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ISRAEL CABINET FORMED; WILL BE PRESENTED TODAY TO KNESSET FOR VOTE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1: (JTA) -- The formation of the new Israel Cabinet was announced here today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol who for more than 10 weeks conducted the negotiations with the various political parties for the establishment of a coalition government.

The 16-member Cabinet will be presented by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to the Israel Parliament tomorrow morning for a vote of confidence. Leaders of the four parties that are partners in the new Cabinet are meeting today for formal ratification of the list of Ministers. The four parties are Mapai, National Religious Party, Achdut Avodah and the Agudah Laborite Party.

Eleven members of the new Cabinet will represent the Mapai Party in the coalition. They are Mr. Ben-Gurion, as Premier; Mrs. Golda Meir, as Foreign Minister; Moshe Dayan, now Minister of Agriculture; Finance Minister Eshkol; Minister of Labor Giora Josephthal; Minister of Education Abba Eban; Minister of Commerce and Industry Pinhas Sapir; Yosef Almogi, secretary-general of the Mapai Party; Dov Joseph, former treasurer of the Jewish Agency; Minister of Police Bechor Shitreet; and one other representative of the Sephardi community, in addition to Mr. Shitreet.

The National Religious Party's Ministers will be Zorach Warhaftig; Yosef Burg, now Minister of Social Welfare; and Moshe Shapira, now Minister of the Interior. Achdut Avodah will be represented in the Cabinet by Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, now Minister of Transport and Communications; plus either Israel Bar-Yehuda or Yigal Alon, well-known former high Army officer. The Agudah Laborite Party will have a Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education, and that post will go to Kalman Kahana.

The door has been left open for Mapam, which was in the outgoing Cabinet, to rejoin the coalition if it wants to do so. Achdut Avodah has succeeded in inserting a clause into the agreement for the formation of the new Cabinet, providing that Mapam is to get back its old portfolios if it rejoins the Government, while the Ministers holding those posts will be considered as having the portfolios on a temporary basis. Mapam had two portfolios in the old Cabinet—Minister of Health Israel Barzilai and Minister of Development Mordechai Bentov.

The National Religious Party obtained agreement that a religious education clause would be adopted. This party had demanded a Sabbath law, which it did not get. Achdut Avodah was given permission, in the coalition government, to abstain on such a law. "Under the present circumstances," Mr. Eshkol said in announcing the agreement, "it is the best Government we could form. I am happy that I saved Mr. Ben-Gurion the immeasurable trouble and annoyance of the tiring negotiations."

LEBANON PREPARES TO EXPEL JEWS; OTHER 'SPECIAL MEASURES' CONTEMPLATED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1: (JTA) -- Preparation for the expulsion of Jews and "other foreigners" from Lebanon are now being made by the Lebanese Government, according to a report from Beirut carried today by the Arab News Agency. Other "special measures" are also being contemplated, the report said attributing the information to "official sources." The steps will be taken in order "to prevent subversive action against the State," the report stated.

Lebanon reportedly has as many as 10,000 Jews, according to some experts, while other Jewish sources maintain that the population there has dwindled to between 7,000 and 8,000 Jews. Through the years since the re-birth of modern Israel in 1948, there have been various official actions against Lebanese Jews, accused of being members of pro-Israel "spy rings" or of violating the anti-Israel economic boycott. Most of the Jews in Lebanon live in the capital of Beirut, and there has also been a smaller but active, Jewish community in Saida.

ISRAEL SHARPLY CRITICIZES SOVIET GOVERNMENT AT U.N. FOR NUCLEAR TESTS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 1: (JTA) -- Israel today lined up with many other delegations here in demanding that the testing of nuclear devices be discontinued and, at the same time, delivered a sharp rebuke to the Soviet Union for endangering the world by breaking the nuclear testing stalemate that existed until the ban was broken by Moscow's rulers.

Israel's position was delivered in an address before the General Assembly's Political and Security Committee by its representative in that committee, Gideon Rafael. A member

of this year's Assembly delegation with the rank of Ambassador, Mr. Rafael is assistant director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Mr. Rafael told the committee that Israel would vote for several pending resolutions and amendments which call for cessation of nuclear testing and envisage international agreement on nuclear test bans "under appropriate international control."

The world, said Mr. Rafael, "has been pushed further down the perilous path toward the nuclear abyss by the latest Soviet test. In taking this fateful decision, in spite of enlightened public opinion everywhere, and in the face of appeals made to the Soviet Union by fairminded people all over the world, and in spite of the appeal launched by our organization supported by an overwhelming majority of member states representing the largest variety of opinion and alignment, the Soviet Union has acted--and by this deplorable action has taken upon itself a grave and perilous responsibility. For it is obvious that these Soviet tests may well release a new chain reaction of nuclear tests and an arms race for the perfection of even more monstrous weapons."

In his address, Mr. Rafael recalled statements made here previously by ranking Israeli spokesmen, including Foreign Minister Golda Meir, calling for an end to the nuclear arms race; Israel, he noted, has always insisted on an end to nuclear testing, with guarantees that such a ban "will be a lasting one, not to be abandoned at will."

The world, he said, is "lost in a dead-end street" regarding testing. "Aligned or unaligned," he said, "all are aligned under a deadly fallout." He quoted from statements by Soviet scientists showing that even Russia's scientists are of the opinion that fallout from nuclear testing endangers the entire world, including Russia's own peoples.

NEW CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO; MANY JEWS AFFECTED

LONDON, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has carried through its anticipated sequestration of the property of another 255 wealthy individuals; it was reported here today from Cairo. There are numerous Jewish names on the published list.

A British Embassy official said a preliminary study of the list showed about a dozen British subjects among those affected. The action brought to 422 the number of persons whose property has been confiscated in the past ten days.

EICHMANN VERDICT TO BE ISSUED NEXT MONTH; READING TO TAKE SIX DAYS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Israel's three-man court which tried former Gestapo Colonel Adolf Eichmann for crimes against the Jewish people and crimes against humanity, by heading up the Nazi regime's "final solution" of the Jewish problem at the cost of 6,000,000 European Jewish lives, is expected to hand down its verdict about December 15, it was learned here today.

The four-month long trial of Eichmann ended last August 14. The judges were reported today to be completing their deliberations. It is expected that the court's verdict will be handed down in a document running to about 500 pages.

Correspondents from news services, newspapers, radio and television are expected to flock here again from most parts of the world to cover the culmination of the Eichmann process. The verdict will be read in Hebrew and will be translated, simultaneously, into French and German. The reading of the verdict is expected to take six days.

Stenographers and translators working for the court in the preparation of the final verdict are being held incommunicado, and all precautions have been taken against revelation of the verdict prior to its delivery in court.

ARAB INJECTS ANTI-ISRAEL PROPAGANDA AT U.N. DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Another bitter exchange between Israel and one of the Arab delegations took place here today, when Ambassador Arie Eshel, Israel's deputy permanent representative and his country's representative in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, clashed with Lebanon's Ambassador to Washington, Nadin Dimechkie.

The committee is currently discussing the South African Apartheid issue, but this is the same group before which, later this month or early in December, the Arab refugee debate is scheduled to develop.

Speaking in condemnation of South Africa's discriminatory practices, Mr. Dimechkie told the committee that Israel, too, practices discriminations, allegedly directing its policies against the Israeli Arabs "in subtle and disguised" fashion.

Replying to Mr. Dimechkie, Ambassador Eshel told the committee that the Lebanese attack is "an additional illustration of the obsession of certain delegates in relation to Israel." The Lebanese attack, Mr. Eshel continued, "belongs to the category of falsehood and distortion," and is "one of the methods of the Arab League countries in their warfare against Israel."

GERMAN PARTY INSISTS ON REHABILITATION FOR FORMER GESTAPO MEMBERS

BONN, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Informed political sources here asserted today that rehabilitation of former members of the SS, Hitler's elite guard, was one of the demands of the Free Democratic party in the current coalition talks with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union.

The demands, it was reported, include an amendment to a pension law and a bill for general amnesty of Nazi crimes "with the exception of those perpetrated for personal, deliberate and individual criminal motives." A draft for such a bill, offered by Free Democratic deputy Ernst Achenbach, has been circulated among Bundestag deputies for the past two years.

Otto Eisenmann, another Free Democratic deputy, told a meeting of the HLA.G, the SS aid organization, in Rendsburg Sunday that it was "about time" that former members of the regular SS were fully rehabilitated.

GERMAN COURT DECISION MAY SET NEW PRECEDENT FOR PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

FRANKFURT, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- The recent action of the Frankfurt Court of Appeals in rejecting a prosecution complaint against the release of a former Nazi police officer may have serious consequences for many other cases pending against former Nazi criminals, Dr. Fritz Bauer, Hessian Attorney General told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today.

The appeals court confirmed the release of Erich Bunke, a 54-year-old customs inspector, who was detained on charges of shooting 22 Danish resistance fighters. The appeals court found that Bunke had acted on the basis of a Hitler order at the end of 1943 to kill captured resistance fighters "in secret."

The court ruled that at that time the shooting of partisans was not considered a violation of international law and that therefore Hitler's order, and its execution, could be considered only an act of homicide. The court further ruled that the statute of limitations was effective in homicide cases, rejecting the prosecution's formal interruption of the 15-year limitations period in April of last year.

Dr. Bauer said the decision "may become a precedent in numerous other cases pending which last year we took the precaution of registering before the statute of limitations on homicide charges went into effect."

GERMAN PHYSICIAN CHARGED WITH AIDING IN KILLING OF NAZI VICTIMS

KIEL, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Proceedings that may lead to a trial were ordered by the Circuit Court here today against Dr. Bruno Bourweig, a physician now employed by the West German Defense Ministry, on charges that, during World War II, he aided Dr. Werner Heyde, the noted "euthanasia doctor." The latter is scheduled to go on trial at Limburg next February on charges of conducting a program of "mercy killings" for the Nazi regime.

Dr. Bourweig is now employed by the Defense Ministry at the Military Hospital Institute at Freiburg. Previously, he was psychiatric adviser to the Social Court at Flensburg. He has also been employed as army personnel chief in the state of Schleswig-Holstein.

KING OF DENMARK HONORED FOR RESCUING DANISH JEWS FROM NAZI HANDS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Special services last night atop Mount Zion marked the anniversary of October 1943--honoring the King of Denmark and the Danish people for their rescue of the Jews of Denmark, when the latter were threatened by the Nazis with deportation to death camps.

Under the leadership of their King, the people of Denmark undertook a vast rescue operation in October 1943, after Danish authorities learned that the German army was planning to start deporting Jews. By night, Danes mobilized fleets of ships and boats, and ferried the Jews to neutral Sweden. Nearly the entire Jewish population of Denmark was saved through this dramatic operation.

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONVENTION SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO COMBAT BIGOTRY

BOSTON, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- The 36th national convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America closed here today with the adoption of a resolution urging the members to support legislation to combat bigotry and back amendments to the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act to eliminate discriminatory provisions. The more than 500 delegates also reaffirmed the primacy in fund-raising efforts of the United Jewish Appeal and pledged the organization's continuing support of the Israel bond campaign.

Other resolutions called for the intensification of the study of the Bible and the organization of Hebrew language courses on a national basis. The delegates also called for efforts to provide summer camp experience in Israel for the children of the organization's membership. Mrs. Moses Dyckman, of New York, was unanimously re-elected president of the organization. Mrs. Bessie Gotsfeld, of Tel Aviv, was formally re-designated honorary national president.

U. S. SUPREME COURT DENIES APPEAL AGAINST MIXED SEATING IN SYNAGOGUE

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- The battle over mixed seating in Chevra Thilim Congregation, which attracted nationwide Jewish attention over a four-year period, was ended finally today when the United States Supreme Court denied an appeal by a group of congregants opposing such seating.

The long legal struggle began in 1957 when a majority of the congregants approved a family seating plan and a minority group took the case to court. A lengthy trial followed before the late Civil District Court Judge Frank J. Stitch, in which leading American rabbinical authorities on Jewish religious law, appeared.

Judge Stitch issued an injunction barring the mixed seating plan and the Court of Appeals for the Parish for New Orleans affirmed his decision. In another action, the Louisiana State Supreme Court set aside the injunction and on last Rosh Hashanah, families sat together at services for the first time.

Opponents then filed an appeal with the U. S. Supreme Court alleging that they had been denied their rights without due process of law and that family seating violated Jewish religious law. The Supreme court refused yesterday to review the case, thereby letting the Louisiana State Supreme Court decision stand.

JEWS IN ECUADOR FLY CHILDREN TO JEWISH SCHOOL 300 MILES AWAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- The 1,200-member Jewish community of Ecuador has devised plans to fly children from one town that has no Jewish educational facilities to another which does, for three months of intensive Jewish education, a leader of the community revealed here today.

Herbert Gedalius, president of the Association de Beneficia Israelite, said Ecuador Jews live in Quito, which has Jewish educational facilities, and in Guayaquil, which does not. The two cities are 300 miles apart. He said the plan is to fly the 12 Jewish children in Guayaquil to Quito for the three summer months. He added that a number of Jewish families in Quito had indicated they would accommodate the children during their stay.

Mr. Gedalius came to the United States to confer with officials of the World Jewish Congress, of which the Beneficia is an affiliate. Current arrangements, he said, have provided for the teacher, who came to Ecuador from Israel, to travel from Quito to Guayaquil for two or three days each month.

'DUBNOW YEAR' CONCLUDED IN ENGLAND; MARKED CENTENARY OF HISTORIAN

LONDON, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Celebration of Simon Dubnow Year, observing the centenary of the late, great Jewish historian, was concluded here last night at a meeting conducted in Yiddish, when Dubnow's contributions to Jewish learning and history were acclaimed by prominent British Jews. The meeting had been organized by the World Jewish Congress and the Association of Jewish Journalists.

Dr. A. Steinberg, head of the cultural department of the WJC, presided. He told the audience that the Simon Dubnow Year had achieved "more than expected," resulting in the publication of books and pamphlets and the holding of exhibits in many countries, including Israel, devoted to honoring the historian.

Rabbi J. Litwin spoke of Dubnow as a historian, pointing out that his 10 volumes of universal Jewish history were translated into many languages. A tragic note was struck by one of the speakers, A. M. Kaizer, who told of meeting Dubnow, at Riga, in 1939. At the age of 80, Dubnow was murdered by the Nazis.

OGDEN REID, EX-AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL, TO HEAD N. Y. STATE ANTI-BIAS BODY

ALBANY, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Ogden R. Reid, former United States Ambassador to Israel and former editor of the New York Herald Tribune, was appointed by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller yesterday to the post of chairman of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination.

CORNERSTONE FOR \$2,500,000 HOME FOR JEWISH AGED LAID IN NEW JERSEY

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Cornerstone setting ceremonies for the Daughters of Israel Pleasant Valley Home, a new \$2,500,000, 160-bed home for the aged and chronically ill, were held at the home's new site in West Orange, New Jersey. The funds for the Home are being raised by the Jewish Community Foundation. The new home will replace the present Newark facility. It will continue to serve the Jewish Community of that city and its environs.

BEN SEGAL, SON OF LABOR ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 46

NEW YORK, Nov. 1; (JTA) -- Ben Segal, eldest son of Louis Segal, general-secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order and member of the Jewish Agency Executive, died here today at the age of 46. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, he was active in Jewish and Israel affairs and was instrumental in establishing a number of the younger branches of Farband. He spent several years in Palestine.