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### GOLDBERG NAMED SECRETARY OF LABOR BY KENNEDY; SECOND JEW IN CABINET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- President-elect John F. Kennedy announced today the appointment of Arthur J. Goldberg, Chicago-born labor lawyer, as Secretary of Labor. The appointment puts two Jews into a United States Cabinet for the first time in American history. Senator Kennedy previously had chosen Governor Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut as his Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Secretary of Labor nominee has been special counsel of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) since 1948 and he is also general counsel for the United Steelworkers of America.

The 52-year-old labor law expert is known as a friend of Israel. He recently accepted appointment as chairman of the board of trustees of the Histadrut Development Foundation, an American organization established to help Israel's Labor Federation. He is a member of Temple Sinai here.

Mr. Goldberg was the negotiator between the U.S. State Department and the two seafaring unions which picketed the Egyptian ship, the Cleopatra, at a New York dock earlier this year in retaliation for Arab blackslitting of American ships touching at Israel ports. He was instrumental in the issuance of a statement by the State Department promising to take action to meet the grievances of the two maritime unions.

The new Cabinet appointee is a graduate of Northwestern University and is a member of the American, Illinois and Chicago Bar associations. He served as a major in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is a director of the National Legal Aid Association, a member of the executive committee of the American Committee on United Europe and a director of the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank and the Amalgamated Health and Life Insurance Company, both of Chicago.

### ALGIERS CONSISTOIRE ARRANGES TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR CASBAH JEWS

PARIS, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Most of the Jews in the strife-wracked Casbah quarter of Algiers have been evacuated to a temporary shelter set up by the Consistoire Israelite of Algiers, the central Jewish organization in the Algerian capital, it was reported here today.

Well informed Jewish sources here meanwhile discounted reports that Jews had been killed in the rioting touched off by General Charles de Gaulle's visit to Algiers. These sources were reported to believe that no Jewish lives were lost in the rioting.

The Consistory, which met throughout the day yesterday, also applied to the French authorities to evacuate the small Jewish population left in the Casbah quarter of Algiers. Some Jews were reported to have decided to remain in the Casbah to safeguard homes and properties.

ORT schools in Algiers were shut down when the rioting started. None of the schools suffered any damage. ORT maintains a network of schools in Algiers, Oran, Constantine and other major Algerian cities. ORT headquarters in Geneva expressed hope today that the schools would be opened within a few days.

### BEN-GURION BOYCOTTS MAPAI CONVENTION; IGNORES LAVON'S INVITATIONS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The 40th anniversary celebration of Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, was marred last night by the absence of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and other prominent Mapai leaders in an echo of the dispute over the Lavon affair. The Prime Minister ignored two invitations sent him by Pinhas Lavon, secretary-general of the Histadrut.

The Prime Minister's deliberate absence was the main topic of lobby conversation just before the mass rally opened in the Mann Auditorium. The massing of flags and the spectacle of the 100-member Tel Aviv Labor Council choir in oriental uniforms failed to divert attention from the Prime Minister's non-attendance.

President Ben-Zvi, who is also a Mapai veteran, was enthusiastically applauded when he entered the hall which was filled except for seats in the front rows which had been set

aside for the absentees. The President also received great applause when he spoke on Mr. Ben-Gurion's role in establishing the Histadrut.

The Prime Minister's decision not to attend was regarded here as marking a turn for the worse in relations between him and Lavon, who was forced to resign in 1955 as Defense Minister because of a security mishap in 1954 for which Lavon insisted he had no responsibility. As a result of new investigations opened by the Prime Minister under Lavon's prodding, the Histadrut leader has declared himself vindicated but left a situation which has created a rift in the Mapai party.

Recent statements by Lavon interpreted as criticism of the Prime Minister and the matter of the invitation to the Prime Minister to attend the celebration will be raised at a meeting tomorrow of the Mapai central secretariat. Several members asked that the two matters be placed on the meeting agenda.

#### TWO JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS CRITICIZE MRS. HALPRIN'S STATEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Two American members of the Jewish Agency executive, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Louis Segal, today issued separate statements "dissociating" themselves from Mrs. Rose Halprin's statement at a press conference yesterday in which she questioned the agreement reached between Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, on topics to have priority at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress which takes place in Jerusalem at the end of this month.

Dr. Neumann said in his statement that "any agreement between the Prime Minister and the President of the World Zionist Organization in the critical areas under discussion, is to be welcomed." He emphasized that he "dissociates" himself from Mrs. Halprin's statement and added that he wanted to make it clear that the statement "was made on her own personal responsibility and not on behalf of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, whose members were neither consulted nor informed that such a statement was to be made and released to the press by the Acting Chairman."

"It is unfortunate that this should have happened at this point when we are leaving for Israel to attend plenary sessions of the Agency executive," Dr. Neumann continued. "The executive as a whole will undoubtedly review and discuss matters relating to the forthcoming Zionist Congress, its program and agenda. We are all interested in assuring a positive, constructive outcome of the forthcoming Congress and a maximum of understanding and agreement among all Zionists in the Diaspora and in Israel regarding the future course and program of the movement, including the vital issue of Aliyah."

Mr. Segal said in his statement that Mrs. Halprin as Acting Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, should not have commented publicly on the Ben-Gurion-Goldmann agreement before the members of the executive had the opportunity to see the exact text of the understanding. He argued that this was necessary in order to enable the entire executive to discuss the vital points of the agreement and to take a joint attitude on the matter.

Mr. Segal stressed that "Dr. Goldmann and the entire Zionist executive had recently made great efforts to achieve an understanding with all parties in Israel for harmonious collaboration and for everything that is connected with the Jewish world and the State of Israel." He asserted that "it was premature on the part of Mrs. Halprin to call a press conference and make statements which could lead to serious misunderstandings," especially because all members of the Zionist executive would meet in Jerusalem next Thursday, prior to the opening of the Congress, at which time the details of the understanding would be clarified.

#### Mrs. Halprin Replies to Criticism; Expressed Her Own Opinion

Replying to the two statements criticizing her views, Mrs. Halprin said that she made it clear that "she was not talking on behalf of any organization but expressing my own opinion as a Zionist leader "on a report that had just been received through the press. "Dr. Neumann and Mr. Segal are dissociating themselves from my reaction. I wonder if they were asked to associate themselves with the agreement reached by Dr. Goldmann and Mr. Ben-Gurion," she stated.

"I never questioned Dr. Goldmann's right as president of the World Zionist Organization to negotiate with Mr. Ben-Gurion," she pointed out. "However, I believe that the differences between the two men are fundamental and must be treated seriously. The point that I made was that because I believe serious consideration is desirable and necessary and because a Congress which meets once in four years was convening and because Mr. Ben-Gurion had already stated his position on the Congress, no purpose would be served by ignoring the difference.

"It is my opinion, therefore, that the Congress should have the matter before it and deal seriously with it. If Dr. Neumann and Mr. Segal do not agree with that point there is no need for dissociation. They are fully entitled to their opinion and have a right to believe that it is better to minimize the differences than to face them frontally," Mrs. Halprin declared.

## JEWS IN ITALY SEEK ACTION ON NEWS AGENCY DISSEMINATING INCITING ARTICLE

ROME, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities asked the Chief Magistrate of Florence today to examine a viciously anti-Semitic article distributed by a minor Italian news agency to determine whether the author should be prosecuted for "incitement to hatred and apology for genocide."

The "Orbis" agency, an Italian news agency with central offices in Florence, credited the article to Luigi Mosciano, its Rome correspondent, who sent the material from Munich, West Germany.

Mosciano attacked the handful of Jews in West Germany in explicit Nazi terms, asserting that they were "getting each day more aggressive" and "creating around them an atmosphere of repressed hatred which some day will explode in a new Hitlerian era. This, in synthesis, is the Jewish situation in West Germany."

The article charged West German Jews with a "monopoly" of German trade" and asserted that the Jew in Germany, "as elsewhere, is considered 'money-sick.' He wants to earn without limits with any means. Germany is now crowded with Jews. It can be stated that it belongs to the Jews. The Germans who before the present time felt compassion toward this race, which had so many sufferings, now feels a sense of revulsion and fear." The article also attributed to unidentified Jews some of the crimes of which the Nazis were guilty.

Rome's newspaper, "Il Paese," urged the Italian judicial authorities to undertake a thorough investigation of the "Orbis" news agency and urged that both the agency and the author be prosecuted for incitement to racial hatred. It was learned that the news agency is not recognized by the Press Association of Tuscany. Umberto Foti, its editor, applied for membership in the Italian Journalists Union but his application was rejected.

## KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK LIBERALIZED IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The new Administration intends to press for liberalized immigration legislation, it became known here today, following a meeting between President-elect John F. Kennedy and Representative Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Walter co-sponsored the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, which has been repeatedly attacked as grossly inadequate by liberal political groups. Sen. Kennedy, during his campaign, also criticized the Act.

The President-elect yesterday conferred with Mr. Walter, who said that they talked about the refugee problem and especially "the new problems in Europe" of refugees going there from Africa. This was taken by political groups here as an indication that the President-elect notified the congressman of his intention to get through Congress more liberal immigration measures which have been pledged by the Democratic party in its platform.

## ARAB STUDENTS, OBJECTING TO ISRAELIS, BREAK UP WAYNE UNIVERSITY AFFAIR

DETROIT, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Refusal of the 60-member Arab Student Association at Wayne State University here to take part in a "Middle Eastern Night," because Israeli students at the university wanted to participate, forced cancellation of the program which had been billed as "an evening of cultural interchange."

The program, under sponsorship of the International Student Society at the University, would have been the first of its kind. It was canceled when students from Iran and Afghanistan said it would fail without Arab student support.

Avram Levy, an Israeli student who had been scheduled to serve as chairman for the program, said he would have been willing to go through the event "with or without the Arabs." The only country which would have been present, however, would have been Israel, making such an event impossible, he agreed.

Samir Zakhem, Lebanese president of the Arab Student Association, said the group does not recognize Israel and would therefore not participate in a program on "political divisions in the Middle East." Dr. Franklin Wallin of the history department, faculty advisor to the Arab students, said he felt they should not have refused to participate but added that "it is a legal issue which goes pretty deep."

In a letter to the campus newspaper, the Israeli student said that if the Arab objection was to having an Israeli chairman, "I will resign in favor of someone of their choosing." The Arab students, however, insisted that it was Israel's participation, and not the chairman, which was unacceptable.

The Arab students held a meeting at which it was agreed that "a negative approach" to the proposed program was unwise and the suggestion was made that an Arab "counter" activity be organized for the same evening. This idea was dropped when the Arab students were informed that the university would refuse campus facilities for such a program.

## SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL 'PEACE' AWARD PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today became the first recipient of the "Judaism and World Peace" Award of the Synagogue Council of America at a White House ceremony marked by several precedents in American and Jewish history.

The award, consisting of an original bronze sculpture of the Prophet Isaiah "beating swords into plowshares," was presented to the President by Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council and a delegation of rabbinic and congregational leaders from the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Jewish movements.

The Synagogue Council of America is the national coordinating agency for the major branches of religious Jewry, comprising the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and the United Synagogue of America.

## 'BUILDERS OF AMERICAN JUDAISM' GROUP ORGANIZED BY REFORM MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Reform branch of Judaism today announced the establishment of a new philanthropic group known as "Builders of American Judaism" whose purpose it will be to mobilize gifts of \$25,000 and better for the advancement and strengthening of Jewish religious life and institutions.

The new group is under the sponsorship of the Development Fund for American Judaism, the capital fund-raising arm of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The Development Fund is seeking \$15,000,000 in behalf of these institutions for the expansion and improvement of facilities in New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, and other parts of the United States.

Senator Herbert H. Lehman, in making the announcement, noted that the Builders of American Judaism are starting with a nucleus of 30 men and women whose gifts range from \$25,000 to \$250,000 each for an aggregate of over \$2,000,000. This is exclusive of another \$2,550,000 that has come in from other sources since the Development Fund's inception in November, 1959.

Charter membership and specially inscribed bronze plaques were presented by Sen. Lehman to three New York philanthropists for their contributions to the Development Fund of \$250,000 each. The three who were cited are Max L. Koppel, the Fund's general chairman; David W. Klau, and Jack A. Goldfarb, national chairmen of the Fund.

## HADASSAH STARTS OBSERVANCE OF CENTENARY OF MISS SZOLD'S BIRTH

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Five Henrietta Szold awards were presented today at a luncheon here at which Hadassah inaugurated a year-long observance of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Miss Szold, founder of Hadassah.

Two of the five award winners were present to accept them. They were Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, president of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, cited as a "medical research benefactor and distinguished citizen," and Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, president of the International Union for Child Welfare, cited as an "author, administrator and champion of the child."

Three of the awards were given in absentia to Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, for outstanding public service; Dr. Martin Buber, the Jewish philosopher, for outstanding contributions to education; and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, for outstanding contributions to Zionism. The award to Mrs. Meir will be presented to her in Jerusalem by Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, Hadassah president, at a session of the 25th World Zionist Congress.

Speakers at the luncheon included Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University and Mrs. Kramarsky. Another luncheon highlight was the unveiling of a bust of Miss Szold by sculptor Robert Berks. The bust was unveiled by Henrietta Szold Milbouer, 15, of Wilmington, Del., a grand-niece.

## BERT GOLDSTEIN, PIONEER WOMEN LEADER, HONORED ON LEAVING FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- More than 500 active members of Pioneer Women paid tribute today to Mrs. Bert Goldstein, wife of Dr. Israel Goldstein and first president of the Pioneer Women organization, at a farewell luncheon in her honor attended by leading personalities. Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein are leaving the United States next week for permanent settlement in Israel.

Speakers included Mrs. Clara Leff, Pioneer Women president, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, of New York, Judge Justice Wise Polier, Binyamin Eliav, Consul General of Israel in New York, and Pinhas Crusoe, president of the Labor Zionist Order of America. Bessie K. Blaufarb, a member of the Pioneer Women's executive board, presided.

Mrs. Goldstein will take with her to Israel \$35,000 in contributions in her honor which she will present to the Working Women's Council in Israel for its social service program. Mrs. Leff praised Mrs. Goldstein for her "unstinting and dedicated labor and leadership, in behalf of our people all over the world and for human welfare everywhere."