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### JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE ADOPTS DRASTIC DECISIONS; VOTES REDUCED BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive ended today a plenary session at which a draft budget for 1967-68 of slightly more than \$100,000,000 was adopted and a decision approved to reorganize the executive's departments by reducing them from the present 16 to eight or nine. The budget for the current year was \$120,000,000.

Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the executive, told a press conference today that the basic aspect of the budget was a refusal to increase the Agency's debts. The budget will be balanced, he declared.

He said that, to achieve a balanced budget, the executive decided on a number of measures. Among them are cancellation of a 9,000,000 pound (\$3,000,000) annual subsidy which the Agency used to pay for non-political constructive work done by the various political parties in the field of absorption of immigrants. A special committee has been set up to examine ways and dates on which the allocation will be cut, he said.

He said the Agency would also examine, on an individual basis, all allocations granted to other bodies not affiliated usually with the Zionist Organization. Such allocations currently total about 8,000,000 pounds (\$2,700,000). Most of these allocations go to cultural and educational organizations, such as the Weizmann Institute of Science and a number of universities. The special committee will examine this outlay closely to ensure its reduction.

The question of whether the reorganized Agency departments will total eight or nine depends on whether the two departments on education -- general and religious -- will be merged into one. The special committee has been assigned the task of deciding this question and a final decision is expected before the next Agency plenary session starting Jan. 4.

Another major problem of the plenary was the question of stimulating immigration from western countries. Mr. Pincus said that "the entire future of the Jewish State depends to a considerable degree on this issue."

A special joint Government-Agency committee, headed by Mr. Pincus and Israel Labor Minister Yigal Allon, was set up to examine concrete applications of recommendations discussed in the joint coordinating body. The main subjects the joint committee will examine are connections between the Government and Agency bodies and the possibility of establishing a joint authority for immigrants.

Mr. Pincus summed up the results of the plenary in these words: "The problems which we had to examine were among the most difficult we ever faced. It was a difficult but good meeting." He also said that the Agency had decided to coopt in his personal capacity Rabbi Leon Feuer of Hazelton, Pa., a leading figure of American Reform Judaism.

### TWO ARAB INFILTRATORS KILLED IN CLASH WITH ISRAELI BORDER PATROL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8. (JTA) - United Nations observers opened an investigation today into the clash last night between an Israeli patrol and four Arab infiltrators in which two of the intruders were killed. The other two escaped.

The incident occurred north of the Yuval settlement near the point where the borders of Lebanon, Syria and Israel meet. The dead Arabs were clad in army khaki, wore rubber shoes and had Russian and German submachineguns and Russian-type hand grenades. Syrian cigarettes and matches also were found on the bodies, indicating they had come from Syria but in a manner seeking to make it appear they had come from Lebanon.

Israeli police disclosed that the dead Arabs were members of a gang which had already carried out sabotage actions in Israel. This was indicated by a comparison of footprints found near Israeli sites of El Fatah commando activities and those of the dead Arabs. The patrol commander said his men opened fire when the intruders failed to reply to a challenge and were unable to give the proper password. The commander said weapons found on the bodies were regular Syrian army equipment.

(At the United Nations, Israel filed a complaint against Syria last night for planting a mine in a field on their border. In the explosion of the mine, seven Israelis were hurt, two seriously.)

ISRAELIS TO PAY MORE FOR ELECTRICITY; GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY DISCONTINUED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The Ministerial Economic Committee decided today to raise electricity charges by six percent. The reason given for the steep increase was that the Treasury was no longer able to pay a million pound subsidy to the company.

The decision provided fresh evidence of the Government's economic problems. The increased charges will add to the inflation which has led to a proposed three-year austerity program prepared by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. The coalition partners in Premier Levi Eshkol's government have been battling over the plan since it was first proposed several months ago.

The coalition partners met yesterday for a general discussion of the much-amended Sapir plan, with Premier Eshkol presiding. Informal reports on the session indicated that Mapam was still insisting on a compulsory loan and heavier income taxes for higher income groups. Mr. Sapir is strongly opposed to a compulsory loan. The National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals oppose both the loan and the steeply higher income taxes.

Moshe Shapira, Interior Minister and NRP leader, said before the meeting that his party generally supported the Sapir plan but that, after many compromises, about all that was left of it was a proposed cut in cost-of-living allowances to Israeli wage-earners.

Meanwhile, it was reported today in Maariv, an evening paper, that Minister of Trade and Industry Eaim Zadok had resigned from Israel's Cabinet in protest against the "final form" of the new economic policy being drafted by Prime Minister Eshkol. The resignation, said the newspaper, was handed to Mr. Eshkol several days ago.

Questioned about the report, Mr. Zadok refused to comment. Maariv added that Mr. Eshkol had prevailed upon Mr. Zadok to postpone a final decision on his threat to resign, until a compromise formula is worked out in the plans for the new economic program. Israel's full Cabinet is to debate the economic issue again at its next meeting on Sunday.

ISRAEL CABINET GETS REPORTS ON RAISING TUITION FEES FOR STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Contradictory reports about the need for raising tuition fees at Israel's schools of higher learning were submitted to Israel's Cabinet today. One of the reports called for doubling tuition fees from the present 600 Israeli pounds (\$200) per year to 1,200 pounds (\$400). The other report rejected the notion of any tuition increases at the present time.

The Government is concerned in this matter because it meets the deficits of Israel's institutions of higher learning. Currently, it is paying 57 percent of the university expenditures, a contribution totaling 80,000,000 pounds (about \$27,000,000). The special committee named to study the issue for the Cabinet included Israel Kargman who, as chairman of the group, recommended the doubling of college fees. The other report was drafted by former Attorney General Gideon Hausner.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS SEEN FOR JEWISH ARAB UNDERSTANDING IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Conditions have improved recently in Israel for Jewish-Arab understanding and "there is more readiness lately in Arab intellectual circles for a dialogue" with Jews, a communique issued at the close of the Martin Buber Seminar at Givat Haviva ended last night.

The seminar was attended by a number of Israel Arabs, as well as by Jewish and foreign writers and philosophers. Archbishop George Hakim of Nazareth was the guest of honor at the closing session.

CHRISTIANS CONSTITUTE HALF OF ALL TOURISTS IN ISRAEL, SURVEY SHOWS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The Tourism Ministry released results of a survey today which showed that half of all foreign tourists visiting Israel are Christians and only 38 percent have been Jews.

One percent belonged to other faiths and the rest did not indicate their faith. The survey said that while only a minority of those questioned expressed satisfaction with Israel's hotels and restaurants, their general opinion of Israel was very favorable. Eighty-eight percent said they would recommend a visit to Israel to their friends.

CONSTRUCTION OF EXPRESSWAY BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND LYDDA AIRPORT BEGUN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Work was started today on the construction of an expressway connecting the center of Tel Aviv with Lydda Airport that would shorten the driving time from here to the airport to about 15 minutes. It now takes more than a half hour to reach the airport. The expressway is expected to be completed within a year.

PROBLEM OF JEWISH EDUCATION PROVOKES ANXIOUS ATTENTION IN POLAND

WARSAW, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The problem of fitting Jewish education into an already overlaid curriculum of general subjects again was the subject of anxious attention today from Jewish leaders in Poland as the new school term began.

Folkstimme, the Yiddish-language newspaper, asserted editorially that the youth clubs maintained by the Jewish Social and Cultural Association "must share a great part of the task of Jewish education."

The newspaper said that it was in such clubs that Jewish boys and girls should be taught to write and speak Yiddish, Jewish music, Jewish history and other subjects connected with the Jewish heritage, adding that there was no other way to impart this knowledge to Jewish youth in Poland.

Meanwhile it was announced that Folkstimme, which is published by the Jewish Social and Cultural Association, will celebrate its 20th anniversary this autumn. The Association proclaimed a "Month of the Jewish Press" for the period from October 21 to November 21 for the occasion.

During this month there will be a series of meetings between the editors and contributors of the Folkstimme and its readers. There will also be a special celebration gathering at the headquarters of the Union of Journalists and a number of provincial meetings. The Association also announced that a plenary session will be held here on October 8. The main item on its agenda will be Jewish youth activities.

JEWISH CALENDAR PUBLISHED IN RUMANIA IN HEBREW, YIDDISH, RUMANIAN

BUCHAREST, Sept. 8. (JTA) - The Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania today published a calendar for the new Jewish year -- 5727 -- in the form of a 92-page booklet in Hebrew, Yiddish and Rumanian.

In addition to the usual calendar data for 5727 (1966-67), the booklet includes the texts for the Hebrew prayer for the dead and for memorials to the deceased, as well as explanations of various Jewish religious customs. There are also photographs of famous Jews who hailed from this country, among them the late Rabbis Yaakov Nemirover and Moses Gastar.

The frontispiece of the calendar reprints an excerpt from the Rumanian Constitution setting down the basic law regarding a citizen's rights to practice his religion if he desires to do so, and guaranteeing that freedom. The calendar was edited by Rumania's chief rabbi, Dr. Moses Rosen.

SOVIET MUSEUM ESTABLISHES ROOM NAMED AFTER SOLOMON MIKHOELS

LONDON, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- A special room named after the late Solomon Mikhoels, the famous Russian-Jewish actor assassinated during the Stalin purges of Soviet Jewish intellectuals, has been established in the local museum of Dvinsk, in the Latvian Soviet Republic, according to a dispatch from the USSR received here today.

Mr. Mikhoels, who was born in Dvinsk, had been head of the Jewish State Theater in Moscow when he was murdered by secret agents of the Stalin regime. He was also at the time chairman of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of the USSR.

In the Mikhoels Room at the Dvinsk Museum, today's dispatch reported, are now shown various memorabilia associated with Mikhoels' artistic work. Among these, the report stated, are the costumes he had worn while performing "King Lear." His acting in that part, it was widely held, had been one of the finest interpretations of that great Shakespearean role.

HEADS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWISH COMMUNAL WORKERS NAMED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar of Israel will serve as Honorary President of the International Conference of Jewish Communal Service to be held in Jerusalem on August 19-23, 1967, it was announced here today by William Avrunin, of Detroit, and Dr. Giora Lotan, of Jerusalem, newly-appointed co-chairmen of the Jerusalem gathering. The conference will be the first international assembly of Jewish social service workers held in Israel.

Mr. Avrunin, who is president of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service and executive director of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Fund, and Dr. Lotan, director general of the National Insurance Institute of Israel, were chosen to direct the conference. They were named co-chairmen of the forthcoming parley in Jerusalem at a conference of Jewish communal workers which concluded here today.

**ROCKWELL ANNOUNCES HE WILL ADDRESS RALLY IN CHICAGO; WILL IGNORE BAN**

CHICAGO, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- George Rockwell, head of the American Nazi Party, announced here last night that he intends to address an open-air rally in Gage Park Saturday, whether or not he gets a permit for the conduct of that meeting. Gage Park was the scene of attacks by whites against Negro marchers two weeks ago.

Rockwell has announced he and his adherents will hold their own march in Gage Park Saturday, to protest against the open housing principle advocated by the Negro groups. Refused a permit for a Gage Park rally by Park Superintendent Erwin N. Weiner, Rockwell has appealed that ruling to the U.S. District Court here. However, he asserted, he will conduct the rally even if the Court turns down his appeal.

**\$1,000,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AT WEIZMANN INSTITUTE TO BE RAISED IN U.S.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- A \$1,000,000 scholarship fund will be announced at a dinner here on November 2 sponsored by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, it was reported here today.

Benjamin Abrams, president of the Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corporation for 43 years until his retirement last year, has accepted the chairmanship of the committee for the dinner. The event will launch a month-long series of events for the fund.

The fund, to be raised in New York, under Mr. Abram's auspices, will provide scholarships of \$2,500 for science graduate students in Israel and in the developing countries to study for Master's and doctoral degrees at the Weizmann Institute Graduate School in Rehovot.

Mr. Abrams' acceptance was announced at a luncheon today in his honor by Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute. Guests of honor at the November 2 dinner will be Lord Sieff of London, chairman of the board of Marks & Spencer of Britain, and Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America.

**21 JEWISH CANDIDATES LISTED FOR ELECTION TO BRAZIL'S LEGISLATURES**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Twenty-one Jews are among the candidates nominated for election to various of Brazil's state legislatures, it developed today when the full lists were issued.

The elections are to be held November 15. Jews are among the candidates in the provinces of Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Sao Paulo, Porto Allegro, Minas Gerais and Parana. In Rio de Janeiro Province, one of the Jewish candidates is Mrs. Julio Steinbruch, wife of Senator Aharon Steinbruch. She is a member of the bar, but does not practice law.

**PLAY BY LIPSKY, J.T.A. PRESIDENT, TO BE PRODUCED ON BROADWAY**

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- A play written by Eleazar Lipsky, author of a number of novels, some of which have been dramatized, will be produced on Broadway during the coming theater season, it was announced today.

The drama, called "Bridge of Sighs," is drawn from a book Mr. Lipsky wrote about his experiences some years ago as an assistant district attorney in the Homicide Bureau of New York County. Mr. Lipsky is president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

**'YANKEES, YES,' BOOK BY DAVID SCHWARTZ, J.T.A. COLUMNIST, PUBLISHED**

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- A book entitled "Yankees, Yes," by David Schwartz, columnist of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, appeared here today, published by Theo. Gaus' Sons, Inc. The book, which the author labels as "anecdotal U.S. history" is a collection of little-known sidelights and anecdotes dealing with events and personalities in American history.

**PROF. FRIEDLAENDER, ART HISTORIAN, DIES IN NEW YORK; FUNERAL TOMORROW**

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here Saturday for Walter Friedlaender, a leading art historian and professor emeritus of New York University's Institute of Fine Arts, who died at the age of 93.

Born in Berlin, he received a doctorate from the University of Berlin in 1898. In 1914 he became a member of the faculty at the University of Freiburg. He taught and published studies on a wide range of art. The Nazis dismissed him in 1933 from his university post and banned publication of his essays. He emigrated in 1935 to the United States and joined the faculty at the Institute of Fine Arts.

**CHARLES L. ORNSTEIN, LEADER OF NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD DEAD**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8. (JTA) - Charles L. Ornstein, a member of the board of directors of the National Jewish Welfare Board, died here today at the age of 76. He was a founder of the United States Committee-Sports for Israel.