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## PROSPECTS FOR BEN-GURION COALITION DIM AS RELIGIOUS PARTY WAVERS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Prospects for formation by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of a small coalition Government dimmed today when it became known that opposition had increased over the weekend in the National Religious party against joining the proposed coalition.

Observers predicted that when the religious party's central committee meets again tomorrow or Tuesday, there will be a majority opposed to acceptance of Mr. Ben-Gurion's bid. Israel has been governed by a caretaker government since Mr. Ben-Gurion resigned on January 31 in protest against Cabinet approval of a Ministerial committee's unanimous report exonerating Pinhas Lavon of responsibility as Defense Minister for a security disaster in 1954. Mr. Lavon subsequently was forced out of his post as Histadrut secretary general as one of the conditions Mr. Ben-Gurion set for agreeing to the task of forming a new government.

Acceptance by the religious party was the key to Mr. Ben-Gurion's hopes of assembling a new coalition and there was no unanimity of opinion as to what would happen next if the religious party finally refused to join. The opposition General Zionists and the Herut are on record as demanding new elections. It was hinted that Mr. Ben-Gurion would not be entirely averse to new general elections but there was strong opposition to that idea even among Mr. Ben-Gurion's strongest supporters, including Moshe Dayan, the Agriculture Minister; Giora Josephthal, the Labor Minister; and Shimon Peres, the Deputy Defense Minister.

There was speculation that if the religious party did not reject Mr. Ben-Gurion's invitation outright, it would do no more than name a committee to negotiate the party's demands for joining. It was assumed that the religious party would demand such concessions that liberal circles within the Mapai party would hesitate to worsen the party's dissensions over the Lavon affair by accepting such demands.

Another complication was a hardening of attitude in the Religious Workers party, on whose support Mr. Ben-Gurion also was counting for his small coalition. The Poale Agudas Israel initially had declared that the Lavon affair was no concern of the Orthodox parties. Now, noting that the Religious party, under Moshe Shapiro's leadership, was bargaining hard for concessions, the Religious Workers party announced its demands. These included a national Sabbath law, an anti-pig law and other requests.

The Mapai secretariat was scheduled to meet Tuesday to discuss the new developments and the insistence of three former coalition partners--the Mapam, Achdut Avodah and the Progressives--that they would rejoin the coalition only if Mr. Ben-Gurion was not the Prime Minister. There was speculation that if Mr. Ben-Gurion was clearly unable to form a coalition, the party might choose former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett or Finance Minister Levi Eshkol to be Premier-designate, rather than face new elections.

## MOROCCAN KING EXPRESSES 'SOLICITUDE' FOR JEWS; MORE ARRESTS LISTED

PARIS, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- King Mohammed V has assured a delegation of Moroccan Jewish community leaders of his "solicitude" for Morocco's 200,000 Jews and asked the Jewish leaders to "combat current attempts to divide" Morocco's Jewish and Moslem citizens, it was reported here today from Rabat.

During the audience, the Jewish delegation expressed the "steadfast loyalty and attachment" of the Jewish community to the king after presenting him with a list of grievances of the community. The delegation was led by Dr. Leon Benzaquen, former Minister of Telecommunications, and Meyer Obadia, president of the Casablanca Jewish community.

Shortly before the king met with the Moroccan Jewish leaders, 15 young Jews were arrested during a 48-hour period and kept in Casablanca jails. The police accused them of taking part in the recent distribution of leaflets to Moroccan Jews urging them to emigrate to Israel.

## U.S. Jewish Groups Appeal to Morocco to Ease Plight of Jews

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress and nine other national Jewish organizations appealed to the Moroccan Government last night to end the "campaign of persecution and terror" against the country's 200,000 Jews.

The appeal asked the end of arbitrary arrest, detention and abuse of Jews, removal of barriers to their emigration to Israel and resumption of postal communications with Israel. The appeal was made in a letter to Dr. El-Mehdi, Morocco's Ambassador to the United States.

## EICHMANN TO PLEAD HE WAS ONLY OBEYING ORDERS, SAYS ATTORNEY

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Robert Servatius, the Cologne attorney who will direct the defense of Nazi Adolf Eichmann in the trial in Jerusalem in April, said today in Haifa that Eichmann's defense for his war crimes would be that he acted under orders.

Dr. Servatius told the Haifa correspondent of the Sunday Times that Eichmann had told him that "I neither know nor care what they will do to me, I followed the orders of my superiors just like a soldier. I took the oath of an SS officer and then another oath and I had to take orders."

Dr. Servatius said he was "sure" the trial of the Gestapo colonel who directed the extermination of 6,000,000 European Jews would be a fair trial, adding that "the Israel Government must be anxious to assure this since any appearance of unfairness would be immediately exploited by anti-Semites the world over."

Disclosing that he was "spending five to six hours daily with Eichmann in his place of detention in morning and afternoon sessions," the West German attorney said he had not yet decided whether he would put Eichmann in the witness box and that he was still considering bringing defense witnesses from West Germany.

Asked whether he was going to advise Eichmann to plead guilty, Dr. Servatius said he would not get the charge sheet against the Nazi until next week and that he would decide that point before the opening of the trial on April 9.

Emphasizing that there was no denial that millions suffered and millions perished during the Nazi period, Dr. Servatius said that "from the viewpoint of justice, this is unimportant for Eichmann does not deny these facts. He only questions his responsibility for the deaths and the suffering."

Explaining his own position, the attorney said that "we ourselves in Germany suffered from the Nazi party--those of us who did not belong to it and I did not--and now everybody wants to know the truth. I came here to determine the truth, not just to repeat somebody else's version or opinions."

### Servatius Fails to Halt Eichmann Material Publication in Israel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Robert Servatius, defense attorney for Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who directed the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe during the Second World War, attempted this weekend to prevent the publication of Eichmann's memoirs in the afternoon daily, Yediot Ahronot.

Claiming that the memoirs related to issues which would be brought before the court during the trial which opens in Jerusalem in mid-April, Dr. Servatius telegraphed the paper that publication would mean contempt of court.

After the editor of Yediot Ahronot rejected the attorney's protest on the grounds that much of the material and other facts about Eichmann had already been published by Life and other publications the paper appeared with a two-page Eichmann story accompanied by photostatic reproductions of material in Eichmann's own handwriting.

After failing to secure a court order barring the publication of the material, Dr. Servatius said he would leave it to the Ministry of Justice to take action on the matter.

### West German Protestants Urged to Follow Eichmann Trial Proceedings

BERLIN, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Protestant church in West Germany asked Germans today not to close their eyes and ears to the expected revelations of the coming trial in Israel of Gestapo leader Adolf Eichmann on charges of mass murder of Jews.

The synod, or parliament, of the all-German Evangelical church, accepted a declaration of attitude toward the Eichmann trial.

The trial will confront the Germans anew with the historic facts of the Nazi era, the resolution said.

### TEL AVIV POLICE BREAK UP COMMUNIST MARCH FOR LUMUMBA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Police yesterday broke up a demonstration by some 300 Communists who were marching towards the Belgian Embassy to protest the killing last week of deposed Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba. The Communists, who were carrying banners reading "Death to the Lumumba Killers," and "Down with Hammaraskjold," were finally dispersed after four of the demonstrators were arrested. The incident was followed by sporadic clashes between police and pro-Lumumba demonstrators along Tel Aviv's most crowded thoroughfare before quiet was restored.

### CORNERSTONE FOR RHEUMATIC FEVER HOSPITAL LAID AT BEISAN

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for a medical institute for the treatment of children stricken with rheumatic fever was laid today in the town of Beisan, south of Tiberias. Ceremonies launching the construction of the new \$56,000 building, which is being financed by the Australian OSE organization, were attended by Australian Ambassador McMillan and Mrs. Hava Scher, representing the Australian OSE.

More than 600 children suffering from rheumatic fever have been treated by OSE institutions in Israel during the past few years, it was reported today by S. Wolf, OSE director in Israel.

## GLOBKE SAYS HE HELPED JEWS BY STAYING IN OFFICE UNDER NAZIS

FRANKFURT, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Globke, State Secretary to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, asserted today he had pretended to be friendly to the Nazis and had been able to prevent even more drastic anti-Jewish legislation by remaining in office during the Nazi regime.

Dr. Globke, who has been under heavy fire for some time on charges of participating in the Nazi anti-Jewish campaign, made the statement in an interview with the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, in defending his decision to stay in the Ministry of the Interior after the Nazis seized power in 1933.

Discussing charges that his commentary to the Nuremberg laws had worsened their application to the Jews, Dr. Globke said that he was then aware that his commentary might be misinterpreted later and added "If I had foreseen the later development of the Jewish question, I would not have written the commentary." He insisted however, that the commentary had softened some of the harsher Nazi measures.

He also argued that he had been able to help many persons persecuted by the Nazis while serving in the Interior Ministry and that he had during that time maintained close connections with many clergymen and leaders of the resistance movement.

He emphatically rejected charges, made by Dr. Max Mertens, the former Nazi war administrator in occupied Greece, that he had intervened to prevent the liberation of 10,000 Jewish men, women and children from Salonika. He also told the Hamburg newspaper, Die Welt, that he was denying outright recent allegations that, as an official in the Nazi Government, he had been in touch with Adolf Eichmann.

Dr. Fritz Bauer, the Attorney General of Hesse, said here today that the refusal of Eichmann to testify to the allegation that Dr. Globke had prevented the liberation of the 10,000 Greek Jews ended the connection of an investigation of the charge by his office. He added that he had turned over the investigation against Dr. Globke to the prosecution office in Bonn.

Dr. Bauer said Eichmann had refused, on advice of his counsel, Dr. Robert Servatius, to answer the question in his prison cell about Dr. Globke.

## HESSIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFERS REWARD FOR ARREST OF MENGELE

FRANKFURT, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Bauer, the Attorney General of Hesse, offered today a reward of 20,000 marks (\$4,760) for information leading to the arrest of Dr. Josef Mengele, the "selection" doctor at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

He said investigations conducted by the Frankfurt Prosecution office against persons involved in crimes at the Auschwitz camp had revealed that Mengele was still alive and last reported living in Argentina. The Argentine Government still has not replied to a request for Mengele's extradition made by the West German Government in January, 1960.

Mengele disappeared from West Germany last summer shortly after the seizure of Nazi Adolf Eichmann. The Bonn Foreign Office has since filed notices with the Governments of Brazil and Chile for Mengele's extradition. A Jewish film producer, Artur Brauner, said in Berlin that he would offer a 10,000 mark (\$2,380) reward for Mengele's capture.

## BILL INTRODUCED IN HOUSE AGAINST TV AND RADIO DEFAMATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Rep. Victor L. Anfuso, New York Democrat, introduced a House bill that would amend the Federal Communications Act to make it "unlawful" for any television or radio station to portray "any religious group, race, or nationality in a degrading manner."

Rep. Anfuso said telecasts and broadcasts were casting slurs on members of minority groups -- "all sorts of reflections." He called on the entertainment industry to clean house of defamatory characterizations of Italians, Jews, Negroes, and others.

## APPOINTMENT OF 71-MEMBER CAMPAIGN CABINET ANNOUNCED BY U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The appointment of a 71-member National Campaign Cabinet to serve as the top policy-making and planning body for the nationwide 1961 United Jewish Appeal campaign for \$72,740,000, was announced today by Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman. Members of the Campaign Cabinet are all key Jewish communal leaders from 42 cities in 23 states. Melvin Dubinsky, who was chairman of the 1960 Campaign Cabinet, will again serve in that capacity this year.

"Our nationwide UJA goal of \$72,740,000," Mr. Meyerhoff declared, "is a minimal goal for the maintenance of our urgent aid programs to 580,500 men, women and children -- and to achieve this goal, it is vital that each community should set a quota commensurate with the needs."

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, today thanked Major General Haim Laskov, former Chief of Staff of Israel's defense forces, who is returning to Israel tomorrow after completing a five-week speaking tour in this country in behalf of the UJA Israel bond campaigns.

### PRE-CIVIL WAR ATTITUDES OF SOUTHERN JEWS DESCRIBED BY HISTORIAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Jewish behavior and opinions in the South before the Civil War were in "no appreciable way different from their non-Jewish neighbors," Dr. Bertram W. Korn, the historian, told the 59th annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society here last night. Dr. Korn, who is president of the society, presented a study of southern Jewry during 1789 to 1865, at the opening session of the two-day conference, which was devoted to the Civil War centennial observance.

Jews of the Old South functioned as part of the general social pattern and close examination of their role disclosed that "being Jewish did not play any discernable role in the determination of the relationship of Jews to slavery," Dr. Korn said.

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Adolph S. Ochs professor of American Jewish History at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was awarded the society's annual Lee Max Friedman Medal for "distinguished service to history." Dr. Korn made the presentation.

Dr. Abram Kanof, associate professor at the New York State University School of Medicine and Director of Pediatrics at the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital, was elected president of the society at the closing session. He is a member of the Long Island Historical Society and formerly vice-president of the society.

### AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL HONORS FORMER AMBASSADOR REID

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Ogden R. Reid, former United States Ambassador, said here this weekend that the absence during 1960 of Israeli-Arab border incidents had created a "hopeful policy," which, he said, could be the basis for a "new quiet diplomacy" in the Middle East. Mr. Reid made the remarks at a luncheon given in his honor by the American Zionist Council.

Israel, he said, is devoting herself to progress in culture, science, agriculture and medicine. These accomplishments, being performed through the democratic process, he added, could set an example for the rest of the Middle East.

Among the speakers who lauded Mr. Reid for his 20 months of diplomatic service to Israel, were Senator Jacob K. Javits, Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, and Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council.

### LUBLIN JEWS TO ERECT MEMORIAL TO 46,000 SLAIN BY NAZIS

VIENNA, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Lublin Jewish community will erect a memorial to the 46,000 Jews of that city who were murdered by the Nazis, it was reported here today in the Folkstimme, a Warsaw Yiddish paper. A special committee to carry out the project has been formed by the Lublin office of the Cultural and Social Union of the Jews in Poland, with the cooperation of the Union of Fighters for Freedom and Democracy.

The project was warmly welcomed by the State committee and other State organizations in Lublin, which have already allocated a large sum of money for the purpose and which have provided a site for the memorial in front of the Lublin Castle, where the ghetto was situated.

### MANYA SCHOCHAT, A FOUNDER OF HISTADRUT, DIES AT 81

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Manya Schochat, a veteran Zionist and one of the founders of the Histadrut, the Israel labor federation and of Kfar Giladi, one of the early settlements in eastern Galilee, who died at her home Friday at the age of 81.

Born in Russia, the former Manya Wilbushewitz was a co-founder of the Anfandige Yiddische Arbeiger Partei trade union organization. She emigrated to Palestine in 1904 where she served on the Hashomer defense organization, the Palestine Labor Legion and later with the Haganah. She was active in the Arab Jewish Friendship League and the Hapoel Sports organization.

Mrs. Schochat's body lay in state at the Histadrut building before the funeral cortege proceeded to Kfar Giladi cemetery, where interment took place.

### HENRIETTA SZOLD BIRTH CENTENARY EXHIBIT OPENED AT JEWISH MUSEUM

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A biographical exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Henrietta Szold, founder of the Hadassah organization, opened today at the Jewish Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Included in the display, which will continue through March 8, are photographs, books, original documents, manuscripts, personal mementos and letters.