnestness that relaxation of tension is indivisible. It cannot consistently be upheld as an ideal for the world as a whole--and violated by action which increases tension in the Middle East."

Appealing to the West, Mr. Eban declared: "Some in the Western world may well ask themselves whether they have always shown the self-discipline and absolute equity which their declarations in the Security Council seemed to promise... They will obviously have no chance of success at all if the imbalance created by Egypt is allowed to grow without counteraction."

"My government is convinced that the sponsorship or acceptance of such drastic imbalance in an area of conflict is incompatible with any professed desire to bring about a relaxation of international or regional tension." He noted that "in the interests of its national survival, Israel will take all legitimate steps to counteract this imbalance and to protect itself against its likely effects."

BURNS REPORTS EGYPT UNWILLING TO ACCEPT EL AUJA BORDER PLAN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, declared in a statement this week-end that Egypt is still insisting on "additional points" before it agrees to the Nitzana-El Auja pacification proposals worked out here early in November between Gen. Burns and Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, with the full backing of the United States, Britain and France.

Gen. Burns' statement, issued here and in Jerusalem, reported that he had held meetings for two days in Cairo with the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, as well as with Cairo's Minister of Defense, in an effort to obtain "reduction of tension" in the area of the Nitzana-El Auja demilitarized zone.

"The discussions," Gen. Burns reported, "centered about certain additional points put forward by Egypt for consideration in connection with the situation in the demilitarized zone and certain points regarding Israel's position in relation to the proposals."

1,000 IMMIGRANTS FROM NORTH AFRICA ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- One thousand North African immigrants arrived at Haifa this week-end. They were sent directly to development areas.

DR. GOLDMANN LEAVES FOR ISRAEL, TO CONFER WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, left here Friday for Israel where he will confer with Israel Government officials and members of the Jewish Agency executive. Among the topics to be covered in their conferences will be the measures to be taken in the light of Israel's current crisis and the strengthening and development of the relationship between Israel and American Jewry.

COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER IN VIENNA ASKS ARREST OF NAZIS FREED BY SOVIET

VIENNA, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Frontpage photostats purporting to prove that twelve former policemen recently released as war prisoners by the Soviet authorities had killed many hundreds of Jews in the cities of Kolomea and Stryj were published in the Communist newspaper "Abend" here this week-end.

The paper published confessions by two of the policemen which they were said to have signed in 1947. They admitted that they had shot hundreds of Jews, including women and children, in the Jewish cemetery of Kolomea. They also were said to have testified to having participated in executions carried out in the ghetto, adding that Gestapo men had set dogs to mauling wounded Jews. The newspaper demanded that the "confessed murderers who are still free" be arrested.

JEWISH CONGRESS HITS PLAN TO TEACH RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Alarm over the "increasing pressures to introduce religious instruction and practices into the schools" was expressed here yesterday by the American Jewish Congress at a meeting of its executive committee.

In a resolution, the executive affirmed that "insofar as the teaching of 'spiritual values' may be understood to signify the teaching of morality, ethics and good citizenship, a deep commitment to such values has been successfully inculcated by our public schools in successive generations of Americans. The public schools must continue to share responsibility for fostering a commitment to these moral values, without presenting any sectarian or theological sources or sanctions for such values.

"We oppose the proposal of the New York City Board of Superintendents set forth in its Guiding Statement on Moral and Spiritual Values and the Schools and all similar proposals whose purpose or effect is to evade or compromise the Constitutional guaranty of religious freedom and the separation of church and state by smuggling sectarian instruction into the public schools under the guise of moral and spiritual values," the resolution continued. "Indeed, we are convinced that such proposals which conceal their motivation and objective are immoral and therefore cannot lead to moral ends.

"We deplore the unfounded attacks upon our public school system which is one of the most important manifestations of the preeminence of American democracy in action. We assert that whatever its deficiencies may be in the area of character training an inculcation of an appreciation of moral standards can be remedied, not by compromising its secularity, but by meeting the real and critical problem of inadequate teaching personnel caused by shamefully low salary scales, overcrowded school rooms, poor physical facilities and similar deficiencies."

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM TAKES NEUTRAL POSITION ON ARMS FOR ISRAEL, ARABS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism is committed to peace in the Middle East without presuming to say "whether or not the United States should sell arms either to Israel or to any Arab country" and without speaking "for or against security pacts for Israel or the Arab countries," Clarence L. Coleman Jr., president of the American Council for Judaism, told its national advisory board here yesterday.

But in order to preserve "the purity of our faith and the security of our country," Mr. Coleman continued, the Council is morally obligated to prevent Zionism from creating a false climate of public opinion "when officials of our government are making the most serious decisions.

Mr. Coleman deplored Israeli and Zionist efforts to involve non-Israeli Jews in Israeli national problems.

YESHIVA GIVES GOV. RIBICOFF AND EDUCATION HEAD HONORARY DEGREES

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, while Charles H. Silver, president of New York's Board of Education, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Eugene Letters, at a special convocation of Yeshiva University here tonight. Both degrees were awarded by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university, as part of the institution's observance of its tenth anniversary as the first American university under Jewish auspices.

Following the convocation, the university held its 27th annual scholarship dinner. Max J. Litra, chairman of the board of trustees, announced at the dinner that, this year, the university will provide \$500,000 worth of scholarships to 1,600 students comprising 75 percent of the university's undergraduate enrollment.

DUTCH RADIO TO BROADCAST CHANUKAH SERVICES FROM AMSTERDAM SYNAGOGUE

THE HAGUE, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The Dutch home and overseas radio transmissions will relay the evening service from one of Amsterdam's largest synagogues next Wednesday. The broadcast will include the blessing of the Chanukah lights and a sermon by Chief Rabbi Aron Schuster.

## MOSES W. BECKELMAN, J. D. C. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DIES OF HEART ATTACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Moses W. Beckelman, director-general for overseas operations of the Joint Distribution Committee, died in New York City yesterday of a heart attack. He was 49. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon.

As JDC director-general since 1951, Mr. Beckelman had played a key role in the development of relief, resettlement and reconstruction programs on behalf of needy Jews in Europe, North Africa and Israel. He made his headquarters in Paris and had returned to the United States only two days earlier to speak before the 41st annual meeting of the JDC, to be held in New York next Thursday.

Mr. Beckelman first joined the JDC staff in 1939 and directed JDC programs in the Baltic States. After a period of service with several intergovernmental organizations he joined the Paris headquarters of the JDC as second in command of the vast JDC European program in 1946. He became director-general, supervising JDC's programs in more than 25 countries overseas, in 1951, and was scheduled for re-election to this office at the JDC meeting this week.

Moses W. Beckelman was born in New York City and attended its schools studying at the College of the City of New York, from which he received a Bachelor of Accounting degree in 1926 and a Bachelor of Science degree in 1928. He also took graduate studies at Columbia University, the School for Jewish Social Work and the New York School of Social Work.

### Decorated by French Government for Service to Needy

Mr. Beckelman was honored for his work on behalf of overseas needy by the French Government, which in 1953 awarded him the Legion of Honor with the rank of Chevalier. Since 1951, when Mr. Beckelman became JDC director-general, he supervised the expenditure of nearly \$150,000,000 to bring aid to DP's, refugees and others in Europe, Israel and Moslem countries.

After his service for JDC in the Baltic States beginning in 1939, he also completed a survey on refugee problems in South America for JDC in 1941-42. He then joined the U.S. Office of Strategic Services, 1942-43, and was later associated with the United States Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations and with UNRRA, directing the latter agency's first refugee camp near Casablanca, Morocco.

Mr. Beckelman became assistant director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in February 1945, and as assistant to Sir Herbert Emerson, the director of the Committee, he visited Europe, Africa and China to supervise or to establish IGCRC assistance programs in those areas. The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees was founded in 1938 by 32 nations to care for and resettle stateless refugees.

Prior to his activities with the JDC, Mr. Beckelman had held a number of posts in the teaching and social work fields. From 1927 to 1930 he was a faculty member at the College of the City of New York. Subsequently he worked with the YM-YWHA movement in New York, was a New York City civil service examiner, managing editor of the Jewish Social Service Quarterly and divisional secretary of the Welfare Council of New York.

Mr. Beckelman had also served as the president of the Metropolitan Association of Jewish Centers, as secretary of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, as section chairman of the International Conference of Social Work, 1950; and as a contributor to numerous professional periodicals.

### Major American Organizations Mourn Loss

In a statement in behalf of the JDC, Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman, Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman, declared:

"The untimely death of Moses W. Beckelman will come as a blow not only to the many who knew him personally, but to tens of thousands of men, women and children throughout the world who owed their survival and continued well-being so largely to his efforts. As director-general of JDC's operations in many areas, he brought to his work not only a wealth of experience, but a deep insight, a warm understanding and an idealism which was apparent in everything he did. All of these qualities served to earn him the friendship, the gratitude and devotion of Jews in every part of the world.

"He was the rare figure of a man who was able to earn both the respect of heads of government and international figures with whom he dealt and negotiated, and the abiding love of tens of thousands of men, women and children to whom he was the embodiment of kindness and loving care. For those of us who worked most closely with him, his passing represents an irreplaceable loss."

William Rosenwald, UJA general chairman, said Mr. Beckelman's "outstanding career was marked by the finest ideals of American and Jewish social service." Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president, and Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, now in session, expressed shock at the death of a "distinguished associate who had direct responsibility for one of the most important phases of the program for relief and rehabilitation of the surviving victims of Nazi persecution." Statements were also issued by Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman, and Gottlieb Hammer, executive director, of the Jewish Agency; Irving M. Engel, president, and Dr. John Slawson, vice-president, of the American Jewish Committee; and many others.