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### LEADERS OF ALL COALITION PARTIES WANT ESHKOL TO FORM NEW CABINET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- Leaders of all coalition parties today expressed hope that Levi Eshkol will be able to form a new Government. He resigned as Premier Monday night as a result of the dispute between him and former Premier David Ben-Gurion over the 10-year-old Lavon Affair.

President Shazar will begin receiving Friday the heads of the various political parties for consultations on steps to be taken for the formation of a new Cabinet. It is anticipated that Mapai and the National Religious Party will propose that he entrust Mr. Eshkol with the task of forming the new Government.

The Secretariat of the Mapai Party will meet tonight to reach a formal decision on the proposal to President Shazar. All indications point to a decision in favor of giving Mr. Eshkol the mandate to undertake the formation of the Cabinet. Especially indicative is the speech delivered last night in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, by Moshe Dayan, who resigned recently as Agriculture Minister in protest against Mr. Eshkol's policies.

Gen. Dayan, who is one of the staunchest supporters of Mr. Ben-Gurion, hinted in his Knesset speech that Ben-Gurion's supporters do not intend to start a battle to keep Mr. Eshkol from forming a new Government. He said that Mr. Eshkol had the right to oppose Ben-Gurion's demand for a new inquiry into the Lavon case without having to resign.

### Ben-Gurion Says He will Continue the Fight; Publishes Letter

In a letter published today, which commented on the resignation of Mr. Eshkol, Mr. Ben-Gurion insisted he would continue his fight even if he had to do so "alone and isolated." In the letter, Mr. Ben-Gurion quoted from his address to the Knesset after the formation of a new Government in 1961, during which he said he did not consider the Lavon Affair closed.

The fact that Mr. Ben-Gurion had not changed his mind in the slightest as a result of the resignation was confirmed in talks between Mr. Ben-Gurion and a number of Mapai leaders. However, it appeared that Mr. Ben-Gurion would probably wait until the Mapai convention in January to resume his fight. The developments within the Mapai party today, as well as the speeches by Mapai deputies in the Knesset yesterday, indicated that Mr. Eshkol's resignation had postponed but not solved the party's internal crisis over the Lavon Affair.

In a related development, the Knesset rejected today Herut and Communist motions to debate the prerogatives of the Attorney General. That issue arose when opposition parties charged that Attorney General Moshe Ben Zeev had exceeded those prerogatives in giving a ruling that a new inquiry into the 1954 security mishap, for which Mr. Ben-Gurion holds Mr. Lavon responsible, was in order. The Knesset vote came after Justice Minister Dov Joseph called the charges against the Attorney General groundless and harmful. The Justice Minister said that the Attorney General had simply performed his duty in presenting a purely legal opinion.

### Demonstration in Haifa Asks for Eshkol's Return to Office

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- One thousand residents of Haifa held a protest march today in support of Premier Eshkol and in opposition to Former Premier David Ben-Gurion's demand for a renewed investigation of the 1954 security mishap and the role in it of Pinhas Lavon. The demonstration was initiated by the famous Haifa secondary school. The demonstrators called for Mr. Eshkol's early return to office, and decided to send him a telegram of support.

Mr. Eshkol's resignation from Premiership is seen here as the culmination of a serious differences of opinion that have developed between him and Mr. Ben-Gurion during the last few months, in addition to the dispute over the reopening of the Lavon case. It is noted here that deeper roots than the Lavon Affair led to the current conflict.

Various acts by Premier Eshkol were not in agreement with Mr. Ben-Gurion's views. The latest issue was Premier Eshkol's persistent refusal to assign a key portfolio in the Cabinet to Gen. Dayan, whom Mr. Ben-Gurion apparently wanted to see groomed for future Premiership.

### EMIR FEISAL'S LETTER TO FRANKFURTER, ENDORSING ZIONISM, FOUND

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- The original letter which Arab leader Emir Feisal wrote to Felix Frankfurter in 1919, declaring that "We Arabs look with deepest sympathy on the Zion movement," has been found in the London files of the Jewish Agency, it was reported here today. Arab leaders have consistently denied Feisal ever wrote such a letter.

The letter was written in English by T. E. Lawrence, the famous "Lawrence of Arabia," and signed in Arabic by Feisal. Lawrence was Feisal's adviser and interpreter. Feisal, who led the Arab revolt against the Turks during World War I, and was designated King of Syria in reward, was at first sympathetic to Zionism, from which he hoped to get help in building his kingdom. After he was expelled from Syria by the French in 1920, his attitude toward Zionism became hostile.

Justice Frankfurter was legal adviser in 1919 to the Zionist delegation at the Versailles Peace Conference, and carried on a correspondence with Feisal in an effort to bring about peaceful relations between the Jews and Arabs in Palestine. Feisal's pro-Zionist letter was part of that correspondence.

### TWO ISRAELIS TESTIFY IN GERMAN COURT ON ATROCITIES IN NAZI CAMP

DUESSELDORF, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- Two Israeli witnesses told a court here today about atrocities committed by a number of the defendants on trial here on war crimes charges, while serving as officials of the Treblinka concentration camp.

Describing his sufferings at the hands of ex-camp commander Kurt Franz and nine other defendants, Abraham Goldfarb, 55, said he once saw Franz join a group of Jewish children in play just before they were gassed. He said he heard Franz say at the time that children were "all headed for heaven." He also said that the German guards would cut open pregnant Jewish women after they were gassed to make sure "the fruit of their wombs" were also dead.

Jacob Eisner, another Israeli, told the court that Franz had once ordered a Jewish boxer from Krakow to put on boxing gloves with him. He said Franz, in an apparent attempt to amuse his SS colleagues, suddenly shot and killed the Jewish inmate.

### MOROCCAN ENVOY IN U. S. REPORTS ON MOSLEM-JEWISH RELATIONS IN MOROCCO

NEW YORK, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- The Moroccan Ambassador to the United States, Ali Bengelloun, told the American Jewish Committee here today that Jewish and Moslem communities in his country have an "excellent relationship" which is becoming "even stronger."

"The independence of our country contributed to the strengthening of the relationship between Jews and Moslems, and will permit the integration of the Jews of Morocco into the political life of the country with the same rights and the same obligations as those of their Moslem compatriots," Ambassador Bengelloun stated at a dinner-meeting of the American Jewish Committee.

The Committee estimates that there are approximately 65,000 to 80,000 Jews currently living in Morocco. Mr. Bengelloun, in outlining the situation of the Jewish community in Morocco, claimed that "there exists no Jewish problem in my country." He pointed out that Moroccan Jews "play an important role in the commercial and industrial life of the country" and make important contributions to the economy of the nation.

Since the establishment of Morocco's independence, the Ambassador said, Jews have achieved important positions in various ministerial posts, the legislature, the civil service and the courts. "Elsewhere, in private life," Mr. Bengelloun said, "physicians, dentists, lawyers of the Jewish faith, practice under the same conditions as their Moroccan fellow citizens." He pointed out that three Jewish parliamentary representatives have been elected, one to the House of Representatives and two to the Chamber of Counsellors.

Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, told the Ambassador: "We are pleased to recognize that Morocco has completely honored the promises and commitments of King Mohamed V and his son King Hassan II, that Jews of Morocco would be full and equal citizens of the country, and that their basic rights would be protected." He drew particular attention to the fact that the Moroccan Government has "honored the right of freedom of movement which exemplifies an attitude of humanitarianism to its citizens."

### GERMAN PROFESSORS PETITION BUNDESTAG ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

BRUNSWICK, Germany, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- A group of 32 university professors today petitioned the Bundestag, the lower house of the West German Parliament, to extend the statute of limitations on Nazi war criminals beyond next May 8.

# 'FORMAL STRUCTURE' FOR C.O.J.O. APPROVED BY B'NAI B'RITH GOVERNORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith announced today endorsement of a proposal to strengthen the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO), a worldwide coordinating body, by replacing its "informal procedures" with a more formal organizational structure. The B'nai B'rith move was voted by its board of governors;

The action virtually assured broader and more intensive activity by the World Conference. Its nine other constituent groups had previously accepted the proposed change. Approval by B'nai B'rith had been viewed as "necessary" because of its size and influence, and the fact that it operates in 43 countries;

In a companion action announced by Label Katz, B'nai B'rith president, the organization also agreed to plans for converting the present Conference of Presidents of Major Organizations to a "Conference of American Organizations." The Conference of Presidents, organized in 1954, has heretofore comprised the heads of 18 Jewish groups acting consultatively on issues involving American-Israel relations and, more recently, on problems affecting Jews in other foreign countries. The proposal will change its membership from individuals to organizations;

Mr. Katz described the B'nai B'rith decisions as "further implementing our long-standing policy of entering into cooperative and coordinative movements that encourage consultation and, wherever possible, joint action, without restricting the autonomy or freedom of action of its constituent members."

Last week, B'nai B'rith adopted similar action when it voted to rejoin the National Community Relations Advisory Council, a coordinating body of national agencies and local community relations councils engaged in combating anti-Semitism and discrimination;

The COJO has been in existence since 1958. B'nai B'rith and the World Jewish Congress are the two groups with international constituencies represented in COJO. Other participants include the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the Conseil Representatif de Juifs de France and the Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas;

## HERZL AWARD OF Z.O.A. PRESENTED TO CHURCHILL; SON ACCEPTS THE MEDAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Over 1,000 leaders in the Zionist movement in civic and community affairs participated tonight in a nationwide tribute to Sir Winston Churchill sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America at its annual dinner here;

The dinner highlighted the presentation of the annual Theodor Herzl Award Gold Medallion of the Zionist Organization of America to Sir Winston Churchill in tribute to his historic accomplishments as an architect of the Jewish State and protagonist of Zionism. The Gold Medallion was accepted in behalf of his father by Randolph S. Churchill, only son of Sir Winston;

The Theodor Herzl Award, which was named for the founder of modern Zionism, was created by the ZOA in 1958 to be given to individuals who have rendered outstanding services to the Zionist cause. Previous recipients of the award were Israel President Ishak Ben-Zvi; the Earl of Balfour who received the award posthumously in behalf of his late uncle, the author of the Balfour Declaration; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Louis Lipsky and Dr. Emanuel Neumann. The Herzl Medallion is now considered the highest testimonial within the Zionist movement;

The inscription on the gold medallion to Sir Winston Churchill read: "The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Churchill, Statesman, Leader in War and Peace, Devoted Friend of Zionism and Israel Reborn." Guests at the dinner included members of the Diplomatic Corps and foreign missions to the United Nations as well as prominent members of both Houses of the U. S. Congress;

Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the ZOA, presided. Addresses of greetings were delivered by Lord Caradon, permanent representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations, and Avraham Harman, Ambassador of Israel to the United States. The presentation of the medallion was made by Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the national executive council of the ZOA;

The annual dinner marked a two-fold anniversary: the 90th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill and the 17th anniversary of the passage on November 29, 1947, of the United Nations resolution for the establishment of the State of Israel. Sir Winston's birthday occurred on November 30. Messages from President Lyndon B. Johnson and former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower headed hundreds of messages of greetings from prominent statesmen and leaders from all walks of life from this country and abroad;

# CHILEAN NAZI PARTY RESUMES ACTIVITY; WAS DISSOLVED BY GOVERNMENT ORDER

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- The tiny Chilean Nazi party, which was dissolved at the beginning of 1964 under Government orders, appeared today to be active again. Under the name of the National Socialist Workers Party, the party was reorganized by Franz Pfeiffer-Richter, who headed the banned organization. He said the party had been legally constituted again.

The reorganized Nazi group has been publishing a leaflet every two weeks bearing the name Cruz Gamada, which means "Crooked Cross," a reference to the Nazi swastika's origin;

The reappearance of the Nazi party was assailed by La Segunda of Santiago, one of Chile's leading evening newspapers, which asserted that azism "cannot take root in Chile." The newspaper recalled that many years ago when German Nazism was in full power and opened branches for youth in Chile, it had failed.

The newspaper said that the issues of Cruz Gamada it had examined contained attacks on democracy and Jews. La Segunda reported that "Hitler is remembered as an idol" in the Cruz Gamada "and the hope is voiced that Nazism will be revived in Germany and the whole world."

# MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD NAMES JEWISH BODIES TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONTREAL, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- The Montreal branch of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the YL-YWHA of Montreal were designated today as members of a Greater Montreal advisory committee on school planning, formed by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

The advisory committee is to help the board implement suggestions projected recently by the Quebec Minister of Education to advance an accelerated program for the development of regional school equipment, according to a comprehensive plan. A long list of other organizations, in addition to the two Jewish representative bodies, has been named by the board to serve on the advisory committee.

# PHILADELPHIA DECIDES TO CLOSE ALL SCHOOLS ON JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- All public schools in Philadelphia and the Board of Education administrative offices will be closed next year on September 27 and 28, the Jewish New Year, and October 6, the Day of Atonement, the Board has decided.

The action means that Jewish employes of the School District of Philadelphia will no longer suffer a deduction in pay for remaining out on the Holy Days. New York and other major cities with large Jewish populations passed similar resolutions in prior years closing schools for the High Holy Days.

Plans for the closings, which did not mention the Jewish Holy Days, were listed in a resolution passed by the board which set the 1964-65 school year calendar. A School Board spokesman said the closings were set because the Jewish absences caused administrative problems and not for religious reasons. The resolution said the closings had been decided on "because of the great numbers of absences expected on these days with the attendant difficulty in adequately staffing our schools and offices."

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS OFFERS KOSHER FOOD TO JEWISH STUDENTS

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Pursuant to a suggestion first made by a visiting British scientist here, the 3,000 Jewish students on the University of Illinois campus will be offered kosher food here for the first time in the university's history.

The lack of a kosher eating place here was pointed out recently by Prof. Joseph Wolf, of London, a Jewish scientist, who publicly expressed regret at the lack of such facilities on the campus. Today, it was announced that the Chicago Rabbinical Council has appointed a special committee to help provide kosher eating facilities here.

Rabbi Moshe Litoff, of Chicago, and Rabbi Hirsch Cohen, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, have completed the plans for the kosher eating place, which, they said, will be ready for service by next February. The Chicago Rabbinical Council will advance the funds to endow the kosher kitchen.

# CHAPLAIN MEIR ENGEL DIES ON DUTY IN VIET NAM; WAS BORN IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Meir Engel, U.S. Army Jewish chaplain on duty in Viet Nam, died of a heart attack today, it was learned by the National Welfare Board. A veteran of World War II and Korea, he had been assigned to Viet Nam in August, just before the Jewish High Holy Days.

Chaplain Engel was born in Israel in 1914, and came to the United States in 1937 after receiving his M.A. from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was ordained as a rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1942.