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## ESHKOL CHOSEN TO FORM NEW CABINET; ACCEPTED BY ALL FOR PREMIERSHIP

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- President Shazar entrusted Finance Minister Levi Eshkol tonight with the task of forming a new Government required by the surprise resignation of David Ben-Gurion as Prime Minister and Defense Minister. Mr. Ben-Gurion also resigned last Sunday as a member of Parliament but reversed that decision under pressure of his Mapai colleagues.

The President acted after completing consultations with leaders of Israel's political parties, all of whom took the position that Mapai, as the nation's biggest party, should have the Premiership. After receiving his mandate to form a new Government, Mr. Eshkol told the President that he hoped to complete that task by Friday.

Mapai formally named Mr. Eshkol for Premiership when a deputation called on the President last night in the first round of Presidential consultations on formation of a new government. The deputation told the President that it regarded the makeup of the existing coalition Government as most suitable. At an earlier Mapai executive session yesterday, Mr. Ben-Gurion again indicated that his decision to resign as Prime Minister and Defense Minister was final.

A Herut deputation told the President that the rightwing party wanted to remain in the opposition and did not desire new elections. The deputation said that the party would weigh its future stands on the projected new Government's position on the issue of West German scientists working on advanced weapons system for Egypt.

The Liberals told the President that they did not wish to join the next Government. The National Religious Bloc said the situation presented an opportunity to widen the coalition and to invite other parties to share the responsibility of government.

## May Hold Defense Portfolio for Several Months

There was a general belief that Mr. Eshkol would hold his Finance post and add the Defense portfolio for two or three months as the only way to sidestep difficulties blocking quick formation of a new Government. Such arrangements would be based on an understanding that the disposition of the two portfolios would be considered at a later date.

The problems arose from the fact that Mr. Eshkol wanted to retain the Finance Ministry which would mean that he could not succeed Ben-Gurion as Defense Minister. The availability of the latter Ministry would cause a crisis, observers felt, because both Shimon Peres, the Deputy Defense Minister, and Moshe Dayan, Agriculture Minister--both are members of the Mapai party--would probably seek that Ministry. Both would be opposed by Achdut Avodah and some factions within the Mapai party.

Mr. Peres has not, so far, indicated he would continue as Deputy Defense Minister, but it was assumed he would do so if the portfolio was retained by Mr. Eshkol as the new Prime Minister. Another unexpected problem arose when Mr. Dayan informed the Mapai secretariat he did not wish to serve in the next Cabinet as Agriculture Minister. Mr. Eshkol indicated he would seek to persuade Dayan to change his mind but the former Chief of Staff said his decision was final and that he wanted to devote the next two years to study and to writing a book.

## Regulations on Long-Delayed Elections of Rabbinate Approved

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- The House Committee of Israel's Parliament approved today new regulations for the long-delayed elections for a new Chief Rabbinate Council of which two members will serve as Israel's Chief Rabbis, one Ashkenazic and one Sephardi.

The regulations, which were promulgated by Religious Affairs Minister Zorach Warhaftig, after an interparty agreement between Mapai and the National Religious Bloc, provide for a nine-man elections committee. Four members will be named by the Government on recommendation of the Religious Affairs Minister and four by the present Rabbinate Council. The eight will jointly select an outsider to serve as chairman.

Candidates for the Chief Rabbi posts must have served at least ten years, the new regulations provide. Israel presently has only a Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Yitzhak Nissim. The post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi has remained unfilled since the death several years ago of Dr. Isaac Herzog.

## SECRETARY OF STATE CHARGED WITH 'PLAYING COOL' TOWARD ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- Severe criticism of the State Department for its policy on Arab-Israel issues was voiced here today by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, at a United Jewish Appeal dinner at which he was the guest of honor.

"Today in the presence of clear threat, we find that the State Department of our great nation continues to play it cool insofar as Israel is concerned," Rep. Farbstein said. He lauded the statements of President Kennedy at his recent press conference supporting the security of Israel and her neighbors.

He deplored the misapplication of massive aid to Egypt under our Food for Peace Program and recommended the adoption of the following to granting aid: 1. That granting of aid be preceded by agreement to preserve the peace; 2. That those countries receiving our aid who are not being threatened by external forces, forego building aggressive arsenals using our aid as a means.

He also stated that he would seek to amend the foreign aid bill by declaring it as the sense of Congress that in the administration of foreign aid, great consideration should be given to those countries who share the views of the U.S. in the world crisis and which do not as a result of United States assistance divert their own economic resources to military and propaganda efforts, directed against other countries receiving aid.

## ISRAEL DELEGATION AT GENEVA PARLEY BACKS PROTEST AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

GENEVA, June 19. (JTA) -- The Israel delegate to the current meeting of the International Labor Organization said today his delegation fully endorsed the stand of the African delegations which decided to abstain from further participation in protest against the presence of the Republic of South Africa.

The delegates from the African countries, carrying their fight against South Africa's apartheid policy into the United Nations specialized agency, charged that the South African delegates had been "imposed" on members of the ILO. They also charged that the action was in violation of a 1951 resolution condemning the apartheid policy and asking the Republic of South Africa to withdraw from the ILO.

The Israeli delegation made its position clear when, on a point of order in the debate, Oded Messer, and Israeli delegate, told the meeting that "the Government and the people of Israel cannot remain indifferent to any issue of racial discrimination. Our people have suffered more than any other people from such discrimination, accompanied often by the indifference of governments and international organizations."

He added that "in asking the whole conference to take immediate action" on the issue of South Africa's continued participation, "and without going at this stage into the legal and formal aspects of the matter, the Israel delegation expresses its most complete solidarity with the states of Africa whose statement we have just heard."

## AMERICAN AND ISRAELI INTELLECTUALS DISCUSS CULTURAL ASSIMILATION

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- A discussion on the question of Jewish identity in terms of "Belonging versus Exile" continued here today following addresses on the same subject last night at the second "dialogue" between American Jewish and Israeli intellectuals arranged by the American Jewish Congress in cooperation with the Israel Government.

While some of the American participants said they consider themselves American intellectuals rather than Jewish, Leslie Fiedler, the American critic, urged Jews to resist the temptations to assimilate fully, whether in the United States or in the Soviet Union. Only by maintaining a sense of exile could Jews fulfill their historic mission of "bearing witness to the fact that the Messiah has not yet come," he said.

Max Lerner, Brandeis University faculty member and newspaper columnist, took the position that American Jews had "a natural sense" of belonging to the American culture because of the large share they have in the development of American self-identity.

Other Americans, while expressing sympathy with Mr. Fiedler's proposal for a special role for Jews in the modern world, said they thought the goal could be achieved as integrated members of free societies rather than as "perpetual non-belongers."

Novelist Philip Roth said the Jewish role was that the Jew should not be a victim but a dissenter in the affluent society. He added that he did not consider himself a Jewish intellectual. David Boroff, an American author, said that the role of the Jew was to maintain a tension between being an outsider and having a commitment to the values of the society of which the particular Jew was a member.

Mr. Fiedler told the assemblage that "the essential nature of Jewishness is to be alienated, to be an exile, to be outsiders," and that he felt that most Jews in the United States and Israel were insiders who had ceased to be Jews in the sense he was describing.

### EX-NAZI CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS IN POLAND ACQUITTED IN AUSTRIA

GRAZ, Austria, June 19. (JTA) -- A court in Graz acquitted Franz Murer today of charges that he personally murdered around 25 Jewish men, women and children during the Nazi occupation of Poland. The Russians had tried and condemned him to 25 years' imprisonment but released him to Austria when the peace treaty was signed. He was arrested again two years ago in Austria.

### AUSTRIA PREPARING LEGISLATION TO RAISE PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, June 19. (JTA) -- The Austrian Social Ministry is preparing another series of amendments to the Austria Nazi Victims Law which will raise the level of payments to various categories of victims, it was reported here today.

The amendments, which will be the 15th change in the basic law, will raise the minimum monthly payments to victims and survivors from slightly less than \$30 a month to a minimum of \$40. Victims who are in special need will receive an additional minimum of \$17 a month. The amendment will also provide \$21 a month for needy widows and orphans.

### BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT FAVORS GERMAN DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Eugen Gerstenmair, president of the West German Bundestag, declared here last night that he had "always been in favor" of diplomatic relations with his country and Israel.

Speaking to reporters at Idlewild Airport before his departure to West Germany, he also said that if the Arab countries retaliated for such recognition by recognizing East Germany, this would be regrettable and would lead to "a very bad disturbance" of West German relations with the Arab countries.

### EX-COMMANDANT OF AUSCHWITZ CAMP DIES IN JAIL WHILE AWAITING TRIAL

FRANKFURT, June 19. (JTA) -- Richard Baer, 51, the last commandant of the Auschwitz murder factory, died in his cell yesterday of an apparent heart attack while awaiting trial for his war crimes, officials reported today.

Baer had directed the operations of the camp, where an estimated 2,500,000 victims were killed and cremated, from the spring of 1942 until the end of the war. He and 23 other Auschwitz officials were awaiting trial on charges of mass murder and atrocities. The trial, scheduled to be held in Frankfurt next year, will continue as originally planned, the officials said, despite the death of the most important defendant.

When the war ended, Baer found work as a woodcutter under an assumed name. He was found and arrested in December 1960, shortly after the state prosecutor's office offered a \$2,380 reward for his apprehension. His two predecessors as commandant, Rudolf Hoess, and A. Liebehenschel, were tried and hanged by the Poles.

### CONGRESSIONAL BODY HEARS JEWISH PROPOSAL ON NATIONAL SERVICE CORPS

WASHINGTON, June 19. (JTA) -- An official of the National Jewish Board suggested today at a Congressional hearing that the proposed National Service Corps should involve retired people as recruits.

The suggestion was made by Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of the JWB, who testified in support of Senate Bill 1321, which would set up the corps, popularly known as the "domestic peace corps." He told the subcommittee that retired teachers, nurses and social workers "possess special skills which can be used with great value by the National Service Corps."

Mr. Solender, immediate past president of the National Conference on Social Welfare, said that the need for the services the proposed corps would provide was great and that local communities, agencies and organizations would "benefit immeasurably by fully sharing in the development of local National Service Corps programs."

### JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CHURCH-OPERATED COLLEGES

WASHINGTON, June 19. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today testified here against Federal funds for church-operated colleges and universities as well as for elementary and high schools.

"We see no distinction between a parochial school or an institution of higher learning if both are controlled and maintained by religious bodies," Leo Pfeffer, general counsel of the Jewish group told a hearing of the Senate Sub-Committee on Education here today. "Neither has the right to claim public funds," he added.

"Our opposition to such aid is based not on any hostility to religion, but because we see a grave danger to the independence of our country's religious institutions and a basic threat to American freedom in any plan that would breach the church-state separation principle by giving public funds to church-operated schools on any level," he stated.

## N. C. R. A. C. PARLEY TO DISCUSS POSITION OF U. S. JEWS ON NEGRO ISSUE

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- The position of the Jewish community in this country on America's church-state relations and on the struggle for racial equality will be discussed by delegates attending the 20th plenary meeting of the National Community Relations Advisory Council which opens in Atlantic City on June 27, it was announced here today. The Council is the coordinating body of six national Jewish civic and religious agencies and Jewish community councils in 64 communities.

A number of issues and their implications for the Jewish community will be discussed during the four-day meeting. Among them: the current drive by Negroes in the North and South for equal rights; the U. S. Supreme Court decision banning prayers in the public schools, Federal aid to education; new tensions in the Middle East; and hatemongers on college campuses.

Workshop sessions will discuss problems of discrimination of Jews in employment, education, housing and public accommodations and planning and effecting orderly introduction of minority families into a restricted neighborhood. Resolutions will be presented to the plenary session dealing with immigration, civil rights, Soviet anti-Semitism, the United Nations Genocide Convention, the U. S. Supreme Court rulings on church-state issues, Sunday closing laws, and the Middle East.

## CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS BACKS NEGRO FIGHT FOR FULL RIGHTS

PHILADELPHIA, June 19. (JTA) -- The 74th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis now in session here, adopted a resolution last night pledging "unequivocal support" to the Negro community in its effort to achieve full equality.

Acting on a report submitted by Rabbi Samuel D. Soskin, chairman of the CCAR's standing committee on justice and peace, the reform rabbis called for the passage of Congressional legislation insuring "the full exercise of the rights of citizenship" to all Americans regardless of race, creed or color.

The rabbis called for "an all-out effort" by the members of reform Judaism's 659 congregations to impress Congress with the need for such legislation, warning at the same time that "a filibuster to prevent passage" of a civil rights bill would "pose a threat to our survival as a democracy." The convention called specifically for the establishment of a system of federal "registrars" empowered to protect voting rights in national, state and local elections; asked the creation in all municipalities "of the post of public defender" to assure equal legal protection of individual citizens in the courts; urged the creation of a Federal Fair Employment Practices Committee "vested with complete authority to issue enforceable orders," and recommended the filing of full desegregation plans by all school districts with enforcement power to reside in the office of the Attorney General.

In addition to calling for strong civil rights legislation by Congress, the rabbis urged the President to "exercise the full executive power of his office in affirming and implementing the rights of Negro citizens." The rabbis asked the President "not to appoint men to federal judgeships if they have actively supported segregation." The President was commended for supporting the admission of Negro students to the Universities of Mississippi and Alabama, and for his executive order ending racial discrimination "in public housing to be built from now on."

With respect to Congressional legislation, the rabbis asked setting a sixth grade public school education as the literacy requirement, the establishment on a permanent basis of the Commission on Civil Rights, and an act securing "the rights of any and all persons to equal access to all public accommodations, institutions and organizations."

The rabbis also denounced what they termed "the depressing pattern" of brutality by the police in dealing with civil rights demonstrators, asserting that "the American Bar Association has noted this as one of the most plaguing problems on the American scene today." The convention authorized the CCAR's creation of an administrative facility to coordinate the efforts of individual rabbis participating in civil rights demonstrations under recognized Negro leadership.

## Laud U. S. Supreme Court Ban on Prayers in Public Schools

The 525 Reform rabbis went officially on record as in 100 percent accord with this week's Supreme Court rulings voiding prayer and Bible reading in the public schools. The rabbis took their stand through unanimous adoption of a report submitted by the CCAR's committee on church and state. The report was delivered by Rabbi Edward E. Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue of New York, committee chairman.

"We view the decision as a clear delineation of the separate functions of church and state, thoroughly in accord with American constitutional principles and the ideals of high religion," the resolution declared. "The decision is in the best interests of religion and democratic ideals. We see in it a challenge to intensify our efforts to encourage our children to make worship an integral part of their lives, to secure for them a more effective religious education at home and in our houses of worship."

The resolution said that "the separation of church and state in America" has enabled democracy to flourish free of ecclesiastical control, and religion to flourish free of political influence."