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### MAPAI LEADERS SEEK TO PERSUADE BEN-GURION TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A group of Mapai Cabinet Ministers and leaders of the party functioned in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, met today with David Ben-Gurion at his vacation place near Tel Aviv and tried to persuade him to form a new Government. They reported that Mr. Ben-Gurion gave no reply.

Whether and when Premier Ben-Gurion will accept the task of forming a Government to replace the one he toppled Tuesday by resigning the Premiership was reported to depend on what the Mapai central committee will do at its meeting Saturday about Pinhas Lavon, the Histadrut secretary-general. Mr. Ben-Gurion would like to see Mr. Lavon ousted from his post.

Efforts were being directed today toward achieving a showdown at the Saturday meeting on the issue but the pro-Lavon and anti-Lavon alignments were not clear. Some opposed to the Histadrut leader were understood to hope that Premier Ben-Gurion's resignation would force the Mapai central committee to take a stand on Lavon compelling him to resign his Histadrut post and thus satisfy Mr. Ben-Gurion and open the way for him to form a new Government.

This faction brought Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, a moderate in the Ben-Gurion-Lavon battle, under very heavy pressure but it was understood that the Finance Minister declined to commit himself to the anti-Lavon group.

A meeting of the Mapai secretariat yesterday, which had the task of working out a compromise for presentation to the Mapai meeting Saturday, was marked by a sharp exchange between Lavon and three Mapai members of the Histadrut central committee, Mrs. Yehudit Simhonit, Zev Onn and Yitzhak Haskin. The three sharply criticized Lavon and demanded that he resign. Lavon replied vigorously and with some personal criticism of the three for which he was forced to apologize.

The left-wing Mapam meanwhile today called on Mapai to form a new Government with the same component parties but it also asked Mapai not to purge Lavon. The Progressive party was reported more reserved about the idea. Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen of the Progressives, who headed the Ministerial committee which cleared Lavon, still reportedly regarded Ben-Gurion's denunciation of the Ministerial committee as a personal insult.

The right-wing Herut sent a message to its leader, Menachem Begin, who is now touring the United States and Canada. Begin canceled 14 lectures in the United States to return to Israel because of the political crisis.

### ISRAELI FISHERMEN CAPTURED BY ARABS IN GAZA WATERS SENTENCED TO JAIL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Eight Israeli fishermen have been sentenced in Gaza to two years' imprisonment on charges of having violated Gaza Strip territorial waters, it was reported today by the Cairo radio. The Gaza court also confiscated the two fishing craft of the Israelis who were captured last October.

An Israel Army spokesman reported today that two armed Bedouins were killed and a third wounded in a clash with an Israeli patrol in the Negev. The patrol intercepted the Bedouins Tuesday night. They refused to identify themselves and tried to escape. Shooting followed. The Bedouins had two submachineguns, a rifle and ammunition. The wounded Bedouin was hospitalized.

### NASSER REFUSES PERMISSION TO RENAULT TO BUILD ASSEMBLY PLANT IN EGYPT

PARIS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic has refused permission to Regie Renault--which canceled a contract with an Israel auto assembly firm under Arab pressure--to build an assembly plant in Egypt, it was reported here today.

The UAR was expected to authorize a West German or Italian auto firm to build an assembly plant in Cairo to service auto users in Arab countries in the Middle East. The UAR Government gave as the reason for the decision "the continuation of the Algerian conflict" and France's "antagonistic attitude" toward the Arabs.

GOVERNOR OF CASABLANCA REGRETS ARRESTS OF JEWS; MEETS JEWISH LEADERS

CASABLANCA, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Governor of Casablanca met with members of the Jewish Council here for a discussion of the situation of the Jewish community, following recent events in Morocco.

The Governor, Commandant Madboh, expressed regret, during the two-hour meeting, over the arrests of Moroccan Jews. It was also learned that the Jewish Council of Fez met with the Governor of Fez to register a protest against the arrest of 20 Jews during their walk to the synagogue last Saturday.

A minor demonstration, meanwhile, took place on Boulevard Mohamed V in Casablanca, in front of a shop window which displayed a "Travel by El Al" advertisement. The demonstration followed publication of a demand in a newspaper of the political opposition that the authorities take all necessary steps to ensure the immediate removal of the advertisement.

In accordance with a decision of the Moroccan Ministry of Information, scenes depicting the extermination of Jews were eliminated today from a film, "Mein Kampf," now being shown in a Casablanca theater. The showing of the scenes had led to numerous incidents between Jews and Moslems.

'DANGER SIGNALS' FOR JEWS IN TUNISIA SEEN; PUBLIC DEBATE HELD

PARIS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- "Danger signals" regarding the Jews in Tunisia were enumerated today in the influential Tunisian newspaper, Afrique Action, which ran a symposium on the Jewish situation in Moslem North Africa. Five Jewish writers and two Moslem students contributed to the symposium.

Serge Guetti, prominent Tunisian-Jewish writer, summarized the principal "danger signals" as the fact that Tunisian Jews, unlike the Moslems of the country, are not required to serve in the army; the inability of Jews to obtain certain administrative positions; and the barring of Jews from enrollment in institutions of higher learning, especially the Teachers Training Institute.

The failure to make army service obligatory upon Tunisian Jews, said M. Guetti, "may make the Moslem population distrustful of the Jews." The writer pointed out that, while one Jew is usually included among the members of various public bodies, that practice is followed only so that the country might not be charged officially with anti-Semitism.

A large part of the 120,000 Europeans who left Tunisia since that country won its independence in 1956, are Jews, most of them now living in metropolitan France, Jewish circles said here today. The statement was made after a Tunisian newspaper, La Depecha, reported that, since 1956, 120,000 of the country's 180,000 European residents have departed.

JEWISH LEADERS IN FRANCE CONSIDER ALGERIAN REPORTS 'REASSURING'

PARIS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Reports stating that the expected independent regime in Algeria will not discriminate against non-Moslems, Jews or Christians, were accepted by French Jewish leaders today as "reassuring."

Afrique Action, a Tunisian newspaper considered close to the Algerian rebels who have their headquarters in Tunisia, declared today that "there will be equality for all in Algeria, assuring all minority groups so that they will remain in independent Algeria."

The newspaper added, however, that the leaders of the Algerian rebels would have to "make a number of concessions to reassure the minority groups as to the treatment they will receive in independent Algeria."

GERMAN COURT REDUCES SENTENCE OF ANTI-SEMITIC WHO TERRORIZED JEW

FRANKFURT, Feb. 2. (JYA) -- The Frankfurt Criminal Court reduced yesterday the sentence of a leader of a group which terrorized a Jewish café-owner in the town of Koepfern, after deciding that there was no evidence to show that the citizens of Koepfern were anti-Semitic.

The owner, Kurt Sumpf, emigrated from the town, to which he had returned after the war, in a case which attracted worldwide attention in 1958. He said then that he and his family were in danger from anti-Semitic vandals. The court found that the Koepfern affair was mainly "a clash between the oversensitive and intellectual café owner and the rough town population." The court then reduced the four-month sentence previously passed on Heinrich Weidmann to one month's imprisonment.

ITALIAN JEWS DISAPPOINTED BY COURT ACQUITTAL OF SWASTIKA SMEARERS

ROME, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Italian Jewish circles today expressed "painful surprise" at the action of a district court at Voghera, which acquitted seven men who had been arrested for painting swastikas on the walls of houses in the village of Varzi, near Voghera. The men, ranging in age from 19 to 24, admitted to having painted the swastikas.

### NAZIS CHARGED WITH MASS-MURDER OF JEWS ENJOY FREEDOM IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Austrian authorities have received the names of 40 to 50 war criminals all of whom are guilty of multiple murders but are enjoying freedom in Austria, a spokesman for the Vienna Jewish community declared today at a press conference.

Specific names were cited. One was Franz Murer, identified as the director of a farm organization in a Tyrolian town, Liezen. Murer was captured by the British Army and handed over to the Russians who sentenced him to 25 years on charges of responsibility for the slaying of 80,000 Jews in Wilna. Murer was released by the Russians in 1955 and returned to Austria. No legal action has been taken against him since his return.

Another identified by the spokesman was a former SS sergeant, Friedrich Engg, responsible for the murder of 100 Jews in a Polish town, Drohobysz. He too is now free. The spokesman said that Adolf Eichmann's special unit in Austria consisted of 30 persons, of whom 13 were Austrians. Five of the Austrians were either executed, jailed or released but there is no information about the other eight Austrians.

### ITALIAN COURT ORDERS RELEASE OF GERMAN ANTI-SEMITES FROM JAIL

ROME, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Ludwig Zind, the Offenburg high school teacher who fled from West Germany to avoid serving a prison term for an anti-Semitic utterance in 1958, was ordered released from an Italian jail today by a Naples court.

The judges ruled that Zind, who was sentenced on April 11, 1958, to a year's imprisonment for libel and defamation of the dead, must be considered a political refugee, with the rights to full protection granted by all civilized countries to such refugees.

Zind escaped to Italy a day after the Federal Supreme Court in Karlsruhe rejected his appeal that he was drunk when he said "not enough Jews were gassed" during a quarrel with Kurt Lieser, a merchant of half-Jewish extraction. He was recognized in Italy last summer by Israeli sailors as he was boarding ship for Egypt, arrested and placed in a jail cell.

The Naples court ruled that Zind was only expressing "a personal opinion" when he made the defamatory statement. During the proceedings, the West German Embassy in Rome supplied the court with documentation proving that Zind also was guilty of clandestine expatriation and of possession of a false passport.

### THREE ROCKWELL SUPPORTERS ARRESTED IN PHILADELPHIA DEMONSTRATION

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Three supporters of American Nazi party leader George Lincoln Rockwell were arrested here and held for \$10,000 bail each after a clash which broke out last night when they demonstrated against the showing of the film "Exodus" at the Boyd Theater here. Rockwell, who had threatened to come himself to picket the film, did not show up.

Sixty-four anti-Nazis were also arrested along with the Rockwellites; however, all but three of these were summarily released. Two of the three anti-Nazis, Jules Christine and Benjamin Comer, were held for court in \$300 bail on charges of carrying concealed weapons. The third, Mark Charleston, was fined \$10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Ralph R. Forbes, 20, of Arlington, Va., one of the three Rockwell supporters who were charged with rioting, inciting to riot, conspiracy and breach of the peace, expressed surprise at the size of the bail and said that Rockwell had given him \$30 before the incident "to pay the customary fine." The other Nazis were Raymond D. Goodman, 28, of Arlington, and Schuyler Ferris, 46, of Falls Church, Va.

(Arab college students, who are in the United States on temporary visas, were disclosed today in Washington to have circulated notices to at least 20 universities in the United States which urged fellow Arab students to "Join the American Nazi party in its efforts to stamp out an insidious group" and to demonstrate against the Israel-based film, "Exodus.")

### CHICAGO JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST BEQUEATHS LARGE SUM TO J.D.C.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Maxwell Kunin, a Chicago Jewish philanthropist and realtor, who died in 1959 at the age of 59, has bequeathed 25 percent of his \$8,900,000 estate to the Joint Distribution Committee, according to a will filed in probate court, it was reported here today.

Leroy Krein, his lawyer, said today that the JDC will receive \$250,000 under the inventory filed this week. He added that the money is to be spent "solely for relief of needy immigrants to Israel." Mrs. Kunin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that her husband, who was born in Philadelphia, took a great interest in Jewish charitable institutions and was a member of two congregations, a Reform and an Orthodox.

## UNITED HIAS TO COOPERATE IN AIDING REFUGEES FROM CUBA IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The full cooperation of United Hias Service in implementing the program adopted at a three-day national conference in Miami on resettlement of Cuban refugees was pledged today by James P. Rice, Hias executive director, following his return from the conference.

The parley in Miami, which was called to discuss plans for emergency aid to Cuban refugees of all faiths, was attended by Abraham Ribicoff, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Representing other Jewish organizations, in addition to the United Hias, were Philip Soskis, executive director of the New York Association for New Americans; and Sam J. Heiman, president, and Arthur Rosichan, executive director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

## DEFENSE DEPT. CONTINUES EMPLOYMENT OF HITLER'S GENERAL AT DACHAU

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Defense Department will continue employment of Martin Unrein, a General in Hitler's army, despite statements by the German ex-General at Dachau recently "whitewashing" Nazi atrocities. This was made known today in an official letter from Francis X. Plant, special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, to the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A.

Despite Unrein's controversial utterances a few months ago to Lord Russell, who served as British prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, Mr. Plant informed the JWV that the U. S. Army decided to keep Unrein on as supervisor of German civilian labor at the American Army installation at Dachau.

In addition to alleging that the Dachau concentration camp was not the scene of mass murder during the war, Unrein said "it would have been impossible to burn six million Jews unless it had begun in 1906." He asserted that the gas ovens in Dachau were built by German prisoners after the war.

The issue was investigated by the West German Government but referred to the United States when Bonn pointed out that Unrein was an employee of the U. S. Army. After a study of the matter, the Defense Department, according to Mr. Plant's letter, reported "a recommendation that no further action be taken, and the case closed, was approved by the Commanding General."

## CANADIAN PRESS SEES HERZOG AS WINNER IN DEBATE WITH TOYNBEE ON ISRAEL

OTTAWA, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Canadian press and radio, evaluating the arguments presented by British historian Arnold Toynbee and Israel Ambassador Yaacov Herzog in their debate in Montreal on Jews and on the Israel-Arab problem, summed up the debate in favor of Ambassador Herzog.

The French-Canadian Broadcasting System station CKAC, said that the result of the debate was 20-0 in favor of Ambassador Herzog, since Professor Toynbee had qualified his original statement and included all peoples in his remark about Nazi type atrocities. Furthermore, the station's commentator declared, Dr. Toynbee admitted for the first time that the Jewish people had become "defossilized."

The Montreal Gazette, stressing Prof. Toynbee's retraction, quotes the historian: "I agree that there is a chain of moral evil running through nearly all societies. This does not apply only to the Jews." The Gazette also cited Dr. Toynbee's agreement to the validity of Ambassador Herzog's question: "Why don't the Arab governments take them out of their parasitic existence and stop holding them in camps as a political weapon?"

## TU B'SHVAT CELEBRATED BY THOUSANDS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Thousands of Israeli schoolchildren, their spirits undamped by a steady drizzle, took part in country-wide ceremonies yesterday marking Tu B'Shvat. The youngsters spent the holiday from school in digging and tree planting under the guidance of teachers, gardeners or their own leaders.

The holiday also was marked by registrations at Israel's 29 agricultural schools and in indoor celebrations at kindergartens whose pupils were considered too young to be exposed to the steady rain. A schedule of formal plantings included one sponsored by the Ramat Gan municipality at which President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were to have participated. It was canceled because of rain.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS IN LYONS; BUILT WITH J.D.C. ASSISTANCE

LYONS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A new community center to serve the historic Jewish community of Lyons, was dedicated here today. The construction of the center, the largest of more than 60 similar institutions built in Europe during the past six years, received financial and technical assistance from the American Joint Distribution Committee, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and Fonds Sociale Juifs Unifiés, the major French Jewish social welfare agency.