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#### ISRAEL PRESIDENT STARTS VACATION; FORMATION OF NEW CABINET SUSPENDED

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- President and Mrs. Ben Zvi began a 12-day vacation today, bringing to a standstill for that period the futile effort of Premier-Designate David Ben Gurion to carry out the President's mandate to form a new Government. Mrs. Ben Gurion was expected to maintain his leave of absence as Premier-Designate until next Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Ben Gurion was asked by the President to form a new Government after he resigned when he was unable to force out of his coalition Cabinet the four Ministers of the left-wing Mapam and Achdut Avodah who had voted against the recent sale of Israel-made arms to West Germany.

His hopes of forming a new coalition: Government until the November elections dashed by the refusal of other parties to cooperate, Mr. Ben-Gurion was obliged to continue the present Government with the participation of the left-wing Ministers unless he decided to return the mandate to the President, which he was not expected to do.

It was expected that when the President returns from his vacation Mr. Ben Gurion will call on him to report that the present caretaker Government will continue until the elections.

#### 12 POLICEMEN WOUNDED IN RIOTS IN ISRAEL VILLAGE; LOCAL OFFICES DEMOLISHED

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- A dozen police, including the district chief inspector, were injured last night when rioting broke out in Migdal Haemek, a village near Nazareth. The injured police required hospital treatment.

The rioting broke out when news was received of the arrest in Haifa of 15 residents of the village for disturbing the peace in the Haifa office of the Jewish Agency. The 15 had gone to the Agency headquarters to complain about what they considered low pay for work done in the Galilee forests.

When news of the arrests arrived in the village, a group of women and children, their ranks swelled by some more excitable residents, began to demonstrate toward nightfaill and marched toward the Labor Exchange office and the office of the local Council. A police detachment was unable to halt the march and retreated under a shower of stones from the crowd which had swelled to several hundred marchers.

During the how before steel-helmeted police reinforcements were able to arrive, the marchers destroyed both offices and threw stones at passing vehicles. The police reinforcements dispersed the crowd after threatening to use force. It was nearly midnight before the streets were emptied. Toward morning, police patrolling the streets permitted local leaders to calm down the excited population which is made up mainly of North African immigrants and some Polish and Rumanian Jews.

#### Riot-Provoking Police Action in Haifa Found Unjustified

JERUSALEM, July 2D. (JTA) -- Behor Shitreet, the Israel Police Minister, reported today an investigation of police action in the recent rioting in Haifa had produced no justification for police firing at a drunkard which touched off the day-long disturbance.

The rioting, in which Il police and an unknown number of North African immigrants were wounded, led to appointment of a special commission to investigate the outbreak. Originally a three-man group was named by the Cabinet and subsequently enlarged to five men by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

The commission will open hearings Tuesday with Judge Moshe Etziony presiding. The other members are Yaacov Klebanov, a member of the Knesset, Rabbi Abu Chaitzra of Ramleh, Prof. S. Eisenstadt, chairman of the Hebrew University sociology department, and Ram Saloman, an attorney.

The hearings, which are expected to last several days, will help clear up many misunderstandings that have developed recently giving the impression that the police are too energetic in their action in matters that can be settled by a tactful approach. They will also clear up the false impression prevailing among North African immigrants that the police authorities are prejudiced against them.

#### U.S. GRANTS ADDITIONAL \$5,000,000 LOAN FOR ISRAEL S INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- An additional \$5,000,000 loan for the Israel Industrial Institute from the United States Development Fund was announced today by John Haggerty, director of the United States Operations Mission in Israel.

The Institute previously had received \$5,000,000 from the Fund which also granted \$15,000,000 to the Israel Government. The loans, which are made in dollars under foreign aid legislation to assist private enterprise in newly developing countries, are repayable in Israel pounds.

The Institute is a development bank for channeling funds for industrial expansion in Israel. It is owned partly by the Israel Government and partly by semi-public agencies and some private investors.

#### SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL ASKS FOR PASSAGE OF ISRAEL SHIPS THROUGH SUEZ

HAMBURGH, July 20, (JTA) -- The congress of the Socialist International which concluded deliberations on Sunday, has umanimously adopted a resolution calling on the United Nations to effectively guarantee free passage through the Suez Canal of all ships "including those of Israel." The resolution was suggested by Dr. S. Levenberg, of the Mapai delegation, and was seconded by Aneurin Bevan, on behalf of the British Labor Party. It was presented to the congress by Belgian Foreign Minister Victor Larock, chairman of the political committee.

"The Congress of the Socialist International declares that freedom of navigation of all ships, including those of Israel, through the Suez Canal, is a vital interest of the International Community and must be effectively guaranteed by the United Nations," the resolution reads.

E. Vermeer, chairman of the Labor Party of the Netherlands, told the congress that freedom of navigation is a matter which concerns all maritime nations. Today Israeli ships are being stopped by Nasser, tomorrow he may stop ships of other nations, Mr. Vermeer said. Israel is entitled to our utmost support in her struggle for freedom of the seas. International Law, which is on the side of Israel, must be upheld, he added,

During the debate on underdeveloped territories, Miss Esther Herlitz, international secretary of Israel's Mapai Farty, spoke about the close ties which Israel had established with a number of countries in Asia and Africa. "We extend our hand of friendship to them with no strings attached in a spirit of international solidarity," is he said.

Addressing a luncheon of the A sian delegates to the congress, NatPai, president of the International Association of Socialist Youth and a member of the Indian Parliament, said that throughout Asia, people were watching Israel's constructive work with sympathy and admiration. Her achievements were an example of and an inspiration for the progressive forces in new countries fighting for a democratic way of life, he declared.

All members of the British delegation, including Laborites Hugh Gaitskell and Aneurin Bevan, attended a luncheon arranged by the Israel delegation at which former Prime Minister and Foreign-Minister, Moshe Sharett was host. Reuven Barkatt and Dr. Levenberg were re-elected Mapai representatives on the Bureau of the Socialist International.

## 12 SENATORS SPONSOR NEW IMMIGRATION BILL; OPPOSE PRESENT QUOTA SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, July 20, (JTA) -- Eleven Democratic Senators today Joined Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, in co-sponsoring a new immigration bill asking "complete revision and replacement" of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and discard of the national origins quota system. The bill was referred to the Senate Judiciary committee.

Paying tribute to former Senator Herbert H. Lehman of New York, author of similar legislation in the 84th Congress, Sen. Humphrey declared that the new bill was required "in order to conform to our democratic traditions, our international declarations, and our concepts of fairness."

Condemning the national origins quota system, Sen. Humphrey said "human beings should be judged upon the basis of their inherent worth. The worship of national origins should be eradicated from our immigration statutes." The bill would establish a numerical limitation on the basis of one-sixth of one percent of the most recent population census--allocated without regard to national origin, race, color, or creed. Preferences would be given to reuniting families, to bringing needed skills to the United States and to providing asylum to political refugees seeking freedom.

. The Senators who joined in co-sponsoring the bill, all Democrats, were Harrison A. Williams, New Jersey; Eugene McCarthy, Minnesota; Wayne Morse, Oregon; Joseph Clark, Jr., Pennsylvania; Pat McNamara, Washington; John O. Pastore, and Theodore F. Green, both of Rhode Island; James E. Murray, Montana; Richard Neuberger, Oregon; Phillip A. Hart, Michigan, and Ernest Gruening, Alaska.

#### SENATE TO GET BILL CONDEMNING SAUDI ARABIAN BIAS AGAINST U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, July 20. (JTA) -- Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, today served notice that he would reintroduce an amendment condemning Saudi Arabian discrimination against Jewish Americans.

The Senator pointed out that his amendment was defeated by only a narrow margin when the Mutual Security authorization bill was before the Senate. Some Senators misunderstood what the amendment involved but have::Since.soted the New York Supreme Court decision involving Saudi Arabia in anti-Jewish discrimination against Americans.

Senator Morse will use the opportunity afforded when the Mutual Security Appropriation bill comes before the Senate. This bill is mecessary to implement the previously passed authorization measure. When his amendment comes up again, Sen. Morse said, he will discuss it "at sufficient length, so that Senators will not again misunderstand what the amendment involves."

Senator Morse's view is that the United States should make known its views on granting Mutual Security funds to nations that discripinate against Americans on a basis of religion. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesotz. Democrat, immediately announced he would support the fight for the Morse amendment. He expressed the view that when the previous vote was taken, a number of Senators had not been fully informed on the background of the Saudi Arabian issue involving Jewish Americans.

Saudi Arabia refuses entry to Jewish Americans and bars U.S. military personnel of Jewish faith from landing at the U.S. airbase leased at Dhahran. Sen. Humphrey pointed out that President William Howard Taft once abrogated a treaty with Czarist Russia because that nation discriminated against Jewish Americans.

Condemning the Saudi Arabian Government and the Arabian Government and the Arabian-American Oil Company for anti-Jewish practices, Sen. Humphrey said: "I applaud the Supreme Court of the State of New York for its decision" in a case involving discrimination in hiring by ARAMCO in New York. The Senator also commended Justice Henry Epstein "for his brilliant opinion."

The Senator termed the ARAMCO case "a situation in which the head of a foreign power is telling an - American firm whom it can hire and whom it cannot." He said "such demands by a foreign power not only violate the law of the State of New York and the Constitution of the United States, but also violate the basic moral principle that men are created equal and are entitled to equal treatment under the laws of the land."

In the Senator's common, "human rights are of prime consideration, and nothing--not even Arabia oil--can take priority over them. It is about time that some companies which seem more interested in profits than in people begin to understand this simple truth."

Senator Humphrey explained that for an American firm to agree to foreign demands for religious discrimination "goes beyond the bounds of legitimate compromise, and cannot be accepted if America is to remain true to its cherished belief in the dignity of man and his right to liberty." He called the court ruling against ARAMCO a strengthening of the moral fiber of America and a "victory on behalf of freedom."

## JEWISH GROUPS REPORT "PRODUCTIVE PROGRESS" IN CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- Civil rights legislation in states throughout the country have registered "very productive progress" during the first six months of this year with unprecedented moves leveled against discrimination in private housing, according to results of a survey conducted jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of Brais B'rith.

The agencies reported that the first state laws barring discrimination or segregation in private housing in the United States were enacted in Colorado, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Oregon. In addition, California passed a statute prohibiting discrimination in publicly-aided and redevelopment housing.

Discrimination in employment received a further set-back during this period when the major industrial states of California and Ohio joined 14 other states, including Alaska, which have effective fair employment practice laws enforced by commission procedures. Missouri became the first border  $\alpha$  southern state to enact a statute barring discrimination in state employment. This state also made its Temporary Human Rights Commission a permanent agency.

In the realm of housing, Colorado became the first state in the nation to enact a law prohibiting discrimination in all types of housing-private as well as public and publicly-aided. The Colorado law prohibits the owner of any housing unit--other than those occupied by owners or their families--from refusing to sell, rent or lease to any person because of race, creed or national origin.

The anti-discrimination laws in private housing in Massachusetts and Connecticut bar discrimination in multiple dwellings and housing developments. In Oregon, the law applies to people in the business of buying and selling homes. Enforcement of this new legislation is

vested in existing state agencies or civil rights commissions which have the responsibility of enforcing other state laws prohibiting discrimination.

The new laws also prohibit the publication of advertising which in any way indicates a preference or limitation with respect to race, religion or national origin. In public accommodations, resort or amusement, the State of Maine joined 22 other states with civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in these areas. Under Maine's new law, violations are punishable by fines or imprisonment.

#### REFORM JEWS CALL UPON STATE LEGISLATURES TO ADOPT FAIR SABBATH LAWS

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA) -- The Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism today urged state legislatures to adopt Fair Sabbath laws "to protect the religious liberty of persons whose convictions compel them to observe a day other than Sunday as a religious day of rest."

Noting that several states are considering new legislation affecting compulsory Sunday closings, I. Cyrus Gordon, chairman, speaking for the Commission, declared: "We believe that the American principle of religious liberty is impaired if any person is penalized for adhering to his religious conscience, so long as he does not interfere with the rights of others or endanger the public peace or security."

The Commission pointed out that the organizations of Reform Judaism had held consistently to the principle first enunciated in a resolution adopted by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in 1879. "The present hodgepodge of exemptions to the Sunday laws are completely arbitrary and nonsensical," the Commission stated. "The minimum requirement of simple justice is for state legislatures to take legislative action to protect the religious rights of those who, in religious conscience, hold a day other than Sunday as their day of rest."

The statement commended to the attention of state legislatures the "milestone decision" of the three-judge district court in Massachusetts in the Crown Kosher Super Market case in May of this year, declaring the Massachusetts Sunday law arbitrary and discriminatory.

The Commission is a joint instrumentality of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of 575 Reform temples; the Central Conference of American Rabbis, association of the Reform rabbinate; and other affiliated bodies of the Union. Mr. Gordon called upon 575 Reform temples to mobilize public support and to communicate their views to governors and state legislatures in behalf of a Fair Sabbath Law.

## Referendum on Sunday Closing Law Sought in New Jersey

NEWARK, July 20. (JTA) -- A campaign to put a Sunday closing proposal on a referendum for the November state election in New Jersey was underway today h five of the state's most heavily populated counties, all of them with substantial Jewish communities.

The state legislature voted in May to leave the issue to the people. The proposed law would forbid the sale of apparel, building materials, appliances and home and office furnishings on a county option basis. It would go into effect November 15 if approved.

Foes of the measure, which include religious groups which do not observe Sunday as their Sabbath--mainly Jews and Seventh Day Adventists--were preparing a counter-campaign to induce voters to oppose the measure. A total of 2,500 signatures in each county is needed to get the issue on the November ballot.

## MEMORY OF 30, 000 JEWS DEPORTED FROM PARIS TO NAZI DEATH CAMPS HONORED

PARIS, July 20. (JTA) -- All Jewish organizations in Paris yesterday joined in ceremonies commemorating the 30,000 Parisian Jews who were rounded up by the Nazis on July 16, 1942, and later deported to Nazi murder camps.

Floral wreaths were placed before a commemorative plaque in the Parisian Sports Arena where the Jewish victims were imprisoned for several days before being shipped to the death camps. Dr. Vidal Modiano, president of the Representative Council of Jews of France, and French Government officials joined in paying tribute to the victims.

# SOLOMON LEVER, FORMER JEWISH MAYOR OF LONDON BOROUGH, MURDERED

LONDON, July 20. (JTA) -- A Jewish former mayor of Hackney was found murdered here last night after his office at the Workmen's Circle Friendly Society was robbed of eight thousand pounds.

Solomon Lever, 64, general secretary of the Society, who served as Mayor of Hackney in 1951-52, was kidnapped from his home and the key to his office safe stolen by the kid-...ppers. His body was found two hours later near a forest on the outskirts of London.

# GERSHON GERSHOUNI, ACHDUT AVODAH LEADER, DIES IN TEL AVIV; WAS 58

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- Gershon Gershouni, leader in Israel's Achdut Avoda labor party, died here at the age of 58. "He was amember of the Zionist Actions" -- Committee.