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### SHOWDOWN IN FIGHT BETWEEN BEN-GURION AND LAVON POSTPONED FOR WEEK

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A final showdown in the broiling dispute between Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Pinhas Lavon, which has powered a profound split in their Mapai party, was postponed today until after the close of the 25th World Zionist Congress which ends January 10. The result of the showdown will decide whether Mr. Ben-Gurion will or will not resign from the Cabinet.

The postponement came on agreement to delay for a week a meeting of the Mapai party secretariat--originally set for today--at which the showdown was to have taken place. Efforts on the part of peace-makers in the party to find a solution acceptable both to the Prime Minister and to Mr. Lavon, the secretary-general of the Histadrut, have not been successful thus far.

The request for postponement was made by two other Mapai leaders, former Premier Moshe Sharett and Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who has been attempting to mediate the dispute. Mr. Eshkol is serving as Deputy Prime Minister during Mr. Ben-Gurion's four-week "vacation," which the Prime Minister started after preparing and signing--but not submitting--his resignation.

The Prime Minister left Jerusalem today with a warning to his party colleagues that he expected them to force Mr. Lavon into complete submission, possibly making him give up his Histadrut post.

Meanwhile, both sides sought to utilize today the postponement to strengthen their positions. Ben-Gurion supporters claimed the receipt of hundreds of letters and telegrams from the "masses," from "simple party members," who urged the Prime Minister not to resign. It was also reported that delegations of local Mapai leaders called on Joseph Almogi, Mapai secretary-general, asking that "everything be done" to induce the Prime Minister not to resign.

Lavon supporters charged that this "spontaneous mass movement" actually was organized by Mr. Almogi, who is considered the most determined of Mr. Lavon's foes and who has been mentioned as a successor if Mr. Lavon is forced to resign as Histadrut secretary-general. The Lavon group also was reported seeking to mobilize grass-roots support in the widening struggle, particularly among Histadrut veterans and collective settlements.

Lavon supporters held a meeting yesterday at the office of Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, in which participants included Pinhas Sapir, the Minister of Trade, Mayor Mordechai Namir of Tel Aviv and Histadrut leaders. Mr. Eshkol was present for part of the meeting. Mrs. Meir and Mr. Sapir have indicated that they will resign from the Israel Cabinet should the Cabinet's decision exonerating Mr. Lavon be changed as demanded by Mr. Ben-Gurion.

### Mapai Delegation Asks Ben-Gurion Not to Resign from Government

Delegations of Mapai leaders have met during the past 24 hours twice with the Prime Minister in efforts to determine whether there was any possibility of a settlement. The delegations departed without receiving much encouragement. It was reported that the Prime Minister reiterated his determination to quit as Premier and as Mapai party leader unless a judicial investigation of the whole affair was made.

A Mapai delegation led by Mayor Abba Khoushy of Haifa met with the Prime Minister last night and asked him to drop his resignation threat and promised him solid party support for his leadership. The Prime Minister reportedly told this delegation that under existing conditions, he could not withdraw his threat to quit. Mr. Ben-Gurion also expressed indignation that hints had been given as to the identity of the person who gave the order for the 1954 security mishap which led to Mr. Lavon's forced resignation in 1955 as Israel Minister of Defense and, subsequently, to the present bitter intraparty dispute.

Davar, the official organ of the Histadrut, editorially welcomed today the decision to postpone the Mapai secretariat meeting. The newspaper expressed the hope that the postponement would make it possible to find some solution to restore peace in the party.

Many Mapai settlements adopted resolutions calling on the party to take every possible action to prevent the Prime Minister's resignation.

## ZIONIST CONGRESS RECESSES; COMMITTEES START WORKING ON RESOLUTIONS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Congress today recessed its plenary sessions and split up into a number of committees dealing with immigration, youth, aliyah, halutzim, education, organization and finance. The committees will draft resolutions for submission to the congress upon the resumption of its plenary meetings.

Louis Segal, American Labor Zionist leader and member of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, told the committee on immigration and absorption that 10,000 American Jews have settled in Israel since establishment of the Jewish State. He said that 70 percent had become integrated and that the pace of American settlement was increasing. He added that the figure for 1960 was 1,200 settlers of whom 200 came initially as tourists.

He reported also that the majority of the American settlers was made up of young people 30 years of age and younger and another category of retired pensioners. The new arrivals, he said, included some 600 professionals and skilled workers. This number would increase if better absorption facilities were provided, he stressed.

A program for the absorption of 10,000 immigrants in five years, including special legislation giving the immigrant the same status as the investor, was presented by Leo Dultzin, head of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency. He proposed the establishment of a joint Government-Jewish Agency authority for economic absorption along with the widening of the main branches of commerce and industry. The expansion, according to the proposal, would be done by the Government, the Agency and the immigrant, each contributing one-third.

The main prerequisites for carrying out the program, Mr. Dultzin said, were the establishment of institutions for immigrants from free countries, the merger of the Immigration and Absorption departments, the exemption of immigrants from taxes and the establishment of a bank for immigration and development.

### Non-Zionist Delegates Report on Trends in Their Communities

Delegates from non-Zionist groups continued to address the plenary session of the Congress prior to the adjournment of the plenary session. On behalf of the Jewish Communities of Brazil, the Congress was told by Dr. A. Steinbruch, a member of the Brazilian Parliament, that the very fact that he was both an active member of the Jewish community and a member of his country's legislature "proves that the Jews of Brazil have full freedom."

A trend toward assimilationism was reported from Uruguay. Y. Shapira, representative of the Uruguayan Central Jewish Committee, said that tendency was particularly evident among the Jewish youth in his country. To counter this trend, he advocated strengthening of the Zionist ranks.

Salomon Berlinger, representing the central Jewish youth organizations of four Scandinavian countries, said his 43-year-old organization supervised 23 youth clubs. He added that almost every other marriage involving Scandinavian Jews was a mixed one and therefore closer affiliation with the Zionist movement was a logical step.

D. K. Mann of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies appeared on behalf of the 120,000 South African Jews. He pointed with pride to the achievements of South African Jewry in settling in Israel and the high per capita response to appeals for funds for Israel.

A warning that "strong measures" must be taken in Australia against assimilationist tendencies was voiced by another of the speakers, M. D. Friedman, representative of the Australian Jewish Communities. Mr. Friedman said that 68,000 Jews in Australia "enjoy richness of material resources," but he expressed apprehensions about the "strong" assimilationist trend in his area. This trend, he said, must be combatted by a stronger program of Jewish education, as well as by stepped-up efforts for emigration of Australian Jews to Israel.

Dr. S. Bibring, representing the Central Committee of Mexican Jewry, reported about the broad programs of Jewish educational and cultural activities conducted by his organization in Mexico. He said that 80 percent of the Jewish children in Mexico study in Jewish educational institutions.

## ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT IS HARMFUL TO ARABS, LEBANESE MINISTER REPORTS

PARIS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Lebanese Cabinet was told yesterday that the current anti-Israel Arab blockade was doing more harm to the Arab economies than to Israel, it was reported here today from Beirut, in the French leading daily newspaper, Le Monde.

The report was made by Pierre Gemayel, Lebanese Minister for Economic Affairs, who said Lebanon may take the initiative in asking the Arab League to consider the possibility of a complete revision of blockade practices.

The Minister's proposal was prompted by a recent incident when a Norwegian freighter, the Mars, had been blacklisted by the Arab League for trading with Israel, and was therefore barred from discharging its cargo in Beirut. However, it was permitted to discharge the cargo at Alexandria, Egypt, by the Egyptian authorities.

## COURT RESERVES DECISION ON ARAMCO'S APPEAL IN ANTI-JEWISH CASE

ALBANY, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Court of Appeals reserved decision today on an appeal by the Arabian American Oil Company from two lower court rulings that it has no right to question job applicants about their religion. The oil company's appeal was opposed by the American Jewish Congress, which accused Aramco of serving as the "tool and agent" of Saudi Arabia in screening Jews from employment both in Saudi Arabia and in the United States.

Shad Polier, chairman of the AJC Commission on Law and Social Action, asked the court to uphold decisions by the State Supreme Court and the Appellate Division calling on the New York State Commission Against Discrimination to probe charges that Aramco's job practices violate the state Fair Employment Law. In a friend-of-the-court brief presented at today's argument, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People supported the American Jewish Congress position.

Aramco's attorney argued that the company asks job applicants to state their religion because it must comply with a ban on the entry of Jews to Saudi Arabia, where Aramco conducts its operations. Chester Bordaue, counsel for Aramco, also said that American political interests in the Middle East require that the company be granted an exemption from the state anti-discrimination law.

The American Jewish Congress attorney countered by charging that Aramco uses the religious question on its job application form as a device for barring Jews not only from employment in Saudi Arabia but also from jobs in its New York City operation, where the company has more than 800 employees. The Congress spokesman cited State Department commitments, U.S. Senate resolutions and other evidence indicating that "our government opposes the discriminatory practices of Saudi Arabia and does not condone the importation of those practices into our own country."

## WORLD FEDERATION OF HUNGARIAN JEWS SEEKS RESTITUTION FROM GERMANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The World Federation of Jews of Hungarian Descent, representing about 300,000 Jewish victims of nazism, cabled an appeal tonight to Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany, requesting that West German restitution laws be applied to Jews now denied such compensation because they had still been in Communist countries behind the Iron Curtain when the German law went into effect.

According to Dr. Frederic Gorog, president of the Federation of ex-Hungarian Jews, many Jewish victims of nazism are being denied German compensation because, through no fault of their own, they could not file restitution applications. The German law provides that compensation be paid only to Nazi victims who were refugees of stateless as of October 1, 1953.

"A sizable group of these forgotten victims," said Dr. Gorog, "are Jewish refugees from Communism who fled in 1956 and 1957 from Hungary after the Hungarian revolution failed. The great majority is without means and, therefore, should come under the material benefits of the German compensation law, not only for a moral satisfaction but also from a social point of view."

## TWO ALGERIANS GET SEVEREST SENTENCES FOR BOMBING JEWISH CAFE

ALGIERS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- An Algiers military tribunal today condemned Amar Slimane to death and Ahmound Allal, 19, to life imprisonment for throwing a grenade into a Jewish-owned cafe in Blida last October 5.

The attack was the third such outrage committed against the cafe-restaurant, Le Muguet, owned by M. Khalfoun. Slimane also had been accused of trying to murder an Algerian junior officer in an earlier incident.

## JEWISH PARENTS APPEAL TO MOROCCAN KING ON KIDNAPING OF DAUGHTER

CASABLANCA, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- An appeal to the King of Morocco to intervene in the kidnaping of 15-year-old Jeanette Cohen, made by the girl's parents, failed to bring any action by authorities today.

The parents, who live in Tiznit, south of Agadir, said they believed their daughter was abducted by a Moslem a week ago. They lodged a complaint with the commissioner of police but the police did not make any inquiry. It was then that the desperate parents wrote a moving appeal to the king.

## ISRAEL MINISTER PRESENTS JERUSALEM BIBLE TO U.S. POSTMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A silver-bound copy of the Bible printed in English in Jerusalem, was presented today to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield by Israeli Minister of Posts Benjamin Mintz. In exchange, the Postmaster General presented Mr. Mintz with a leatherbound album of American stamps.

The Israeli Minister, here on a study tour, also met today with John Day, the Postmaster General designate of the new Administration. In both meetings the Minister was accompanied by the Israeli Charge d'Affairs, Mordechai Gazit and the director general of the Israeli Ministry of Posts, Chaim Ben-Menachem.

### RABBINICAL PARLEY URGES CONVOCAION OF WORLD CONFERENCE OF RABBIS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The need to convene a world conference of rabbis, which would examine and evaluate the grave religious situation confronting Jews in the Soviet Union, North Africa, and other areas, was discussed informally at a general rabbinical parley held here today.

Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim presided at the parley, attended by many leading rabbis from various parts of the world who are here in connection with the World Zionist Congress. The convening of a world rabbinical council is a necessity, the rabbis felt, to ensure the survival of religious and Jewish national unity in countries outside Israel.

A number of the rabbis at the meeting warned about the dangers of assimilation in the Diaspora, and about the shortages of spiritual leaders in many countries. Some of the rabbis complained that, too often, Israeli emissaries to Jewish communities abroad are only fund-raisers, while few visits are made abroad by Israeli rabbis providing Jews with the spiritual inspiration needed to combat assimilation.

### PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION ANNOUNCES INCREASED DIVIDEND FOR 1960

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A regular cash dividend of \$1.25 per share of common stock for 1960 was declared today by the board of directors of Palestine Economic Corporation, payable on February 28, 1961, to stockholders of record on December 29, 1960. Last year's dividend amounted to \$1.00. The 25 percent increase was due to higher earnings as a result of earlier investments of the company having matured, according to Joseph Meyerhoff, PEC's president.

Common stock of \$25 par value per share outstanding on December 24, 1960, totaled 527,156 shares held by over 10,000 stockholders throughout the United States. The 35-year-old company uses its funds for the development of Israel's economy through private investment in industrial, agricultural and commercial ventures.

The largest single investment consummated in 1960 was the \$2,700,000 participation in the syndicate that acquired the Red Sea - Mediterranean 16-inch oil pipeline. "New PEC investments in Israel enterprises during the past two years amounted to \$6,500,000. Over \$2,000,000 of additional investments have already been approved for 1961, and further projects are under construction," Mr. Meyerhoff announced.

### MONTREAL JEWRY ACTS TO STRENGTHEN JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

MONTREAL, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A special committee for reactivation of the Council of Jewish Educational Institutions of Greater Montreal has been formed here, as a result of a meeting of the Council under the chairmanship of the Council's president, Ben Beutel. Samuel Harvey, a member of the executive committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was named chairman of the special committee.

The Council, formed in 1954, includes representatives of all Jewish day schools, afternoon and Sunday schools and yeshivot in Greater Montreal. Among the plans to be worked out by the special committee are means for assisting existing Jewish schools in the area, clearance with regard to teachers' salaries, pension plans, and a common approach to common problems, including research projects, teacher training and text books.

### BRAZILIAN GOVERNOR REGRETS HIS OPPOSITION TO CREATION OF ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Governor Carlos Lacerda, chief executive of the State of Guanabara, which includes this city, announced publicly last night that he feels now he had been mistaken in 1948, when he opposed the formation of the State of Israel. Governor Lacerda is one of Brazil's outstanding journalists. In 1948, after visiting several Arab countries, he wrote a series of fiery articles in opposition to the creation of Israel.

Last night, the Governor addressed a meeting here conducted by a well-known Jewish club, Monte Sinai. In opening his address, the Governor stated: "My evaluation of the Palestine problem in 1948 was erroneous, and I consider it fortunate that my opinion on this subject has changed entirely since then. I believe firmly now that the establishment of Israel was not only a necessity. Israel must be considered a great asset to the entire world."

### MEXICAN WELFARE GROUP 'ADOPTS' SOLDIERS WELFARE BODY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Sixty-one Jewish children from Mexico were present at ceremonies in Acre today, marking the adoption of the Acre Committee for Soldiers Welfare by a sister committee in Mexico. The youngsters also attended inauguration rites for a soldiers' recreation center sponsored by the Mexican soldiers welfare group.

Present at both ceremonies were Mayor Gadish of Acre, Army commanders, heads of the National Committee for Soldiers Welfare, and Jacobo Shapiro, head of the Mexican committee. Israeli girl soldiers presented each of the Mexican youngsters with an emblem of Acre in token of their devotion to the welfare of Israeli service personnel.