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BEN-GURION POSTPONES PRESENTATION OF CABINET BECAUSE OF ILLNESS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The final technicalities were completed tonight in the constitution of a new Israel Government coalition but Premier David Ben-Gurion, because of illness, will not be able to present his Cabinet to the Parliament for a confidence vote before Wednesday at the earliest.

The executive body of Mr. Ben-Gurion's Mapai party, meeting tonight, formally ratified the terms of the coalition agreement under which the Progressive party and the National Religious party will form the new government with Mapai. The executive, in ratifying the agreement, expressed the hope that the two other labor parties, Mapam and Achdut Avodah, would also join the coalition. Mr. Ben-Gurion's new government will command 71 votes out of 120 in the Knesset.

Mapai Party officials seized the opportunity provided by the enforced delay in presenting the new Cabinet to renew efforts to bring the other two labor parties into a united labor front. Prior negotiations with the two parties had broken down over the issue of collective responsibility. Mr. Ben-Gurion had insisted that all members of the Cabinet be bound by Cabinet decisions and had proposed a "discipline clause" as a condition for participation in the coalition.

This clause provided that a member of the Cabinet who votes against a Government measure must resign. To ensure this, Mr. Ben-Gurion demands legislation empowering the Cabinet majority to dismiss a minister who does not resign as a result of defection. The Premier wants to avoid any repetition of what happened last year when the representatives of the Mapam and Achdut Avodah in the Government and their party members in Parliament voted against the Government on the German arms issue. When the ministers refused to resign, Mr. Ben-Gurion had to submit the resignation of his entire Cabinet.

Mapam and Achdut Avodah Explain Why They Cannot Join the Cabinet

The two labor parties, in the current coalition negotiations, flatly rejected the demand. In statements they issued separately, both took the position that they could not give up their position on certain questions such as Israeli-German relations and the question of military Government in areas of Israel and both opposed legislative proposals that would enable the Prime Minister to dismiss members of his cabinet without presenting a new Government to the Parliament for approval.

If the two leftist labor parties return to the Government, it will be with a different status from what they formerly enjoyed and without a stronghold they had held for years -- the Ministry of the Interior. That post will go to Moshe Shapiro, leader of the National Religious party. Mr. Shapiro and his colleague Dr. Joseph Burg, resigned from the Government last year in the sharp conflict over the issue of "Who is a Jew?"

Now Mr. Shapiro is slated to return to the Government to head the ministry which has jurisdiction and administration of the population registry in which nationality is listed. This is taken here as a certain sign that that issue is dead and buried and that the regulations which created the furor will not be revived.

Namir Elected Mayor of Tel Aviv; Jerusalem to Elect Mayor Today

TEL AVIV, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Former Minister of Labor Mordecai Namir, a member of Premier David Ben-Gurion's Mapai party, was elected Mayor of Tel Aviv yesterday.

Namir was able to capture the seat, long held by the General Zionists, by a coalition in the Municipal Council that left the General Zionists and the right-wing Herut Party in the opposition. His election was aided by members of the National Religious and Agudist parties.

The election of the new Jerusalem Mayor is scheduled for tomorrow night. Mordechai Ish-Shalom, of Mapai, seems assured of election since the coalition supporting him has eleven of the Council's 21 seats.

ISRAEL WINS SEAT ON U.N. TECHNICAL AID BODY; COMPETED WITH INDONESIA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Economic and Social Council elected today Israel to membership in the 24-member Committee on Technical Assistance. Israel competed for this seat with Indonesia. The first two votes resulted in a tie. On the third ballot Israel was elected.

ISRAEL TO SEEK \$60,000,000 IN LOANS FROM WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Israel will shortly submit to the World Bank detailed requests for loans totalling \$60,000,000 for various investment projects, it was reported here today. The Treasury is now drafting plans for investing the loan in the construction of the new port of Ashdot, expanding potash production and financing an industrialization institute which would make investments in development projects.

EGYPT REPORTED ALERTING TROOPS TO PREVENT ISRAEL IRRIGATION PROJECT

LONDON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic would intervene militarily "on the very day that the Israelis begin to put into effect their plan to divert the flow of the Jordan River," Major Salah Salem, Egypt's chief propagandist, declared today in an article in the Cairo newspaper Al Gumhouria, of which he is editor.

The First Egyptian Army, he revealed, had already been put on the alert on the Negev frontier and, should the Israelis begin the Jordan diversion scheme, this army would engage, he asserted, "in large-scale operations" with the support of the Second Syrian Army.

The Egyptian editor called the Israeli water plan a "matter of life and death to the Arabs." If the Negev were rendered fertile, he warned, it could receive 2,000,000 more Jewish immigrants who would form a wedge between Egypt and the rest of the Arab world.

A London Daily Express correspondent who has just returned from Cairo said today that President Nasser of the United Arab Republic "is determined to risk war rather than let the Israelis carry through their plan" to take water from the Jordan River to irrigate arid areas of the Negev. He said that Nasser believed that "if there is war again with Israel, the Egyptians will win. He counts on the support of Arabs in other countries."

Reports received here indicated that the Egyptians had dropped widely advertised plans to divert the waters of the Jordan before they reached Israeli territory by construction of a dam in Arab territory. A technical committee had reported to the UAR cabinet on this plan and had recommended it. The cabinet, however, was reported at its meeting yesterday to have discussed military and diplomatic means of blocking the Israelis.

Israel Would Retaliate Egypt's Interference with the Project

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Israel sources, commenting on threats by the United Arab Republic to prevent a Jordan River diversion project to irrigate new areas, said today that Israel regards such projects as of equal importance with freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba.

The comparison of irrigation projects with the importance of unimpeded Akaba navigation for Israel's southern port of Eilat was considered an implicit warning to UAR President Nasser that any attempt on his part to interfere by force with the project would elicit the same Israel retaliation as would interference with Eilat shipping.

BONN AGREES TO PAY INDEMNIFICATION FOR NAZI-LOOTED PROPERTY IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A triangular agreement was concluded here today providing indemnification by Germany for spoliation of property in Belgium by the Nazis during the occupation of the country in World War II.

Under the agreement, reached between the German Ministry of Finance, the organization for aid to Jewish war victims and the Belgian Office for Economic Recuperation, the West German Government will pay indemnification to the value of 80 percent for property plundered and transferred to Germany from 1942 to the end of the war. The contents of about 8,000 homes are involved in the agreement.

The victims of spoliation will not have to submit proof of the value of the property stolen from them. They will receive a settlement on the basis of 4,800 German marks (\$1,150) per room emptied of its contents. The negotiators agreed that this sum was to be regarded as the equivalent of 80 percent of the original value of the property.

NIXON LAUDS AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE FOR SURVEY ON CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Vice President Richard M. Nixon today commended the American Jewish Committee for its 12-year survey of civil rights gains in America and said such studies helped the nation portray American achievements to the world.

The report was presented to Mr. Nixon in his office by James H. Scheuer, chairman of AJC's Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Committee, and Frederick F. Greenman, chairman of the Committee's executive board.

The report stresses that "major barriers against significant civil rights progress in the United States are coming down at an accelerated pace." It surveys civil rights gains in many phases of national life from 1948 to 1960.

Mr. Nixon told Mr. Scheuer and Mr. Greenman that America has been "taking the rap" on civil rights throughout the world and "not getting credit for our achievements." Referring to the American Jewish Committee study, Mr. Nixon said "we must constantly have such re-examination."

ROSE HALPRIN CALLS FOR BASIC REORIENTATION OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14, (JTA) -- The need for a "fundamental internal reorientation of the Zionist movement" was stressed here today by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, in a statement issued on her departure for Israel to attend the plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive, which starts this Wednesday, and the meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee which will begin on December 28. Noting that a revision of the constitution of the World Zionist Organization would be the main topic on the agenda of the Actions Committee, Mrs. Halprin stated:

"It is obvious that after 60 years during which the struggle for a Jewish homeland culminated in the establishment of Israel, a revision of the constitution of the World Zionist Organization is long overdue. However, reorganization--though essential--is only a rather superficial measure in view of the radical change in our position which has been brought about by recent historical events. What we need above all is a thoughtful reappraisal of our tasks and functions, a reevaluation not only of the structure but of the content of the Zionist movement. Barring such a fundamental internal reorientation, organizational changes alone will never restore the movement to its rightful place as a dynamic force in American Jewish life and in the life of Jewish communities throughout the world."

Among the major Zionist tasks which warrant the attention of the forthcoming Actions Committee meeting, Mrs. Halprin singled out the Agency's educational activities in the Diaspora. "In financial terms, these educational programs absorb only a small fraction of the Jewish Agency's budget," she said. "Yet with these limited funds we have projected a program of modern Jewish and Hebrew education which is finding acceptance in ever widening circles." She recalled that recently a number of American Jewish organizations expressed concern over the lack of depth in American Jewish education. She pointed out, however, that public statements are not always followed up by appropriate action.

"The Jewish Agency has been pioneering in the field of American Jewish and Hebrew education for the past decade," Mrs. Halprin stated. "During that period, we have been instrumental in stimulating new approaches in the Jewish day-school movement in this country and developed such novel features as the Ulpan, the Jerusalem Certificate of Proficiency in Hebrew, and the Bible Quiz for American Jewish youngsters of high-school age.

"In its educational work, the Jewish Agency stresses the unity of the Jewish people. Our educational projects which are usually undertaken in cooperation with other bodies are designed not only to deepen Jewish consciousness and to strengthen the roots of Jewish identification but to build a two-way bridge of mutual understanding and appreciation between American Jews and Israel, the two great centers of Jewish life in our time."

The acting chairman of the Jewish Agency added that the Agency's educational efforts are supplemented by a network of Israel work-study programs, seminars, tours and summer institutes which afford American Jewish youths a unique opportunity to establish first-hand contacts with Israel. Each year, close to 1,000 young people, educators and communal workers participate in these programs.

SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN BRITAIN TO BE AIDED IN CHECKING ASSIMILATION

LONDON, Dec. 14, (JTA) -- Small Jewish communities throughout Britain will be aided by the Board of Deputies of British Jews in integrating themselves in the country's Jewish life and in their fight to check assimilation. A decision to this effect was adopted yesterday by the Board of Deputies. The move followed a decision of the Conference of the Provincial Representative Council held in Newcastle, which requested guidance and counsel in organizing Jewish activities among the smaller communities.

The Board also dealt with another problem affecting Jewish communities, large and small--the problem of shechita in the provinces. A report by the Shechita Committee revealed that inspectors of the Royal Society for the Protection and Care of Animals, found irregularities in the slaughterhouse in Liverpool. The report said that this tends to give the impression "that the actual process of shechita itself is not as speedy and as humane as scientific evidence has established it to be."

As a result, the Shechita Committee has warned shechita boards throughout the country that these irregularities must not be allowed to occur and steps have already been taken to remove the cause of this particular complaint. The committee is also considering ways and means of carrying out regular inspections of all centers where shechita is performed.

WORKS OF SHOLEM ALEICHEM TO BE PUBLISHED IN CHINESE BY RED CHINA

LONDON, Dec. 14, (JTA) -- The works of Sholem Aleichem will be published in Chinese and sold in bookshops throughout Communist China, the New China News Agency reported today. One volume containing a translation of "From the Market" has already appeared, the official Chinese agency said.

The news agency also reported that a Chinese Government spokesman called the Yiddish writer "a giant in world literature" and that the publication in Chinese was timed to coincide with the 100th birthday of the writer.

NEW YORK COMMISSION STUDIES FRATERNAL ORDERS PRACTICING DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A number of national fraternal orders whose regulations "appear to contain discriminatory clauses" are under study by the Commission on Intergroup Relations, Dr. Alfred J. Marrow, chairman, disclosed yesterday. The organizations were not named.

Mr. Marrow said that while the commission had no power to force changes in the set-up of national groups, it could expect "responsible citizens" in New York to protest discrimination or resign from the orders.

Announcement of the study was made in the commission's report on the West Side Tennis Club, accused by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN undersecretary, of barring Jews and Negroes. Mr. Marrow said he welcomed the club's disclaimer of bias but was "impressed" that it had no Negro members and that its officers could not name any members of the Jewish faith, although they had told under oath that there were Jewish members in the club.

REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN APPROVE BY-LAW BANNING BIAS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 14. (JTA)-- A decision banning discrimination by the University of Michigan "against any person because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry," has been approved as a by-law by the University regents, it was disclosed today.

The by-law also pledged the university to work for the elimination of discrimination "in private organizations recognized by the university" and in "non-university sources where students and the employees of the University are involved."

OLD YESHIVA IN NEW YORK DESECRATED BY VANDALS: TORAHS RIPPED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Vandals yesterday ripped Torah scrolls and damaged furniture at Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin, one of the oldest yeshivas in New York. Prayer shawls and books were found scattered in the synagogue on the first floor of the building while furniture was overturned and damaged in the classrooms on the upper floors.

Police said the culprits, apparently adolescents, gained entry during the night by removing a screen and breaking a window of the synagogue. A building custodian, who sleeps on the premises, was not awakened by any noise. Police suggested the vandalism may have been the work of not more than two boys who "thought they were having fun." The area in which the yeshiva is located was at one time heavily populated by Jews, but the population had changed in recent years.

NAVY'S FIRST PERMANENT JEWISH CHAPEL NAMED FOR COMMODORE URIAH LEVY

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The name of a Jewish Naval officer who played a key role in the campaign to abolish flogging in the United States Navy was memorialized here yesterday, when the new Jewish chapel at the Norfolk Naval base was named the "Commodore Levy Chapel." The ceremonies held in conjunction with the naming of the chapel--the Navy's first permanent Jewish chapel--were sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board's Armed Services Committee and the Norfolk Jewish Community Council.

Chaplain Joshua L. Goldberg made the principal address at the exercises. Officiating at the religious services was Chaplain Samuel Sobel, Jewish chaplain at the Norfolk area. Rear Admiral F. Massie Hughes, Commandant of the Fifth Naval District, was honorary chairman of the program.

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST AMERICAN JEWISH COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CELEBRATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University marked its 31st anniversary as America's first liberal arts college under Jewish auspices at a dinner here last night honoring Isidore Lipschutz, New York philanthropist, for his "long and devoted support of the school."

Senator Kenneth B. Keating of New York, delivering the main address, hailed Yeshiva and other independent liberal arts colleges as "the best hope of America" in developing democracy. Charles H. Silver, president of the Board of Education, was chairman of the dinner, the proceeds of which went for undergraduate scholarships that annually total \$1,000,000.

THIEVES RAID ISRAEL BOND BANQUET IN WASHINGTON; STEAL \$17,000 IN MINK COATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Police are searching for bandits who last night raided Temple Sinai during an Israel Bond banquet and stole \$17,000 worth of the best mink coats from the temple's cloakroom.

Detectives said the thieves had an expert knowledge of furs and carefully picked out the most valuable minks at Temple Sinai. They worked so skillfully that persons attending a banquet in the temple's auditorium were unaware of the theft until later. Among those who lost minks in the robbery was Mrs. Ruth Cherner, national chairman of the women's division of Israel bonds.