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### ISRAELI AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS AT QUIET CEREMONY IN BONN

BONN, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- The blue-white flag of Israel was raised on German soil today for the first time as Asher Ben-Nathan presented his formal letters of credence as Israel's first Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. Mr. Ben-Nathan was formerly director-general of Israel's Defense Ministry.

The presentation was made to acting West German President Georg Zinn in a brief and simple ceremony set by West German protocol. Israel's flag was raised over the temporary Israel Embassy in Cologne. Representatives of German Jewry attended that ceremony. Mr. Ben-Nathan commented that, "this is to recall that the present does not erase the past." Later, he placed a wreath at the monument in Cologne for the 6,000,000 Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust.

Rabbi A. Churachovsky received the envoy at the Cologne synagogue, which was destroyed in 1938 during the Nazi "Crystal Night," and rebuilt seven years ago. The rabbi recited Kaddish before the wreath was placed on the monument. There were no speeches during the Cologne rites.

### Ben-Nathan, German Acting President Envisage Normal Relations

The Ambassador was driven from Cologne to Villa Hammerschmidt, here, for the credentials presentation ceremony in President Heinrich Lübke's limousine. In the cavalcade of accompanying cars were West German officials and members of the Israel Embassy staff. Ehrenfreund von Helleben, the Bonn chief of protocol, went to Cologne to accompany the Israeli envoy to Bonn for the ceremony.

Mr. Ben-Nathan made a short address in which he expressed the hope that Israel and West Germany would now enter on normal relations and a happy future for both. Dr. Zinn reciprocated the sentiments in his reply, in which he added that he hoped the future would "shine bright" for the two countries. He and the Israeli envoy then had a short conversation about Israel's development and world affairs in general.

West German officials sought to avoid overstress on the significance of the occasion, but widespread public interest was evidenced by the presence at both ceremonies of some 40 correspondents of West German radio, television and other news media. Wide coverage was given both to the presentation ceremony and the raising of Israel's flag in Cologne in the German press and on all broadcast services.

### MAPAI COURT OF HONOR ENDS HEARINGS ON EXPULSION OF BEN-GURION GROUP

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- The Mapai Court of Honor ended its hearings on arguments to expel former Premier David Ben-Gurion and six of his followers for creating an independent list for the November Parliamentary elections, and announced today it would issue a ruling Monday.

Two more of the six Mapai leaders who joined with Mr. Ben-Gurion to form the Israel Workers List (Rafi) to challenge Premier Levi Eshkol's leadership at the polls -- Amos Degani and Gideon Ben-Israel -- told the Court they no longer considered themselves Mapai members. Earlier, Yizhar Smilansky, one of the accused, formally resigned from the party.

The four other Rafi leaders -- Mr. Ben-Gurion, ex-Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, former Housing Minister Josef Almogi, and Hanna Lamdan -- said yesterday they were withdrawing from the Court hearings because the tribunal had made their defense against charges of splitting the party "impossible."

The final session yesterday was marked by an impassioned statement by Yaacov Shapiro, attorney for the Mapai prosecution. He charged that Rafi was a "neo-fascist group based on the leader principle." He asserted that Mr. Ben-Gurion had "attempted to set himself up as more equal than others," when he appeared before the Court last week. The prosecuting attorney quoted from George Orwell's satire, "Animal Farm,"

in which one of the animals which drove out their human masters, to establish self-government, justified setting up a dictatorship on grounds that "all animals are equal, but some are more equal than others." Nahum Shadmi, head of Mapai's Control Commission who appeared with Mr. Shapiro for the prosecution, told the court that "despite his achievements, Ben-Gurion has evidenced all signs typical of a dictator, and he is a danger to Israel society."

Micha Kaspi, the Rafi attorney, announced he was withdrawing from the case. He told the tribunal that there was no point in his continuing, since the Court had rejected his demand to call Premier Eshkol, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, and other Mapai ministers as witnesses for the defense. The attorney, however, asked that the court continue its deliberations;

#### ISRAEL ASSURES RAMLA ARABS OF PROTECTION; POLICE PATROL THE CITY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- Police on constant patrol of the streets of Ramla acted swiftly today to break up groups of Jews who appeared to be planning to repeat the attacks of last Sunday in which 12 Arab residents of the city were injured; Police had arrested 21 of the Jewish attackers after they set upon Arab citizens in the streets.

Shmuel Toledano, Premier Levi Eshkol's adviser on Arab affairs, met yesterday with Arab officials in Ramla, and assured them that Israeli authorities would deal sternly with any further attacks on Ramla's Arab citizens.

#### 20,000 ISRAELI DOCTORS, OTHER PROFESSIONALS SET DATE FOR STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- Some 20,000 Israeli doctors, engineers and other professionals employed in government and public enterprises will start a general strike on September 5, their coordinating committee decided last night.

The strike will be in protest against the Government's delay in acting on their demands for adjustment of their salaries to those of senior administrative officials in government and public service enterprises. The principle of parity between the two groups had been agreed upon. A few months ago, Supreme Court Justice Y. Sussman, acting as arbitrator, decided that the starting point for the demanded adjustments should be the situation as of March 31, 1964.

Since then, according to the coordinating committee, negotiations have dragged on in a joint committee with the Government, with no progress. The strike will affect high school and university teachers, scientists in government services, pharmacists, economists and other groups of degree-holding professionals employed by municipalities, public services and public institutions.

#### HOUSE OPENS IMMIGRATION LAW DEBATE; TO END NATIONAL ORIGINS QUOTAS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- Debate opened on the House floor today on the pending bill to liberalize United States immigration laws and eliminate the discriminatory national origins quota system. Initial debate indicated strong bipartisan support for the measure and suggested the prospect of early passage, probably tonight or tomorrow.

Rep. Michael Feighan, Ohio Democrat and chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee, called for adoption of the bill as recommended by the subcommittee. He said it would correct the inequities of the present law and bring the regulations into conformity with needs long overdue. He said the subcommittee had worked hard to reconcile sharp differences on questions involving immigration reform, and declared that the proposed legislation represented what was felt to be reflective of the national desires.

Chairman Emanuel Celler, of the House Judiciary Committee, recalled that, in 1924, he opposed the national origins quota system when it was adopted. A similar recollection was voiced by House Speaker John McCormack, Massachusetts Democrat, who noted that, in 1924, he had also taken part in the futile fight against the national origins system.

#### ROOSEVELT PROPOSES RESETTLEMENT OF ARAB REFUGEES IN ARAB LANDS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- Rep. James Roosevelt, California Democrat, said today in a House speech that the United States should seek resettlement of the Arab refugees "in the Arab lands where there is room and opportunity for them." He declared that the best way to achieve this aim would be through establishment of an international committee by the United Nations to supervise the gradual transfer to Arab governments of the present activities of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. Rep. Roosevelt said the proposed committee would simultaneously develop an overall program for the economic development of the Middle East, harnessed to the resettlement of the refugees.

# ESTONIAN SYNAGOGUE CLOSED BY USSR; SHUT-DOWNS TOTAL 360 SINCE 1959

NEW YORK, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- Soviet officials have informed the Jews of Tallin, in Estonia, that the building housing the community's synagogue will be torn down to make way for an urban renewal project, and have rejected a request for permission for a new location for the synagogue, the American Soviet Conference on Soviet Jewry reported here today.

The Conference, representing 24 major Jewish organizations, also disclosed that a Conference delegation had reported this information about the 4,000-member Jewish community's problems in Estonia; to the United States Department of State; The delegation told the State Department that the Tallin synagogue was the 360th Jewish house of worship shut down by Soviet officials since 1959. The figure was based on documents presented by the Soviets at United Nations meetings;

The Conference issued an appeal to the Soviet Government against tearing down the existing synagogue without providing the Jewish communities with facilities for a replacement;

Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen, of Chicago, chairman of the Conference steering committee, said that promises made to visiting Western rabbis and press representatives by Soviet officials to ease some of the restrictions on Russian Jewish cultural and religious life would prove to be "empty gestures;" He urged the Conference's 24 affiliates to send large delegations to launch a year-long campaign on September 19, in Washington, for an Eternal Light Vigil on behalf of Soviet Jews.

## American Scientist Finds Anti-Jewish Bias on Visit to Soviet Union

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- Jews in the Soviet Union are living in fear and suffering persecutions, Prof. David Weiss, a University of California bacteriologist just back from the USSR, declared here; He visited the USSR as a guest of the Soviet Academy of Medical Science;

In an interview in The Jewish Community Bulletin, local weekly, Dr. Weiss declared that, contrary to official Soviet Government efforts to convince foreigners that Jews there receive the same treatment given to all other citizens, Russian Jews are denied religious rights granted to others. One Russian Jew told him, the scientist reported, that acceptance of a Jewish prayer book from a foreign visitor could result in long imprisonment on charges of "possession of subversive material." Dr. Weiss said he could not find any Yiddish schools, Jewish book stores or kosher restaurants anywhere in the USSR during his visit;

## Soviet Authorities Aid One Minority's Culture; Denied to Jews

LONDON, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- More than 33,000 Soviet children whose "mother tongue" is German are being taught German in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan, according to information received here today through an article in a German-language weekly, Neues Leben, published in Moscow by Pravda, the official organ of the USSR Communist Party;

Observers here noted immediately that, although official Soviet census figures have indicated that at least 486,000 Soviet citizens claim Yiddish as their "mother tongue," there is not a single Yiddish school in the entire USSR;

According to Neues Leben, the number of pupils taught German in Kazakhstan has increased from 16,000 in the academic year 1957-58 to 33,000 in 1964-65; Additionally, the newspaper reported, special teacher training courses for instruction in German are being conducted at two universities in Kazakhstan, one in the capital of Alma Ata, the other at Kokchetav; The newspaper added that the Kazakhstan Ministry of Education has instructed all local districts to take steps immediately to improve the methods and curricula for the teaching of German; There are about 1,000,000 German-speaking persons in Kazakhstan;

## U. S. ATHLETES SET RECORDS AS MACCABIAH EVENTS OPEN AT RAMAT GAN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24: (JTA) -- Israel defeated the South African water polo championship team, as the Seventh Maccabiad got underway today in Ramat Gan, before some 50,000 spectators;

Two new Maccabiah records were set in the opening heats of swimming events this morning; Mark Spitz, of the United States, raced through the 400-meter men's free-style contest in four minutes and 26.2 seconds, 6.3 seconds better than the record set by an American in the previous Games; Heidi Ross, of the United States, splashed through the 100-meter women's butterfly contest in one minute and 11.4 seconds; Twelve-year-old Cathy Cole and Carole Adler, both of the United States, and M. Fluxman, of South Africa, also beat previous Maccabiad swimming records;

## SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL HEAD CHALLENGED ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN WEST GERMANY

LONDON, Aug. 24; (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania, one of the participants last week in the conference of 19 Christian and 10 Jewish leaders in Geneva, said today that he considered neo-fascism and anti-Semitism in West Germany "a vital danger for Jews as well as for world peace."

The Chief Rabbi made his comment in a statement sent from Bucharest to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here in which he dissociated himself from a contrary evaluation made at the close of the parley by Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen of Chicago, president of the Synagogue Council of America. The five-day meeting, sponsored by the World Council of Churches, was attended by religious leaders from the United States, Europe and Israel. Rabbi Cohen said at the end of the meeting that anti-Semitism was no longer a "grave" problem in Europe;

Rabbi Rosen, who was the only East European representative attending the Geneva sessions, asserted in his statement that the problem of anti-Semitism in West Germany was not discussed "in any form during the conference in which I took part" and that Rabbi Cohen was "not authorized by any one at the conference to declare that anti-Semitism in West Germany is of no importance any more." Rabbi Cohen had declared that he disagreed with reports of a resurgence of anti-Semitism in Europe and that such reports stemmed from the fact that occasionally some "idiot" painted an anti-Semitic slogan or desecrated a Jewish cemetery. Rabbi Cohen added a warning, however, that there were some "cesspools" of anti-Semitism "which still have to be sealed off."

The Chief Rabbi of Rumania declared that "rapprochement between Jews and Christians, which is so much wanted, is possible only by eradication of anti-Semitism, not by minimizing it."

## 3 AMERICAN NAZIS CONVICTED IN CALIFORNIA COURT; EACH IS FINED \$200

GLENDALE, Calif., Aug. 24; (JTA) -- Three admitted members of the American Nazi Party today were fined \$200 each, with the alternative of 40 days in jail, on charges of disturbing the peace in connection with racist agitation.

The three were Walter E. Gould, 20; Frederick E. Harry, 23; and Robert Giles, 20; Gould and Harry said they live in the Nazi headquarters here, while Giles gave an address in Artesia, Calif.

They informed Municipal Judge Kenneth A. White they would appeal the sentences. Bond was set at \$550 for each of the men. The case arose from a disturbance caused at a supermarket here by the Nazis last May.

## EL AL GETS NEW \$5, 032, 000 EXPORT-IMPORT BANK LOAN FOR BOEING JET

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24; (JTA) -- A new Boeing 707/320-B long-range jet commercial airliner is being acquired by El Al Israel Airlines, Ltd., with assistance of a new loan of \$5, 032, 000 from the Export-Import Bank of Washington. The plane will be the first of four such ultra-modern craft Israel plans to buy during the next five years. The new jet will serve the Tel Aviv-New York and Tel Aviv-Nairobi routes.

The total price of the plane is \$7, 400, 000, including spare parts. Repayment is guaranteed by the Israel Government; the airline's major shareholder.

First financing of El Al by the Export-Import Bank was a loan in 1960 for the purchase of two Boeing 707 jets. A second loan was issued in 1961 for a third 707. These two credits totaled \$12, 600, 000. In 1962, the bank guaranteed a commercial loan to El Al to the extent of \$12, 300, 000 for two Boeing 720 planes.

## DR. J. W. THOMPSON, WHO AIDED CONCENTRATION CAMP VICTIMS, DEAD AT 59

NEW YORK, Aug. 24; (JTA) -- Dr. John W. Thompson, a psychiatrist known as an authority on the "survivor syndrome" of former concentration camp inmates, died last week of a heart attack at the age of 59, while vacationing in the Virgin Islands, it was announced here today.

An assistant professor of psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University here, Dr. Thompson served as chairman of the Committee for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Manmade Disasters, which was successful in encouraging the West German Government to reopen compensation cases for concentration camp victims whose claims had been rejected;

In 1946, he founded a therapeutic community near Paris for concentration camp survivors, mostly from Bergen-Belsen. A British subject, Dr. Thompson joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a medical officer in 1941, and was among the first troops to liberate the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen;