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## ESHKOL HOSPITALIZED; SUFFERS 'EXHAUSTION'; CAN SEE NO VISITORS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5: (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was hospitalized here last night for what his physicians diagnosed as "general exhaustion." Rumors that he had suffered from pneumonia were dispelled by a medical bulletin issued today, that reported Mr. Eshkol had to be taken to the hospital because of "general weakness" caused by a tiring week's work, followed by a cold.

In addition to working hard on his efforts to form a new coalition Government, Mr. Eshkol had stayed up all night last Wednesday night, watching Israeli army maneuvers. His physicians said today they ordered complete rest for their patient, who is 70, and had requested that he shun all visitors during the next few days. He may be in the hospital 10 days, it was indicated.

Mr. Eshkol's hospitalization will delay formation of the new Cabinet. He has appointed a subcommittee to continue talks about formation of the new Government. Last Friday he offered new concessions to the Independent Liberals in talks which he had with their leaders.

The results of his talks to date indicated that the Independent Liberals and the leftist Mapam appeared to have common ground with the Premier's Mapai-Achdut Avoda Alignment conditions for joining the next coalition. The deadlock with the National Religious Party, a member of the present caretaker Cabinet, continued however.

Premier Eshkol indicated concern over Israel's inflation when he told the annual luncheon of Israel Journalists in Tel Aviv on Friday that one of the new Government's aims would be to slow down the rise in Israel's living standards. He stressed that there would be no devaluation of Israel's currency.

The Premier also touched on Israel's futile efforts to induce the European Economic Community to rescind a minimum price reference plan which would have the effect of raising consumer prices of Israeli oranges exported to the six Euromart nations by 20 to 25 percent. The Premier said there was "logic" in suggestions that Israel, a heavy importer of Euromart products, take retaliatory action "but first of all we must take other actions and exert pressure" on the Euromart nations.

## WHITE HOUSE JUSTIFIES AMERICAN AID TO EGYPT; NOT INDIFFERENT TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The White House, in deliberating on the decision to resume aid to Egypt, considered whether it would jeopardize regional peace and concluded that the new policy would preserve stability, a White House official informed Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican.

R. W. Komer, Deputy Special Assistant to President Johnson for national security affairs, wrote Sen. Scott that "We have not let Egypt or other Arab countries infer from our policy that their attitude toward England, Israel and other pro-Western governments in the Near East was a matter of indifference to us." Sen. Scott had told the White House this would be indicated if aid to Egypt were resumed.

Mr. Komer said the situation was "quite the contrary. We have also carefully considered whether U.S. aid to Egypt of the sort we contemplate would significantly add to the likelihood of hostilities in the area. Taking into account all the complex factors bearing on such a question, we believe that our present policy is that best calculated to preserve peace and stability in the Near East."

"I can further assure you that we remain alert to every reasonable opportunity to help relax tensions and bring about a reduction in the arms race," the White House official said. He was hopeful that the new aid agreement with Egypt would contribute toward these goals. He noted that the duration and terms of the new agreement would be "significantly different from those of past agreements."

He revealed that President Johnson, "after carefully considering all the pros and cons" authorized new aid for Egypt "on the strong recommendation of the Secretary of State that it would serve the national interest to do so if the terms were satisfactory."

ISRAEL INVITED TO ATTEND CLOSING SESSION OF ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

ROME, Dec. 5: (JTA) -- Israel has been invited to attend the closing session of the Ecumenical Council this week; Israel is sending a special mission, consisting of Ambassador Arye Aroch of the Foreign Ministry; Nissim Yaish, Charge D'Affaires at the Israel Embassy in Rome; and Saul Golbi, director of the Department of Christian Communities in the Religious Affairs Ministry.

PROSKAUER STRESSES EFFECTS OF VATICAN DECLARATION ON THE JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5: (JTA) -- Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, Honorary President of the American Jewish Committee and for many years a leading figure in efforts to improve Catholic-Jewish relations, said today that the Ecumenical Council's declaration on the Jews has achieved three major effects:

"1. It has blown away the poisonous miasma of the Christ-killer myth; 2. It has cemented warmest ties of affection and respect between Catholics and Jews; 3. It has advanced the cause of human fraternity to a new peak of accomplishment."

Judge Proskauer spoke at the first of a series of three public luncheon-forums under the auspices of the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. On the platform with him was Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of Interreligious Affairs for the human relations agency. In support of his statement about the effects of the declaration, Judge Proskauer pointed to a worldwide survey of the Catholic and general press reaction following its passage last October.

"There has been an overwhelmingly positive reaction to the declaration, which is being received as a clear mandate for the improvement of Catholic-Jewish relations," he declared. The press digest, prepared by the American Jewish Committee, surveyed Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and general press reaction to the Vatican Council declaration among newspapers printed in the U.S., Europe, Latin America, Israel, and other Middle Eastern countries. The conclusions are based on a preliminary report on the findings, which are to be issued shortly in documented form.

DR. GOLDMANN URGES JEWISH TALKS WITH ARABS IN WESTERN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 5: (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon Jews around the world "to seek out Arabs wherever they live" and engage the Arabs residing outside the Arabic countries in a dialogue on rapprochement between Israel and the Arab states, was adopted here tonight at the conclusion of the third annual convention of Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair.

The measure was adopted after Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, had delivered the principal address at the organization's 18th annual dinner. He told the 300 delegates at the session that the time has come to "create a favorable atmosphere" for direct Jewish-Arab talks, both within Israel and in other countries. He warned that failure to establish such dialogue, especially in Western lands where many Arabs live, might produce "a violent conflict" especially in countries where the local Arab inhabitants could "go into the forefront of the neo-Nazi movements" in those areas.

Other resolutions adopted by the convention called for the development of a network of secular but Zionist-sponsored Jewish schools; criticized "religious coercion in Israel;" urged the strengthening of Jewish youth movements; and expressed the organization's "indignation and dismay that the United States has not yet ratified" the United Nations Convention against genocide. The Convention elected Avraham Schenker as its national chairman. Mr. Schenker is a member of the Jewish Agency executive, and national vice-president of the American Zionist Council.

2,500 JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ATTEND U.J.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 5: (JTA) -- More than 2,500 Jewish leaders from most of the 50 states will attend the 28th Annual National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal, meeting here this weekend at the New York Hilton Hotel, it was announced today by Max M. Fisher, UJA General Chairman.

The Conference will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Allied victory in Europe and the liberation of the survivors of Hitler's concentration camps by honoring three great generals who led the armies of the United States, Great Britain and France to victory over the Nazi forces. The military leaders to be honored are former President Dwight David Eisenhower, General of the Army of the United States and Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force, Great Britain's Field Marshal, the Earl Alexander of Tunis, and General Pierre Koenig, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Forces.

Lord Alexander and General Koenig are coming here for the occasion. General Eisenhower, who is convalescing, has asked General Lucius D. Clay, his old friend and wartime associate, to represent him. General Clay is the former Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Armed Forces in Europe. Special gold medals, struck off by the United Jewish Appeal, will be presented to the Generals at the Conference's Banquet Session, Dec. 11.

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY HEADQUARTERS SEIZED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5; (JTA) -- "The American Nazi Party is now in the hands of the Government," George Rockwell, leader of the party, declared here today following the seizing of his headquarters in Arlington, Va., yesterday by U.S. Internal Revenue Service agents for non-payment of \$5,278 in taxes by the party.

An IRS spokesman said this amount included withholding, employment, and corporate income taxes for the years 1963, 1964, and 1965. The Nazi headquarters is leased by the party. The IRS obtained consent of the landlord to keep the property seized in the building for the time being. Property seized included expensive printing equipment which printed multi-colored anti-Semitic and anti-Negro literature.

It was indicated that the Nazis will continue to operate from another building in Arlington, the barracks used to house Rockwell's "stormtroopers." At the raided office three Nazis were kept on regular duty keeping membership rolls and records; five were assigned to the printing shop, and two worked in the mailing room. An IRS official said that if the Nazis do not pay the back taxes, the goods confiscated will be auctioned publicly to pay the debt to the Government.

Rockwell stated that he had been negotiating for several months on the past-due taxes claimed by the Government. He said "we told them we couldn't pay it. We just don't have the money." The Nazi leader said that to free the property the party needed a lawyer but couldn't afford one. The Internal Revenue raid on the Nazi office followed several years of observation of Nazi activities by Federal authorities.

PROTESTS MOUNT AGAINST AMERICAN LEGION'S BAR OF AWARD TO RABBI

BOSTON, Dec. 5; (JTA) -- Protests continued to mount today over the action of a Boston American Legion post in withdrawing a Good Government award to a Boston rabbi because he was a sponsor of the November 27 march in Washington protesting United States involvement in the Viet Nam war.

The Crosscup-Pishon Legion post originally had planned to present the award to Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, former national chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans of America, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, and Bishop Phelps Stokes, Jr., of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. The awards were scheduled for presentation at a banquet on January 28.

When the post's withdrawal became known, Bishop Stokes notified the post he would not accept it. However, Cardinal Cushing said he would accept the honor, declaring that the dispute was an American Legion affair and "has nothing to do with me."

William Curran, post commander, said that he believed the rabbi "has a right to do what he wants. This is just a matter of policy. We are supporting the national policy of the American Legion, which has supported our United States national policy."

Rabbi Gittelsohn, who said he did not take part in the march because it was staged on the Jewish Sabbath, criticized the post's action. He said: "The claim that patriotism at all times demands an uncritical acceptance of Government policy is a characteristic of dictatorship, not democracy." He declared that he had spoken against United States policy in Viet Nam as "an individual, a member of the Jewish Community, and a spiritual leader."

A group of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen issued a statement here criticizing the post's action. The statement said that "no organization, government or private citizen has the right to subject anyone to its own litmus paper test of what Americans should think. Even high spokesmen of the Government have recognized the right of dissension for private individuals and groups. This right must be fully protected. Only a totalitarian government prohibits such dissension."

The statement added that it was "reprehensible" for the Legion post to seek "to cast a shadow on the loyalty and integrity of a distinguished rabbi. Such action violates the spirit of free inquiry which undergirds America."

TURKISH JEW GETS FIRST U.S. VISA UNDER NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

MILAN, Dec. 5; (JTA) -- The first visa issued by the U.S. Consulate in Genoa, Italy, under the new U.S. immigration law which went into effect December 1, was given to a United Hias Service client: Moise Mutlu, a 24 year-old Turkish Jew, will now be enabled to come to the United States to join his parents and brother, resettled by United Hias last year in Worcester, Mass.

"Mr. Mutlu would have faced a long waiting period before he could join his family," James Rice, United Hias executive director, said. "This is only one of the many injustices corrected by the new legislation." Mr. Mutlu was graduated with distinction as a physicist and mathematician from the University of Istanbul, Faculty of Science. He will be resettled in Worcester, Mass. with the cooperation of the local Jewish Family Service.

DETROIT POLICE BREAK UP TEENAGE CLUB PREACHING HATRED AGAINST JEWS

DETROIT, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Police announced here today that they had broken up a teenage hate club modeled after the Ku Klux Klan and aimed against Jews and Negroes. Seven of the boys, the police said, were charged with 29 crimes including arson, armed robbery, burglary and malicious destruction of property. The gang, headed by a 15-year-old ringleader who called himself the Imperial Wizard, includes three 13-year-olds and three 14-year-olds;

DANIEL G. ROSS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF U.S. FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Daniel G. Ross, a prominent New York attorney, who has served in the leadership of various philanthropic and cultural organizations, has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, it was announced today by Dr. Raphael Patai, president of AFTAU.

Simultaneously, it was reported that Mrs. Louis S. Gimbel, Jr., had been named co-chairman and that Harry Brager had been chosen chairman of the executive committee. Tel Aviv University consists of a Faculty of Science, Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences, a School of Medicine, Faculty of Continuing Medical Education and a Department of Pedagogy.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA PRESENTS AWARD TO REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America presented its Judaism and World Peace Award here tonight to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Nobel Peace Prize winning Negro civil rights leader. Dr. King, who was cited for "personal courage, responsible leadership and dedication to Prophetic ideals," received the award at the SCA annual dinner. Earlier recipients of the award were Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy. The award is a sculpture on a Biblical peace theme.

Also honored at the dinner were three Jewish leaders cited for their dedication to the tenets and traditions of their faith. They are Judge Emil N. Baar, Israel Berman and Samuel Rothstein who received the SCA's Synagogue Statesman Awards.

WORLD SEPHARDI FEDERATION LEADERS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FOR CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- D. S. Montefiore, president of the World Sephardi Federation, arrived here today for two days of meetings with American Sephardi leaders to discuss means of strengthening the activities of the World Federation and the American Branch. Mr. Montefiore was accompanied by Gad Ben-Meir, administrative director of the Federation.

Mr. Ben-Meir noted that, in addition to more than 1,000,000 Sephardi Jews in Israel, there are 100,000 in the United States, about 300,000 in France, 250,000 in Latin America, 100,000 in North Africa and 50,000 in the United Kingdom. The two Sephardi leaders will return to London later this month for the World Council Meeting of the Federation.

HADASSAH NAMES ITS CANCER CENTER IN JERUSALEM IN MEMORY OF SHARETT

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Hadassah has named its Department of Oncology at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem in memory of Moshe Sharett, one of the chief architects of the Jewish State, it was reported here today by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah. The "Moshe Sharett Oncology Department" serves as a cancer center.

SIEGFRIED ULLMANN, NOTED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN BOSTON; WAS 71

BOSTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Siegfried Ullmann, internationally known industrialist and philanthropist, died this weekend at New England Baptist Hospital, here. He was born in Germany in 1894 and came to the United States in 1923.

Mr. Ullmann was interested in many charitable activities and devoted much of his time in recent years to philanthropic affairs, especially in the field of medical and scientific research. He was the founder of the Ullmann Research Center for Health Sciences in the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. He also founded the Ullmann Institute of Life Sciences at the Weizmann Institute in Israel. He was a member of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute and a member of the board of the American Technion Society.

BENJAMIN KOPMAN, LEADING AMERICAN JEWISH PAINTER, DEAD; WAS 78

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Benjamin Kopman, a leading American Jewish painter, who had held 24 one-man shows, died here today at the age of 78 after a long illness.

Born in Vitebsk, Russia, he came to the United States when he was 16 and studied art in New York City. His paintings are part of the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum in New York City and in galleries in many other American cities, and also at the Ein Harod Museum in Israel.