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ESHKOL TO FORM CABINET TODAY; SAYS IT WILL BE COMPOSED OF SAME MEMBERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar is expected to ask Levi Eshkol to form a new Cabinet tomorrow, although the right-wing Herut Party told him it wants new general elections now, while the Liberal Party proposed that a new Government be formed without representation by the Mapai Party, to be followed shortly by new elections.

The President has been conferring all weekend with representatives of all Israeli political parties, in preparation for issuance of a call for the formation of a new Government to follow the Cabinet which, with Mr. Eshkol at its head, resigned last week.

Mr. Eshkol declared in an interview here today that he expects the new Cabinet to be made up "of the same parties and the same people" that composed his previous Cabinet. The parties, in addition to Mapai, are the National Religious Party and Ahdut Avoda. The new Government, he said, "will include all who are ready to work with me."

Reuven Barkatt, secretary of Mapai, said today that all Cabinet members belonging to Mapai have been asked to remain in the new Cabinet. There had been doubts about the continuance of two Mapai members of the outgoing Cabinet--Minister of Justice Dov Joseph and Minister of Development Joseph Almogi. Dr. Joseph had already indicated that he would not refuse to continue in his old post, while Mr. Almogi was reportedly under pressure from his base of strength, in Haifa, to stay on.

Ben-Gurion Indicates He Will Publish 'White Paper' on Lavon Case

Regarding the immediate future, Mr. Eshkol stated, in a letter to President Shazar, that he does not favor early elections and that, instead, efforts should be directed toward formation of a stable Government which would function until the expiration of the old Cabinet's term in office next year.

"There are enormous tasks ahead," he said. "The eyes of our brethren the world over and our other friends abroad are watching us with bewilderment and are hoping urgently that we return as soon as possible to a normal course."

Meanwhile, former Premier David Ben-Gurion, whose insistence upon a reinvestigation of the 10-year-old Lavon Affair caused the break between him and Mr. Eshkol, with the resultant resignation of the Eshkol Government, was expected today to publish very soon his "white paper," dealing with the Lavon Affair. He is reportedly holding back that publication only until the Israeli military censorship approves certain segments of his proposed report.

The report will presumably deal in part with the "security mishap," never publicly identified, which led to Pinhas Lavon's resignation from the Defense Ministry in 1955 and, in 1960, his ousting from the secretary-generalship of Histadrut.

In a nationwide radio broadcast, this weekend, Mr. Eshkol explained to the Israeli people why he had opposed a new inquiry into the Lavon affair as proposed by Mr. Ben-Gurion. He referred to the "security mishap" by speaking of it as "a certain operation, the nature of which I am not free to describe, due to reasons of security."

That event, he said, took place without the knowledge of the Government, "and was injurious to the vital interests of the State." He described the various committees that probed that "event," including the committee of seven Ministers of the Ben-Gurion Government in 1960, of which he was a member.

SWEDEN SEIZES ISRAELI SHIP AS SECURITY FOR 'SHALOM' COLLISION CLAIM

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Sweden today seized an Israeli ship, the S.S. Nahariya, "at the request of a Norwegian client," the public prosecutor announced.

The ship was embargoed, it was said, as security against a claim by the Norwegian owners of the tanker Stolt Dagali, which was cut in half, with resulting deaths of 19 Norwegian sailors, when the Stolt Dagali was in a collision with the Zim Israel Navigation Company's luxury liner, Shalom, last month. The pre-dawn collision took place off the shores of New Jersey several hours after the Shalom had left New York on the start of a Caribbean cruise. The Norwegian line is suing the owners of the Shalom for \$1,500,000 in damages.

EBAN CONFERS WITH GROMYKO; HOLDS TALK WITH POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban conferred with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on problems currently before the United Nations General Assembly. They discussed the situation in the Middle East, the peace-keeping activities of the United Nations, and the protection of frontiers of sovereign states against forcible changes.

Present at the talk were Ambassador Michael Comay, head of the permanent Israel delegation to the United Nations, and Gideon Raphael, a member of this year's delegation to the General Assembly. Also present was Platon D. Morozov, member of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations. The conference lasted about an hour.

Mr. Eban also conferred with Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki on the same subjects, as well as on Polish-Israel relations. The talk also covered Arab-Israel relations. The Israel Deputy Prime Minister also gave a luncheon for more than 20 foreign ministers and ambassadors attending the current session of the UN General Assembly.

DE GAULLE WARNS NASSER ON ISRAEL; MOSCOW GRANTS EGYPT \$280,000,000

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- President Charles de Gaulle, of France, has sent former Premier Edgar Faure to Cairo to warn Egypt's President Nasser against the danger of involving himself in another war against Israel as a diversion to cover the Egyptian leader's economic difficulties, it was reported here from Paris today.

At the same time, a Cairo dispatch reported that the USSR's Deputy Prime Minister, Alexander Shelepin, one of the most influential members of the Kremlin's new regime, has informed Nasser that the Supreme Soviet has approved the grant of a \$280,000,000 loan to Egypt. The loan had been promised to Nasser last May by the then USSR Prime Minister, Nikita S. Khrushchev.

Gen. de Gaulle's message to Nasser, according to the Sunday Telegraph, promised the Egyptian leader an increase in Franco-Arab trade if he refrains from attacking Israel. On Nasser's acceptance of these terms, the Telegraph dispatch stated, depends whether De Gaulle will formally invite Nasser to visit Paris next summer. Nasser is scheduled to visit Bonn, and is anxious to come to Paris also during that trip to Europe.

Mr. Shelepin's visit to Cairo, according to the Sunday Observer, involves not only the carrying out of the loan pledge made by Khrushchev, but also a general review of USSR-Egyptian relations.

FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIANS WARN ARAB STATES AGAINST BOYCOTT BLACKMAIL

PARIS, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Two influential members of the French Parliament--Diamede Catroux, of the National Assembly, and Senator Andrew Monteil--warned the Arab states yesterday that, unless the Arab League and its members cease their efforts to intimidate French firms dealing with Israel, they will risk losing the friendship and credit which the Arabs still have in this country.

Both members of Parliament told a press conference here that they are opposed to Arab interference in internal French affairs as shown by threats emanating from the Arab League's anti-Israel boycott office against Gen. Pierre Koenig, one of France's outstanding war heroes.

Gen. Koenig has been requested in a letter from the League to resign his presidency of the Alliance France-Israel or quit his membership on the boards of directors of five French companies; One of those companies is the Societe Industrielle et Financiere des Petroles, an oil prospecting and refining combine operating in the Sahara Desert with the cooperation of the Government of Algeria, which is a member of the Arab League.

The threat against Gen. Koenig has provoked a storm of protests all over this country. The general, a Catholic, was commander in chief of all French resistance forces during World War II, and holds the highest French award for military heroism, the Companion of Liberation.

Appealing to the Arab states to refrain from further actions, M. Catroux and Sen. Monteil said that only by dropping such boycott moves could the Arabs "preserve their ties with France." M. Catroux noted that the Arab League itself is "a legally non-existent organization," so that, officially, the French Foreign Ministry "can do little about it." But he warned Arab states that, if they boycott French companies, they would be liable to prosecution and might also suffer from a "spontaneous" counter-boycott in this country.

The pro-Israel organization headed by Gen. Koenig includes 200 members of the French Parliament, more than half of them Gaullists.

Arab Boycott Threats to Swiss Firms Denounced in Switzerland

ZURICH, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Neue Zurcher Zeitung, most influential daily newspaper in Switzerland, today denounced the Arab boycott against Israel, which it termed an "economic inquisition." It warned the Arab Boycott Office against sending letters to Swiss enterprises threatening to boycott them if they will continue to deal with Israel.

POLISH COURT SENTENCES NAZI TO DEATH FOR LIQUIDATION OF GHETTO

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A Polish court has sentenced a Nazi war criminal to death for participation in the liquidation of the Janow Ghetto and in the massacres of Jews and Poles in other parts of occupied Poland, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

The criminal, whose name was given only as Heczko, was sentenced by a court at Breslau. He joined the Russian counter-revolutionary forces which operated under German direction between 1941 and 1943, when he committed his crimes.

ROME PARLEY APPROVES NEW AIR ROUTES TO ISRAEL; ARAB OPPOSITION FAILS

ROME, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A four-week conference of 46 countries of Africa and the Indian Ocean ended here yesterday with approval of three new air routes using Israeli facilities over strong objections by seven Arab members.

The plenary subcommittee of the International Civilian Aviation Organization approved the air routes and other recommendations to be submitted to the ICAO council in Montreal. The subject of the conference was a five-year civil air communication plan for the region.

The three new air routes are Nairobi (Kenya) to Teheran, already in operation, Nairobi to Tel Aviv and Kano (Nigeria) to Tel Aviv. The seven Arab delegations opposed fiercely inclusion of the three air routes in the technical plan; The Arabs suffered their first defeat on the issue when the other delegations brushed aside Arab warnings they would not allow such flights to pass over their territories. The vote was 13 to eight with 11 abstentions.

On Thursday, when the Arabs opposed inclusion of Israel in a plan for exchange of meteorological information, they were defeated by a vote of 12 to seven. The Israel delegation, composed of technicians, impressed the conference with their calm in dealing with verbal attacks of the Arab delegations. The results of the conference were expected to speed development of African-Asian air communication.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ISSUES STUDY ON JORDAN RIVER WATERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- An extensive, documented analysis of the issues involved in harnessing the Jordan River system, published here today, concludes that the current water diversion projects of both Israel and Jordan "do not, at the present time, conflict with one another."

However, the report warns that a future clash cannot be ruled out as long as Jordan actively supports the Arab League's plans to block full implementation of Israel's National Water Carrier by diverting the Jordan River's headwaters. Israel's Carrier has begun to pump water from Lake Tiberias southward to the coastal plain and the Negev.

Based on a close examination of official Jordanian Government and Arab League sources as well as technical data, the study finds that if Jordan were to cooperate fully with Syria and Lebanon to implement the Arab League's complete diversion plan, "it could ultimately diminish the amount of Jordan water reaching Israel by one-third or more."

Such action "undoubtedly would heighten Jordan-Israel tension," in view of the Israel Government's declarations that Israel would "act to protect her vital rights" on the water question. The report cites indications, however, that Jordan may be reluctant to take part in excessive diversion actions.

The comprehensive study of the water issue in the Middle East was issued by the American Jewish Committee. The study was prepared by George E. Gruen, a member of the Committee's Foreign Affairs Department and a specialist on Middle Eastern affairs.

Covered in the report are the international developments on this issue, as well as the current status of the various plans in the political, military and water diversion fields, adopted by the recent Arab League summit conferences in Cairo and Alexandria to counter Israel's water project. The Soviet Union and Communist China are continuing to support the position of the Arab League, the study points out. The United States has been backing "Israel's current efforts," the report states.

The planned extension of the Jordanian canal is expected to continue to receive American backing as long as it remains within the framework of the Eric Johnston Plan, according to the report. However, according to a State Department spokesman cited in the report, "in case the Arab states attempt to frustrate the Israeli plan by other counter-diversion projects, the United States would oppose such projects if it appeared that the Arab riparian states combined were offtaking waters in excess of the combined allocations to the Arab states specified in the 1955 plan."

The report finds that crucial factors will be the ultimate size and eventual use of the Mukheiba and Maqarin dams, which the Jordanian Government is preparing to construct on the Yarmuk River, as part of a large-scale irrigation and power development program in the Yarmuk-Jordan Valley region. The Mukheiba dam is also a key element in the Arab League's diversion plan.

TWO AMERICAN FIRMS TO CARRY OUT STUDY IN ISRAEL ON DESALTING PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Kaiser Engineering Company of Oakland, Calif. and the Catalytic Construction Company of Philadelphia have been chosen to carry out a technical study in Israel to determine the feasibility of the joint desalting program of Israel and the United States, it was reported here this weekend. The program aims to determine the usefulness of nuclear energy for such desalting programs.

The Oakland firm specializes in nuclear and hydroelectric power and treatment plants. The Philadelphia firm specializes in chemical processing plants including desalting operations. Work will start immediately on the \$300,000 project which is scheduled to take between eight and nine months for completion.

A tentative agreement was signed yesterday with the formal contract to be completed in Israel in January. It was understood that Kaiser Engineering and Catalytic Construction would cooperate with Israeli engineers specializing in this field. Gen. Tzvi Tsur, chief coordinator of the Israel desalting program and members of his delegation left yesterday to return to Israel.

TWENTY JEWISH NATIONAL YOUTH GROUPS TO ACT ON STATUS OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Twenty national Jewish youth groups agreed to join forces to aid Soviet Jewry, it was announced here today. Known as the American Jewish Youth Conference for Soviet Jewry, the body will coordinate inter-organizational activities. The nation-wide program is being undertaken as an adjunct to the American Jewish Conference for Soviet Jewry, an ad hoc body composed of 24 major national Jewish organizations seeking to secure equal cultural and religious rights for Jews in the Soviet Union.

Participating in the American Jewish Youth Conference for Soviet Jewry are B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, National Hillel Foundations, National Jewish Welfare Board, National Federation of Temple Youth, National Conference of Synagogue Youth, United Synagogue Youth, National Council of Young Israel, Yavne, Atid, Leaders Training Fellowship, the American Zionist Youth Council, Betar, B'nei Akiva, Dror Hechalutz Hatzair, Hacholim, Hashomer Hatzair, Junior Hadassah, Mizrachi Hatzair, Student Zionist Organization, Masada of ZOA and Young Judaea.

The American Jewish Youth Conference for Soviet Jewry maintains that the "Jews of the Soviet Union today are denied the exercise of their spiritual and cultural heritage although guaranteed this right by the Soviet constitution." Insisting that Soviet Jews are "singled out from all other groups for severe limitations beyond those imposed on other religious groups" the Conference addressed itself to youth throughout the world.

CATHOLIC LAYMAN DONATES STAINED GLASS WINDOW TO N. J. SYNAGOGUE

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Edwin Zaberer, a Catholic layman in Wildwood, N.J., has donated this weekend a large stained glass window to the local synagogue as a seasonal gesture of interfaith brotherhood. The window will be dedicated in memory of his mother. The synagogue is Beth Judah Temple.

Mr. Zaberer who is a leader of the Camden Catholic Archdiocese school building drive in South Jersey said he had made the gift as a mark of respect to the members of the Jewish community.

'HADOAR' HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER IN NEW YORK; PATRONS OF HEBREW ATTEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The annual dinner of the Hadoar, the only Hebrew weekly newspaper published in the United States, was held here this evening with prominent scholars and patrons of Hebrew language and literature participating. Guest of honor at the dinner was Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N.Y. Dr. Sandrow was cited for a quarter of a century of dedicated services for Jewish education, Hebrew scholarship and leadership in other Jewish cause.

Boris Margolin, president of the Hadoar Association, presided at the dinner. Among those taking part in the program were Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfeld, director of the Department of Culture and Education of the Jewish Agency, and Dr. Judah Nadich, spiritual leader of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

MARC CHAGALL AWARDED HIGHEST RANK IN FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

PARIS, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The French Government at a Cabinet session promoted painter Marc Chagall to the rank of commander, the highest in the French Legion of Honor. The Jewish artist, who became a naturalized French citizen, is famous for his conceptions of life as he knew it in his native Russian "shtetle." He is the only living French painter to hold that rank in the Legion of Honor.

STOCKHOLM RADIO PRESENTS SHOLEM ALEICHEM PROGRAM IN SWEDISH

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Swedish Radio today presented a program of Sholom Aleichem readings in Swedish. This was the first time that the great Yiddish writer's works in Swedish were presented for entertainment as distinct from evaluation and commemoration.