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ESHKOL SCORES VICTORY IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL; THANKS NATION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol emerged victorious today in the national elections to Israel's Parliament, in which former Premier David Ben-Gurion challenged Mr. Eshkol's Mapai Party by forming a splinter party known as Rafi, the Israel Workers List.

Preliminary results of the elections from most of the 3,100 polling stations indicated today that the Mapai Party and its ally, the Achdut Avodah, will have between 42 and 44 of the 120 seats in Knesset, the Parliament. (The two parties held 41 seats in the outgoing Knesset;) Ben-Gurion's Rafi Party may have 10 seats; the Herut-Liberal bloc, called Gahal, may maintain its 26 seats; the Religious bloc, 16 seats; the leftist Mapam Party and the Communists will probably lose some of their seats in the new Knesset. Election officials said 82 percent of the 1,500,000 eligible voters cast their ballots.

Premier Eshkol expressed thanks to the nation "for the confidence expressed in us. The Mapai-Achdut alignment will continue as the backbone of the government. The results show that the nation objects to splits," he said. Shimon Peres, who resigned as Deputy Defense Minister to take a leading role in the Rafi challenge, said only that Rafi regarded the results "as the beginning of the way in which we will have to make great efforts."

Premier Eshkol was expected to move quickly in a bid for a narrow coalition with the National Religious Party, the Independent Liberals and the Mapai-affiliated Arab parties. Later, it was indicated, he might try to expand such a coalition by persuading either Mapam to join or by re-uniting Rafi with Mapai. The latter move was assumed to be contingent on Mr. Ben-Gurion's retirement from politics.

What the election results seemed fundamentally to prove was that Israel's electorate, enjoying prosperity despite inflation, was unwilling to experiment with new rulers, or at least with the alternative posed by the Herut-Liberal combination or Rafi.

Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa May Retain Their Mayors

Israel's three major cities were expected to continue under present mayors -- Mordecai Ish Shalom in Jerusalem, Abba Khoushi in Haifa and Mordecai Namir in Tel Aviv -- despite losses by their parties in the local elections. Mayor Khoushi, was actually assured of re-election even before the balloting. Mayor Namir was only slightly ahead of Herut's Stern but appeared to have a better chance to form a municipal coalition.

The most uncertain situation was in Jerusalem, where Mayor Ish Shalom's alignment faces competition from Teddy Kollek, who headed the Rafi municipal list, as well as the religious parties and Gahal. Ish Shalom was considered as having a chance to form a coalition with the religious parties and some of the smaller ones.

Israelis noted with satisfaction that parties appealing to ethnic or country-of-origin sentiments had failed to prove attractive to the voters.

With the count of the record vote virtually completed, Premier Eshkol's Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment bloc received 36 percent of the vote. This was almost twice as much as the 19.5 percent received by the Gahal bloc composed of the right-wing Herut and some Liberals. Mr. Ben-Gurion's splinter Israel Workers List received 8.2 percent of the vote, well below pre-election forecasts.

The three religious parties -- Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, Agudat Israel and Poale Agudat Israel -- went down slightly, compared with the Fifth Knesset voting in 1961. The National Religious Party won 9.6 percent, Agudat Israel 3.3 percent and Poale Agudat Israel 1.9 percent for a total for the religious parties of 14.8 percent, compared with a total of 15.5 percent previously.

Mapam was running slightly behind its previous total -- 7.1 this year compared with 7.5 previously. The split Communist Party received slightly fewer votes -- a total of 3.8 percent -- compared to 4.1 percent for the unified party previously. The Toubi Arab Communist faction collected 2.9 percent and the more "moderate" Sheh faction received .9 percent. The pro-Alignment Arab bloc received 2.5 percent, which will go to Premier Eshkol's political assets.

ABRAHAM BEAME DEFEATED IN ELECTIONS FOR NEW YORK MAYOR

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Abraham D. Beame, who ran for Mayor on the Democratic ticket, and who would have become New York's first Jewish mayor if elected, was defeated in yesterday's elections in which John V. Lindsay, Republican-Liberal candidate, received a total of 1,166,915 votes as against the 1,030,771 votes cast for Mr. Beame.

Mr. Lindsay, who will be the first Republican mayor in New York in 24 years, was supported by the Jewish Daily Forward, while Mr. Beame was supported by the Jewish Day-Morning Journal. The Liberal Party, in which David Dubinsky and Alex Rose, two prominent Jewish labor leaders, play a dominant role, backed Mr. Lindsay. Traditionally, the Liberal Party and the Jewish Daily Forward back the candidates of the Democratic Party.

During the election campaign, both Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Beame disavowed religious and ethnic endorsement. Mr. Beame, who is City Controller, especially disavowed a mailing sent out by a New York Orthodox Jewish personality, printed in English and Yiddish, urging Jewish voters to back him on the basis that he was "a good Jew."

Rockwell Gets 6,312 Votes in Bid for Governor of Virginia

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- American Nazi Party leader George Lincoln Rockwell won at least 6,312 votes -- more than 1 percent of the total ballots cast -- in his unsuccessful bid for the Governorship of Virginia.

Surprise was voiced in some quarters that Rockwell, whose Nazism is notorious throughout the state, was able to poll that many votes when right-wing Virginians rallied behind the Conservative Party's William J. Story, a militant segregationist and member of the John Birch Society. Mr. Story obtained at least 69,348 votes. The election was won by Lt. Gov. Mills E. Godwin by a comfortable margin.

JORDAN ORDERS CONSTRUCTION OF DAM TO DIVERT WATER FROM ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Government today ordered contractors to begin construction of a dam that is part of the Arab scheme to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River. Aly Taher, deputy director of the Jordan Development Board, said work on the Mokheiba Dam would begin within the next two months.

(In Washington, a State Department spokesman said today that the United States position on the issue of diversion of the headwaters of the Jordan River "remain the same" as previously stated. He made this statement in comment on the Jordanian announcement that work will begin on Mokheiba Dam.)

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT REFUTES U.S. CRITICISM OF RETALIATION RAID ON LEBANON

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman criticized today the United States Department of State for "unjustly equating continued acts of terrorism, kept up over an extended period, with the reply to these acts," in reference to the Israeli reprisal raid on Lebanon last week.

The spokesman issued the statement in response to a State Department spokesman's criticism of the Lebanese raid. The Israeli official said the Israel Government was "astonished that the United States Government did not see fit to issue words of condemnation for more than 30 acts of sabotage committed by Arab terrorists in Israeli territory in recent months."

He added that it was "doubtful" that the United States statement serves the purpose of stopping Arab sabotage acts. "The Israel Government does not use force gladly, but must defend its citizens and take care of the peace on Israel's borders," he declared.

TWO NAZI OFFICERS PLEAD GUILTY IN MASS MURDER OF JEWS IN TARNOPOL

BCNN, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Two of the 10 former SS officers on trial at Stuttgart on charges of wiping out the Jewish population of Tarnopol, Galicia, during World War II, pleaded partly guilty in the court room today. They admitted that they had participated in the mass murder of Tarnopol Jews but denied they had committed individual murders.

One of the men, Willi Hermann, formerly a sergeant in the SS, pleaded the old excuse -- that he was forced to take part in the mass murders. "What could we do?" he asked the court, adding: "We little men of the SS were intimidated. We would have been sent to a concentration camp if we had refused." He said he took part in three mass shootings.

The second of the men, Horst Guenther Winkler, another ex-sergeant, also conceded he had taken part in mass murders, helping in the shooting of 600 Jews at one time and aiding the massacre of 200 Jews in another instance.

The trial at Stuttgart, which opened three weeks ago, is expected to last at least six months. The prosecution had brought 100 witnesses to testify. Most of them are from the United States and Poland.

ARGENTINE JEWRY HOPES VATICAN DECLARATION WILL CURB ANTI-SEMITISM

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The DAIA, the central body of Argentine Jewry, hailed today "as an important step toward overcoming prejudices" the promulgation by the Vatican of the Ecumenical Council declaration repudiating the charge of deicide against the Jewish people in the death of Jesus and deploring anti-Semitism.

In a formal statement, the DAIA said the promulgation had given the Catholic Church the "essential declaration for relations with the Jewish people." The DAIA added that it considered that it was its duty to state that in the future that self-proclaimed Catholics who believed that anti-Semitism was compatible with their faith "will have no more pretext" for so believing.

While stressing the importance of the promulgation, the DAIA also stressed its reservations over the final form of the draft and of the "unheard of pressures tending to minimize its scope." The DAIA statement strongly urged full application and fulfillment of "those principles of human brotherhood" embodied in the newly-promulgated Church dogma on Jews.

The DAIA said that the declaration, "if projected fully" to all elements of the Catholic hierarchy, down to the parish priest, as well as to "those who use the Catholic Church as a 'guise' for anti-Semitism, it would become 'an effective barrier to those among us and others who falsify their status as Catholics preaching racial hatred.'"

HEAD OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN THE AMERICAS CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM

CINCINNATI, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Faith of North and South America, has added his condemnation of anti-Semitism to that of other Church leaders. At the end of a visit to the campus of Hebrew Union College -- Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Archbishop Iakovos issued the following statement:

"Because I believe in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind, I most vigorously condemn anti-Semitism. Any form of racial or ethnic hatred is a sin against all that is holy." Archbishop Iakovos is the Archbishop of North and South America, Holy Synod of Ecumenical Patriarchate since 1959, and chairman of the Standing Conference of Canonical Bishops in the Americas.

QUEBEC GOVERNMENT TO STUDY IMPROVING OF ITS ANTI-BIAS LEGISLATION

QUEBEC CITY, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A brief requesting the Provincial Government of Quebec to amend its anti-discrimination legislation by establishing a Human Rights Code and a Human Rights Commission for the prevention of racial, religious and ethnic discrimination has been submitted here by a delegation that included representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The brief, in the name of the United Council for Human Rights, suggested that the amendment include one providing that persons suffering discrimination due to race, ethnic identification or religion be compensated for damages. Also requested was a provision banning publication of discriminatory materials.

Paul Gerin-Lajoie, Minister of Education for Quebec, told the petitioners that improvements could be made in the provincial law against discrimination, and said that the provincial cabinet would study the brief.

42,000 JEWS SETTLED IN CANADA IN LAST 15 YEARS; MAJORITY IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- More than 42,000 Jews immigrated to Canada in the last 15 years, and between 60 percent and 65 percent of them settled in Montreal, it was revealed here at an "open house" meeting conducted by the Federation of Jewish Community Services. The meeting was part of the Federation's current campaign for raising \$1,075,000 to meet the needs of its 10 agencies.

The figures on Jewish immigration were given by the principal speaker at the "open house," Robert D. Shaw, deputy commissioner-general of a Canadian national exposition scheduled to be held here in 1967. Pointing up the need for support of the Federation agencies, Mr. Shaw noted that the increase in Jewish population through immigration has also made the services of Federation agencies more necessary.

He said that the rise in the Jewish population here in the last 15 years has increased the Jewish child population in Montreal by 75 percent. In the same period, he said, the ratio of Jewish aged in this city has risen to 33 percent.

JEWS REFUGEES IN BRITAIN RAISE \$252,000 IN 'THANK YOU' CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The "Thank You Britain" appeal, organized by a group of Jewish refugees who found haven in Britain during the Nazi era, raised 90,000 pounds (\$252,000) this year, almost double its goal of 50,000 pounds (\$140,000), appeal officials said today. Response to the campaign exceeded all expectations, they said. The money will be given to the British Academy, which will allocate it for university research grants in human studies.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT ASSURES U. S. JEWISH LEADER ON CHECKING ANTI-SEMITISM

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- President Arturo Illia of Argentina today received Dr. William A. Wexler, international president of B'nai B'rith. During the 15-minute audience, President Illia said that his government continued to work against anti-Semitism and for the protection of minorities.

N. Y. UNIVERSITY ACQUIRES RECORD OF JEWISH LIFE UNDER NAZIS IN WARSAW

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The most complete known record of life in the Warsaw Ghetto between 1939 and 1942 -- contained in a diary smuggled out of the ghetto and buried for 20 years in an empty kerosene can -- was given today to New York University.

Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, director of NYU's Institute of Hebrew Studies, presented the diary notebooks to the University Libraries. The notebooks will become a part of the manuscript collection of NYU's Library of Judaica and Hebraica.

Half of the diary, written entirely in Hebrew, was brought to the United States in 1962 by a Polish immigrant, Wladyslaw Wojcek. The notebooks had been hidden on his father's farm in a village near Warsaw. In 1964, Dr. Katsh obtained the remainder of the diary from the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, which earlier had obtained it from Wojcek.

The journal, written by Chaim A. Kaplan, intellectual and Hebrew scholar who is believed to have died in the ghetto, was published yesterday by The Macmillan Company. Under the title "Scroll of Agony," the work was translated into English and edited, with notes, by Dr. Katsh.

LIBRARY IN ISRAEL TO BE BUILT WITH \$100,000 BEQUEST BY U. S. DONOR

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Ground has been broken for construction of a regional library at Emek Hefer, Israel, under the auspices of the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal, as the result of a \$100,000 bequest by the late Morris Ginns, of Wilmington, Del.

The library will be the first IEF institution to be built in what is considered a culturally underdeveloped area in Israel -- the western edge of the Valley of Sharon. It is the forerunner of high schools planned for nearby Hadera and Natanya, and will serve as an important education facility for the youngsters of Emek Hefer, mainly children of Asian and North African parents who comprise the majority of the town's growing population of 8,000.

DR. MORDECAI KAPLAN HONORED ON 85th BIRTHDAY; GREETED BY JOHNSON

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- More than 600 persons gathered here tonight at dinner celebrating the 85th birthday of Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement. Congratulatory messages were read by Melvin Dubin, chairman of the dinner committee, from President Johnson, Israel President Zalman Shazar, Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College -- Jewish Institute of Religion, and Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The principal address at the event was delivered by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress.

In an address responding to the laudations, Dr. Kaplan reaffirmed the Reconstructionist interpretation of an "authentically religious" person as one who identifies with the term "God with some definitely communicable experience." He stated that the perpetuation of Jewish life is dependent solely on "authentically religious Jews." He declared that the significance of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement is that "its method of dealing with problems of the spirit is valid also for other religions" that are in a state of crisis.

EDELSBERG APPOINTED EXECUTIVE HEAD OF U. S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT BODY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Chairman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., of the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, today announced that Herman Edelsberg, former director of the Washington office of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, has been appointed executive director of the federal commission.

Mr. Edelsberg is an authority on civil rights and human relations work. In addition to his ADL service, he was chairman of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House for several years. Prior to joining the ADL, Mr. Edelsberg was counsel and staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on Foreign Trade. He was previously counsel of the Senate Committee on War Contracts.

JACOB ROSENHEIM, FOUNDER OF AGUDATH ISRAEL, DIES IN JERUSALEM; WAS 95

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Jacob Rosenheim, one of the founders of the Agudath Israel World Organization, and one of that Orthodox organization's topmost leaders for many years, died here today at the age of 95. Some of the greatest rabbis in the world had acknowledged him years ago for his profound scholarship as "our teacher." Born in Germany, he has been living in recent years at Bnei Brak.