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## ORTHODOX SEE SEPARATION OF RELIGION AND STATE IN BEN-GURION PROPOSAL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Hints of a possible Cabinet crisis, linked to the continued deadlock on election of new Chief Rabbis, developed today in the open opposition of Religious party Cabinet members to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's proposal for a "separation of religion and state" in Israel.

The Prime Minister was reported to have declared at the Cabinet meeting that the rabbinical courts should be separated from the Chief Rabbinate. He was reported to feel that rabbinical court judges and officials should continue to be state officials since, under Israeli law, the rabbinical courts have authority over marriage and divorce and some inheritance regulations.

However, the Prime Minister argued; the rabbinate, dealing with purely religious matters, should cease to have official status and should have authority only over those believing Jews who wanted to recognize the rabbinate's rule in matters of Jewish religious law.

This proposal was interpreted by Religious party members of the Cabinet as tantamount to a separation of religion and state and they warned that its implementation would have "grave consequences" for Israel's national life.

### Legal Validity of Chief Rabbinate Council's Action Questioned

Meanwhile, the outgoing Chief Rabbinate Council decided last night that Israeli rabbis will not convert to Judaism anyone from abroad without prior consultation with the rabbinate in the place of the applicant's prior residence.

The decision raised again the issue of the legal validity of actions by the Chief Rabbinate Council since its tenure expired several weeks ago in the dispute between religious factions in Israel over the election of new Chief Rabbis.

The Council also asked the Ministry of Finance to exempt electric shavers from any customs or other duties because they are needed by all orthodox Jews who, for religious reasons, do not use razor blades.

## ISRAEL CABINET URGES HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS NOT TO GO ON STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet, at an extraordinary session, today strongly urged the Secondary Schoolteachers Association, which has called a one-day strike for Thursday not to disrupt education activities.

Abba Eban, Minister of Education, was instructed to convey the Government's position to the teachers who called the strike to protest delays in examinations of their pay and working conditions in a long-drawn out dispute.

The conflict has been complicated by a warning from the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation,-- from which the secondary teachers split away to form an independent union-- to the Government not to negotiate with the teachers. The Government in effect has been complying with that warning during the year-long dispute.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion proposed to end the deadlock by setting up a Government arbitration service. The teachers association said they had to reject the proposal because it had been watered down to make it acceptable to the Histadrut.

## STRIKE AT FRENCH SHIPYARD PREVENTS LAUNCHING OF ISRAELI SHIP

PARIS, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A launching ceremony for the new Israeli ship, the Moledet, scheduled for last night, was canceled because of a strike at the shipyard in Nantes.

A group of 150 workers demonstrated at the yard gates, asking for a special pay supplement for the launching ceremony, forcing its cancellation. The ceremony took place symbolically in one of the city's restaurants and was addressed by the Israel Ambassador to Paris, Walter Eytan. Mrs. Eytan had been scheduled to perform the traditional act of smashing a bottle against the ship's hull.

Mr. Gilbert Grandval, French Secretary General for the Merchant Navy, who was to have been present at the launching ceremony, was one of several hundred guests surprised by the last-minute strike action.

## EFFORTS TO BRING SHARETT INTO JEWISH AGENCY LEADERSHIP TO BE RENEWED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A renewed effort will be made to persuade former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett to accept the post of chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem and co-president with Dr. Nahum Goldmann of the World Zionist Organization, authoritative sources reported here today.

The new effort will be made when Mr. Sharett returns to Israel from his current tour of the United States. The co-presidency proposal was made several weeks ago by Mapai leaders who also suggested Mr. Sharett for the Agency executive chairmanship, with a proviso which would give him equal status with Dr. Goldmann.

Dr. Goldmann was understood to be favorable to the idea but Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was reported to doubt its practicability. Mr. Sharett rejected the proposal but he will be approached again. If he accepted, he would be in charge of all Zionist activities in Israel and those directly connected with Israel. Dr. Goldmann would devote most of his attention to the World Zionist movement and to organization of world Jewry in a continuation of the changes in the 25th World Zionist Congress which for the first time will include representation from non-Zionist organizations.

The proposals to Mr. Sharett are part of the preparations for the World Zionist Congress next month in which a new Jewish Agency executive will be elected. Dr. Goldmann has been trying to persuade the Zionist parties to send their top representatives for the new executive. He also seeks action to make the chairmen of the Jewish National Fund and Keren Hayesod automatically members of the executive. Another proposal calls for naming Agency executive members with offices in Europe and South America.

### "Scroll of Duties" for Every Enrolled Zionist Is Planned

The Zionist Congress will be asked to amend the Jerusalem program by adding to it a "scroll of duties" for every enrolled Zionist, Jewish Agency sources said today. Among the duties which each Zionist will be asked to fulfill is providing a Hebrew education to his children and active fostering of personal settlement in Israel.

The opening session of the Congress will be addressed by President Ben Zvi and Dr. Goldmann. The President is scheduled to discuss 100 years of Herzl, the Congresses becoming central Jewish forums and the tasks of the Zionist movement in countries outside of Israel. Dr. Goldmann will speak on the current status of Jews throughout the world, with much of his speech devoted to the situation of Soviet Jewry.

On the second night, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion is expected to launch what is scheduled to be a strong debate on relations between Israel and the Zionist movement. He will speak on "The State of Israel and the Jewish People." One day of the Congress has been reserved for the non-Zionist delegations. Representatives of each Jewish community will present their specific problems on that day.

The World Jewish Congress has decided to send a six-man fraternal delegation to the World Zionist Congress, the Jewish Agency announced today. The delegates will be Samuel Bronfman of Canada; Israel Sieff, chairman of the Congress directorate in Europe; Moises Goldman, South American chairman; A. L. Easterman, political director in London; Maurice Perlzweig, director of the International Department in New York, and Dr. E. Riegner, coordinator in Geneva.

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CLOSES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, addressing today the closing session of the Congress of the International Union of Municipal Authorities, told hundreds of delegates about Israel's efforts in absorbing thousands of immigrants and particularly about the work of reclaiming desert areas of the Negev.

He also reported on problems of development and settlement, especially in the underdeveloped areas to the delegates from five continents who earlier in the day toured Jerusalem. They placed wreaths on the tomb of Theodor Herzl and on that of the late Gershon Agron, former mayor of Jerusalem who had been a member of the organization's executive.

During a visit to Mount Zion, a special service for world peace was held. Mayor Mordechai Ish Shalom of Jerusalem gave a luncheon in honor of the municipal officials and a final working session was held in the afternoon. Moshe Shapiro, Minister of the Interior, gave a reception in honor of the delegates.

## TURKEY RELEASES ISRAELI FISHERMEN UNDER AMNESTY LAW; WERE HELD 14 MONTHS

ISTANBUL, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Five Israeli fishermen, who were arrested last year on charges of fishing in Turkish waters, and sentenced to five-year prison terms, were released today under a new amnesty law. They will leave on Thursday for Israel after spending 14 months in a Turkish jail.

They were sentenced to one-year jail terms last December and appealed. The appeals court not only rejected their appeal but raised the sentences. They were transferred last week to Ankara jail to start serving the longer terms. Their release followed publication this morning of the amnesty law in the Official Gazette.

#### FRANCE SENDS DOCUMENTS ON EICHMANN TO ISRAEL; POSSESSES MORE EVIDENCE

PARIS, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A number of documents shedding new light on the activities of Adolf Eichmann, Nazi master mind in the murder of the 6,000,000 European Jews in occupied Europe, have been flown to Israel from France, it was disclosed here today. The documents originated from the proceedings of French military tribunals, including the trial of the Gestapo Chief in France, Knochem, and other hitherto undisclosed evidence.

Another important collection of documents is in the French National Archive but despite protracted negotiations between the Israel Embassy here and the French Foreign Ministry, these documents for some unknown reason, have not yet been made available to Israel. It was hoped they would be available before December 1 when the prosecution in the forthcoming Eichmann trial will close its files.

#### EICHMANN'S ASSISTANT ARRESTED IN GERMANY; DEPORTED HUNGARIAN JEWS

FRANKFURT, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Frankfurt officials announced today that Otto Hunsche, a former member of Adolf Eichmann's special commando unit, was arrested in Batten Westphalia and brought to Frankfurt prison.

The 49-year-old lawyer and former SS leader, was charged with the deportation to the Auschwitz death factory of some 1,500 Hungarian Jews in 1944. He was incriminated in investigations carried out by the Frankfurt prosecution office against Eichmann's deputy, Herman Krumej.

Hunsche's arrest was one of a series of actions against former Nazis. In Bamberg, the State asked life imprisonment for Georg Schlosser, a 46-year-old postal employe on trial for the murder of eight Jews in the Czenstochowa Ghetto.

A former SS medical aide, Josef Klehr, testified yesterday in the trial of Dr. Johannes Kremer before the Munster Jury Court. Dr. Kremer, 77, is accused of designating thousands of prisoners for death at Auschwitz. Klehr testified that Dr. Kremer "selected" the victims at the entrance room, selecting old women and children for extermination.

#### 'WARSAW GHETTO' FILM SHOWN PRIVATELY IN LONDON; PUBLIC SHOWINGS BANNED

LONDON, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The uncut version of the Nazi film, "The Warsaw Ghetto," was shown privately to critics today after it was confirmed that the film will not be distributed for public showings because the Plato Film Company has refused to comply with the British Censor's demands for cuts of some of the more gruesome scenes.

The Daily Telegraph film commentator, one of those who saw the uncensored version, said that several films of Nazi atrocities had been shown in Britain since the end of the war but "none more harrowing than this." He said that "death by starvation" recorded in the film appeared to him to be "even more appalling than by gas."

The film was one that could be viewed "only by those with the strongest stomachs and nerves," he stated. If the film is to be shown at all, he said, it should "surely be shown uncut. The depravity of the Nazi episode should not be diminished."

#### LONDON COURT SENTENCES FOUR PERSONS FOR ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATIONS

LONDON, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- One man was fined 10 pounds (\$28.00) and three others seven pounds (\$20.00) today on charges of insulting behavior in the anti-Semitic incidents which marred the inauguration on November 12 of Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen as London's new Lord Mayor.

The four defendants are members of the semi-Fascist British National Party. One of the men was also fined an additional seven pounds and three guineas (about \$29.00) for assaulting a police officer.

A police superintendent testified at the hearing that after the defendant tossed fire-crackers at the procession and the group chanted "We don't want a Jewish Lord Mayor," a general fracas developed when onlookers turned on the anti-Semites.

#### AUSTRIAN JEWS PRESENT AWARD TO NON-JEWISH INMATE OF NAZI CAMP

VIENNA, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Franz Sobek, ex-president of the Organization of Concentration Camp Inmates, a non-Jew, was awarded today the annual gold medal to a non-Jew given each year by the Association of Austrian Jewish Communities for helping Jews in Nazi camps.

Announcement of the award was made by the president of the Jewish association, Emil Maurer. Among other prominent Austrians who have been given this Jewish award in the past are Leopold Figl, president of the Austrian Parliament.

#### RABBIS URGE ABOLITION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities has been adopted by the Joint Commission on Social Action of the United Synagogue of America, the Rabbinical Assembly of America and the National Women's League. The announcement was made today by Rabbi Harry Halpern, chairman of the Joint Commission of the central bodies of the religious Conservative movement.

The resolution recommended that the newly elected House of Representatives move to abolish this committee and transfer its investigatory functions to other standing bodies. The Joint Commission thus endorsed a recommendation made this spring on the floor of the House by Rep. James Roosevelt, that the Committee on Un-American Activities be dissolved.

The resolution expressed particular disapproval of the House Committee's recent charges against the National Council of Churches, calling them "completely unjustifiable" and "an assault on religious liberty."

The Joint Commission statement went on to say that it was prompted by "our concern for the basic freedoms and rights of individuals and organizations, our concern for human dignity and orderly procedures and dedication to religious liberty as a fundamental tenet of American democracy, and our conviction that over the course of years this House Committee has repeatedly violated these principles."

#### TEEN-AGE GROUPS WARNED NOT TO DILUTE 'JEWISH CONTENT' IN PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The director of the largest Jewish youth movement today warned against teen-age programs that "dilute Jewish content with cosmic issues."

Dr. Max F. Baer, national director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, said that Jewish youth movements can "justify the expenditure of community funds only on the basis of a primacy of concern for the perpetuation of the Jewish heritage."

"When teen-agers segregate into Jewish organizations, they do so for the opportunity of learning what they cannot acquire elsewhere," Dr. Baer told the annual meeting of B'nai B'rith's youth commission.

The real test of character building programs for Jewish youth, he added, "is not the number of resolutions passed or the number of petitions signed against injustices by other persons, other groups, other nations. The acid test lies in the extent to which the teen-ager applies Jewish ethics and altruism in his everyday relationships."

#### RABBI AND MRS. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN TO SETTLE PERMANENTLY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Goldstein, spiritual leader of the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun for 42 years, and American Zionist leader, is retiring to settle in Israel, with Mrs. Goldstein, a former president of Pioneer Women, it was announced here today by Charles H. Silver, president of the congregation.

Rabbi Goldstein has headed the American Jewish Congress, the Zionist Organization of America, the Synagogue Council of America, the World Confederation of General Zionists, the Jewish Conciliation Board of America and many other organizations. He is a leader in the Israel bond campaign and a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel. He and Mrs. Goldstein will leave at the end of this year to settle in Jerusalem.

#### QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS VISITS 'WOMEN OF ISRAEL' EXHIBITION

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Queen Juliana today paid a visit to an exhibition of photographs entitled "Women of Israel," which is being held in the Fodor Museum here under the sponsorship of The Netherlands WIZO on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of that organization.

The photographs are the work of Sam Waagenaar, prominent American Jewish photographer, who came here from Paris for the opening of the exhibit. The Queen commented on a number of photos which were published in the novel "Exodus," which, she said, she read with considerable interest.

#### JEWISH AUTHOR WINS MOST IMPORTANT PRIZE FOR LITERATURE IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The Victor Rossel prize for literature, the most important award in this field in Belgium, was awarded today to Victor Mizrachi for his novel, "North Roads."

Born in Antwerp, the 47-year-old author was a prisoner of war in Germany for five years. He is employed at the Library of the University of Brussels.

#### 7,000 CHILDREN REPORTED ATTENDING 30 JEWISH SCHOOLS IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A total of 7,000 children attend 30 Jewish schools throughout Brazil, it was reported today by the Council for Jewish Education of the Zionist Organization of Brazil. The total includes some 1,000 pupils at religious institutions.