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## BEN GURION AUTHORIZED BY ISRAEL PRESIDENT TO FORM NEW CABINET

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi entrusted David Ben Gurion today with the task of forming a new government. The President acted after he held formal discussions on a new Cabinet with representatives of every party in Parliament, as required by Israeli law.

The President told the Premier that the most desirable government for Israel would be one representing the widest possible coalition. Failing that, he suggested, Mr. Ben Gurion try to re-establish the five-party partnership which ruled Israel until Mr. Ben Gurion's resignation yesterday. If neither is possible, he said, the Premier should set up a Cabinet with a working majority.

Accepting the summons, Mr. Ben Gurion expressed the hope that he would be able to set up a government to serve until the end of the Knesset term in August 1959. He would endeavor, the Premier pledged, to obtain a government committed to collective responsibility and secrecy regarding foreign and security affairs.

It is expected that by next Monday Mr. Ben Gurion will be ready to present to Parliament a Cabinet based on a "small coalition" of the Mapai, Progressives and Mizrahi-Poale Mizrahi, with the two Agudist parties abstaining. In that event the Cabinet could expect a 61 vote support against 53 in the opposition.

## Door Left Open for Possible Return of Leftist Groups to Cabinet

It is generally assumed here that the Ministers returning to the Cabinet will hold their same portfolios and that the four held previously by the Mapam and Achdut Avoda will be distributed on a temporary basis with the understanding that they would be available to the left if they returned to the fold.

Most observers believe that Mr. Ben Gurion cannot hold a "small coalition" together very long. It is reported that the parties within it have given him another month to either regain the leftists or obtain the entrance of the General Zionists, now in the right-wing opposition. In the event neither possibility pans out, he is expected to dissolve Parliament and go to the nation in an election.

In his formal letter of resignation, Mr. Ben Gurion asserted that his action had been forced by the serious nature of the injury done to the security of the state and its international standing by the behavior of the Achdut Avoda--its "leaking" of details of a mission to Bonn. He was, said Mr. Ben Gurion, prepared to let bygones be bygones and had concentrated his efforts on preventing such occurrences in the future, but regrettably his efforts had failed.

The Premier expressed surprise that the Mapam had followed the Achdut Avoda's lead and termed it a "strange association." He disclosed that these two parties had tried in the past to set up a "government within the government."

## Leftists Given 10 Days to Accept Premier Ben Gurion's Terms

Mr. Ben Gurion asserted that his government had attempted to strengthen ties with all countries which helped strengthen Israel's security and development, enabled their Jewish communities to share in the upbuilding of Israel and allowed Jews to emigrate there. Therefore, the Premier's letter to the President stated, he was shocked by Mapam's "deplorable hint that we had made an attempt to take sides against a particular state."

A statement issued by Ben Gurion's Mapai Party executive implied that the party expects once more to lead a new coalition government. Approving the Premier's decision to resign, the statement said that "the platform of the present government" should be continued, with arrangements for improved secrecy and the collective responsibility of all partners to the coalition.

A spokesman for the left-wing Mapam Party revealed that Mr. Ben Gurion had told the left-wing party that the government could be reestablished with the same party composition in the next eight or ten days. (The resignation of Premier Ben Gurion did not slam the door on efforts to reconcile the Mapai party and the two leftists parties in the coalition government which Mr. Ben Gurion's resignation overturned, the Times of London said today citing Mapai party leader, Dr. Giora Josephthal at its source.)

#### HAMMARSKJOLD FAILS TO SECURE RELEASE BY EGYPT OF ISRAELI FISHERMEN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold has failed to obtain from the Egyptian authorities a clear undertaking to release five Israeli and one Italian fisherman jailed for the past three months since the trawler Doron was apprehended on the high seas by Egyptian gunboats, it was learned from informed sources tonight.

Mr. Hammarskjold continues to express the hope that the men will be released, though he does not indicate a time by which he hopes to see them free. It is known that the Secretary General, who conferred last with the Egyptians during Christmas week, made several direct efforts to obtain the release of the six. Each time the Egyptians refused.

The Secretary General several times in advance on meetings with the Egyptians has threatened to make public any refusal on their part to release the six. However, after each obstinate rejection he has postponed an appeal to public opinion to make yet another personal try.

#### U.N. ENVOY RETURNS FROM JORDAN TO ISRAEL TO CONFER ON MT. SCOPUS ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Francisco Urrutia, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative, held his second meeting in two days with Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir yesterday. The conference followed the Colombian diplomat's visit to Amman where he met with Jordanian officials.

Dr. Urrutia, whose mission is the demilitarization of the Mt. Scopus area and full implementation of the armistice agreement provisions on the Jerusalem area and access to the Holy Places, was accompanied to yesterday's meeting by the political and legal aides of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

#### DELAY ON U.S. LOAN TO ISRAEL AGGRAVATES ISRAEL'S FINANCIAL POSITION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Government appointed today a special committee to study the import situation in an attempt to cut down the high foreign currency deficit expected in the new year.

Dollar income from a number of sources are expected to drop, with the major blow to Israel's foreign currency situation coming from the year-long delay in Washington of a decision on Israel's request for a \$75,000,000 loan from the Export-Import Bank.

At the same time, foreign currency allocations for the import of consumer goods and raw materials for local industry has risen--reportedly in some categories to the extent that 75 to 85 percent of the amount earmarked for the fiscal year was exhausted in half that time. Evidently, the imposition of higher import duties at the same time that import licensing requirements were liberalized did not balance each other.

#### ISRAEL DELEGATION AT U.N. REPORTS PROTEST ON SENDING RADAR TO EGYPT

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Israel has protested to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization against a UNESCO plan to send radar equipment to Egypt, Israel delegation members here reported yesterday.

Egypt asked for such equipment for a Port Said school and the request was approved as part of a UNESCO \$200,000 program to help schools damaged in the Suez Canal action last fall and in the anti-Soviet rebellion in Hungary.

According to Israel delegation sources here, the Israel National Commission for UNESCO objected that the proposed gift was contrary to the spirit of the program for assistance to Egyptian and Hungarian schools. Israel delegation members here asserted that the radar was for use in a school which has military as well as civilian students.

#### 72,000 IMMIGRANTS ENTERED ISRAEL DURING 1957, JEWISH AGENCY REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A total of 72,000 immigrants entered Israel during 1957, the Jewish Agency announced here today. Forty-one thousand of them came from European countries, 26,000 from Africa, 4,000 from Asia and 1,000 from South American lands, the Agency said.

#### GEN. DAYAN, ISRAEL ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, TO LEAVE MONDAY FOR BURMA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Israel Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan and Defense Ministry director general Shimom Peres left here Monday for Burma where they will be official guests of the Burmese Government. Announcement of the departure was delayed until today for security reasons.

#### KEREN HAYESOD PLACED ON EMBARGO BLACKLIST IN SHEIKDOM OF KUWAIT

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The British Board of Trade today informed the office of Keren Hayesod that the latter has been placed on an embargo blacklist by the Moslem Sheikdom of Kuwait. A similar embargo against the Keren Hayesod was declared recently by Lebanon.

## MOSCOW RADIC ATTACKS BEN GURION; SAYS HE SEEKS TO LINK ISRAEL TO NATO

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Radio Moscow unleashed today an attack on Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, charging him with "working quite overtly to transform Israel into a bridgehead for the offensive of the imperialist powers against the free and independent countries of the Middle East."

The Moscow radio charged that information from Israel clarified "the real meaning of the ambiguous statements made in the communique issued after the Paris meeting of the NATO Council about the situation in the Near and Middle East having been discussed." A similar attack on Israel was made in the Moscow newspaper Red Star, organ of the Red Army.

## ZIONIST LEADER RETURNS FROM MOSCOW; FOUND NO JEWISH LIFE THERE

BOSTON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Fred Monosson, national Zionist leader, has returned here from a visit to Russia with a report that there is no Jewish life in Russia. Everywhere he went, he said, he looked for Jewish places but only in the synagogues was he absolutely certain that those present were Jews.

"Since no books are published in Yiddish and all Jewish cultural institutions have been closed down and do not function, there is no Jewish life," he reported. He said that in a theatre in Odessa, he found 700 Jews who came to see a play in Yiddish, adding that he found that they wanted to be together and to be among Jews "even though many of them did not understand a word of Yiddish and parts of the play had to be translated." The program for the play was printed in Russian, not Yiddish, he said.

On his visits to synagogues he found "only elderly folks, from 65 years and up, no younger generation." Asked whether he found evidence that Russian Jews wanted to go to Israel, he said: "The elderly people, yes. But when it comes to the present generation, who for 40 years have absorbed and lived completely under the spell of Soviet rule, what do they know about Israel and the new life and happiness our Jewish nation could bring them?"

## PRESS IN COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY OPPOSES ARMS TO "ISRAEL AGGRESSORS"

BERLIN, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Communist newspapers in East Berlin, reflecting the sentiments of the East German Communist government, continued today to attack the West German government for allegedly arming "Israel aggressors." Leading the attack is the East Berlin newspaper "Neues Deutschland," official organ of the Communist Party.

The newspapers in West Berlin, however, refrained from publishing comments on Israel's desire to purchase arms in West Germany. The only exception was the newspaper Tagespiegel, which opposes the sale of German armaments to the Jewish State. The same newspaper also supported West German Minister of Justice Dr. Schaeffer in his request that German restitution payments to Jewish victims of the Nazi regime be curtailed.

(The West German Minister to Amman, Herr J. von Shubert, assured the Jordan Government today that Bonn would not supply Israel with arms, a dispatch from Amman said. He noted that the West German reparations pact with Israel did not provide for the payment of compensation with war materiel.)

## SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON "PALESTINE QUESTION" DROPPED IN 1957

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The number of meetings of the United Nations Security Council on the "Palestine question" dropped from 21 in 1956 to only six in 1957, according to figures compiled yesterday.

The data indicated that the 1957 total was the lowest number of meetings on this issue in recent years, although it was also noted that when the Security Council became deadlocked on the Suez Canal and Palestine issues in October, 1956, these problems went to the General Assembly first in a special emergency session and then in the regular 11th annual session. The two issues occupied the General Assembly almost continuously for four months.

A reshuffle of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's "cabinet," reassigning some of his undersecretaries and accepting the resignation of others, was reportedly in the works here today for implementation early in 1958. Among the posts to be shuffled are some of importance to Israeli and Middle East policies. Undersecretary Ralph Bunche, who has been the mainspring behind the United Nations Emergency Force at the top level of the Secretariat, is presumably slated to give up that post and to be assigned to the top position in charge of Trusteeship Affairs.

## CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS NAMES GROUP TO STUDY SLAUGHTER BILL

OTTAWA, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has named a committee to study the recently introduced government bill to amend the humane slaughter act. The CJC will confer with Jewish groups in the United States.

# ANTI-SEMITISM DECLINING AMONG NEGROES; STAND OF JEWS IN SOUTH NOTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Negroes in both the North and South--despite past tensions and the threat of future ones--have a "new, more positive appreciation" of Jews in general, and particularly of the role played by American Jews in common efforts for better human relations, two leading Negro authorities said today.

James H. Robinson and Kenneth B. Clark, in analyses prepared for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, established that Southern Negroes "are not permitting themselves the luxury or the diversion of anti-Semitism" in their present struggles. Both men agree that Southern Negroes generally understand that the Southern Jew, in the desegregation crisis, is placed in a delicate position in his community and is exposed to "subtle pressures and threats of the more vocal, aggressive segregationist groups."

Dr. Clark, associate professor of psychology at the College of the City of New York and director of research at the Northside Center for Child Development, finds that Negro-Jewish relationships are now in a stage of "positive" transition. "The most obvious forms of verbal anti-Semitism among Negroes, common 15 years ago, seem to have been substantially ameliorated. Today, there seems to be less venom associated with such phrases as 'Jewish landlord,' a term which is almost part of the Negro's folk language.

"Probably the general progress of the Negro in recent years has reduced some of his random hostility which once had taken anti-Semitism as a form of expression," Dr. Clark adds. He says that the relationship between Jews and Negroes is "in many ways more complex, if not more subtle, in the North than in the South." Like Dr. Robinson, he notes that "Jewish property owners--with few exceptions--seem no more willing to jeopardize their investment or the status appeal of their properties by renting to Negroes." He concludes that "personal status needs and conformity pressures--as they operate to perpetuate the racial status quo--appear no less imperative for Jews than for other Americans."

## Negroes Reported Expecting More from Jews than from Other Whites

"Negroes seem to be more sensitive to racial insults and injustices when the source is Jewish," Dr. Clark says. "In general, they seem to expect more from Jews than from other whites. This in itself is evidence of the positive change in post-war attitudes toward Jews." He finds that Jews themselves "have contributed to the positive change by the involvement of some Jewish organizations in the struggle for human rights for all, the contributions of Jewish philanthropists to Negro organizations and causes, and by the effectiveness of Jews, as individuals and in organizations, in helping to educate the American public on the general dangers inherent in racism."

Dr. Robinson, pastor of the Church of the Master and director of the Morningside Community Center in Harlem, warns that it is likely that "tensions in race relations in America will become worse before they become better." Noting that Negro anti-Semitism differs from most other types since it is based upon suspicion, not hate, he says that "the possibilities of conflict between Negroes and Jews will become potentially greater as the non-white exceeds the white population in the urban center or the east and north central states."

He also found "intensified feeling against Jews" in the North stemming from the problem of segregated housing, "the basic and crucial area of all racial problems." "There is increased feeling of bitterness over the fact that Jews in better neighborhoods and suburban areas are often as hostile as other whites when Negroes attempt to move into a community. On the other hand, this feeling is almost always accompanied by an expression of gratitude that more support, however small, for integrated housing comes from Jews than from Gentiles," he said.

## U.S. SCHOLAR CLAIMS 'HEBER' NOT 'ABEL' WAS NAME OF CAIN'S BROTHER

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A Biblical scholar has suggested that the brother murdered by Cain was really named not Abel but Heber, source of the name of the City of Heber or the Hebrews.

Dr. Rolland E. Wolfe, professor of Western Reserve University, in advancing this revision of Biblical text, said the name Abel was an error in translation. In a paper read before the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis meeting of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Wolfe said that the identifying mark on the Hebrew word, which led to its being translated as Abel, was only a blemish on the original manuscript.

He said that translated as Heber, the name of Cain's brother would conform more logically to Hebron, the city of Heber.

## LOUIS MINSKY, EDITOR OF RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Louis Minsky managing editor of the Religious News Service, an affiliate of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which he helped to organize in 1933. Mr. Minsky died at his home of a heart attack. He was 48.

A founder and member of Temple Sinai in Forest Hills, N. Y., he built the agency into the only interfaith religious news service in the world, serving Protestant, Catholic and Jewish periodicals. He came to this country from England.