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## Await Indications Of Nixon Administration's Attitude Toward Jewish Community

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--As the appointments and tendencies of the new Nixon Administration slowly unfold, there has been no indication of the nature of the answer to questions raised in the American Jewish community. Intensive consultations have been conducted by President-elect Richard M. Nixon with his inner circle of associates. But so far there has not been any disclosure of the new Administration's philosophy on its relations with American Jewry, JTA's Washington correspondent Milton Friedman reports.

The State Department, mindful of the Middle East situation, is carefully observing Mr. Nixon's deliberations. The career diplomats do not want a Jewish staff member in the White House who would provide intimate advice to the President on Jewish concerns, nor do they want a personal confidant outside the executive mansion with ready access to Mr. Nixon. A personality like Max M. Fisher of Detroit might logically function as such a confidant. Such men would stand as buffers between the State Department policy-makers and the President on issues involving Israel.

The last White House staff man who held the status that the diplomats would prefer to have eliminated was Myer Feldman, who served as special counsel to President Kennedy and, for a time, to President Johnson. In addition to other duties, he advised on American-Israeli relations and maintained liaison between the White House and the Jewish community.

Mr. Nixon, in his October appearance before the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was accompanied by Mr. Fisher and Martin R. Pollner, a New York law associate. He reportedly stated at that time that the Jewish community would have representation at the White House. Mr. Pollner, who helped Mr. Fisher coordinate Republican political efforts among Jews, has been mentioned as a logical choice to assume a role somewhat like that once held by Mr. Feldman on the White House staff.

Mr. Fisher's friendship with Mr. Nixon, his role in the United Jewish Appeal, and support of Israel are well known to the State Department. State Department officials are fully aware that Mr. Fisher played a vital role in Mr. Nixon's address last summer before B'nai B'rith in which Mr. Nixon pledged to tip the Middle East power balance in Israel's favor to deter aggression. Career diplomats, among whom there is a strong pro-Arab bias, resented the Nixon position and its indications that he would take a strong stand against Arab aggression and Soviet penetration. Mr. Nixon appointed Mr. Fisher his special adviser on urban and community affairs. Mr. Fisher also presided over a drive in the Jewish community that generated unprecedented financial and political support for the Nixon-Agnew ticket.

Leonard Garment, a member of Mr. Nixon's New York law firm, is a Jew who also took a prominent part at the top echelon of the Nixon campaign. He is expected to assume an important post in the new Administration, possibly dealing with minority problems. Mr. Garment has already come under open attack from right-wing Republicans.

The Nov. 23 issue of the Conservative newsletter "Human Events" assailed Mr. Garment in an article headed "Liberal Noses in Nixon Tent." It said that "there are those who feel the President-elect would do well to keep a wary eye on some of his more liberal advisers. Insiders in the Nixon camp, for instance, are particularly worried about Leonard Garment...a political liberal...Garment has been reported as shopping in liberal Democratic circles for both Nixon policies and appointments. There is growing fear that he may have an important influence over certain Cabinet selections."

## Jeers Drown Out Applause As Ben-Gurion Delivers Bitter Attack On Eshkol

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Jeers drowned out the applause for former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion who delivered one of his bitterest attacks on his old political foe, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, in an address to students at the Mann Auditorium here yesterday. Mr. Ben-Gurion branded Mr. Eshkol and his advisors "corrupt" and said he was worried about Israel's future under their leadership.

The former Prime Minister, once a national hero, was constantly heckled and shouted down by members of the audience but appeared to be unfazed. "I am a lone man," he said. "I have no party behind me. I say what I believe." One of the things he said he believed was that Israel might face another war with the Arabs "and there is no surety we will win again." He said Israel's future depended on quality prevailing over the quantity of the Arab population in neighboring countries.

## Jewish Students In Switzerland, Brussels Oppose Polish Trials Of Students

GENEVA, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Jewish students here have asked the Swiss Government to intervene with the Polish Government on behalf of Jewish and non-Jewish students who face secret trials in Warsaw on charges of having incited student unrest in Poland last spring. The Union of Jewish Students also sent a telegram to the Polish Ambassador in Berne which said, "We urgently request you to put an end to the trials against the students in your country and ask that your Government free the students who were imprisoned."

## Pincus Plans U.S. Trip To Complete Establishment Of Zionist Federation

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency and head of its aliyah (immigration) department, told a press conference today he was going to the United States on Friday to try to complete establishment of an over-all Zionist Federation. He said he would seek to broaden the scope of the Jewish Agency by inclusion of many organizations that contribute to Israel but are not represented in Zionist councils. Both projects represent the implementation of decisions reached by the 27th World Zionist Congress held in Jerusalem last June.

Mr. Pincus stressed the importance of including in the Jewish Agency the leaders of fund-raising campaigns for Israel and of the welfare funds that contribute to those campaigns. He said another stage in the Jewish Agency's expansion will be inclusion of such organizations as B'nai B'rith and various religious blocs in order to rally as many pro-Israel groups as possible under a single roof.

Mr. Pincus said the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government would invite 200 campaign leaders in the U.S. to a discussion of Israel's needs in education, housing, welfare and culture and the primary problem of immigration. He said another meeting, set for Jan. 9, to be attended by Jewish leaders from abroad, would be a "spiritual confrontation" and dialogue between Israel and diaspora Jewry. He announced that the Jewish Agency has started a campaign on American campuses to involve Jewish students in Israel interests as a means of blocking assimilation. He said special academic emissaries and Israeli students on American campuses were cooperating. Mr. Pincus said it was important that aliyah (immigration) from the U.S. and Canada increase 100 percent in the next three years and immigration from France 300 percent.

## First Arabic Newspaper Published In Old City Since 1967 War Runs Into Trouble

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The first Arabic newspaper to be published in East Jerusalem since the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war ran into trouble today when a member of the Knesset (Parliament) objected to an editorial appearing in its inaugural edition yesterday which called for an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.

The newspaper, Al Kuds, softened its editorial somewhat by adding that Jerusalem should no longer be divided by barbed wire and mines and by praising the freedom of the press which it said prevailed in Israel more than in Jordan. Before the 1967 war, Al Kuds was published by the Jordanian Government. In an editorial today, the paper called for the return of all West Bank Arabs who were deported to Jordan since the war.

Shlomo Cohen-Zidon, an independent MK, maintained in the Knesset today that the dissemination of anti-occupation views by the paper could incite to riots and resistance. He demanded to know on whose authority Al Kuds was licensed. The paper said in a policy statement that its columns "will be open to decent writers, sons of our nation which is tired of the cheap political deceit which has led us from one shameful defeat to another more shameful defeat." An Arabic daily, Al Anba, began publication in West Jerusalem three weeks ago.

## Military Government Grants \$57,000 Loan To Nablus For Municipal Works

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The military government has granted a \$57,000 loan to the Nablus township on the occupied West Bank to build roads and extend its electric power and water supply systems. In another development, the Agriculture Ministry said exports from the West Bank to Jordan amounted to \$14 million between June, 1967 and June, 1968. More than half of the exports were agricultural produce. Several hundred trucks crossed the Allenby and Damiya bridges daily in both directions, the Ministry said. The marketing of agricultural products is in the hands of West Bank merchants.

## Israeli Diplomat Appointed To Coordinate Activities Of Missions Abroad

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA)--An Israeli career diplomat was appointed by the Foreign Ministry today to coordinate the activities of all Israeli diplomatic missions abroad and their contacts with Governmental and non-Governmental agencies in the countries to which they are assigned. The appointee is Shmuel Divon, former Israeli Ambassador to Brazil and earlier the Ambassador to Ethiopia.

According to David Rivlin, Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr. Divon will advise Israeli missions abroad on matters for which the Government and Jewish Agency are responsible and on which they work cooperatively in this country. The purpose of the appointment, Mr. Rivlin said, is to deepen contacts with Jewish communities abroad, a function which the Foreign Ministry considers one of its most important. Mr. Divon will instruct Israeli diplomats on how they can be of assistance, when required, in such fields as Jewish education, immigration and fund-raising.

## Foreign Ministry Awaiting Apology From Poland For Mistreatment Of Israeli

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry said yesterday that it had received no apology from Poland over the mistreatment of an Israeli citizen by police at the Warsaw airport. The citizen, Mrs. Ursula Rosen, said in a radio interview that the Finnish Consul who handles Polish affairs in Israel, telephoned her and conveyed official apologies from the Polish Government. Poland

broke off diplomatic relations with Israel following the June, 1967 Arab-Israel war. Mrs. Rosen went to Poland to arrange for the transportation of the body of her father, who had died a few days earlier, to Israel for burial. She carried a letter from the Finnish legation in Tel Aviv, asking Polish authorities to grant her an entry visas. Instead, she was interrogated, abused and put on a plane to Paris, she said.

### German States Will Move To Eliminate Statute Of Limitations On Nazi War Crimes

BONN, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The state parliaments of Hesse, North Rhine-Westphalia and Hamburg will take the initiative in the Bundesrat, West Germany's Upper House, to have the statute of limitations on war crimes prosecutions abolished, it was learned here today. The statute is to go into effect on Dec. 31, 1969. After that date, unless the statute is abolished or deferred, no new prosecutions of war criminals could be initiated.

The Central Archives of the Soviet Union has delivered microfilm copies of material relating to Nazi war criminals to the West German Embassy in Moscow, it was learned here today. The material will be sent to the Central Office for the Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals in Ludwigsburg, where it will be sifted for new evidence. Adelbert Rueckerl, head of the Ludwigsburg office, visited Moscow recently where he examined the files on Nazi war criminals in the archives. The files are said to provide the basis for bringing several thousand alleged war criminals to trial.

A 50-year-old former Lüsseldorf police official who was an SS Obersturmfuehrer during World War II went on trial in Dortmund today. The defendant, Guenther Kabbert, is accused of the murder of 3,500 Jews in Poland between 1941 and 1942. His trial is expected to last five months.

### Diplomat Says Singapore Is Indebted To Israel For Military, Civilian Assistance

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The Government of Singapore is "indebted" to Israel for the help it gave that southeast Asian island state in building its Army, Navy, Air Force and its interracial civilian community centers," a leading Singapore Jew said at a leadership seminar organized by the American Section of the World Jewish Congress here. The Hon. David S. Marshall, former Chief Minister (Prime Minister) of Singapore and now a member of its delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, referred to assistance given by Israeli officers and civil servants. He said that Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew had often likened the position of his state to that of Israel.

Mr. Marshall told the seminar that Singapore's 600 Jews seek no outside financial help. "But we do need other forms of help," he said, "to maintain and enhance the quality of religious and cultural activity and to ensure the loyalty of our Jewish youth to the ideals and values of Jewish tradition." He noted that there is only one rabbi in Singapore, no longer a young man, and he asked for WJCongress assistance in this field. "I can assure you that we would welcome the establishment of a Jewish center in Singapore to cater to the whole of southeast Asia," Mr. Marshall said.

### British Jews Seek Government Aid For Threatened Jews In East Europe, Arab Lands

LONDON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--A delegation representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews met yesterday with Goronwy Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, to solicit the Government's support in helping harassed and imperiled Jews in some Eastern European and Arab countries. The delegation, headed by Michael M. Fidler, president of the Board, reported that Mr. Roberts expressed concern and sympathy with the humanitarian issues involved and that further meetings with Foreign Office officials will take place. The delegation spoke of the anti-Semitic campaign, in the guise of "anti-Zionism," which is being conducted by the Polish Government and the forthcoming trials of Jewish students there.

### Tribunal To Weigh French-German Dispute Over Graves Of Jewish Dead At Bergen-Belsen

BONN, Nov. 20 (JTA)--An international tribunal headed by a Swedish judge will hear the dispute that has arisen between the West German and French Governments over the latter's request for the exhumation of the graves of Jews who died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. The graves are located in Hohne, near the former camp site. France wants them exhumed because it believes 139 French citizens are buried there. The Federal Republic is opposed, mainly because it fears mass protests from Jewish organizations all over the world. It has already received protests, mainly from American rabbis.

### British Jews Fight Bill In Parliament To Outlaw Shechita As 'Inhumane'

LONDON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Developments in the anti-Shechita (ritual slaughtering) campaign being conducted by various humanitarian societies were reported at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews by Eric J. N. Nabarro, acting chairman of its shechita committee. He said the sponsors of an anti-shechita bill now pending before Parliament and a campaign by the Council for Justice to Animals did not appear to be motivated by anti-Semitism but, he said, their propaganda was misleading and liable to spread anti-Jewish feelings. The present bill is the fourth to come before the House of Commons in recent years opposing the Jewish method of slaughtering cattle on grounds that it was inhumane. The bill is sponsored by David Ensor, a Laborite MP who intends to bring it to the floor for a reading next month.

## Dr. Goldmann, Dr. Riegner, Rabbi Tanenbaum Recall Cardinal Bea's Relationship To Jews

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, World Jewish Congress president, has expressed sorrow, in a wire to the Vatican, over the death of Augustin Cardinal Bea, the prime mover behind the Ecumenical Council's Declaration absolving the Jewish people of guilt for the Crucifixion of Jesus. The Cardinal was buried in Rome yesterday.

In a message to Amieto Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State, Dr. Goldmann said that Cardinal Bea's "memory will always be cherished by the Jewish people. His contribution to the opening of fraternal communication with our people in the service of our common ideals will remain a source of guidance."

Dr. Gerhart Riegner, WJC Congress secretary-general, told a seminar of the organization's American Section here, at which Mrs. Rose Halprin presided, that Cardinal Bea's "contribution to the opening of a new chapter in the centuries-old relations between the Catholic Church and Jewish people was second only to Pope John XXIII himself."

Dr. Riegner said, "It will take generations before old attitudes will vanish completely. I am sure that eventually there will be a new relationship between Jews and Catholics based on recognition of the separate identity of each, mutual understanding and mutual respect. And the name of Cardinal Bea will always be remembered and cherished as principal architect of this new relationship."

In a related statement, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the American Jewish Committee's interreligious affairs department, described how the late Cardinal Bea personally fought for the declaration absolving the Jewish people from collective guilt for the Crucifixion. "In Rome, I saw him on several occasions literally risk his standing by courageously opposing forces from the Arab world, professional anti-Semites and ultra-conservative prelates who sought to sabotage the declaration on non-Christian religions which he had struggled so bravely and assiduously to have adopted by the Catholic Church," Rabbi Tanenbaum said. "The fact that Catholic-Jewish relations have improved so measurably throughout the world is the greatest living tribute to his life and monumental work."

## Dr. Nirenberg, Nobel Prize Winner, One Of 5 Lasker Award Winners

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Dr. Marshall W. Nirenberg, 41-year-old molecular biologist who shared this year's Nobel Prize in medicine, was one of five winners of this year's Lasker Medical Research Awards. The awards will be presented here at ceremonies tomorrow. Dr. Nirenberg, chief of the laboratory of Biochemical Genetics at the National Heart Institute, won the Nobel award with Dr. H. Gobind Khorana for their work in elucidating the genetic code. The two scientists also shared the \$25,000 Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize last month for outstanding research in biochemistry. The announcement of the Lasker \$10,000 Awards was made by Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, president of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation.

## Lord Rothschild Says Mutual 'Flexibility' Necessary For Middle East Peace

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Lord Rothschild, of London, called here yesterday for "flexibility on both sides" in the Middle East conflict. He declared that a solution to the Arab-Israeli deadlock "will not depend on the great or super-powers, or on the use, as opposed to possession, of weapons of war." The British Peer spoke to an audience of 1,500 attending the annual dinner of the Weizmann Institute of Science held by its American Committee. He warned that "without flexibility on both sides, without a cooling-off in the region, unimposed but nevertheless helped by the free world, there is no hope of peace." With peace, he foresaw "not only hope but the promise of prosperity and world influence in the Middle East. A great new power could well emerge," he said.

The dinner, attended by leading scientists including 11 Nobel Laureates, also heard addresses by Dewey Stone, chairman of the Institute's Board of Governors; Abraham Feinberg, president of the American Committee; and Robert I. Wishnick, chairman of the dinner committee, who presided. Mr. Wishnick was presented with the Weizmann Award in the Sciences and Humanities "in recognition of his deep commitment to the cause of higher learning in Israel and to the Weizmann Institute in particular."

Announced at the dinner were seven new professorial chairs, each representing a gift of \$25,000, a total of \$1,750,000. They are: the Lee and William Abramowitz Chair in Polymer Chemistry, established by William L. Abramowitz, a New England businessman; August Bauer-Bauernfreund Chair in Enzymology, established by John P. Bauer, industrialist, in memory of his father; Leonard and Kay Cohen Chair in Experimental Biology, established by Leonard and Kay Cohen, of Switzerland; Lester B. Pearson Chair in Protein Sciences, established in honor of the former Prime Minister of Canada by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science; I. I. Rabi Chair in Natural Philosophy, established in honor of the Nobel Laureate in physics by his American friends; Walter P. Reuther Chair in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, established in honor of the president of the United Automobile Workers of America; and the Olin-Sang Chair in Leukemia Research, established by Philip D. Sang, of Chicago.

## Israeli Consul-General Elected Dean Of Consular Corps In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia, Yissakhar Ben-Yaacov, today was elected unanimously dean of the consular corps in this city. There are some 40 consulates located here. He will serve one year. He has been in Philadelphia since 1964. The dealership is ceremonial.