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### BEN-GURION REPORTED AGREEING TO GIVE UP PREMIERSHIP TO ESHKOL

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was reported today to have agreed to give up the Premiership and to serve as Defense Minister in a Cabinet headed by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, providing the Cabinet does not include representatives of the Mapam and Achdut Ha'avoda, the two Socialist groups which refuse to serve in a Cabinet headed by him.

The plan, as reported, foresees a Cabinet composed of representatives of Mapai, National Religious party and the Progressive party which is now about to merge with the General Zionists. It also calls for Mr. Ben-Gurion's return to the Premiership in six months or after the conclusion of the Eichmann trial which is scheduled to begin next month. It has been evolved to avoid holding national elections.

The chances for such a coalition appeared rather slim today. Among the stumbling blocks facing the new proposal are the facts that the General Zionists feel that they have a good chance to increase their strength in the elections and the unwillingness on the part of the Progressives and a large part of the National Religious party to forsake their former coalition partners, Mapam and Achdut Ha'avoda.

It is expected, meanwhile, that various bills calling for the dissolution of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and setting up new elections, will be tabled in the House tomorrow. - Actual debate and voting on the bills, however, depend on the outcome of efforts to establish a new coalition.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion did not preside at today's Cabinet meeting, continuing his partial vacation begun on December 25, which he interrupted briefly in mid-January to notify the Cabinet of his resignation. Despite his resignation, which automatically brought the downfall of the Government, Premier Ben-Gurion and his fellow Ministers are continuing as a caretaker Government until a new Government is formed.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed today that the first convention of the new Liberal party, to be composed of the General Zionists and the Progressives, would be held during - Passover. The merger of the two parties was approved Friday at a meeting of representatives of both parties including Joseph Saphir, Haim Levanon, C. Rimalt and E. Ichilov of the General Zionists, and Pinhas Rosen, Moshe Kol, Y. Haarari and other delegates representing the Progressives. An official announcement of the merger is expected later this week.

Details of the merger will be worked out during the next three weeks by various committees, on which both parties will have equal representation. Fully developed proposals will then be brought before the convention. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, cabled Progressive party leader Moshe Kol on Friday, congratulating him on the merger.

### CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS RENEWED IN MOROCCO; KING INVITES ARAB LEAGUE

PARIS, March 12. (JTA) -- A renewed campaign against Moroccan Jewry has been started during the weekend in the Moroccan press which carries a report that about 120 Jews have allegedly left Morocco since the recent death of King Mohammed V, it was reported here today from Casablanca.

Newspapers in Morocco unfriendly to Jews are blowing up this report saying that the emigrated Jews are now in Marseilles. Even one of the government newspapers joined in the anti-Jewish noise charging the Jews with "betraying their homeland."

The renewed anti-Jewish campaign coincided with the arrival in Morocco of Abdel Khalek Hassouna, secretary-general of the Arab League, who was received by King Hassan II, the new ruler. Reports reaching here from Morocco state that the young Moroccan King proposed to the Arab league leader that the next meeting of the Arab League be held in Morocco. The latter was understood to have accepted the proposal.

Meanwhile the League official declared in an interview with the Istiqlal party newspaper, Al Alam, that the recent Baghdad conference had shown that the Arabs were now able "to challenge Israel." He also said the League was considering organization of a conference of Arab leaders but gave no further details.

## ADENAUER FEARS EICHMANN TRIAL MAY INFLUENCE WORLD AGAINST GERMANY

BONN, March 12. (JTA) -- Fear that world reaction to the trial of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who directed the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe during the Second World War, "may be a judgment against Germany," was expressed here this weekend by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer at his first press conference in two years.

Dr. Adenauer said, however, that he was sure that "Eichmann will get what he deserves." He added that he has "full confidence in the Israeli Government and its judicial system." He was also confident that Israel "does not want to use this trial as a political stunt." Speaking slowly and gravely, the Chancellor reminded reporters that there were also thousands of Germans who suffered "terribly and bitterly" under the Nazi regime.

"There were many Germans who helped Jews whenever they could, and did it happily," Dr. Adenauer declared. He said many Germans "understandably tend to forget the past. But we cannot expect others to forget." The Chancellor said that Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, "in his relations with me, has demonstrated a magnanimous attitude towards Germany and Germans."

Asked what the West German Government could do to counteract any adverse effect on public opinion, the Chancellor said the Bonn Government would have one or several observers at the trial and would make decisions according to what was said during the proceedings.

Referring to his close adviser, Chancellor Adenauer said that State Secretary Hans Globke, along with many others, was directed by his political party to remain at his post when the Nazis came to power, in order to keep informed about Nazi plans and activities and to resist from within. These orders by the political parties of the day, Dr. Adenauer said, were based on the assumption that the Nazis were only temporary.

The Federal Supreme Court, meanwhile, has directed the Bavarian state authorities to undertake a large-scale search for wartime Nazi criminals believed to be still at large. State Attorney Bernhard Bader said in Munich today that a special 50-man group has been formed to trace the Nazis whose numbers are believed to run into the thousands. The special squad would investigate "all crimes against Jews in East Europe," it was announced.

## THREE ESTONIAN NAZIS SENTENCED TO DEATH; KILLED THOUSANDS OF JEWS

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- Three Estonians who served as Nazi police officials-- were sentenced to death yesterday by a Soviet court in Tallinn, Estonia, for the mass-murder of 125,000 victims, mostly Jews, during the Second World War, it was reported here.

Two of the condemned men, Ralf Gerrets, 55, and Jan Vijk, 44, were present at the trial and were ordered shot by a firing squad. The third, Ain Erwin Mere, 57, now lives in England and was tried in absentia. The sentences are not subject to appeal.

## Z.O.A. FOUR-DAY MEETING FORMULATES PLANS FOR EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Plans for extensive activities in the fields of Hebrew education and participation in communal affairs were adopted today at the conclusion of the four-day meeting of the national executive council of the Zionist Organization of America.

A resolution was adopted to convene a national conference for the promotion of the teaching of Hebrew, with the participation of outstanding educators and teachers in the country. Other resolutions called for the establishment of leadership training courses and the creation of a large speakers' corps to draw in the talents of the younger generation.

The ZOA leaders also adopted a resolution to establish a commission to deal with the development of a unified, representative organization to speak as the central authority for American Jewry; the widening of the scope of Jewish community councils to embrace all aspects of local Jewish community life; support of Jewish day schools as the most effective educational media for Jewish survival; and a more equitable distribution of the communal income for Jewish activities with a view towards securing fair allocation for Jewish education, schools and Hebrew culture.

Another resolution called for the promotion of one or two-year study or work programs for young adults in Israel and the stimulation and encouragement of interest in aliyah among young people. This resolution also hailed the promotion of ZOA tours to Israel.

Addressing the session last night, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, urged the American Zionist movement "to abandon, once and for all, apologetic and defensive attitudes and resume a vigorous counter-offensive against all enemies and traducers of whatever stripe within and without the Jewish fold."

Dr. Neumann stated that he has confidence in President Kennedy's determination to deal with "the explosive situation in the Middle East" vigorously and constructively. "But," he added, "it must be said that time presses and the tide of events moves on relentlessly. The issue of peace in the Middle East merits a position of high priority and calls for Presidential initiative at the earliest possible moment."

## U. N. BODY ASKS GOVERNMENTS TO ISSUE LAWS BANNING RELIGIOUS BIAS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 12. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the rescinding of discriminatory laws which perpetuate "racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance" and to adopt laws banning racial and religious discrimination, was unanimously adopted yesterday by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which is now in session here. An amendment by France to the preamble proposing a specific reference to "manifestations of anti-Semitism" was also approved. The amendment was supported by the United States delegate.

The operative part of the adopted resolution, which was proposed by India, would have the UN Economic and Social Council ask the General Assembly to:

"1. Invite the governments of all states, specialized agencies and non-governmental and private organizations to continue to make sustained efforts to educate public opinion with a view to the eradication of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance and the elimination of all undesirable influences promoting these, and to make appropriate measures so that education may be directed with due regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"2. Call upon the governments of all states to take all necessary steps to rescind discriminatory laws which have the effect of creating and perpetuating racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance wherever they still exist, to adopt legislation if necessary for prohibiting such discrimination, and to take such legislative or other appropriate measures to combat such prejudices and intolerances.

"3. Recommend to the governments of all states to discourage in every possible way the creation, propagation and dissemination, in whatever form, of such prejudices and intolerances.

"4. Invite the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to cooperate fully with governments of states in their efforts aimed at the prevention and eradication of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance."

Earlier in the day, the Commission adopted a resolution requesting all states to observe a Freedom-from-Prejudice-and-Discrimination Year and Day. The resolution, as adopted, combines the draft resolution sponsored by India, Afghanistan and Pakistan with amendments by the United States and the Soviet Union. The resolution asks that the UN Economic and Social Council recommend that the UN General Assembly:

"Request all states to observe a Freedom-from-Prejudice-and-Discrimination Year in the near future, and thereafter to observe a Freedom-from-Prejudice-and-Discrimination Day every year; urge all states and interested organizations to organize, promote and participate actively in this observance on a national basis through effective means such as posters, films, radio and television programs, and other available educational media; and request the Secretary-General to invite states, members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to make comments, if any, on the recommendations set forth in this resolution."

## MAJOR JEWISH GROUPS SUPPORT KENNEDY'S STAND ON AID TO SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations today sent a joint telegram to the members of the United States Senate Subcommittee on Education supporting the stand taken by President Kennedy that consideration of legislation for Federal aid to public primary and secondary schools should not be hampered by intrusion of the question of loans to parochial schools.

The organizations which signed the telegram backing President Kennedy are: Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbinical Assembly of America, Rabbinical Council of America, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States and the American Jewish Congress.

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, appearing this weekend on behalf of the American Jewish Congress before a Senate subcommittee conducting hearings on the Federal aid-to-education bill, said that the use of government funds for church-supported schools would violate the traditional American separation of church and state. He warned against the view that long-term, low interest loans to parochial schools did not constitute government aid.

## ALL-DAY CELEBRATION MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH EDUCATION IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 educators and laymen took part in an all-day celebration today by the Jewish Education Committee of New York, marking the 50th anniversary of organized communal Jewish education in New York City.

The expansion of Jewish education in the city, from its haphazard status at the turn of the century to the present day, was described in an address by Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, executive vice-president of the JEC, which serves as the supervising body for over 750 Jewish schools with a total enrollment of 150,000 pupils.

## \$2,000,000 IN GRANTS ANNOUNCED ON SAMUEL BRONFMAN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

MONTREAL, March 12. (JTA) -- Two gifts totaling \$2,000,000 were announced here last night to mark the 70th birthday of Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and chairman of the North American section of the World Jewish Congress. One gift of \$1,000,000 is a grant by Mr. Bronfman's children to establish a Samuel Bronfman Archaeological and Biblical Museum in Israel. The second is a gift of \$1,000,000 by the Samuel Bronfman Foundation for studies to advance business and industrial development in Canada.

A national tribute was tendered to Mr. Bronfman at a dinner here on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, made a special trip to Montreal for the occasion and lauded Mr. Bronfman's leadership in the WJC for world Jewry. Israel Ambassador to Canada, Yaacov Herzog, spoke on behalf of the Israel Government and made a presentation to Mr. Bronfman on behalf of his government. Another leading speaker was Prof. Rene Cassin of Paris, president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle.

More than 400 community leaders from many cities in Canada and from the United States attended the dinner at which a congratulatory cable was read from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and from Jean Lesage, Premier of Quebec. Editorials greeting Mr. Bronfman appeared in the leading Montreal newspapers, the Montreal Gazette and the Montreal Daily Star.

## \$1,155,000 RAISED AT DINNER INAUGURATING DRIVE FOR REFORM JUDAISM

MIAMI BEACH, March 12. (JTA) -- Contributions amounting to \$1,155,000 from Jewish religious leaders in all parts of the country were announced here last night at a National Inaugural Dinner of the Development Fund for American Judaism which served to open its 1961 campaign.

With more than 350 nationally prominent Reform rabbis and laymen in attendance, the Inaugural Dinner also marked the opening of the Development Fund's second year of campaign activity for the raising of \$15,000,000 with which to underwrite a far-flung physical expansion of America's oldest national institutions of Judaism: The Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Rabbi Dr. Edgar F. Magnin of Los Angeles keynoted the opening of the Fund's 1961 effort with a call to American Jews to "strengthen the House of American Israel as a — fundamental way of safeguarding the vitality of all Israel, and of free institutions everywhere." Irving S. Schneider of New York, executive vice-chairman of the Development Fund, reported that the \$1,155,000 announced at the Inaugural Dinner brought to nearly \$5,600,000 the total of cash and pledges that has been contributed to the Fund since its launching 16 months ago in November, 1959.

## WURZWEILER LIBRARY AT BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY GETS \$50,000 GIFT

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- An additional grant of \$50,000 for the Wurzweiler library at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat-Gan was announced today by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, president of the Board of Governors of the University. The grant was in addition to the previous \$250,000 grant for the library by the Wurzweiler Foundation.

It was also announced at a meeting of the Board of Trustees for Bar-Ilan, that the university has decided to convert a portion of the newly built Detroit Dormitories into temporary study halls due to the pressure of 200 students seeking admission to the university.

Phillip Stollman, a Detroit Jewish leader and president of the Board of Trustees, stated that he was glad that the Detroit Dormitories could be utilized as temporary study halls by the university, until new buildings are ready. He said that as a builder himself, he was amazed at the speed of the building program at Bar-Ilan.

## 1,500 TORAHS COLLECTED FOR ISRAEL IN VARIOUS LANDS; NEED CONTINUES

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Israel Ministry of Religious Affairs reported here that a total of 1,500 Torah scrolls had been collected from other countries for use in Israel synagogues. Many of them came from communities ravaged by the Nazis in Europe.

There are still about 400 smaller synagogues in Israel which continue to lack a Torah scroll, he said. The information was disclosed at a ceremony held at the Israel Goldstein synagogue of the Hebrew University, where a Torah scroll brought to Israel by a group of tourists from Conservative congregations in the United States was turned over to synagogue officials.

## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY DEDICATES PETEGORSKY CHAIR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University tonight dedicated a David W. Petegorsky Chair in Political Science. The Chair is named in memory of the late executive director of the American Jewish Congress who died in 1956 at the age of 41.