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## NEW ISRAEL CABINET HOLDS FIRST MEETING; CONSIDERS PROPOSED BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16; (JTA) -- Israel's new Cabinet held its first meeting today and approved the appointment of deputy Ministers, thus completing the formation of the new Government under Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. Deputy Ministers need not be confirmed by the Knesset (Parliament); Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Finance, presented the 1956-57 budget proposal to the Cabinet today. However, the figures were not revealed.

Aharon Yadin and Rabbi Kalman Kahane were reappointed Deputy Ministers of Education and Culture; Dr. I. S. Ben-Meir was chosen again as Deputy Minister of the Interior. New Deputy Ministers named were Yehuda Shaari, of the Independent Liberal Party, to be the No. 2 official in the Ministry of Development; Dr. Z. Dinstein, of the Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment, as Deputy Minister of Defense; and Aharon Uzzan as Deputy Minister of Agriculture. The Cabinet approved also the members of eight standing Ministerial committees.

## GOLDMANN CLASHES WITH BEN-GURION ON CHARGES AGAINST JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16; (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, sharply criticized former Premier David Ben-Gurion this weekend for describing the Jewish Agency as a "collection agency" which is in the hands of political parties. Mr. Ben-Gurion had voiced those charges last week in a speech on the floor of the Knesset (Israel's Parliament).

Replying to Mr. Ben-Gurion at a session of the Actions Committee, the Zionist movement's policy-making body between sessions of the World Zionist Congress, Dr. Goldmann called Mr. Ben-Gurion's charges "irresponsible." He said the Ben-Gurion statement "can only be harmful, both to the Zionist movement and to the fund-raising effort for Israel."

Summing up the general debate in the Actions Committee, which has been meeting for a week, Dr. Goldmann stressed that the Agency has not been giving money to political parties for years, but has been aiding financially "only those undertakings concerned with the absorption of immigrants" to Israel. He rejected Mr. Ben-Gurion's claim that the Zionist movement is no longer needed, declaring "there are certain things that the Government of Israel can not do, and only the movement can do."

Aryeh L. Pincus, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, told the Actions Committee that there is increasing cooperation between the Israel Government and the Zionist movement. He rejected charges voiced during the general debate to the effect that "Israel does not really want immigration from Western countries." He noted the Agency's close cooperation with associations of immigrants from Western countries in efforts to solve various problems facing new immigrants.

Mr. Pincus told the Actions Committee that the "greatest challenge" facing the Zionist movement in lands outside Israel involves the fact that hundreds of thousands of Jewish students "are ready to listen to Zionism." "But Zionism," he added, "must speak to them in the language of reality and in the context of present facts regarding Israel."

## Actions Committee Approves Seats on Agency's Executive

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16; (JTA) -- The standing committee of the World Zionist Actions committee today approved the distribution of the 20 seats on the Jewish Agency's executive. The group assigned six seats to Mapai, four to the Union of General Zionists, three to the Confederation of General Zionists, three to Mizrahi, two to Herut and one each to Mapam and Achdut Avoda. The labor parties abstained on the voting on the seat distributions, due to the inclusion of Herut.

Aryeh L. Pincus, until now acting chairman of the executive, was endorsed for the candidacy for the permanent chairmanship by the Mapai and Achdut Avoda factions of the Zionist movement. He will continue also in the post of Agency treasurer. The two factions also nominated Yitzhak Ben-Aharon as head of the Youth Aliyah Department, succeeding Moshe Kol, who is now in the new Israel Government coalition Cabinet as Minister of Development and Tourism; and Avraham Cygel as head of the Absorption Department, succeeding Moshe Erem, who is retiring.

WORKERS IN ISRAELI MILITARY PLANT APOLOGIZE FOR 'SLOW-DOWN STRIKE'

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16: (JTA) -- A "slow-down strike" by workers at a large military workshop in Israel was smashed this weekend after the authorities in charge of the plant locked out all who participated in the action. The action had been called unauthorized. The shop committee at the plant sent a letter to the authorities in charge, apologizing for the action and pledging "good behavior" in the future.

The Hilton Hotel here today laid off 70 semi-skilled workers, attributing the step to "efficiency." The number of employees was thus reduced from 580 to 510. A committee of members of the hotel's staff protested against the lay-off.

ISRAELI POLICE CHECK DEMONSTRATION OF RELIGIOUS YOUTHS; TWO INJURED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16: (JTA) -- A policeman and a demonstrator were injured here yesterday in disturbances touched off when a group of some 200 religious youths surrounded the Working Youth Club in Bnei Brak, near Tel Aviv to protest what they considered desecration of the Sabbath by participants in the club activities. The religious youths threw stones at windows of the club and at police who were called to the scene.

The Dan Bus Company announced today it has suspended bus service to the Hatkiva quarter of this city, due to attacks against the vehicles and drivers. A number of the buses have been stoned recently and, in one case, the driver was injured. The company announced it would not reopen its service to that section of the city until a special committee determines the reasons for the hooliganism and until the company is compensated for damage suffered.

JEWISH LEADER IN SPAIN PLEADS ON TELEVISION FOR FRIENDSHIP TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 16: (JTA) -- Max Mazin, president of the Jewish Community of Madrid, Spain, appeared on the Spanish television network and expressed the hope that the Spanish hierarchy would endorse the recently adopted action by the Ecumenical Council in the Vatican, repudiating the charge that the Jewish people were collectively guilty of the crucifixion of Jesus, the New York Herald Tribune reported here today in a dispatch from Madrid.

This was believed to be the first instance when an official Jewish spokesman had appeared on television in Spain. Mr. Mazin is not only head of the officially-recognized Madrid Jewish community. He is also co-president of the Jewish-Christian Friendship Committee of Spain.

In his address, Mr. Mazin asked the Spanish hierarchy to endorse the Ecumenical Council's declaration on Catholic Church relations with the Jews, which has been attacked by some journals in Spain. He also requested that textbooks in some Spanish schools be cleansed of anti-Semitism, citing some books that continue to accuse Jews of killing Christian children.

Mr. Mazin also attacked the existence in Spain of a group of Lithuanians which he described as "consciously anti-Semitic, premeditated and militant, and mixed with racism and Nazi ideology." This group, which Mr. Mazin said was now "happily reduced," pretends that it is Christian but "in reality denies the most sacred Christian principles, which are respect and love for one's neighbor."

NAZI GETS SUSPENDED SENTENCE IN GERMANY; SPREAD ROCKWELL LITERATURE

FRANKFURT, Jan. 16: (JTA) -- Bruno Luedko, 39, who styled himself as the "new Fuehrer" and distributed in this country anti-Semitic materials published by the American Nazi Party, was found guilty this weekend of "endangering state security." He was sentenced to eight months in prison, but the court suspended the sentence after he had promised to cease his efforts to form a "fourth Reich."

Luedko had identified himself as a former member of the Hitler Youth. He admitted he was a disciple of both George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, and Colin Jordan, leader of the British Nazi movement, as well as of the World Union of Nazis. He told the court he had a mission "to restore Nazism as a purified religion." Among materials found in his possession, were Rockwell publications bearing the swastika and the skull and crossbones, emblem of the Hitlerian SS Corps.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES NAME NEW CHAIRMAN FOR SYNAGOGUE IN MOSCOW SUBURB

LONDON, Jan. 16: (JTA) -- Jacob Shevelev has been named by Soviet authorities as the new chairman of the Marina Roshcha Synagogue, a house of worship located in a Moscow suburb, it was reported here today from the Soviet capital. Mr. Shevelev succeeds the late George Lieb, who had headed that congregation for some years.

According to information available here, Mr. Shevelev had been closely associated with the late Mr. Lieb in their efforts to follow the official Government "explanations" to the effect that there is no anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and that there are no discriminations in the USSR against Jewish culture and religion.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA APPEALS TO JOHNSON ON WAR IN VIET NAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 16; (JTA.) -- In an unprecedented step, the rabbinic and lay leaders of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism in the U. S. joined last night in a plea to President Johnson to resist pressures for escalating the war in Viet Nam if the Administration's current peace offensive should fail;

The action came in a policy statement issued by the Synagogue Council of America, coordinating agency for six congregational and rabbinical bodies representing over 3,500,000 American Jews. The appeal to President Johnson marked the first time that the entire Jewish religious community has taken a position on an international issue going beyond immediate Jewish concern.

Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen of Chicago, president of the Council, announced that the Synagogue Council would convene a "Conference on Judaism and World Peace" in New York on February 22. He said the meeting would bring together representative spokesmen of the Jewish religious community for a discussion of "the relevance of Jewish religious tradition to the major problem of our age, world peace."

In addition to Rabbi Cohen, the policy statement of the Synagogue Council was signed by: Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, president, Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Max J. Rottenberg, president, Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Israel Miller, president, Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Moses I. Feuerstein, president, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Henry N. Rapaport, president, United Synagogue of America.

The Synagogue Council statement voiced "deep concern" that if the present halt in the bombing of North Viet Nam failed to elicit a positive response from Hanoi, "discouragement and frustration might alter the present character of the conflict as a limited war for limited goals. The danger of new pressures for unlimited escalation of the war resulting from impatience and disappointment is grave indeed," the Jewish leaders cautioned. Such an escalation would not only fail to achieve our goals; it would also ultimately involve the world in a war of mutual destruction."

"Our religious conscience compels us to exert every influence so that the action in Viet Nam can be moved from the battlefield to the negotiating table," the Synagogue Council statement said. "We recognize that those who see the need for checking Communist subversion by military means are no less dedicated to the cause of a just world peace than those who believe the United States must cease hostilities in Viet Nam. We do believe, however, that the imperatives of our religious commitments call for the recommendations we prayerfully put forward and commend to the attention of our synagogues throughout the land."

The Synagogue Council commended President Johnson's action in halting the bombing of Viet Nam, declaring: "It serves as a convincing demonstration that despite pressures from some quarters for a military solution to the problem, the purpose of our military effort in Viet Nam remains one that is aimed at speeding an honorable settlement. It is also a convincing demonstration of the integrity of President Johnson's public expressions of our willingness to negotiate unconditionally."

J.W.V. National Commander Rejects Criticism of Reform Rabbis

NEW YORK, Jan. 16; (JTA.) -- The position of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States with regard to the American policy on Viet Nam was outlined here today in a statement issued by Milton A. Waldor, national commander of the organization, who took issue with Rabbis Maurice N. Eisendrath and Jacob J. Weinstein, the two leaders of Reform Judaism. The two rabbis criticized Mr. Waldor who, upon his return from a visit to Viet Nam, urged the U.S. to reach "a decisive victory by whatever means;"

"I regret that these two distinguished leaders of Reform Judaism apparently did not take the trouble to apprise themselves of JWV's policies and statements concerning our Government's actions in the Far East," Mr. Waldor said in his statement. "If they had, they would not have issued such a distorted and inaccurate statement."

"JWV's policy, publicly expressed, is to urge and support peace negotiations. If any or all such peaceful negotiations are refused and rejected by the Communists, JWV supports the Governmental measures necessary to consummate a successful conclusion of the hostilities. Historically, on the record, JWV has opposed and continues to oppose the use of atomic weapons in Viet Nam. Any other implication is false and inaccurate," Mr. Waldor stressed.

Declaring that he "shares the desire of all well-meaning people that this war be brought to an end as quickly as is reasonably possible," the JWV national commander added: "But we cannot bring this about unilaterally when we are not the aggressor, when the other side refuses even to consider a peaceful solution. I hate war as much as anyone, but this kind of submission is not an acceptable alternative."

\$2,500,000 RAISED FOR BAR-ILAN U. AT DINNER HONORING DR. LOOKSTEIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Two gifts of \$1,000,000 each were announced here this evening for Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, at a dinner honoring Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, acting president of the University, for his 40 years of service to Jewish communal life and Jewish education throughout the world. The total raised at the dinner attended by more than 450 persons was nearly \$2,500,000.

Phillip Stollman of Detroit, national chairman of Bar-Ilan, announced a gift of \$1,000,000 on behalf of the Stollman family, for the construction of an administration center on the 45-acre campus. A contribution of \$1,000,000 by the Gustav Wurzweller Foundation was announced by Dr. Max Gruenwald. A library named after Gustav Wurzweller will be Israel's second largest library, stocking nearly 500,000 volumes.

\$200,000 RAISED FOR AMERICA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CONCERT

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- More than \$200,000 was raised for America-Israel Cultural Foundation at a concert here today, and a dinner which followed in the evening, honoring Artur Rubinstein, the distinguished pianist. Leonard Bernstein and Isaac Stern joined with a group of young Israeli artists, the Marlboro Festival Orchestra and the Camerata Singers in the concert, which took place at Carnegie Hall before a capacity audience of cultural, diplomatic, social, civic and business leaders.

The America-Israel Cultural Foundation sponsored the concert and the dinner which followed at the New York Hilton as part of its annual campaign for new members to support the Foundation's cultural projects in Israel. Memberships are from \$5,000 to \$100. Artur Rubinstein received the Foundation's annual award for his contributions to the advancement of Israel's cultural life, at concert intermission ceremonies.

Isaac Stern, president of the Foundation, who made the presentation, said that it was given in behalf of "the people of Israel, its music lovers, musicians and young artists, all of whom were enriched by the artistry of Artur Rubinstein and had benefitted from his warm regard for Israel." Over the years, Mr. Rubinstein has turned back his performing fees for solo appearance with the Israel Philharmonic and for recitals so that they could be used to aid Israel's musicians and musical life. The award is an inscribed gold medallion, mounted on a piece of Jerusalem stone imported for the occasion.

Featured in the concert program were Leonard Bernstein and Isaac Stern who performed the Mozart Piano and Violin Sonata in A Major; a performing of the Vivaldi B Minor Concerto for four violins for which Stern joined three young Israeli violinists, Miriam Fried, Sergiu Luca and Pinchas Zukerman; and the J.S. Bach Concerto in C Major for three pianos performed by Meira Farkas, Shulamit Ran and Ilan Rogoff. The violin and piano soloists are all studying in the United States on scholarships granted by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. Alexander Schneider conducted the Marlboro Festival Orchestra. The second half of the concert was devoted to a performance of Leonard Bernstein's "Clichester Psalms," by the Camerata Singers with John Bogart under the direction of Abraham Kaplan.

Following the concert, buses transported guests to the New York Hilton Hotel for a dinner and dance in the Grand Ballroom. Sol Hurok, the impresario, was chairman of the dinner. Zero Mostel was the guest performer, and Meyer Davis conducted the dance orchestra. The Foundation just celebrated its 25th anniversary. Its president is Isaac Stern, the violinist; William Mazer is the chairman of the board, and Raphael Rezanati the chairman of the executive committee. The Foundation supports a variety of cultural projects in Israel, grants arts scholarships to gifted young Israelis, fosters cultural exchanges between Israel and the U.S. and helps build Israel's cultural institutions.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE FORTAS TO ADDRESS AMERICAN ORT CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- U.S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas will deliver the main address at the dinner session of the 44th Annual National Conference of the American ORT Federation next Sunday, it was announced here today by Dr. William Haber, president of the organization. More than 500 delegates representing 90,000 ORT members throughout the country are expected to attend the conference.

ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, is the Jewish overseas agency for vocational training and economic aid. It operates more than 600 technical education projects in 21 countries. Joining Justice Fortas at the conference dinner will be Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Max A. Braude, who will be honored for ten years of service as Director General of international ORT programs; Dr. Meyer Cohen, Director of the Bureau of Operations of the United Nations Development Fund, will speak at a meeting of the organization's Board of Directors scheduled for earlier in the day.