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MAPAI BACKS ESHKOL; DECIDES TO ASK HIM TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Dec; 17; (JTA) -- The central committee of the Mapai party decided unanimously tonight that Levi Eshkol should be asked to form a new Government; Mr; Eshkol resigned as Premier Monday in his fight against former Premier David Ben-Gurion's demand for a new inquiry into the Pinhas Lavon Affair;

The central committee decided tonight by a majority vote that the question of whether there should be a new investigation should be left to a decision of the Mapai Ministers in the Cabinet; A proposal that the central committee should recommend to Mapai Ministers acceptance of Mr; Ben-Gurion's demand for a new inquiry was rejected by 124 to 61;

The actions of the central committee were in accord with recommendations approved last night by the party secretariat and constituted a clear victory for Mr. Eshkol in his struggle against Mr; Ben-Gurion on this and other issues; The struggle revolved around a disastrous security mishap in 1954 when Mr. Lavon was Defense Minister, a post out of which he was forced in 1955. A Ministerial Committee, of which Mr Eshkol was a member, cleared Mr; Lavon in 1960 of responsibility for the orders which led to the mishap but Mr; Ben-Gurion rejected that finding and others clearing Mr; Lavon;

Mr; Ben-Gurion, who spoke for an hour last night before the Mapai secretariat, declined to participate in the vote; A proposal to recommend an investigation as he had demanded was voted down 16 to eight; Mr. Eshkol did not attend the meeting, the outcome of which was a complete victory for his stand in the dispute;

Popular opposition to Mr; Ben-Gurion's battle continued to rise; In an unprecedented occurrence, anti-Ben-Gurion inscriptions appeared on the walls of Tel Aviv's main streets; Students and faculty members of Bar-Ilan University staged a demonstration today against any renewal of inquiries into the Lavon case and in support of Mr; Ben-Gurion;

During the meeting last night, Mr; Ben-Gurion said "I have only one or two more years to live; I don't want Israel to fall down after I die." He insisted he sought only justice for Israel in his fight for a new inquiry; Housing Minister Joseph Almogi and former Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan were among the eight who voted for a new inquiry;

U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL REJECTS MOROCCO'S RESOLUTION AGAINST ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec; 17; (JTA) -- The United States and Britain introduced into the Security Council here today a resolution arising from the Syrian-Israeli exchanges of fire on Israel's northern frontier last month; The resolution calls upon both parties to cooperate fully with the chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission and to cooperate also in a resurvey of the border path where the Syrians had fired at an Israeli patrol;

A draft resolution introduced several weeks ago by Morocco, the only Arab member of the Council, which would have criticized Israel sharply and would have laid all the blame for the November 13 flare-up on Israel, was rejected at today's meeting by the overwhelming vote of eight to three; Only the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia joined Morocco in supporting the pro-Arab draft; All eight other members of the 11-member Council abstained;

Morocco's Dey Ould Sidi Baba then tried to achieve his goal by introducing amendments to the Western resolution which would have supported the Syrian claim that Israel was guilty of aggression, but this month's president of the Council, Fernando Ortiz Sanz of Bolivia adjourned the meeting without setting a date for the next session;

In explaining the Western resolution, Ambassador Charles W; Yost of the United States told the Council that the draft which he was cosponsoring is concerned with the future and applies "to prevention of a repetition of such a tragic incident as had occurred on Nov; 13; The American-British resolution would have the Council strictly avoid blaming either Syria or Israel for the latest clash;

The American-British resolution deplored "the renewal of military action" on the Syrian-Israel border, called upon both parties to participate fully in the meetings of the Mixed Armistice Commission and requested the UN Secretary General to inform the Council by March 31 "of the progress that has been made toward implementing these suggestions;"

NEW FRENCH LAW DECLARES NO-TIME-LIMIT ON PROSECUTION FOR WAR CRIMES

PARIS, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- The French National Assembly approved today by unanimous vote of practically its entire membership a law holding that war crimes and crimes against humanity are not subject to any time limit for prosecution in France;

The law, which was presented as a private members bill but had government support, declared that "crimes against humanity, as they are defined by the United Nations resolution of February 13, 1946, and by the charter of the International Tribunal, are not subject to a statute of limitation by their very nature."

The measure now will be sent to the Upper House where it is assured of passage; It will become law probably early next year; The new law will enable the French Government to arrest, detain and try former war criminals entering French territory; The report of the Assembly's legal committee was presented by Deputy Alfred Coste, a former French prosecutor at the Allied War Crimes Trials at Nuremberg;

"It is inconceivable that as of next May, some of the worst Nazi war criminals will enjoy freedom from prosecution," M. Coste told the 117 members of the Assembly; "Let us suppose for an instant that Hitler himself is still alive and hiding somewhere; Should he turn up after next May 8, he could invoke the statute of limitations of West Germany and retire like the former Kaiser did in a foreign country; This is inadmissible."

He was applauded by all deputies when he said that "by adopting the law which we propose, the French Parliament will honor its pledges and will remain true to the memory of the resistance fighters and deportees killed during the war; By a unanimous vote, the Assembly will clearly show that time cannot erase the horror of these crimes;"

Raymond Schmittlein, Assembly vice-president, who submitted the bill with M. Coste, said: "What better memorial to the victims and martyrs of the war could we erect than a law declaring that the crimes committed against them and against humanity are not covered by time prescriptions and limitations; Our vote will also serve as a warning to the tens of thousands of war criminals who are still in hiding and only await the fateful day of May 8, 1965, to come out in the open."

BRITISH DEPUTIES APPEAL TO GERMANY TO EXTEND TERM FOR NAZI TRIALS

LONDON, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- Seven Members of the British Parliament, including Sir Barnett Janner, appealed today to the West German Government to extend the deadline for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals beyond next May 8;

The appeal was made in a joint letter to The Times, in which the Parliamentarians said that if the statute of limitations was allowed to go into effect on that date, thousands of Nazi criminals would be free to remain in or return to West Germany without fear of prosecution; The West German Cabinet said on November 11 it could not extend the deadline for constitutional reasons but there have been hints that the deadline may be extended in some way;

The British deputies said the possibility that some Nazi criminals would escape prosecution was "a situation which must be repugnant to the seared conscience of the world that lived through a period of the most atrocious crimes of man against man;" The MPs appealed to the West German Government and "to all those who share the revived spirit of democracy in Germany to ensure that those who have been responsible for mass murder or other atrocities will be brought to just retribution;"

They added that they felt confident that the needed extension of the deadline would have the support "of all who wish to see that justice is done;" The signators included also A. E. Cooper, Archie Manuel, T. L. Iremonger, Simon Mahon, Stephen McCadden and Peter Shore;

FRENCH CABINET MEMBERS TO REACT AGAINST ARAB THREAT TO WAR HERO

PARIS, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- A number of members of the DeGaulle Cabinet are preparing to react officially against a threat by the Arab League boycott office to blacklist companies with which France's war hero, Gen. Pierre Koenig, is associated;

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the ministry plans to issue no communique on the issue; "We are treating this Arab threat with the disdain which it warrants; The affair is too sordid and ugly to call for our intervention," he said;

The Arab boycott issue came to a head two days ago when it became known that the Arab League Boycott Office, at Damascus, had sent letters to five companies with which Gen. Koenig is associated, demanding that he be ousted; Gen. Koenig, who is a Roman Catholic of Alsatian origin, is president of the France-Israel Alliance Committee, a group which includes among its members 200 members of the French Parliament, 120 of whom are Gaullists;

VIENNA COURT SENTENCES EICHMANN AIDE FOR ROLE IN KILLING JEWS

VIENNA, Dec. 17; (JTA) -- Franz Novak, former aide to Adolf Eichmann in the wartime occupation of Hungary, was sentenced today by a Vienna court to eight years' imprisonment for his role in the mass murder of Jews; Since he has already served four years, he will be free in four years.

The jurors found the 51-year-old typesetter guilty of "violence under aggravating circumstances" in the deaths of thousands of Jewish men, women and children who perished from starvation, cold and abuse while packed in cattle cars bound for concentration camps; All eight jurors acquitted Novak of charges of murder of French and German Jews rounded up in 1942 and sent to death camps on his orders.

GERMAN COURT TEAM COMPLETES VISIT TO AUSCHWITZ; FOUND NEW EVIDENCE

LONDON, Dec. 17; (JTA) -- A Frankfurt court team in the trial of 20 former personnel of the Auschwitz death camp reported finding new evidence during a three-day visit to the site of the camp, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

Prosecutor Joachim Kugler said he found new documentary evidence against defendants accused of killing inmates with carbolic acid injections into the heart; He said he found the evidence in the archives of the camp which has been preserved by the Polish Government as a permanent reminder of Nazi savagery. An estimated 4,000,000 victims, most of them Jews, were put to death at Auschwitz.

One of the newly found documents is an order to the camp pharmacy for a kilogram of carbolic acid. The order was signed by Josef Klehr, an Auschwitz defendant charged by witnesses with having killed up to 30,000 victims; Commenting on the three-day visit, Chief Prosecutor Hans Grossman said "we have collected a great deal of proof" about the credibility of witnesses who have testified during the trial, now nearing the end of its first year.

The visiting court officials also saw a film of the liberation of the camp. Anton Reiners, an attorney for two of the Nazi defendants, broke down and wept during the showing; He said he wished his 14-year-old daughter could see "this terrible place so she will know what Nazism was." The film included shots of child inmates, holding out their tattooed arms as they were led from the camp by Soviet soldiers and Polish nuns.

FACULTY MEMBERS OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES PETITION RUSSIA ON JEWS

TORONTO, Dec. 17; (JTA) -- Concern for the position of the Jews in the Soviet Union has been expressed by a number of faculty members in various Canadian universities in a joint petition to the Soviet Ambassador to Canada, it was reported here today by Dean Maxwell Cohen of the McGill University law faculty.

Dr. Cohen said the petition also included a request to the envoy to inform his Government of the views of the scholars in the hope that steps would be taken to remedy the situation; Dean Cohen sent a covering letter asserting that the signers of the petition were "deeply disturbed to learn from generally well-documented evidence that the Jews of the USSR are not accorded the same freedom or status as other religious, ethnic and national groups" in Russia.

The petition said that the signers, "in seeking for Russian Jewry the same freedom as other national and religious minorities of the USSR enjoy," were not motivated "by opposition to the USSR or its political and social system;" What concerned them, the petition said, was "the mounting evidence of inequalities and restrictions" which prevent Russian Jews "from freely preserving their group identity and maintaining their religious, communal and cultural life and institutions and which debar them both from establishing nationwide communal institutions and from association with their fellow Jews in other lands in pursuit of matters of common Jewish concern."

CANADIAN JUDGE ASKS STIFFER LAWS ON SPREADING HATE LITERATURE

OTTAWA, Dec. 17; (JTA) -- J. T. Thorson, retired president of the Exchequer Court of Canada, urged the federal government today to amend the Criminal Code to stamp out the spread of hate-literature in the country. He told a public meeting on human rights sponsored by the Canadian Citizenship Council that this problem "cries for immediate solution."

"There must be a suppression of the hate-literature with its poisonous attack on the Jews that has recently been circulated," he said; "An effort must be made to amend the Criminal Code to eliminate this canker."

Judge Thorson said Canadians feel free to condemn racial discrimination in other lands; However, he stressed, Canada is far from being free of discrimination; Substantial progress, he declared, had been made in recent years in Canada in reducing the scourge of racial discrimination; But there still was discrimination against Negroes and other Canadians whose skins are not white, and anti-Semitic sentiment in several parts of Canada.

BRANDEIS U. RECEIVES SECOND \$6,000,000 GRANT FROM FORD FOUNDATION

BOSTON, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- Brandeis University today was awarded a second \$6,000,000 grant by the Ford Foundation for use in its "over-all academic development." The 15-year-old Brandeis became one of only five universities in the United States to be so honored by the Foundation;

Brandeis president Abraham L. Sachar, who said he was "jubilant" over receiving the second grant, announced that the university would use the money primarily to encourage endowments for faculty chairs, as well as fellowships and scholarships;

The new grant, which Brandeis must earn by raising an additional \$18,000,000 in three years, was awarded under the Foundation's Special Program in Education, and may be used for any academic purpose Brandeis determines. This is in contrast to most Foundation grants, which are for a specified purpose, such as research, fellowships, or experimentation in certain subjects.

Also receiving second grants today were the University of Southern California, \$7,500,000; and Brown University, \$5,000,000; Johns Hopkins University and the University of Notre Dame received second grants in 1962 and 1963, respectively;

Brandeis received its first \$6,000,000 Ford grant in December 1962. Three years were allotted to the university to raise the required \$18,000,000 in matching funds. However, Brandeis completed the matching requirements in half the allotted time, thus qualifying for the opportunity to apply for still another Ford grant.

N. Y. UNIVERSITY DEDICATES RUBIN RESIDENCE HALL; GAVE \$1,000,000 GIFT

NEW YORK, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- Diplomatic representatives from a number of United Nations member states, headed by Ambassador Marietta Tree, U. S. delegate to the UN Trusteeship Council, joined prominent educational leaders here today in the dedication of a new residence for foreign students attending New York University, named the Samuel Rubin Residence Hall.

The facility, previously a hotel near the NYU's campus, was purchased by the university with the aid of a gift of \$1,000,000 given by Samuel Rubin, former president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, and donor of several schools of music in Israel.

A founder of the NYU Medical Center, Mr. Rubin has in the past also provided scholarship assistance to 200 medical and lay students at New York University. He is also chairman of the lay advisory board of Fordham Hospital, an institution conducted under Catholic auspices, as well as a founder of the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health.

LCS ANGELES PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$250,000 TO UNIVERSITY OF JUDAISM

LCS ANGELES, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- A professional chair in Bible has been established at the University of Judaism, the West Coast branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, by Samuel A. Fryer, a prominent Los Angeles philanthropist.

The gift of \$250,000 to establish the chair, brings to \$500,000 the total contributed by Mr. Fryer to the university. The building housing the institution which was purchased largely with funds contributed by Mr. Fryer, is named for him.

EINSTEIN COLLEGE GETS U. S. GRANT OF \$289,000 FOR AID CENTERS IN BRONX

NEW YORK, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- President Johnson today announced a grant of \$289,000 from the United States Office of Economic Opportunity, under the Administration's Anti-Poverty Program, for the establishment of a network of "storefront neighborhood" aid centers to be conducted in The Bronx by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University;

The project will serve an area termed "the most disadvantaged in the city," embracing a population of 350,000. The project will be conducted by the college's department of psychiatry. The President's grant to Einstein College is among Anti-Poverty Program projects for which he allocated \$20,000,000 for New York and vicinity, out of a total of new grants aggregating \$82,000,000 to institutions around the country.

18,000 FILL MADISON SQUARE GARDEN IN NEW YORK FOR CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- More than 18,000 persons filled Madison Square Garden tonight for the Chanukah Festival for Israel presented under the auspices of the New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds. The Festival brings to a climax the 1954 campaign in the New York metropolitan area to raise \$18,000,000 in Israel bond sales for the economic development of Israel.

SOVIET YIDDISH BIMONTHLY MAGAZINE TO APPEAR AS MONTHLY NEXT ISSUE

LONDON, Dec. 17: (JTA) -- The final edition of Sovietish Heimland, the Soviet Yiddish publication, as a bimonthly, appeared today on newsstands in Russia. Beginning January, the publication will come out monthly. The current issue contains an interview with Nathan Alterman, the famed Israeli poet, on the occasion of his 75th birthday.