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## GOLDA MEIR AGREES TO REMAIN IN CABINET; 'NARROW COALITION' FORESEEN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir has agreed to continue in the next coalition Government as Israel's Foreign Minister after repeated refusals, it was learned authoritatively today.

Mrs. Meir's agreement followed assurances from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion that there would be no interference in areas of her authority as Foreign Minister by any other Minister or top official. It was reported that Mrs. Meir had repeatedly complained about activities of the Defense Ministry as tantamount to usurpation of the Foreign Ministry's authority.

She was now assured that no Cabinet member other than she and the Prime Minister would be permitted to make foreign policy statements and that no decisions in fields relating to foreign affairs would be taken without her approval.

It was also reported that Abba Eban, former Israel Ambassador to the United States who had been scheduled to take the post if Mrs. Meir had remained adamant in refusing it, will become a Minister without portfolio. Mr. Eban had been considered for the Ministry of Education but Mapai sources indicated they believed that Zalman Aranne also would change his mind and continue as Minister of Education.

A possibility emerged from negotiations today that the tiny Progressive party would join with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's Mapai party to enable the Prime Minister to present a "narrow coalition" to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, next week while continuing talks for a broader coalition.

Mapai and the Mapai-affiliated Arab parties, plus the Progressives have 58 seats in the 120-member Knesset, three short of a majority. However, the six deputies of the ultra-Orthodox Agudas Israel have been instructed by their rabbinical leaders to abstain during the required Knesset vote of confidence for a new government. The projected "narrow" coalition would thus have a slim majority of the other 114 votes.

The Prime Minister, it was understood, would leave several Cabinet portfolios open for the anticipated additional coalition partners. It was presumed that he wanted a coalition, even so small a one, on the premise that talks with the other parties will be lengthy and that a coalition would strengthen his hand in negotiating with the Mapam and Achdut Avodah and the National Religious party and perhaps accelerate their joining.

## ISRAEL WARNS SYRIA ON INTERFERING WITH FISHING ON LAKE TIBERIAS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry today asked the United Nations Truce headquarters to warn Syria to halt interference with Israel fishing on Lake Tiberias before the situation deteriorated further.

The Syrians during the last fishing season several times attacked Israel fishermen, wounding and killing several, in attempts to steal nets and other equipment. With the opening of the current fishing period two weeks ago, Syrians renewed such acts and have stolen and destroyed Israel nets.

It was believed that Israel told UN truce officials that a repetition of last year's acts of violence against Israel fishermen would not be tolerated. It was disclosed meanwhile that Gen. Carl Von Horn, the UN Truce Supervision Organization chief, will leave for New York next week to report to UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on conditions on the Israel-Arab borders.

## KAISER-FRAZER PLANT IN ISRAEL SUSPENDS OPERATIONS FOR TWO WEEKS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Kaiser-Frazer plant at Haifa laid off 400 workers today and suspended operations for two weeks because of a lack of parts. The steelworkers strike in the United States was a factor in the shutdown.

Two reasons were given for the suspension. One was the decision of Regie Renault, the French auto firm, to cancel its contract for assembly of Renault small cars under Arab boycott pressure. The other was a delay in shipment of Willys Overland parts from the United States caused by the walkout. Plant officials said that when operations were resumed with arrival of the American-made parts, the plant will operate on a much smaller scale than previously because no replacement has yet been found for the Renault assemblies.

# SEN. JAVITS REFUTES CHARGES BY ARAB PROPAGANDISTS AND CRITICS OF U. J. A.

LAWRENCE, N. Y., Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, asserted tonight that charges by "Arab propagandists and other critics" that contributions to the United Jewish Appeal were "tantamount" to contributions to the Government of Israel and therefore not true philanthropy were "baseless."

Speaking before the Men's Club of Temple Israel here, Sen. Javits took issue with a statement by James P. Warburg, former banker and writer on international affairs, that the United Jewish Appeal engaged in a "high-handed procedure" in refusing to "segregate funds contributed for relief or for cultural purposes" from funds that went "directly or indirectly" into the Treasury of Israel. Mr. Warburg made his statement in an address Friday night to Congregation Mishkan Israel in New Haven, Connecticut.

Senator Javits said he wanted to set the facts "absolutely straight out of respect for the great humanitarian work which is involved for a people as harassed and persecuted over the centuries as have been the Jewish people, who have now found a haven in Israel." He said this also was necessary "for the hundreds of thousands of Americans of all faiths who have contributed so generously to one of our country's leading philanthropic efforts."

"Contrary to what is charged," the Senator declared, "the United Jewish Appeal does not raise money for the State of Israel. Its funds are used for such philanthropic purposes as refugee aid, overseas relief in 25 countries and the resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees in this country as well as Israel. Since most of the refugees go to Israel, the largest percentage of UJA funds is spent there."

## Lauds U. J. A. Achievements; Stresses U. S. Government's View on Israel

The Senator emphasized that "even the United States Government does not, in giving aid to Israel, seek to impose its views. Certainly the United Jewish Appeal does not do so." He stressed that the United States recognizes Israel as a bastion of democracy and as an important force for freedom in the Middle East. "I have long been convinced that aid to the settlers in Israel through the United Jewish Appeal is a philanthropic endeavor in the highest interest of the United States. Also, I have urged United States Government aid for the government and people of Israel," he declared.

Commenting that the UJA was "as indigenous to American philanthropy as it is to Jewish philanthropy," Senator Javits said that the UJA was "a voluntary association whose essence is voluntary giving by Jews all over the country and in other lands through their local community organizations, and at the behest of their local community leaders." The pattern which guided the UJA, he said, "is as American as the town meeting. It is the same general pattern as that followed by Catholic and Protestant philanthropic and missionary organizations."

"The UJA represents a staggering achievement in the saving of human lives," the Senator said. "There is nothing equal to it. It was the most effective and most direct way in which Americans could respond to the call for help which came from millions of Jews who were uprooted and despoiled. They did this freely, as individuals, without calling upon their government for help in this humanitarian work of resettlement but relying heavily on themselves to provide the necessary means."

"Like other American voluntary philanthropic institutions, the facts about the UJA are public; they are available in print. The arrangements for the distribution of funds which are made between the constituent organizations of the UJA, the conditions governing the voluntary cooperation of local community organizations with the UJA, the total amount of the funds received and their distribution are all a matter of public record," Sen. Javits emphasized.

## GERSHON AVNER NAMED ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO CANADA; SUCCEEDS LOURIE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Gershon Avner, head of the United States Division of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, was named today as Israel Ambassador to Ottawa, succeeding Arthur Lourie who becomes Ambassador to London.

Mr. Avner, 40, was educated at Exeter and Oxford University and had foreign service assignments in Europe. He was counsellor of the Embassy in London before being assigned to the American desk.

Arthur Liveran, counsellor of the Embassy in London, has been appointed head of the Foreign Ministry's British Commonwealth Division. He is presently in New York, serving as chairman of a special United Nations committee surveying UN pension questions. He will be succeeded in London by Gideon Shomron, first secretary of the Embassy in Moscow.

## BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH HAMMARSKJOLD ON ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, noted Jewish leader, today conferred with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld regarding various matters concerning the Middle East, including the seizure by Egypt of Israeli cargoes passing through the Suez and the Arab refugee problem.

## GERMANY TO COMPENSATE DUTCH JEWS FOR FURNITURE CONFISCATED BY NAZIS

THE HAGUE, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The West German Government will start indemnification payments in January to Dutch Jews or their survivors for the confiscation of furniture by the Nazis during the German occupation of Holland, it was announced here today.

## FRANCE REDUCES AID TO FRENCH JEWS EXPELLED FROM EGYPT

PARIS, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The French Government announced a second cut in aid being given to Frenchmen expelled from Egypt after the 1956 Suez campaign. A group of the expellees--90 percent of whom are Jews--sent a telegram to President Charles de Gaulle describing their plight.

The Government indicated the new cut would come next January. The first reduction took place last June. The expellees have had no reply to their request that the French Government follow the example of Britain in giving substantial advances on assets owned in Egypt by the refugees which they cannot realize now.

The problem of the Jewish expellees is further complicated by the fact that they have been refused admission by the United Arab Republic to take care of their assets, despite a recent French-Egyptian accord some time ago which provides for return of the expellees to the UAR.

## JEWS GROUPS IN FRANCE DEMAND BAN ON LAROUSSE DICTIONARY IN SCHOOLS

PARIS, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Prefect of the Department of the Seine announced here today that, in reply to protests from the Government Party as well as from Socialists, steps will be taken to see whether the latest edition of the famous Larousse Dictionary is to be barred from use in the public schools.

Jewish organizations in this city have initiated the demand for the banning of the new edition of the dictionary on the grounds that some definitions show "racist" tendencies. The definitions, to which objectors have been voiced, concern such words as "racism" and other words dealing with wartime Nazi leaders and with the French resistance movement during World War II.

The definitions have been denounced as "tendentious." The dictionary is at present eligible for use in all government schools, and efforts are being made to broaden the ban beyond the Department of the Seine, to the entire country.

## GERMAN MUNICIPALITIES VOTE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SYNAGOGUES

BREMEN, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Bremen Senate today approved an allocation of 1,500,000 marks out of indemnification funds for the construction of a new synagogue and a new old age home. Plans of Architect Karl Gerle provide for a 140-seat prayer room, a mikveh, classrooms, a library and a seven-room home for the aged.

The municipal council in the small town of Hof, in the Franconian section of Bavaria, voted unanimously today to contribute land and to guarantee a fund of 63,000 deutsche-marks for the construction of a new synagogue.

An appeal issued by the Mayor of the town, Hans Hoegn, urged all residents of Hof "who more or less willingly became guilty of the crimes of Crystal Night, November 11, 1938," to contribute to the building fund. "Crystal Night" was the infamous night when, under Nazi orders, synagogues and Jewish business establishments were wrecked by Nazi hooligans throughout Germany.

## SEVERAL HUNDRED GESTAPO MEN SERVE IN GERMAN ARMY, GOVERNMENT ADMITS

BONN, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- "Not more" than 400 or 500 former members of Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's elite SS troops are serving in the West German army, a commission of the Resistance Fighters for a United Europe has been told by the Speaker of the Federal Parliament.

Hans Fritzsche, in giving the figure, said there were no generals or colonels among the former SS troops in the Bundeswehr. He added that most of the former SS men are serving as specialists in the Air Force or the Navy. None of them held a rank above that of a non-commissioned officer during the Hitler era.

He said the West German army had screened all applications and on principle will not accept any applicant who was a member of the special execution and concentration camp units of the SS.

A turbulent debate took place in the North-Rhine Westphalia Parliament over a petition entered by the Free Democratic Party to ease some of the laws placing restrictions on former Nazis in public office.

A. Dufhues, Minister of the Interior, said: "The public will not understand it if we give the same chance for promotion to Nazi opportunists as we do to civil servants with a clean record." He expressed specific objection to a clause in the petition that "promotions and appointments should not be opposed because of former affiliation with National Socialism."

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## ORTHODOX JEWS IN NEW JERSEY APPEAL AGAINST SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Federal Judge Mendon Morrill reserved decision today on an application for a restraining order in application of New Jersey's Sunday closing law against persons who maintain another day as their day of religious rest.

The application was made by Harry Morein, who operates a furniture store in West New York, N. J. and who keeps his store closed from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday during the Jewish Sabbath. Judge Morrill set December 11 as the date for a hearing by a three-man federal court on application for a preliminary injunction to halt enforcement of Sunday sales bans in such cases pending a constitutional determination of the issues.

In another similar case, David H. Fass, a Jewish merchant of North Bergen, N. J., was arrested Sunday for selling linoleum and was scheduled to appear Thursday in West New York Municipal Court on charges of violating the Sunday closing law. Joseph Freiman, attorney for Mr. Fass, said his client has been closing his store during the Jewish Sabbath period for the past 14 years. If he must also close his store on Sundays, Freiman said, he will not be able to stay in business.

## 'FRIGHTENING SHORTAGE' OF TEACHERS IN N. Y. JEWISH SCHOOLS REPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A "frightening shortage" of teachers in Jewish religious schools in the Greater New York area was reported last night at the first annual conference of School Board Chairmen of Jewish Schools.

Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee, reporting that finding to representatives of more than 100 Jewish schools, said that "this does not bode well for the growing Jewish generation."

He reported that the 150,000 children now attending religious schools marked an increase of 140 percent in student attendance in the last 10 years. However, despite the "phenomenal" jump in registration, he said, only three to four percent of Jewish children of high school age were continuing their Jewish education. He proposed higher standards and greater responsibility for the welfare of Jewish schools among laymen.

## U.S. APPROVES \$500,000 GRANT FOR LOS ANGELES JEWISH HOSPITAL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The United States Public Health Service has approved a grant of nearly \$500,000 for the construction of a new research center at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital here, it was reported today. The grant is one of the largest ever approved by the Health Service for construction of hospital research facilities.

In announcing the grant for construction of a new Research Center, Dr. Leo Rigler, executive director, said that this year's expansion program for the Cedars Medical Center will shortly get underway with an additional \$1,000,000 as its immediate goal. Other facilities slated for construction include the Institute for Nuclear Medicine, expansion of the Cardio-Respiratory Center, a new psychiatric unit, additional pediatric and other specialized services for the benefit of clinic patients.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$41,350 TO-PHILADELPHIA JEWISH WELFARE AGENCY

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Employment and Vocational Service of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia has received a \$41,350 grant from the United States Office of Rehabilitation, it was announced here by Leon C. Sunstein, Jr., president. He said the grant is for continuation and expansion of the agency's short-term work therapy program. The grant included renewal of a 1959 grant of \$39,115 plus an increase of \$2,235 for 1960.

Mr. Sunstein explained the grant was made after a review of the program indicated it had served more people with emotional disturbances than was originally contemplated. Interest in the project has been indicated in visits by more than 75 agencies, colleges, educational institutions, hospitals and health and welfare agencies in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland.

## AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY RAISES \$500,000 AT NEW YORK DINNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A total of \$500,000 was raised for the expansion of the new campus of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, at a testimonial dinner here tonight for David Rose, who is retiring as national president of the American Technion Society after four years in office.

Principal speaker at the dinner, attended by more than 600 business and educational leaders, was Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Avraham Harman.

## CANADIAN ZIONISTS HOLD MEMORIAL MEETING FOR GEDALIA ZAKIFF

MONTREAL, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for the late Gedalia Zakiff, secretary general of the Jewish Agency in Israel, who was acting executive director of the Zionist Organization of Canada from 1954 to 1956, was held at the headquarters of the Zionist Organization of Canada under the chairmanship of Justice Harry Batshaw. Tributes to Mr. Zakiff were paid by Joseph N. Frank, treasurer of the ZOC, Isidore M. Bobrove, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of Canada, and Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, chairman of the Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization of Canada.