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ESHKOL RESIGNS; RESENTS BEN-GURION'S PRESSURE TO REOPEN LAVON CASE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14: (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol tendered the resignation of his Government tonight to President Zalman Shazar.

Mr. Eshkol's resignation came just before a second meeting was to have been held by the central committee of the Mapai Party, to consider the request by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion for a reopening of an inquiry into the 10-year-old Lavon Affair.

This afternoon, Mr. Eshkol went to the home of the President, presumably to inform the Chief of State that he would resign. Then he summoned a special meeting of Israel's Cabinet, most of whose members did not know he had already committed himself to quitting. Mr. Eshkol told the Cabinet that he was resigning, and went back to Mr. Shazar to submit his resignation formally. He appeared pale and weary as he left the President's home after resigning.

Prior to his first trip to Mr. Shazar's home, the Prime Minister appeared before the Mapai's central committee's first meeting of the day, where he told the leaders of his own party: "If anyone thinks he can do better to bring together the various elements in the Government, let him try." The committee took no action for the time being, summoning a second meeting for this evening. That second meeting was cancelled when it became known that Mr. Eshkol's resignation was a fait accompli.

President Shazar to Ask Mapai Leaders to form New Government

The President is now expected to summon the leadership of Mapai and to entrust the government party with the formation of a new Government. There was no doubt whatever that the party would call on Mr. Eshkol to form another Government. But, in that case, it was predicted here, Mr. Eshkol would accept the call only on his own conditions, the full nature of which is yet to be disclosed. One of the major decisions he will have to make, it was said, was how to deal with the Ben-Gurion request.

Mr. Ben-Gurion has been insisting that a new inquiry be launched into the case of Pinhas Lavon, who was ousted from political power after being held responsible for a 1954 "security mishap." In 1955, he was dismissed from the post of Defense Minister. Five years later, after a Cabinet committee had absolved him of responsibility for that "mishap," Mr. Ben-Gurion quit the Government, refusing to accept that Cabinet decision. Mr. Eshkol had been a member of the Ministerial Committee which cleared Mr. Lavon in 1960.

Ben-Gurion Makes Dramatic Entrance at Mapai Meeting

Today's developments followed a series of hectic meetings held in this city and at Mapai's Tel Aviv headquarters yesterday and last night. As these moves developed, it became clear that the rift between Mr. Eshkol and his predecessor in the Premiership surpassed all hopes of a possible compromise.

When Mapai's central committee met last night at Tel Aviv, Mr. Eshkol adjourned a Cabinet meeting on the Lavon issue without a vote. The central committee was in session seven hours. Mr. Ben-Gurion, who recently resigned from this committee, due to his disagreement with Mr. Eshkol, stayed out of the meeting for more than three hours. Then he made his entrance.

Mr. Ben-Gurion joined the meeting in his capacity as a member of Mapai's faction in the Knesset (Israel's Parliament). After his dramatic entrance, he told the meeting that Mr. Eshkol should have resigned after receiving a report from Justice Minister Dov Joseph. The latter had recommended the adoption of the Ben-Gurion proposal for a new Lavon inquiry. "The purity of the State," said Mr. Ben-Gurion, "is more important than the Government."

ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER PRESENTS HIGHER BUDGET TO PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14: (JTA) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir presented to the Knesset (Israel's Parliament) today a budget for the fiscal year 1965-66, calling for expenditures totaling 4,000,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$1,333,333,333). The budget is eight percent higher than this year's and 26.7 percent higher than the budget for 1963-64.

He said the tax revenues, including the income taxes in the next fiscal year, are expected to go up. He reported to the Knesset also that the total of foreign currency reserves will reach \$620,000,000 by the next fiscal year, and is "rising steadily."

GERMAN JUDGES ARRIVE IN POLAND; WILL CHECK EVIDENCE IN AUSCHWITZ

LONDON, Dec. 14; (JTA) -- A judicial party of the West German court trying 20 former staff members of the Auschwitz concentration camp has arrived in Poland for a three-day visit to the camp to view at first hand the site where millions of Jews were put to death in the Nazi annihilation program.

The party, which was led by Judge Walter Hotz, included only one of the defendants, Dr. Franz Bernhard Lucas, 53, a gynecologist charged with complicity in the mass murder of Jews. The other defendants refused to accompany the court party on various grounds including the fear that the Polish authorities would not permit them to return to West Germany unharmed.

During their visit to the Auschwitz site, the court party will check the testimony in the trial with the physical layout of Auschwitz and nearby Birkenau. They will gather evidence amid the gas chambers and ovens of the infamous death camp which has been preserved by Poland as a memorial to the victims who perished there.

TRIAL OF EICHMANN'S AIDE IN VIENNA ENDS; VERDICT EXPECTED THURSDAY

VIENNA, Dec. 14; (JTA)-- The court trying former Eichmann aide Franz Novak for war crimes in occupied Hungary ended today the hearing of evidence after 17 days and announced that a verdict would be handed down Thursday. Novak is charged with complicity in the transport of thousands of Jews to the Auschwitz death camp and with specific death orders against two Jewish victims.

One of the last witnesses was Adolf Feiler, a non-Jewish member of the Security Police in Budapest in 1944; He testified that he discussed with Novak then the possibility of sending 10 to 15 leading Hungarian Jews to safety in Switzerland, as proposed by Swiss consular officials, rather than to Auschwitz. The witness said this proved that Novak knew the fate of the Jews he sent to Auschwitz, which he denied in testifying in his own defense.

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN JEWISH AND MOSLEM RELIGIOUS LEADERS URGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14; (JTA) -- The initiation of interfaith discussions between Jewish and Moslem religious leaders was urged by Emanuel G. Scoblionko, president of the World Council of Synagogues, at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here tonight. Had such discussions taken place years ago, many of the discordant stresses and tensions in the Middle East probably would have been averted, he said.

The president of the global synagogue body stressed that Judaism is the mother religion of both Christianity and Islam: "We have made progress in our relations with one; let us now press forward toward better relations with the other," he declared; He detailed the many points of similarity between the Jewish and Moslem faiths, and said:

"These common qualities that pervade our two sister faiths cry out for closer bonds between Islam and Judaism; Just as there is now better understanding with Christianity, so is it our duty to seek with all our hearts to create closer harmony with Islam."

He warned that in any such rapprochement, neither side must seek to dominate, but only to esteem. Theological differences, he said, should be respected, but spiritual similarities should be stressed; As a first step toward such a link, Mr. Scoblionko urged the creation of an international committee "to study the best method of establishing communication between Judaism and Islam."

Such a committee would survey the history of Moslem-Jewish relations and report "on the opportunities that can most favorably be found or made to seek a working religious relationship between Moslem and Jewish religious leaders," he said;

CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP ASSURES ARAB LEAGUE ON VATICAN DOCUMENT ON JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 14; (JTA) -- Franziskus Cardinal Koenig, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vienna, assured the Arab League today that the Vatican Ecumenical Council's document exonerating Jews of the charge of the crucifixion of Jesus "was without any political motives and had no political aims."

The Archbishop sought to reassure the Arabs that the Vatican policy toward Israel remained the same. Archbishop Koenig was in Cairo at the invitation of the Egyptian Foreign Minister. He met with officials of the Arab League and Moslem religious authorities.

After meeting Arab League officials, he told newsmen: "I explained to the Arab League officials how sorry I feel because the document was misinterpreted. As far as the Catholic Church is concerned the document is purely religious." He met Sheikh Hassan Mamoun, rector of Alazhar University and highest religious leader of the Arab world;

NEW YORK RABBIS, SOCIAL WORKERS OFFER PROGRAM TO CHECK INTERMARRIAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A four-point program was recommended today by 50 rabbis and Jewish social workers for implementation by synagogues and Jewish social agencies in an effort to preserve the continuance of the American Jewish community against threats of assimilation through intermarriage.

The program was the result of a special two-day conference on the problem of intermarriage, held under the sponsorship of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. The conference recommended:

- 1: Establishment of an Institute on Intermarriage to study the problem, which was reported as particularly acute on the college campuses in this country;
- 2: Establishment of counseling centers on personal problems and Judaism, "to bring desperately needed guidance to those on the periphery of Jewish life, who have no access to existing agencies;"
- 3: Pooling of the resources of home, synagogue, Jewish schools, community centers and summer camp for the intensification of Jewish education on all levels, both formal and informal, reaching college youth and Jewish adults as well as children.
- 4: The convening of a more broadly based conference on intermarriage.

Dr. Nathan Goldberg, professor of sociology at Yeshiva University, presented demographic data showing that the rate of intermarriage is now mounting, "corresponding with the acculturation process and the passing of the Jewish immigrant generation."

Bernard Resnikoff, director of Ramah Camp, told the conference that Jewish social workers have an obligation to point out to clients contemplating intermarriage the consequences of such a step, and to inform them of the growing evidence that mixed marriage has less likelihood of success than intrafaith marriage.

The proposal for the establishment of an Institute on Intermarriage was made by Dr. Robert Gordis, rabbi of Temple Beth El, Rockaway Park, who told the conference that the task of the Jewish community today is "to create inner resources of cohesion and loyalty, in order to reduce the price of intermarriage that results from living in an open society."

CANADIAN RABBIS URGE STUDY ON INTERMARRIAGE IN SMALL COMMUNITIES

TORONTO, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Canadian Jewish Congress to undertake a study on the causes and consequences of intermarriage among Jews living in small communities was made here today by 27 rabbis from all parts of the Province of Ontario, outside Toronto.

Mixed marriages, Jewish education, "easy" conversions of partners in mixed marriages, observance of kashruth and ways to bridge the gap existing in some small communities between the rabbi and the other Jews in his town were among the topics discussed by the spiritual leaders at an all-day conference here.

Other topics included adult education, the breakdown of parental authority in the Jewish homes, and interfaith dating on the part of Jewish youth. In addition to requesting the CJC to launch a study on intermarriage, the conference also recommended the drafting of a code of ethics for Jewish community leadership.

MINNESOTA RABBIS URGE PARENTS TO BE FIRM AGAINST INTERFAITH DATING

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Minnesota Rabbinical Association today urged parents "to take a firm stand" against all interfaith dating and urged Jewish youth to date "only within the Jewish fold" as part of a program to reduce the "rising rate of interfaith marriage among Jews."

The association, comprised of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, stressed in the statement the growing social contacts between Jews and non-Jews in the American society and noted that Judaism had always opposed interfaith marriage "as a threat to the survival of the Jewish faith."

The statement said a high percentage of children of interfaith marriages were lost to Judaism and that there was a greater frequency of broken homes among intermarried couples than among those of common religious backgrounds. The statement then cited three areas where action was needed to cope with the problem: the Jewish home, Jewish education and "a realistic approach to courtship."

The rabbis said that in homes where children "experience sincere religious commitment, consistent ritual practice and family participation in many activities of the Jewish community, the likelihood of interfaith marriage is reduced." The rabbis requested all Jewish parents "to reinforce their own commitment to Judaism in order that they may be active participants in the education of their children."

TOWN REFUSES ELECTRICITY TO HOME RENTED FOR AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

LOS ANGELES, Dec; 14; (JTA) -- City authorities in the neighboring town of Glendale announced today they have refused to allow electricity to be turned on in the home rented there as a headquarters for the American Nazi Party. The step, according to City Manager Perkins, has been taken because the house chosen by the Nazis as "a center of resistance to Communists, Negroes and Zionists" is in a residential zone;

At the same time, Don Razzano, owner of the home, said he would evict Ralph Forbes, local leader of George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party, if Forbes tried to conduct Nazi activities on the premises. He said that, when he leased the quarters to Forbes, he did not realize that political activities to be centered in the house would concern Nazism, Forbes retorted that he would fight eviction;

BOARD OF EDUCATION BANS CHRISTIAN NATIVITY SCENE ON SCHOOL LAWN

HARTSDALE, N.Y.; Dec. 14; (JTA) -- The Board of Education here ruled that it will not permit the display of the Christian nativity scene in a creche planned for the lawn of the E. S. Webb School in Hartsdale. The creche had been displayed in front of the school last year and in 1962, the Board permitting that display each year. This time, however, the Board vetoed the proposal;

(In Boonton, N.J., two traditional Christmas carols, "Silent Night" and "The Tiny Dabv Jesus," have been eliminated from this year's Boonton High School glee club's annual concert, scheduled for tonight. William Potter, principal of the school, announced that the title of the annual event, usually called "Prelude to Christmas," has been changed to "A Winter Festival.")

MAURICE M. ROSEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY

NEW YORK, Dec; 14; (JTA) -- Maurice M. Rosen, of Philadelphia, was today elected president of the American Technion Society at a meeting of the organization's board of directors. He succeeds B. Sumner Gruzen, who served in the post for two years. Long identified with Jewish communal causes, Mr. Rosen is a director of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and a leader of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia.

MEYER BROWN, U. S. LABOR ZIONIST LEADER, HONORED ON 75TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Dec; 14; (JTA) -- Meyer L. Brown, prominent Zionist and American Jewish communal leader, was honored on the occasion of his 75th birthday here yesterday at a reception attended by more than 850 representatives of 24 Jewish organizations, sponsored by the Israel Bond organization. Mr. Brown is founder of the Farband Labor Zionist Organization of America. A total of \$500,000 in bonds was sold at the reception.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, was principal speaker at the reception. Greetings were received from Israel President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Jewish Agency chairmam Moshe Sharett and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization.

EDITOR OF BOSTON'S 'JEWISH ADVOCATE' HONORED FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

BOSTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Joseph G. Weisberg, co-publisher and executive editor of 'The Jewish Advocate, Boston weekly, received high tributes for his and his newspaper's contributions to the Jewish community, as he was given the annual Distinguished Community Service Award from the Associated Synagogues of Massachusetts;

Rabbi Samuel I. Korff, spiritual leader of Congregation Kehillath Jacob, Mattapan, presented the award to Mr. Weisberg, hailing him and 'The Jewish Advocate' as representing ideals "reflecting the panorama of the Jewish horizon, the depth of the Jewish community, the principles of Jewish activity, the cause of Jewish survival;"

EINSTEIN COLLEGE DEDICATES RESEARCH INSTITUTE; RECEIVED \$1,000,000 GIFT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University today dedicated the Florence Forchheimer Institute for Blood Research, a unique facility for the study of blood disorders such as leukemia and anemia; The new facility was made possible by a gift of \$1,000,000 by Leo Forchheimer in memory of his late wife;

MORRIS KENTRIDGE, EX-MEMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT, DEAD

JOHANNESBURG, Dec; 14; (JTA) -- Morris Kentridge, a well-known Jewish attorney and former member of Parliament, died here today at the age of 83. Born in Poland, Mr. Kentridge emigrated to South Africa in 1905. First elected to Parliament in 1914, he retained his seat until 1958 when he retired.

A fearless champion of Jewish rights and a fighter against anti-Semitism, Mr. Kentridge served as vice-president of the South African Zionist Federation and succeeded in winning over various Government leaders to the cause of Zionism.