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ESHKOL ILL AGAIN; PHYSICIANS ORDER HIM TO HALT TALKS ON CABINET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, who has spent two weeks in a hospital suffering from what his physicians called "exhaustion" was ill again at his home here today, the diagnosis being "is severe cold and influena;" Mr. Eshkol's doctors ordered him to halt immediately all personal participation in his efforts to form a new Cabinet. Thus, possibility of his presentation of the new Cabinet to the Knesset (Parliament) this week seems most unlikely.

Meanwhile, however, negotiations are continuing among the various political parties in the effort to set up a new government necessitated by the general elections held November 2: Mr.; Eshkol, who had been given by President Shazar the mandate to form the Cabinet as a successor to the present caretaker government has, officially, until January 9 to complete that task. No further extension of that period is possible:

The principal stumbling block in the negotiations still revolves around the insistence of the National Religious Party for more stringent implementation of religious law affecting Israeli life. The NRP is a member of the caretaker government but refuses to join the new Cabinet unless Mr. Eshkol agrees to its demands. Such agreement is oppose by two other groups scheduled to form the new coalition, the left-wing Mapam Party and the Inddependent Liberal Party; Some sections of the Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment also outpose some of the NRP's demands;

INFLATION FEARED IN ISRAEL; PRICE OF MILK TO RISE; COST OF LIVING CLIMBS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- Economists here today voiced fears of a new round of inflation following announcements yesterday and today of price increases in various sectors of the Israel economy;

Increases of up to 33 percent in the price of milk, newspapers, automobile insurance and radio registration fees were foreseen today to take effect at the new year. This follows the disclosure yesterday of rises in high school tuition fees and the cost of health insurance. The increases are partly due to major wage boosts during the past two years.

SHIPMENT OF 150 TONS OF KOSHER MEAT FROM U.S. HELD UP IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec; 28; (JTA) -- A shipment of 150 tons of kosher meat from the United States has been held up in Israel, it was reported here totay; Chief Rabbinate circles said that "certain conditions of halacha" -- Jewish religious law -- must be fulfilled before the import of kosher meat from abroad is approved. While these conditions were not spelled out, it was pointed out that the Chief Rabbinate's general practice is to oppose import of meat from abroad unless the meat is slaughtered under the supervision of the rabbinate's own "mashgichim" -- religious supervisors of ritual slaughter;

According to the rabbinate here, American suppliers from whom the Israel Trade Ministry has ordered meat did not comply with hashruth arrangements conforming with the rabbinate's conditions. Trade Ministry circles said they expect a settlement of the issue with the Chief Rabbinate within a few days, thus making possible the completion of kosher meat shipments and the sale of that meat to the Israeli public; Israel imports 2,500 tons of meat from abroad annually;

Israel Supply Mission in U.S. Unaware of Any Difficulties

NEW YORK, Dec. 28: (JTA) -- The Israel Supply Mission in New York has purchased "several thousand tons" of kosher meat from American suppliers, some of that meat has been delivered in Israel, and the Mission here is "not aware of the slightest difficulty" in bringing that meat to Israel, it was declared here today.

Benjamin Lemoor, director of the Supply Mission, said he knew nothing about any of the meat shipments being held up in Israeli. The remainder of the meat order amounting to "several thousand tons," he declared, is now in production, and shipment is expected to be completed by the middle of next month; The meat involved, he said, had been bought "through "normal commercial" channels; According to Mr. Lemoor, the kosher meat being

produced for Israel in the United States is slaughtered and supervised by schochtim and mashgichim approved by the rabbinate in Israel; All are "local people" he said, but the entire process is under the supervision of "the most respectable rabbinical authorities" in this country;

AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES BOWS TO ARABS; LINER TO AVOID HAIFA PORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec; 28; (JTA) -- The American President Lines confirmed here today that it had canceled a stop by their liner President Roosevelt at the Israeli port of Paifa in deference to objections by Egypt;

A spokesman for the West Coast shipping line said that Egypt had threatened to bar the ship from going through the Suez Canal on its round-the-world cruise if the vessel made its scheduled stop at the Israeli port; He said the alternative to going through the Canal was to sail around the Cape of Good Hope.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has protested the cancelation to the United States Department of Commerce and has criticized the line for bowing to pressure from Arab countries participating in a boycott of Israel;

NEW YORK JEW, SURVIVOR OF AUSCHWITZ, TESTIFIES AT NAZI TRIAL IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Norbert Wollheim, a Jew who had survived imprisonment in the Auschwitz death camp, and lives now in New York, today told the court here trying three ex-Nazis how one of the defendants codly munched on an apple while "selecting" Jews to be gassed to death in the camp's ovens.

Mr. Wollheim was the first prosecution witness in the two-week old trial of three former members of the Gestapo accused of having participated in the killing of between 2,500,600 and 4,000,000 Jews at Auschwitz. The defendants are Gerhard Neubert, Josef Erber and William Burger: The trial under way now is the second for former Juschwitz officials and personnel. In the first trial, which ended last August after proceedings lasting 20 months, 16 Auschwitz men were found guilty, six of them being sentenced to life imprisonment; The current trial is expected to last four months;

The New York man identified Neubert as a man called by the immates "the hangman with the apple" because he habitually munched on that fruit while "selecting" gas oven victims; Replying to an inquiry by the judge, who said Neubert claims to have been "only a little man" and not responsible for the events at Auschwitz, Mr; Wollheim said "He had the authority and it was his responsibility. Since 1965, I have heard nothing except how innocent these SS men were. The only thing missing here is Neubert claiming that the prisoners gassed themselves;"

Mr. Wollheim has testified at several other war crimes trials, including the one at Nuremberg: His wife and son perished at Auschwitz;

HUNGARY REFUSES TO DELIVER TO GERMANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS ON TOEROEK

BONN, Dec. 28: (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry of Hungary has refused to hand over to West Germany the original documents purportedly showing that Dr. Alexander Toeroek, Bonn's chief counsellor in the Embassy in Israel, had been a member of the Arrow Cross, the Hungarian Fascist Party, during the Hitler era, the West German Foreign Office declared here today.

Dr. Toeroek had been accused in the Communist press of Hungary of having been a Nazi. Efforts have been made by the Foreign Office here to obtain the alleged documentar; evidence regarding Dr. Toeroek. But Budapest, according to officials here, has said, in refusing to hand over the documents: "It is not our affair;"

BELGIAN JEWS URGE AUSTRIA TO CONDUCT NEW TRIAL FOR ACQUITTED NAZI

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28: (JTA) -- A request that the Austrian Government conduct a new trial for Jan Verbelen, the former Nazi general and leader of the Belgian Fascists, gium during World War II, was made here today by a group of Jews who had fought in the Belgian resistance during the war. The request was made in a letter to the Austrian Ambassador here.

At the same time, protests over Verbelen's acquittal continued to mount here today from many other sources; The Belgian Government announced it agrees with these sentiments and said it would receive authorized representatives of various Belgian patriotic organizations who wish to file their protests; At a meeting of the Council of Ministers to-day, Deputy Foreign Minister Henri Fayat reported formally on the Verbelen case and the man's acquittal by a Vienna court.

HILLEL RABBIS FORESEE INCREASED 'TURBULENCE' AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- A consensus of views expressed by 85 rabbis at the annual conference of Brai Brith Hillel Foundation directors held here indicated that social protest by college students today is somewhat less than publicized demonstrations suggest, but more volatile than any other student generation since the depression years; The rabbis felt that, basically, it is a healthy rebellion against the failures in modern society.

In a keynote address, Rabbi Benjamin M; Kahn, Hillel national director, said that student protests "demonstrate a rejection of religious and moral cliches and express a student conviction that, if religion is to mean anything in their lives, it must relate itself concretely to poverty, war, and other social concerns that surround their generation."

Rabbi Jehudah M. Cohen, of Los Angeles, West Coast Hillel regional director, said political turbulence will continue to emanate from the campus because students are dissatisfied with "the glacial pace of social progress;" He predicted that "an even larger number of college students will move from commitment to controversy and from social criticism to political action;"

OUTLAWING OF DEFAMATION BASED ON RACE OR RELIGION PROPOSED IN N.Y. STATE

ALB/ANY, N.Y., Dec; 28; (JTA) -- A bill outlawing the writing, publication or dissemination of hate materials in New York State, making such acts a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of not more than a year or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, was filled here today for consideration by the next session of the New York State Legislature, which is due to convene on January 5:

The measure was prefiled by Assemblyman Noah Goldstein, a Democrat representing a district in Brooklyn. It would amend two sections of the state's penal code and provide for the punishment, upon conviction, of any person who "writes, prints, reproduces, publishes, disseminates or exhibits any false and defamatory matter tending either to blacken the reputation of any group of persons because of its race, religion, or national origin, or to expose such group to public hatred and contempt or ridicule because of its race, religion or national origin;

The draft further stipulates that "no person shall be convicted under this section if such matter is true" but declares that "the burden of coming forward with evidence of the truth of such matter shall be upon the part of the defendant,"

LABOR ZIONIST GROUP ADOPTS DECISIONS ON ACTIVITIES AMONG YOUTH IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A blueprint for new organizational procedures, more intensive educational and cultural activities oriented to the younger elements of American Jewry, and social action programs dealing with vital questions affecting American, Jewish, and Israeli concerns was adopted by the National Advisory Board of Farband-Labor Zionist Order at its annual meeting here.

Among the resolutions passed by the three-day conclave were sharp protests against deferral of indemnification payments by the West German Government, and against the roposed infusion of highly sophisticated weapons including jets, missiles and related materiel by a British-American consortium to Saudi Arabia valued at \$400,000,000. The delegates urged the United States to help combat disease, poverty, and illiteracy in the Middle East instead, and to seek to bring the Arab states and Israel to the peace table;

The National Advisory Board, the highest deliberation body in Farband, which meets once a year between the quadrennial conventions of the organization, studied plans for the new Louis Segal Cultural Center in New York. The delegates placed particular emphasis upon the development plans for Kiryat Segal, the new Farband community-in-formation in Israel which will bear the name of the late general secretary of the organization who was active in the leadership of the American Jewish community and in Israel projects.

In addition the convocation evaluated Farband activities and projects on the American scene and in Israeli. The delegates also discussed new developments in American-Israeli relationships. Samuel Bonchek is president of the fraternal order which has a membership of more than 40,000 persons.

JACOB ZUKERMAN, NOTED JEWISH SOCIAL WORKER, SWORN IN AS JUDGE IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28: (JTh) -- Jacob T. Zukerman, noted Jewish social worker, was sworn in by Mayor Robert F. Wagner today as a judge of the Family Court. Mr. Zukerman is executive director of the Family Location Service and president of the Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish fraternal order. He has served as vice-chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee and president of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service.

U.S. ZIONIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- i. festive atmosphere and a warm welcome by their Israeli hosts marked the opening here last night of the annual conference of Young Judea, the American Zionist youth organization; Some 55 delegates who came from the United States who were joined by 15 Young Judea members attending courses here are taking part in the first such conference of an American Jewish youth group to be held here,

Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, warned the delegates that the "sickness" of assimilation was all the more dangerous because it was painless; In another address, Dr. Hanoch Rinnot, director general of the Ministry of Education and Culture, and president of the Israel Scouts Organization, said that more contact was needed between the rank and file of the Diaspora and the Israelis "land not only among the leaders."

Greetings were brought by Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, president of Hadassah, the American women's Zionist organization, and Farold Carmeiy on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, two sponsoring organizations of Young Judea; Others on the program included Jerusalem Mayor Theodore Kollek and Tryeh Koch, Israel's citef scout:

U.S. AND CANADIAN INVESTORS IN ISRAEL FIRM ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23: (JTA) -- A group of 110 American and Canadian investors in enterprises in Israel of Rassco, the company specializing in Israeli business ventures, arrived here from New York last night to take a first hand look at the firm's holdings in Israel

During their current visit, the group, which represents some 10,000 shareholders with an aggregate investment in the enterprises totaling \$50,000, will take part in conferences with Israeli Government and business leaders on the country's eccnomy.

ARCHEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS TANTALIZING DISCOVERY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Technical details on the composition and probable method of manufacture in the seventh century of the Common Era of a giant slab of glass found by archeologists in a cave in Beth Shearim near Haifa, Israel, and believed to be the largest piece of glass until this century, will be presented at the annual meeting of the Archeological Institute of America on Thursday by Dr. Robert H. Brill, a research scientist of the Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y.

Dr. Brill headed the research team which proved that the 8,8-ton slab measuring 11 by 6,5 by 1,5 feet is actually glass. Dr. Brill said today that the giant slab of glass shows the "remarkable engineering and technology for that time." The fact that ancient technology was able to make an 8,8-ton piece of glass has surprised many specialists.

Only two pieces of glass made in this century have been larger than the piece in the Beth Shearim cave. They are two chunks of glass cast for components of the world's largest telescope at the Mount Palomar observatory.

AVRAHAM SHAPIRO, LEGENDARY FIGURE IN ISRAEL, DIES; WAS 95

PETAHTIKVA, Israel, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Avraham Shapiro, the famed hero and veteran "watchman" who protected Jewish settlers in Palestine since before the turn of the century, died at his home here this morning at the age of 95. Shapiro, who was formerly head of the Petah Tikwa security organization, was one of the first Jewish pioneers to devote his life to protecting his fellow settlers from Arab attacks;

Born in Russia, Shapiro emigrated to Palestine in 1880 and engaged in agriculture in addition to serving as a watchman for the Petah Tikva settlement. He served as body-guard to Baron Edmond de Rothschild during his visits to Palestine and to Viscount Herbert Samuel, the first High Commissioner of Palestine under the British Mandate;

While his bravery became legendary throughout the Mideast and his reputation brought fear to Arab troublemakers in Palestine and neighboring countries, Shapiro often acted successfully as an arbitrator in local disputes between Jews and Arabs. He was honorary chairman of the Israel Watchmen's Organization.

BENJAMIN CITRON, PROMINENT ORTHODOX LEADER IN BRAZIL, DEAD; WAS 68

SAO PAULO, Dec; 28; (JTA) -- Benjamin Citron, prominent Jewish philanthropist and president of the Agudath Israel of Latin America, died here yesterday at the age of 68; A member of the Agudah World Executive, Mr. Citron was a founder of the Orthodox Congregation and School in Sao Paulo and several institutions in Israel. Interment will