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### MAPAI TO FINALIZE EXPULSION OF BEN-GURIONISTS; SENDS OFFICIAL LETTERS

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- The leadership bureau of the Mapai Party decided here last night, at a meeting attended by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, to send official letters to ex-Premier David Ben-Gurion and all other known adherents of his new Israel Labor List, informing them formally that they have been expelled from the party.

The decision was taken because Mr. Ben-Gurion and his supporters have claimed that the decision of the Mapai Secretariat last week to oust the Ben-Gurionists had stated they had "expelled themselves" by forming a new election list. The Ben-Gurionists had insisted that the Secretariat move was "vague" and allows them to remain as members of Mapai. The official letters will eliminate that ambiguity.

Meanwhile, the Ben-Gurionists published today the first issue of their weekly newspaper, *Mabat Hadash* (New Look). The publication includes an interview with former Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres stating that members of the Ben-Gurion group had been offered government posts. Mr. Peres resigned from his post several weeks ago to join the Ben-Gurion movement.

"Even within Mapai," stated Mr. Peres, "Ben-Gurion and his supporters were always in the minority. We could have remained in the Government. We were offered jobs. But, if we remained, we would have had to give up principles, and we were not prepared to do so."

### AGENDA OF U. N. ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCED; ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM LOOMS HIGH

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 29 (JTA) -- The Arab refugee problem, the future of the United Nations Emergency Force which stands guard to prevent Egyptian military acts against Israel, and the elimination of all religious intolerance -- including religious oppression against Soviet Jews -- loomed large here today as the provisional agenda of the next regular session of the General Assembly was made public. That session, the 20th in United Nations history, is scheduled to convene September 21.

The future of the U.N. Emergency Force -- which is stationed in the Gaza area on the Israel border and at Sharm el-Sheikh, overlooking the Gulf of Akaba -- is due to be examined, along with other issues, first by a special Committee of 33 members meeting this month for adoption of a final report, then at the resumed Assembly session opening September 1, finally, at the regular session scheduled to open September 21.

The Arab refugee problem was shunted aside at the last Assembly, because no votes were taken on any issues. When the problem comes before the next regular session, therefore, it could touch off one of the most bitter debates heard here in many years. There are two reasons for that expectation. One is that the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, which should have expired June 30, 1965, has been extended to next June 30 -- and must be either extended again, curtailed, or otherwise disposed of this year.

The United States Congress, which has been for more than 15 years supplying 70 percent of the UNRWA budget, has insisted that a new look be taken at the Arab refugee problem. The Arab states, on the other hand, have, since the issue was last discussed here fully in 1963, also formulated new demands, foremost among which is their open threat to organize the Arab refugees into an army to "liberate Palestine."

The forthcoming Assembly may receive a supplementary report from UNRWA, showing that many thousands of so-called refugees are receiving UNRWA aid through fraud. There may be a move by a number of U.N. member states to try to force the Arab states and Israel to negotiate face-to-face on the refugee problem. All these complications may make this year's Arab refugee debate the most explosive since the establishment of UNRWA in 1950.

Various human rights issues have been given seven distinct places on the 97-item agenda. Perhaps the most touchy of these is a recommendation by the United Nations Economic and Social Council that the U.N. adopt a declaration and an international convention "on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance." Through many parliamentary procedures, the USSR has been fighting the adoption of such a declaration and

convention for many years, employing various delaying tactics from year to year. The issue is certain to flare here dynamically at the forthcoming regular assembly, because the Soviet Union fears that elimination of religious oppressions would face the Moscow Government with a choice of either defying a U.N. move openly or removing the oppressions suffered by Russian Jews in the fields of religion and culture.

Other human rights issues on the agenda would call for curbing "manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance"; adoption of specific steps "to accelerate the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms"; and the adoption of two international covenants on human rights, items pending here for 11 years. All of these items are unwelcome to various member states, but the most powerful of the opponents is the Soviet Union.

#### PRESS UNITED IN LAUDING APPOINTMENT OF FORTAS TO SUPREME COURT

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- The appointment by President Johnson of Abe Fortas, the prominent Jewish lawyer, as Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy left open by the naming of Arthur J. Goldberg to the post of head of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations, was lauded today in editorials in the New York press and in leading newspapers throughout the country.

The New York Times said in an editorial that President Johnson's selection of Mr. Fortas for the Supreme Court "gives every promise of proving an excellent appointment." It pointed out that "the newest member of the Court is not likely to be as uniformly progressive in outlook as his predecessor, former Justice Goldberg, nor as personally influential as his predecessor save one, the late Justice Frankfurter," but added that "he can be expected to strengthen the libertarian approach of the Court's majority."

The New York Herald Tribune editorial said that "for his first appointment to the Supreme Court, President Johnson chose a lawyer of unquestioned ability, widely known and highly thought of throughout the legal profession." It stressed the fact that, on a number of occasions, "the Supreme Court itself has repeatedly demonstrated its respect for Abe Fortas."

The New York Post, the Journal-American, and the World-Telegram similarly praised the appointment of Mr. Fortas. The Wall Street Journal said that Mr. Fortas as a Supreme Court Justice is expected to reflect his long association with President Johnson. "He looks upon the President's Great Society as a logical and necessary extension of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal," the Washington correspondent of the Wall Street Journal asserted.

#### Egyptian Press Attacks Johnson for Goldberg's Appointment

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) -- The Egyptian press, which had refrained from editorial comment on the appointment of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg as the top United States delegate to the United Nations, broke its silence today by attacking the entire Johnson Administration as "Zionist," according to Cairo dispatches received here.

Until now, most of the Cairo press had been content merely to insist that the United States had named a "Zionist" as U.N. Ambassador. Today, Al Cornhouria stated bitterly: "The choice was extremely logical, since Zionists are the ones who direct American policy."

"If Johnson wants to be more realistic," the newspaper stated, referring to the U. S. President, "he should choose all the members of his government from Zionist circles." The editorial suggested that President Johnson could be "more realistic still" by vacating his own position and giving it "to a Zionist, since they are the true rulers of America."

#### DECISION TO SEND FOOD TO EGYPT IS BEING RECONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 29; (JTA) -- Lawrence F. O'Brien, special assistant to President Johnson, today informed Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, that reconsideration of the decision to complete shipment of \$37,500,000 worth of food to Egypt is being "carefully considered" in view of Egyptian frauds exposed recently by the U. S. General Accounting Office.

In a letter to Rep. Halpern, Mr. O'Brien commented on the Congressman's request that the President suspend "any portion of the shipment" to Egypt of commodities authorized for Egypt last month as a food grant. The GAO revealed that almost half of the 186,000 tons of corn given Egypt for free distribution to the poor was sold for profit by Egyptian officials. The total aid was valued at \$23,700,000. According to the GAO, the food was sent because of allegations of a crop failure and impending famine, when actually, Egypt that year enjoyed a bumper crop.

## CONGRESS OF CHURCHES IN GERMANY DISCUSSES RELATIONS WITH JEWS

BONN, July 29. (JTA) -- Three thousand West German churchmen, representing every Protestant denomination and community in the country, opened here today a discussion on the subject of relations between Christians and Jews; The topic is one of the items on the agenda of the Congress of German Protestant Churches, the first of its kind in 20 years, which has been in preparation for five years;

"We must try to find a common language with our Jewish brothers," said the president of the congress, Richard von Weizacker. The chairman of a "working party" that prepared the session on relations with the Jewish people, Prof. Helmut Gollwitzer, told the session: "The very existence of Israel is proof of the existence of wonders," Prof. Hans Joachim Kraus, of Hamburg, one of Germany's leading theologians, said "Israel is the people of God. It is proof of God's will."

Prof. Ernest Simon, of the Hebrew University, in Jerusalem, a guest participant, told the congress that Germany's principal "act of reparation" to the Jewish people could be an effort by Germany to bring peace between Israel and the Arab states; Germany, he said, could "work for peace, could adopt a policy which will make peace between Israel and its neighbors possible one day."

## VAST HIDDEN NAZI FUNDS REPORTED BEING USED TO AID NEO-NAZI MOVEMENTS

BRUSSELS, July 29. (JTA) -- Vast funds hidden in various countries during the last days of the Second World War by Nazi leaders, are still being used to support fascist and neo-Nazi movements in various parts of the world and to pay the expenses for the defense of Nazi war criminals who face trial.

This was disclosed here by Hubert Halin, president of the Experts Committee of the International Union of Resistance and Deportee Movements, who reported at a press conference on the group's findings. He appealed for information on the distribution of such funds;

Mr. Halin also reported on numerous attempts to revive Nazism in Belgium, especially the creation here of a section of the National Socialist World Union under the direction of a certain Rudiger van Zande, a representative in Liege of a commercial firm, Van Zande's stationery, he said, is printed with the swastika and Hitlerian eagle, and he is known to be connected with other fascist movements as well as with the Arab League.

Mr. Halin also noted that an international camp devoted to "the struggle against the Jews and loyalty to Hitlerism" will be held in Belgium in August with the participation of German, French and English as well as Belgian fascists. Ceremonies are also scheduled in memory of August Borms, Belgian separatist executed for treason in 1946, he said;

## JEWISH CHILDREN IN POLAND REPORTED INDIFFERENT TO JEWISH CULTURE

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) -- The children of Polish Jews "have no organic connection" with the work of the Jewish Cultural and Social Association in that country, the Folkstimme, Yiddish newspaper published in Warsaw, declared in the latest issue received here today.

The Folkstimme listed the agenda for the forthcoming fifth national convention of the Association, declaring that education of the Jewish children will figure most prominently at the convention. The problem, stated the newspaper, was how to hand down the values of the association to the next generation, stating that the issue was a matter of education.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Historical Institute, which has its headquarters in Warsaw, announced that it has widened its scope to include the history of the Jews in Poland in general. Much of the Institute's basic research until now has been confined to highly learned, carefully researched data about the situation of Polish Jewry during the years of the Nazi occupation.

The latest issue of the Institute's proceedings reported on the situation of the Jews in the Lodz ghetto. Other reports concern the Jewish resistance movement during the Nazi era, and including resistance in the ghettos and concentration camps and the story of Jewish participation in the anti-Nazi struggles carried on by other groups. In preparation also are studies on the looting of Jewish property by the Germans during World War II, and the help given to the Jews in Poland during that period by non-Jewish Poles.

## MONUMENT TO 1,000 JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS ERECTED IN POLISH TOWN

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) -- The local authorities in the Polish town of Zambrow have cleared up the site of the burial by the Nazis of 1,000 Jewish victims in Kolake, some five miles from the town, and put up a stone monument in memory of the victims, it was reported here today. The inscription on the monument reads: "This is the burial place of 1,000 Polish citizens -- Jews -- done to death by the Hitlerite murderers."

# MITCHELL THORP, JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER, ELECTED MAYOR OF JOHNSON CITY

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. July 29. (JTA) -- Mitchell Thorp, a Johnson City Jewish communal leader and president of B'nai Shalom Congregation, has been elected Mayor of this city.

# REFORM RABBIS URGED TO PROTECT SENIOR MEMBERS OF THEIR CONGREGATIONS

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- American Reform rabbis were urged to undertake active assistance to senior members of congregations to protect them against "the exploitation and victimization of the older person in our communities."

The recommendation was contained in a report by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform rabbinical organization. Rabbi Norbert L. Rosenthal, chairman of its Committee on the Aging noted in the report that the CCAR convention this year received a special report on "creation of an effective service program for the older persons in our congregations."

The goals cited in the special report were to arrange provision of companionship and new friends for the elderly, to help members do things for themselves and for others, to stimulate new interests and develop new skills and to create "whole some and positive attitudes toward the process of aging."

Rabbi Rosenthal also reported that the committee considered "the more outlandish customs and practices developing around funeral and burial services" in Reform congregations. The committee proposed, "as a means of simplifying or even eliminating the trappings and appurtenances surrounding the bier, that a simple casket covering or pall be acquired by our Temples for utilization" during funeral services.

"Every congregation could design its own special pall, or perhaps one unique to our movement could be commissioned by the Conference for standard usage," the report said. "In any event a return to more traditional simplicity in our funerary customs is manifestly called for."

# B'NAI B'RITH SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND IN ST. LOUIS AIDS 200 PROFESSIONALS

ST. LOUIS, July 29. (JTA) -- A special scholarship loan fund conducted here by B'nai B'rith women, started with \$500 in 1934, has aided the education of some 200 men and women, some of them very famous in their professions, according to a report by the founder of the project, Mrs. Hyman Weisman. The fund has now grown to \$12,000 and, this year, will provide scholarships to between 20 and 22 applicants, she said.

The loans, Mrs. Weisman said, are repaid by the students, without interest, many of them adding their own contributions when they enter their chosen professions. Among the students aided, she reported, have been a world-famous nuclear scientist, a prominent medical, psychiatric and surgical practitioners, a political science professor, a Jewish Federation executive and a number of well-known journalists.

# ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INDICATES TWO-FOR-ONE STOCK SPLIT

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- Shareholders of Israel Development Corporation at their annual meeting today voted to increase the number of authorized shares, thereby paving the way for a two-for-one stock split.

The number of authorized common shares of IDC was increased from 800,000 to 2,000,000, and the par value of the shares halved to \$12.50. Abraham Dickenstein, president, said the split is expected to be effective on August 3rd. Gummed stickers indicating the change, for affixing to stock certificates, will be sent to shareholders of record August 3rd sometime next month.

Mr. Dickenstein told shareholders attending the meeting that loans and investments made by IDC in Israel enterprises during the six months ended May 31, 1965 totaled \$4,455,000, compared with \$1,550,000 for the comparable period last year and \$6,730,000 for the entire 1964 fiscal year. Noting that interim earnings rose sufficiently to warrant a 20 per cent dividend increase--announced by IDC earlier this month--Mr. Dickenstein observed that IDC's assets today stand at about \$17,000,000 compared with about \$13,800,000 a year ago.

# TEL AVIV AND FLORENCE START ON AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

ROME, July 29. (JTA) -- A group of 24 Tel Aviv schoolchildren accompanied by their headmaster, M. Viskoop, arrived in Florence today as the first contingent of an exchange program between the two cities. Twenty children from Florence are already in Tel Aviv and, after touring the city, will stay in Israeli kibbutzim.