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### ISRAELIS SEEK TO AVOID NEW ELECTIONS; HOPE LAID ON PRESIDENT BEN-ZVI

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The possibility that President Izhak Ben-Zvi will make a personal effort to find a way to form a Cabinet was discussed here today following the failure of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to induce the National Religious party to join in a "small coalition government" under his Premiership.

Informal talks, aiming at saving the country from general elections, were still conducted today between leaders of various political parties. However, they brought no positive results, and all political groups in Israel are now considering preparatory steps for what seems an unavoidable election: campaign.

None of the parties which were represented in the former coalition Cabinet are really in a mood to hold elections. Even the opposition parties are not keen on holding elections because their treasuries would not permit the spending of substantial sums for an election propaganda campaign. Thus, the hope is now pinned on President Ben-Zvi that he may personally find the way to organize a new coalition Cabinet without bringing the country to new elections.

### MOROCCAN JEWS MOURN DEATH OF THEIR KING; STRESS HIS PRO-JEWISH ACTS

PARIS, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Moroccan Jews were today mourning the death of King Mohammed V. Special services will be held in synagogues throughout Morocco, in commemoration of the late King's liberal attitude which dates back to 1942, when he refused to countersign decrees by the pro-Nazi Vichy regime introducing anti-Jewish legislation.

During the Nazi years, the Moroccan ruler fought with determination Marshall Petain's decision to introduce yellow stars for Jews in the North African protectorate. Jews also remember that, upon the creation of the State of Israel, the Moroccan ruler had refused to take part in the Arab anti-Israel campaign.

Only a few days before his death, King Mohammed V lifted the emigration ban for the Moroccan Jews. It is feared that the King's death might bring into question again the emigration of Morocco's Jews as the new King, Hassan II, will be able to count only on the nationalistic Istiqlal party and the armed forces and will be opposed by many of the other movements, including the Union Nationale des Forces Populaires, which are basically opposed to the monarchy.

#### Moroccan Minister of Interior to Attend Jewish Conference

CASABLANCA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Embarek Bekkai, Morocco's Minister of the Interior, has agreed to attend the congress of the Council of Moroccan Jewish Communities to be held on March 19 at Rabat, it was reported here today. Dr. Leon Benzaquen, a former member of the Cabinet, will be honorary president of the congress.

Meanwhile it was reported today that Mayer Toledano, a local Jewish attorney, has been dismissed from his post as vice-president of the Casablanca Municipal Council. A letter informing Mr. Toledano of his dismissal from the Council, gave no reason for the move.

Mr. Toledano, who was honorary chairman of the Moroccan section of the World Jewish Congress, had served as his country's commercial counsellor at the Moroccan Embassy in Washington and was formerly director of the Moroccan Ministry of National Economy.

### SOVIET ENVOY DELIVERS KHRUSHCHEV'S NOTE ON CONGO TO BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov today handed Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion a lengthy letter from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev concerning the discussions of the Congo situation at the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly which will convene in New York next month.

The note, which outlined the Soviet position and proposals for the solution of the Congo crisis, was presumably identical with the notes on the subject sent to the heads of other Asian and African governments. Today's note to Premier Ben-Gurion, however, did not mention Soviet demands to oust Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, which were mentioned in the notes to the other countries.

### RABBI MAIMON RESIGNS FROM NOMINATIONS BOARD FOR NEW CHIEF RABBIS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Yehudah L. Maimon resigned as chairman of the nominations board to elect new Chief Rabbis and a new Chief Rabbinate Council, it was announced here today. Two other members of the board, Rabbi Yitzhak Kappah and attorney Asher Rosenblum, also resigned.

Rabbi Maimon tendered his resignation in a letter to Premier David Ben-Gurion, who is Acting Minister for Religious Affairs. He explained that the resignation was due to the fact that the House Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, had recommended postponement of the elections for a year without prior consultation of the nominations board. Such postponement might result in the abolition of the Chief Rabbinate, he asserted.

### NASSER'S REPORTED PRESSURE ON CYPRUS AGAINST ISRAEL IS DENIED

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Foreign Minister of Cyprus, Spyros Kyprianou, and the United Arab Republic Embassy in Cyprus, today denied reports that President Nasser of the UAR had warned the Cyprus Government against exchanging ambassadors with Israel.

The denials were issued in Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, following reports from Cairo that the United Arab Republic informed Archbishop Makarios, President of Cyprus, that an exchange of ambassadors between Cyprus and Israel would have "grave consequences." The UAR was also reported as reminding the Cypriot President that 3,000 Cypriots still lived in Cairo.

### TWO MORE ISRAELI SHIPS LAUNCHED IN GERMANY UNDER REPARATIONS AGREEMENT

HAMBURG, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A new 22,000-ton freighter built for the Zim Israel Navigation Company in Haifa, was launched today at the Deutsche Werft shipyards here. The vessel was named Timna by Mrs. Miriam Barkat, wife of the Israeli Ambassador in Oslo. The Timna was the fourth ship built for the Zim lines under the West German-Israel reparations agreement. The others, launched during recent months were the Eilat, the Massada and the Ein Gedi.

A smaller vessel, Israel's first "banana boat," was launched at the same shipyard for the Israeli El-Yam shipping lines. The 5,600-ton vessel, named the Har Ramon, has special facilities for the transport of bananas, a major Israeli export item.

### GERMAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO SUBSIDIZE YOUTH TRIPS TO ISRAEL

DUSSELDORF, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Four tours of Israel for youth groups in North Rhine Westphalia will be subsidized this year by the provincial government, Social Minister Konrad Grundmann announced today. He said the provincial government regarded such information tours as part of the province's program of political education.

The 13th annual conference of Service to Israel, sponsored by the German Evangelical Church, opened in Regensburg today. The conference is conducted by Dr. Karl Heinrich Rengstorff, director of the Judaic Institute of Muenster University. Guest speakers will include Bishop Herman Diefelbinger of Munich and Professor Max Horkheimer, director of the Social Research Institute of Frankfurt University, who is connected with the American Jewish Committee.

### A. D. L. MISSION FINDS GERMAN GOVT. BENT ON COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A report indicating that anti-Semitism has not been eliminated from political life in Germany despite energetic measures to combat it, was made public here today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The report constitutes the findings of a ten-man mission sent by the ADL to West Germany last summer at the invitation of the Bonn Government.

The report emphasizes that the whole power of "governmental authority" in West Germany is on the side of democracy and against anti-Semitism. The press, radio, television and the film industry are attempting to eradicate anti-Jewish sentiments, but many Germans are indifferent to political life. The roots of anti-Semitism planted by the Nazi regime are too deep in Germany to be eradicated within one generation, the report points out.

"The present leadership of the German Federal Republic appears to be fervently dedicated to the rehabilitation of the German people as a worthy partner in the alliance of democratic nations," the report states. "Overt anti-Semitism and other manifestations of neo-nazism are dealt with sternly. Indeed, a Lincoln Rockwell and his American Nazi party would not have the freedom of action in West Germany today that he has in the United States. Government officials are making conscious efforts to promote democratic education throughout the country."

The ADL group placed much hope on German youth, "that it might be free of the virus which has infected the previous generation." The report expresses optimism on the relations between the Federal Republic and Israel. Many Germans had visited Israel and numerous communities had proclaimed their friendship for the Jewish State by making financial contributions, the report says.

### FASCISTS PLAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO COINCIDE WITH EICHMANN TRIAL

GLASGOW, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- An international conference of Fascists is being planned to take place in London to coincide with the opening of the trial in Jerusalem of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who directed the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe during the Second World War, it was disclosed here last night by Sir Leslie Plummer, Laborite Member of Parliament.

Sir Leslie, who addressed a meeting of the Glasgow branch of the World Jewish Congress, British section, said that it was the responsibility of the Home Office to see that the police were alert to prevent outbursts of anti-Semitism which might follow in the wake of reaction by neo-Nazis throughout the world to the Eichmann trial.

If such a meeting took place in London, Sir Leslie declared, the working people would show their objections to such a degree that the recent scenes at the Belgian Embassy in London would seem in comparison like a "tea party." The Laborite MP expressed the hope that the Eichmann trial would show those countries which still employed former Nazi war criminals in positions of power and authority that the world was horrified that such conditions could persist.

### GERMANY CONDUCTING 14 PROBES INVOLVING MURDER OF JEWS IN POLAND

HANOVER, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Hanover office of prosecution revealed today that it was conducting 14 investigations against persons charged with war crimes. Most of the probes involve the murders of Jews in Poland, especially in Lemberg and Lodz. Two of the accused persons have been arrested.

The prosecution in Koblenz announced that the trial will be opened at the end of April against Hans Remmers, 54, a worker; and Karl Zenner, 54, a merchant, who were accused as former SS leaders of complicity in the murders of 6,624 Jews in Minsk.

### GOVERNMENT PARTY IN GERMANY DEFENDS DR. GLOBKE: SAYS HE AIDED JEWS

BONN, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Information Service of the Governing Christian Democratic Union today supported State Secretary Hans Globke's claim that he had aided the Jews by remaining in his post in the Ministry of the Interior under the Nazi regime. At the same time, the CDU accused the Social Democratic party of aiding the Communist German press agitation "which, in connection with the Eichmann case, has been running in high gear since July 1960."

The CDU service charged that by "misinterpreting" the activities of State Secretary Globke in the Nazi Ministry of Interior, the Social Democratic Party had aided Soviet propaganda and had selected "a bad and useless election campaign issue." Dr. Globke is accused by the SDP of interpreting the Nuremberg Laws against Jews.

The Christian Democratic agency said that Dr. Globke had been a member of the resistance movement under the Nazis and that opponents of the Hitler regime had requested him to remain in office. His position had enabled him to give timely warning of criminal measures planned by the Nazis, the CDU service stated.

### SO. AFRICAN AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE ACTIVITIES OF KNOWN ANTI-SEMITE

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Union of South Africa's Special Branch of police was reported today to be investigating activities of several men believed seeking to enlist members for the South African branch of the Ku Klux Klan.

Membership application forms have been traced to a Natal man, Ray Rudman, known as a peddler of anti-Semitic material. Special Branch officers have called on Rudman to interrogate him.

### BISHOP PIKE CHARGES CHURCHES WITH PLANTING SEEDS OF RELIGIOUS HATRED

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Bishop James A. Pike charged today that the seeds of racial and religious hatred are often planted by the churches themselves by "what they teach, what they fail to teach, and what they are." Writing in the new issue of Look magazine, Bishop Pike, the Episcopal Bishop of California, declared that many people responsible for acts of hate are Church members.

"The sad and shocking truth is that the roots of bias often reach back to the pulpit and the Sunday School class," the bishop noted. He cited numerous examples from religious textbooks currently under study in which anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, and anti-Protestant feelings can be aroused by exaggerated or misleading interpretations of the Bible and of history. Bishop Pike cited some distorted accounts of the role of the Jews in the crucifixion of Christ.

### ITALIAN GOVT. FILES COMPLAINT ON USE OF RACIST TERMS IN DOCUMENTS

ROME, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Italian Government has filed a complaint with the public prosecutor concerning the issuance of a document to an Italian Jew, Paulo Segre, which specified that he "belonged to the Jewish race," it was made known here today by Interior Undersecretary Bisori in reply to a question by Socialist Senator Banfi.

U. J. A. HOLDS WESTERN STATES CONFERENCE; ADVANCES 'PRIORITY AID' PROGRAM

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A strong plea for "rededication of our energies" to a five-point priority aid program for immigrants in Israel and distressed Jews throughout the world was made to American Jewish leaders here last night by Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Meyerhoff addressed more than 700 key Jewish communal leaders from 13 states attending the final session of the three-day Western States Conference of the United Jewish Appeal at the Riviera Hotel. The UJA head listed these five most important aims for the 1961 campaign:

1. Help Israel's people to continue to receive all Jews who seek haven on their shores;
2. Speed the building of creative lives for thousands of recent newcomers who have not yet been truly absorbed into Israel's economy;
3. Help fellow Jews to settle in other free lands;
4. Assist the reconstruction of Jewish community life in areas of Europe where the local Jewish communities still are too weak to complete such reconstruction without help;
5. Provide welfare services for Jews in need in 26 countries outside Israel.

The purpose of the conference here was to formulate action programs for local community drives throughout the 13 western states to mobilize maximum support for the UJA's national 1961 campaign goal of \$72,740,000 required for global operations to aid distressed Jews. Co-chairmen of the Conference are Benjamin Swig, of San Francisco, and J. M. Stuchen, of Los Angeles.

Other major speakers included Dewey D. Stone, UJA national chairman; Mrs. Paulette Oppert Fink, chairman of the UJA National Women's Division; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, and Samuel Haber, assistant overseas director of the Joint Distribution Committee.

ARAB PROPAGANDIST PROVOKES JEWISH PROTEST AT U. N. ASSOCIATION MEETING

OTTAWA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A heated exchange between an Arab speaker and Rabbi A. M. Babb, spiritual leader of the Peterborough Jewish community, threatened for a time to disrupt a United Nations Association branch meeting here last night.

The incident occurred after Khalid Babaa, acting director of the Arab Information Center here, spoke on the history of the Arab people and the circumstances surrounding the creation of the State of Israel. In his speech, Mr. Babaa criticized Zionism as a political force and blamed intrigue on the part of the Soviet Union, Britain, France and the United States for the present state of unrest in Palestine.

As soon as the speech was finished, Rabbi Babb, who had been at a "Brotherhood Week" dinner a few hours earlier, stood up and denounced part of Mr. Babaa's speech as propaganda. "I think that it is not right to introduce propaganda into a United Nations Association meeting," he said. He suggested that an Israeli speaker be invited to speak at the club to reply to the allegations the Arab speaker had made. Club president L. H. Coneybear said the club would try to arrange a talk by an Israeli speaker.

CITY COMMISSION HEAD FAVORS LETTING ROCKWELL SPEAK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Stanley Lowell, chairman of the city's Commission on Intergroup Relations, said yesterday that he personally favored giving American Nazi party leader George Rockwell a permit to speak in New York City. Rockwell was refused a permit to speak in Union Square last July 4, but the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court recently ruled that such a permit should be granted. The city is taking the case to the State Court of Appeals.

Mr. Lowell, who is also a national vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, suggested that Jewish policemen be assigned to protect Rockwell if the permit were granted.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CALLS FOR OBSERVANCE OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress issued an appeal today to the Jewish communities throughout the world to commemorate the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising with special services and ceremonies on April 13.

In a message to its affiliates in 64 countries, the WJC urged that "a particular effort should be made to prompt young Jews who did not witness those tragic and glorious events to take an active part in the various manifestations, which will open for them one of the most memorable pages of our history, inspire them with pride and enable them to pass on to future generations the memory of this stirring episode."

CHICAGO MAYOR PROCLAIMS 'TRADITIONAL SYNAGOGUE WEEK' FOR CITY

CHICAGO, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Mayor Richard Daley today proclaimed the week of March 3 as "Traditional Synagogue Week," for the purpose of "promoting the religious and cultural activities of the Jewish people." The proclamation was issued in connection with the celebrations sponsored by the Chicago Council of Traditional Synagogues, culminating in a reception on March 7 in honor of the presidents of the 30 affiliated synagogues.