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### BEN-GURION READY TO FORM CABINET; FACES HARD INTERPARTY BARGAINING

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion has expressed his readiness to try to form another Cabinet, if he is entrusted with the task, it was announced here today by Josef Almogi, secretary-general of the Mapai Party.

He made that announcement at a news conference here after returning from Sdeh Boker, Mr. Ben-Gurion's home in the South, where the Premier and his party's principal executive officer discussed the results of Tuesday's Knesset elections. The main task confronting the Mapai leaders now is where to look for partners for the next coalition Government. Feelers to other party leaders are expected to be put out in the next few days.

Mr. Almogi made it clear that there are only two alternatives facing Mapai's efforts to form a new Government. Since it is assumed that, in any event, the National Religious Party would join the new coalition, the question is only whether the other partners are to be left-wing Mapam and Achdut Avodah, or the Liberal Party. But a Mapai coalition with all these three parties does not seem feasible, because it is assumed Mr. Ben-Gurion may find it impossible to reconcile the varying demands for Cabinet posts.

Mapai will, in the first instance, sound all parties except the right-wing Herut and the Communists. Negotiations are bound to be protracted, with hard bargaining by both leftist parties and by the Liberals. The Liberals have indicated they will join a coalition -- but only if they enter the Government as full partners and are given key portfolios. Mapam quarters insist that Mapai, which is in a minority in the Knesset, cannot demand for itself a majority of the Cabinet posts.

The Mapai secretariat will hold its first meeting, to discuss the situation, next Sunday, when Mr. Ben-Gurion will outline his ideas about the plans for formation and composition of the next Government. Mr. Ben-Gurion will also address a mass-meeting of Mapai election workers at Mapai headquarters here.

Pinhas Lavon, ousted Histadrut secretary-general whose dispute with Mr. Ben-Gurion over responsibility for a 1954 "security mishap" caused the political difficulties which led to the new elections, declared here today that the election results amounted to "a severe setback" for Mapai. He said the fact that 50,000 former Mapai voters had shifted to other parties, while several thousand voters left their ballots blank, should force the Mapai leadership to "stop practicing punishment."

### Israel's Political Parties Evaluate Results of the Elections

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Reaction of the various political parties to the results of yesterday's national elections are reflected in editorials today, carried by the official organs of these parties.

Davar, organ of Histadrut, which is dominated by the Mapai, emphasized that, despite the election setback, Mapai is still far ahead of all other parties. At the same time the Davar editorial stressed that it would be a mistake if Mapai were not to learn a full lesson from the results -- that the public is sensitive to what happens in a large and responsible party. "A spirit of unity and conciliation must now pervade in the leading labor party," the paper declared.

Haboker, the organ of the General Zionist faction of the Liberal Party, said the revolutionary change in the balance of forces, which many Israelis expected, did not occur. While noting that the Liberals gained in strength, the paper said there will still be the need for a determined effort to achieve consolidation and expansion so that the Liberals may be able to present itself as Mapai's main rival.

Hatzofeh, organ of the National Religious Party, said that the results proved once more that the nation prefers a coalition. Al Hamishmar, organ of the Mapam Party, said: that Mapai had "paid the price though not the full price, for its attacks on democracy." Lamerchav, organ of the Achdut Avodah, complimented the voters for their "political maturity."

## TUNISIAN GOV'T. SEVERES POSTAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL; EMULATES MOROCCO

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- The Government of Tunisia has announced that it is severing postal communication with Israel, it was learned here today. The announcement took the Ministry of Post here by surprise. Ministry officials are now inquiring into the full implications of the Tunisian action.

While Israel and Tunisia have never had diplomatic relations, both countries have enjoyed uninterrupted postal connections since Tunisia acquired its independence from French rule in 1957. Recently, however, Tunisia joined the Arab Postal Union, and this latest step is believed to be another step in Tunisia's effort to gain greater goodwill from the Nasser regime in the United Arab Republic.

In cutting its postal relations with Israel, Tunisia has emulated Morocco which severed postal and telegraphic communications with the Jewish state a long time ago depriving Jewish families in Morocco of the possibility to maintain any contact with their relatives in Israel.

## ISRAEL PLANS TO INSTITUTE COMPULSORY SAVINGS TO INTEGRATE IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- The first of several fiscal measures aimed at the mobilization of 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$56,000,000 to \$84,000,000) to meet the needs of the integration programs for new immigrants is being contemplated for early implementation here by the Government Treasury. The initial step in that program would be the launching of the compulsory savings plan from which, it is estimated, 45,000,000 pounds (\$25,200,000) would be raised, it was reported here today.

The last Knesset empowered the Treasury to float such a compulsory loan. However, the Parliament's finance committee is to give the Treasury the power regarding details of the program. It is planned to exempt families earning less than 250 pounds - (\$140) a month, while those earning above that amount would be forced to save 6 percent to 12 percent of their income.

The loan bonds would be linked to the country's cost-of-living index. The bonds would be redeemable within 10 years, and would bear interest of 4 percent. It is expected here that the compulsory loan plan may be put into effect before the next Government is formed.

## JEWISH AGENCY SEEKS EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR RESTITUTION TO REFUGEES

GENEVA, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- A proposal for the extension of the eligibility deadline for prospective Jewish beneficiaries from funds to be allocated by the West German Government as restitution to refugees, who had suffered losses due to their nationality, was made here today by the Geneva representative of the Jewish Agency, Moshe Benevishti.

Mr. Benevishti made the proposal at a seminar conducted here by the European Headquarters of the United Nations. The purpose of the conference was to discuss implementation of a recent agreement between the office of the U. N. High Commissioner for Refugees, and the West German Government for payment of reparations to such refugees as had lost property under the Nazi regime, due to their nationality.

The U. N. -German pact on this subject, as it stands now, provides that prospective beneficiaries would be only persecutees who were refugees by October 1, 1953. Mr. Benevishti proposed that the deadline be extended at least until 1961. He pointed out that the 1953 deadline excludes refugees who could not register their status until after 1953, due to their detention in countries dominated by the Communists.

The Jewish Agency proposal was supported at the seminar by Dame May Curwen, representative of the British Council for Aid to Refugees, as well as by the delegate representing the office of the U. N. High Commissioner for Refugees. The British delegate told the seminar her organization had already adopted a resolution endorsing views similar to those expressed by Mr. Benevishti.

## AUSTRIAN POLICE ARREST EX-NAZI OFFICER ON CHARGES OF MURDERING JEWS

VIENNA, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Police at Graz today arrested a former Nazi SS officer, Stephan Rojko, on charges of having murdered "a number" of Jews in the Theresienstadt concentration camp during 1944 and 1945.

Czechoslovakian authorities recently requested the Federal government here that Rojko be extradited to Czechoslovakia.

## KENNEDY LAUDS J.W.B. FOR ADJUSTING SERVICES TO EXPANDED ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- President Kennedy today commended the National Jewish Welfare Board's remobilization of resources and manpower, calling the JWB's new program "particularly important in the light of the current need for expanded Armed Forces."

The President's message was addressed to Solomon Litt, president of JWB, who had written to Mr. Kennedy, informing the Chief Executive of the organization's remobilization. "It is heartening," Mr. Kennedy wrote, "to have the assurance that young people in uniform will be linked to home and religion through the essential activities and programs of such agencies as the National Jewish Welfare Board."

In outlining the JWB's remobilization program, Mr. Litt reported to the President that the organization's Armed Services Division is alerting its 260 local committees and thousands of volunteers to be ready to provide whatever additional morale and welfare services may be needed. "We are also," he added, "calling upon our more than 300 affiliated Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHAs to be ready to lend their know-how and facilities for any expanded morale and recreational services to the military that may become necessary." Another JWB step is to assure adequate chaplaincy for Jewish servicemen in the expanded armed forces.

## SAN FRANCISCO BODY FORMED TO FIGHT HOUSING BIAS AGAINST JEWS, NEGROES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- A citizens' committee was formed here to press for an ordinance to outlaw discrimination in housing. Benjamin H. Swig, the well-known Jewish leader, is co-chairman of the committee. According to members of the committee, bias in housing exists in this city, directed against Negroes and against Jews. The ordinance would affect only this city.

In a number of community apartments in this city, the committee charges, there is a "gentleman's agreement" to bar the sale or rental of dwellings to Jews. A committee leader said "there are other evidences of anti-Semitic policies in this field."

The American Jewish Congress, the American Civil Liberties Union and other civic and civil-rights organizations in the State will appear before the California State Supreme Court tomorrow, to urge reversal of a county ruling holding that real estate agents are not subject to the State's civil-rights law.

At issue is a ruling in Orange County, where the county court had exempted a real estate agent from the provisions of the law which, among other things, forbids racial or religious discriminations "in all business establishments of every kind whatsoever." The lower court has ruled the law does not apply to a real estate broker who has refused to sell a house to a man of Mexican ancestry.

## JEWS IN MICHIGAN CAN CAST ABSENTEE BALLOTS ON ROSH HASHANAH

DETROIT, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Jewish voters in this city, as well as throughout Michigan, will be able to cast their votes by absentee ballots, when municipal elections and Detroit primary elections take place, next September 12, which is the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Jewish leaders announced here today.

Dr. Samuel Krohn, vice-president of the Jewish Community Council and chairman of the Internal Relations Committee, today reminded all local rabbis and Jewish organizational leaders of a new state law permitting the casting of absentee ballots by voters who wish to stay away from the polls in person on a religious holiday.

The State election code was amended in Michigan several years ago to permit the use of absentee ballots for reasons of religious holiday observance. John A. Smith, acting director of the city Election Committee, said today that he has prepared 30,000 absentee ballots. He expects the majority of these to be used by Jewish voters, he said.

The local deadline for filing requests for absentee ballots in the Sept. 12 balloting is Sept. 3. The Detroit primaries will decide the candidates for various local offices, including Mayor, nine members of the Common Council, city clerk and city treasurer.

## Absentee Voting on Religious Holidays Permitted in Illinois

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Gov. Otto Kerner, Jr., today signed at the capital at Springfield a new bill, passed by the State Legislature, permitting voters to cast absentee ballots in elections falling on religious holidays observed by those voters.

Until now, Illinois voters could cast absentee ballots only if they planned to be absent from the city on an election day or were too ill to come in person to the polling place.

## ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION FINANCES STUDY ON ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- The Columbia University today announced that a Middle East expert at the university will begin a study this month of practical means to settle and rehabilitate the Palestine Arab refugees. The study will be financed by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to the University. It will be conducted by Dr. Don Peretz, a lecturer on the Middle East and author of a book on Israel and the Palestine Arabs.

The aim of the study is to make detailed proposals for returning and settling some of the Arabs in Israel, settling the rest of them in neighboring countries, and compensating all Arabs who lost property. The study will stress practical solutions to the refugee problem instead of becoming involved in the numerous broad, general programs which have been proposed, the announcement said.

The American Friends of the Middle East have awarded Dr. Peretz a \$2,500 grant to cover travel costs; "After spending about four months in the Palestine area, Dr. Peretz will return to the United States to complete his study by September 1962. When the study is completed, it will contain detailed information on the current conditions under which Israeli Arabs live, the attitudes of Arab refugees in countries bordering Israel, and the possible settlement areas available in Israel and the Arab countries. It will then propose specific rehabilitation projects within a framework of larger regional development schemes. The study will contain suggestions for raising funds and compensating Arabs for property losses," the university announcement said.

## CHICAGO JEWISH SCIENTIST SUCCEEDS IN ISOLATING HAY FEVER AGENT

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Dr. Robert Goldfarb, a Jewish scientist at the Chicago Medical School has succeeded in isolating a protein from ragweed pollen which tests indicate is the agent that causes the allergic reaction in hay-fever sufferers. He outlined his discovery in a paper presented yesterday to the fifth International Congress on Biochemistry currently meeting in Moscow.

Dr. Goldfarb's work, which climaxed ten years of tests of substances from ragweed pollen, could give medical science the means to build up more thorough and lasting protection in susceptible persons.

## ISRAELI ACTORS LEAVE FOR POLAND TO STAGE READINGS; INVITED BY GOV'T

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Three Israeli actors left here for Poland today to stage readings of works by Sholom Aleichem, by invitation of the Polish Government's Ministry of Culture. They are Shmuel Rodenski, Shmuel Segal and Eliyahu Goldberg.

The well-known actors are the first Israeli artists to visit Poland since the establishment of Israel. They will hold their debut performance at the Ida Kaminska Theatre auditorium, in Warsaw, August 20, and are scheduled to do their readings also at Lodz, Krakow and other Polish centers.

## JACQUES LIPCHITZ BEQUEATHS HIS ENTIRE SCULPTURE WORK TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- Jacques Lipchitz, one of the world's foremost sculptors, has bequeathed 300 of the original creations in clay by the artist's own hands, which represents his entire life's work, to the Jerusalem Museum of Art, currently under construction, it was announced here today by Billy Rose, chairman of the museum's art committee.

The Lipchitz gift was accepted by Mr. Samuel Rubin, president of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation. "This is one of the outstanding art contributions of our times," said Mr. Rubin. "It will do much to make Jerusalem the cultural capital of the Middle East. Mr. Lipchitz's works will be housed in a special pavilion in the Jerusalem museum that will be for him what the Rodin Museum in Paris is for the celebrated French artist. Its doors will welcome people from Israel's neighboring countries in a spirit of good will."

Mr. Rose announced that the Lipchitz Pavilion, budgeted at \$450,000, will be completed by 1963. "The new facilities of the Jerusalem Museum of Art," he said, "will cost approximately \$5,000,000, of which \$2,500,000 is presently available. The irrevocable codicil of Mr. Lipchitz's will, which spells out his gift, was read by Mr. Rose last night to the guests who attended a small party at the artist's house on the eve of his seventieth birthday.