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## ISRAEL PAYS HOMAGE TO DAVID BEN GURION

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JERUSALEM, Dec. 3 (JTA)--In a moving and meticulously arranged ceremony in the Knesset precincts this morning, the leaders of the nation and representatives of world Jewry and of friendly foreign governments took their last leave of the founder of modern Israel, David Ben Gurion. After a 28-minute religious ceremony during which--at the decedent's request--no eulogies were given--the small pine coffin draped in the national colors was flown by helicopter to Sde Boker in the Negev where Ben Gurion was buried alongside his wife, Paula, in the stark desert setting that he himself chose as his final resting place.

The interment at Sde Boker was a private ceremony--principally because of the emergency situation. The roads to the kibbutz were closed and the 150 participants--including the Cabinet and Zionist Executive--flew from the Knesset in five helicopters which landed and took off one after the other with Airforce precision. The Knesset ceremony began on the dot of 11 a.m. when air raid sirens sounded throughout the land. Traffic halted everywhere, work ceased, and the nation--as one person--paid homage to its greatest leader, and one of the great statesmen of this century. The coffin on a black catafalque before the bronze Knesset doors was surrounded by the eight pallbearers--colonels of the three armed services and the police. Alongside them stood eight generals, admirals, air marshalls and police commanders. In front were nine service chaplains. And in the rear, an honor guard of paratroopers with bayoneted rifles held forward in salute.

The Chief Army Chaplain Mordechai Firon opened the proceedings with a short prayer he had specially composed to God for "the pure and noble soul of the chosen one of the people, David son of Avigdor, architect of Israel's independence. May the whole House of Israel be blessed in your memory for evermore." Israel Radio's veteran newsreader, Moshe Hovav, took the rostrum to read from the Declaration of Independence which Ben Gurion himself had read out that memorable Friday afternoon in 1948 at the Tel Aviv museum. The two Chief Rabbis, Shlomo Goren and Ovadiah Yosef, then read sections of Psalms, and the Chief Army Cantor rendered a special "El Mole Rahamim" for "David Ben Avigdor, leader of Israel."

The ceremony ended with Ben Gurion's son, Amos reading the Kaddish. He read it dramatically and forcefully--obviously understanding fully this affirmation (in Aramaic) of the Jews' faith in God's judgement even at such tragic and difficult moments. As Amos read "He who makes peace on his high places--may He make peace upon us," Premier Golda Meir, somber in black, began to weep putting a handkerchief to her eyes. But she quickly regained her composure. The cortège moved off to waiting command cars and buses which took it the short distance to the helipad. It was preceded by girl soldiers carrying wreaths. The coffin and its escort was led by the chaplains reciting prayers. Behind it followed the family--Amos, Renana and Geulah--behind them were Mrs. Meir, President Ephraim Katzir, the Chief Rabbis, Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu, Cabinet ministers, the diplomatic corps and the visiting foreign dignitaries.

Heading the U.S. contingent was Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz and Assistant Secretary of State Kenneth Rush. Britain was represented by the Jewish Cabinet Minister, Sir Keith Joseph. All the foreign dignitaries wore black hats--while several of their Israeli escorts forgot to bring hats. The coffin had been lying in state all night. An estimated 250,000 Israelis of all walks of life passed before it in homage. The rest of the country, watching or listening to the ceremony on radio and TV were able through this medium to pay their homage too.

## SDE BOKER IS FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR FORMER PRIME MINISTER

By Yitzhak Shargil, JTA Tel Aviv Correspondent

SDE BOKER, Dec. 3 (JTA)--This tiny desert kibbutz where David Ben Gurion chose to make his home 20 years ago has been visited over the years by thousands of friends and admirers of the founder of Israel's Statehood. Today it was the scene of a final pilgrimage as Ben Gurion's body was laid to rest in a simple grave dug on a sandstone cliff overlooking a Negev desert landscape--the Biblical "Wilderness of Zin." It is a setting where one would expect to see camel caravans trailing on the horizon. Today the silence was broken by the roar of five helicopters descending from the skies, bringing the funeral party and the remains of the leader from Jerusalem.

The copter bearing the simple pine coffin draped in a prayer shawl and the Israeli flag was the last to land. The other four carried Ben Gurion's children--Renana, Geulah and Amos--and his grandchildren: President Ephraim Katzir, Premier Golda Meir, former President Zalman Shazar, Mrs. Rachel Ben Zvi, widow of Israel's second President; Cabinet ministers; Knesset members; the Army Chief of Staff; the Chief of Police; and other military and civilian dignitaries. The final phase of the funeral was similar to the solemn procession that took place in Jerusalem earlier in the day, but on a smaller scale. Little more than 100 persons attended, all of them, except for foreign dignitaries and the military guard of honor, relatives or close friends and associates of the former Prime Minister.

As in Jerusalem, the procession from the helicopter to the gravesite was led by members of the army chaplaincy corps. Senior officers of the three armed services served as pall bearers and honor guard. At the freshly dug grave, the honor guard stood at attention as a chaplain chanted the "El Mole Rahamim." Ben Gurion's son, Amos, recited a final Kaddish in a voice that was firm but choked

with tears. And the coffin was lowered into the ground, alongside the grave of Ben Gurion's wife, Paula, who died five years ago. For the time being, Ben Gurion's grave is marked by a temporary wooden sign--identical to the markers placed on the graves of Israeli soldiers fallen in battle.

#### NOBEL PRIZE WINNER ACCUSED OF HAVING PROMULGATED NAZI RACIAL THEORIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (JTA)--An international controversy has arisen over the award of this year's Nobel Prize in life sciences to Konrad Lorenz, an Austrian scientist accused in some circles of having propagated Nazi racial theories. According to an article by Wallace Cloud appearing in the Dec. issue of "The Sciences," a magazine published by the New York Academy of Sciences, Lorenz's theories of human nature "holds that people are instinct-driven, born to kill, virtually incapable of self-control" and therefore, human society should be subject to strict order. Lorenz in his writings has also advocated "extermination of elements of the population loaded with dregs."

In an Amsterdam television interview last month, Lorenz denied allegations of his Nazi past and denied that he had written in 1940 that the Nordic race was superior. He claimed that he had used Nazi racial terminology in some of his writings only for the sake of clarity. Prof. Nicb Tinbergen, a British colleague who shares the Nobel award with Lorenz, said in the same interview that Lorenz's actions were attributable to "political naivety."

Cloud, who supplied the Jewish Telegraphic Agency with advance proof pages of his article due to be published Dec. 12, said in an accompanying letter that Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal has protested to the Nobel Committee over the award on grounds that Lorenz has refused to repudiate scientific papers on the "inferiority" of certain classes of people which he published during the Hitler regime. Cloud's article quotes the American psychiatrist, Dr. Frederic Wertham as saying that "To give the Nobel Prize to Lorenz does unspeakable harm, to my mind. Millions of people will die for that reason." Wertham feels that Lorenz's ideas "are distinctly Nazi theories, developed in the intellectual climate that led to the killing of 275,000 German mental patients by their own psychiatrists," Cloud wrote.

But a prominent anthropologist, Margaret Mead, "was shocked to learn that questions of Nazism were being raised," Cloud reported. He said Dr. Mead told him that Lorenz, who was in the Austrian army and was a prisoner in Russia through World War II has "been systematically persecuted ever since." In 1940, Dr. Lorenz, known best for his work "On Aggression," was appointed head of the department of psychology at the University of Konigsberg in East Prussia which, according to Wertham was "the most Nazified university" at that time.

#### ISRAEL HAS EVIDENCE OF BEATINGS, BRUTALITIES AGAINST ISRAELI POWS IN EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 3 (JTA)--Israeli authorities have amassed evidence of systematic beatings and degradation of Israeli prisoners of war by their Egyptian captors which ended only three days before last month's POW exchange began, it was learned here today. The evidence, compiled by the army and the Ministry of Defense will be presented to the United Nations and the International Red Cross. According to the evidence, every Israeli POW, regardless of rank, was subjected to brutality. Egyptian authorities also participated in or permitted the murder of POWs, particularly pilots who had bailed out of their planes safely. Some prisoners are believed to have died while undergoing interrogation, the Israeli presentation will charge.

Immediately on their capture, Israeli prisoners were stripped of their personal belongings and papers, their shoes and socks and helmets were taken and their hands were tied with telephone wire. They were forced to lie face down on the floors of troop-carrier trucks while their captors repeatedly kicked them, Israel charges. In Egyptian prisons, according to the alleged evidence, kicks and blows were administered continuously; prisoners were placed in solitary confinement and were forced to wash their faces in sewage water. A young armored corps soldier was tied arm and leg and beaten all over his body. Some men were beaten unconscious and the beatings were resumed after they were revived.

Israel claims that the Red Cross representatives were permitted to visit Israeli POWs only three days before the POW exchange. The POWs were then given pajamas, cigarettes and candy. Some were hastily treated by Egyptian doctors to cover up the evidence of ill treatment. According to Israeli authorities, every one of the returned POWs was in need of medical treatment and some were in a state of shock and could hardly speak when they got back to Israel. Israeli physicians detected evidence of internal injuries in some of the returned POWs. The Israeli charges relate only to prisoners captured by Egypt. No POWs have been returned from Syria to date but the evidence is that at least 28 Israeli soldiers were murdered in cold blood by their Syrian captors.

#### AGUDATH ISRAEL ADOPTS PROGRAM FOR 'MASS TORAH REVIVAL'

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Dec. 3 (JTA)--A call to Jews throughout the world for a "mass Torah revival in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War," as well as a broad range of programs to intensify Jewish religious observance and outreach programs to estranged Jewish youth, emerged at the 51st national convention of Agudath Israel of America last weekend. Three thousand delegates and guests from North and South America, Europe and Israel participated in the four-day conclave, which was addressed by the deans of the major Orthodox rabbinical seminaries in this country and Orthodox community leaders.

"No Jew, wherever he is, can pretend to be untouched by events in Israel--or anywhere, for that matter," declared Rabbi Moses Feinstein, head of the Council of Torah Sages of Agudath Israel of America and dean of the Mesivta Tifereth Jerusalem in New York. "There may have been times when people concerned themselves with their own private matters or confined their lives to their small locked-in communities and pretended that the rest of the world does not exist. Today we know that that is an illusion." The convention concentrated on seeking means of lifting the levels of Torah observance within all Orthodox Jewry and sought means of marshalling increased public support for

Israel's material and spiritual needs. A resolution was adopted calling upon Israel to institute Saturday as its national car-less day, instead of its decision to leave each citizen the choice of day. "If Holland and Belgium could choose Sunday, their Sabbath, for their day to dispense with driving in the current energy crisis, then certainly the Jewish people could expect our Holy Land to select the Jewish Sabbath as the suitable day to save gasoline," the resolution declared.

The convention also approved the decision of the Agudath Israel administration to "temporarily" end its fight to prevent the adoption of year-round daylight saving time. Although year-round daylight saving time would create serious problems for Orthodox Jews, because in some areas they would not be permitted to begin their morning prayers until around 8 a.m. in Jan., Agudath Israel ceased its efforts against the measure the moment it became an emergency measure to help in the current energy crisis which the public attributes partially to American military aid to Israel.

A call for a "new type of Jewish leadership" was issued at the closing session by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America, who charged that "basic policy issues on matters crucial to the very survival of the Jewish people are being decided by leaders of Jewish establishment groups who basically lack the qualifications and background necessary for this role." Jewish policy decisions, he said, "can only be made by men who are deeply rooted in Jewish traditions, thoroughly grounded in years of Torah studies, and personally committed to a Torah lifestyle." He also warned the Jewish Federations to "recognize the urgency of immediately placing massive financial aid to yeshivos on a top priority basis, before concerned Jewish parents in utter frustration over the constant crisis of Jewish educational institutions take stronger measures to obtain this help." The convention re-elected its presidium, headed by Rabbi Feinstein.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES AGAINST CUT IN \$2.2 BILLION AID BILL FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (JTA)--The House Foreign Affairs Committee voted 16-5 today against a move to cut \$500 million from the \$2.2 billion emergency military aid bill for Israel requested by the Nixon Administration. The overwhelming defeat followed a closed door briefing of the committee by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco. Meanwhile, a fight was shaping up in the House Appropriations Committee to reverse the action of its subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Otto Passman (D.La.), which last week cut \$500 million from the Israel aid bill. The full committee will meet tomorrow. The attempt to push through the same cut in the Foreign Affairs Committee was made by Rep. Lee Hamilton (D.Ind.). The Foreign Affairs Committee must approve the authorization of legislation setting a ceiling and conditions for the money approved by the Appropriations Committee.

#### AMERICAN OFFICERS JOIN UN TRUCE OBSERVER TEAMS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 3 (JTA)--Twenty-eight American officers representing the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force arrived at Lod Airport this morning to join the United Nations truce observer teams. The officers and their equipment arrived aboard a Galaxy transport after a 20-hour direct flight from a base at Dover, Del. Their commander, Col. Robert Clark, reported that prior to departure the contingent was briefed by Pentagon and State Department officials on the situation along the Egyptian-Israeli cease-fire line. The American officers will remain on the Israeli side of the line for about 90 days but their stay is expected to be extended. They were welcomed here by UN and Israeli officers.

Meanwhile, Israeli-Egyptian cease-fire talks were resumed at the Kilometer 101 checkpoint, but on a lower level than before. Officers of the two armies discussed the transfer of medical and other supplies to the encircled town of Suez. But talks on the crucial issue of disengagement of forces remained suspended. The chief Israeli and Egyptian negotiators--Gen. Aharon Yariv and Gen. Mohammed Gemassi--have scheduled no further meetings since their talks ended in deadlock last week. An Israeli liaison officer at Kilometer 101, however, described the atmosphere as good. He said relations between the Israeli and Egyptian officers in the low-level talks are "very friendly, not just formal." He said that Israeli, Egyptian and United Nations officers still have their evening meals together in the UN tent on the Suez-Cairo road.

#### NIXON-CEAUSESCU TALKS TO FOCUS ON MIDEAST, U.S. TRADE POLICIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (JTA)--U.S. trade policies and Middle East issues will top the agenda of talks between President Nixon and Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu who, with his wife, make a four-day official visit to Washington beginning today. Another prime topic is understood to be Rumania's petroleum exports to the United States. They now run about 200,000 tons a year but U.S. importers believe it could rise to 700,000 tons if Rumania were paid prices equivalent to what Western Europe is paying for it.

Ceausescu was represented here today by State Department sources as being anxious to gain most favored nation trade treatment from the United States. However, since U.S.-Rumanian trade this year is double last year's and is more than nine times as great as in 1968 the MFN factor involving the Jackson/Mills-Vanik legislation is considered by some proponents as much less serious than the Administration seeks to picture it.

The U.S. has a slight advantage in the current year's trade which is going above \$200 million. In 1968 it was only \$22 million. Last year trade totaled about \$100 million. The JMV proponents in the House also point out that Rumania could be granted MFN immediately under the provisions of the JMV legislation, a Congressional source close to it pointed out to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "There is no problem with Rumania," he said.

CHICAGO (JTA)--A memorial service for David Ben-Gurion will be held at noon Wednesday in the Loop Synagogue here, attended by leading members of the Jewish community, rabbis, civic and government leaders and representatives of Israel. The service will be sponsored by the Chicago Jewish United Fund, its public affairs committee and the Chicago Board of Rabbis.

## JEWISH, NON-JEWISH LEADERS CONTINUE TO EXPRESS GRIEF AND SORROW

From Combined JTA News Dispatches

Dec. 3 (JTA)--Cables arrived today in Jerusalem from Soviet Jews expressing their condolences at David Ben Gurion's death. One cable, from a group of Jews in Riga, stated: "His death is a personal loss to every Jew--wherever he may be." Five Moscow Jews wrote: "We mourn and grieve with you together." A message from West German Chancellor Willy Brandt to Premier Golda Meir stated that Germany would never forget Ben Gurion's efforts in reconciling Germans and Jews. "....He will remain unforgotten as the Israeli statesman who extended to the new Germany the hand of a new beginning," Brandt wrote. West German President Gustav Heinemann wrote: "...with Ben Gurion a great statesman has passed away. We mourn him with respect for his great historic achievements."

Tributes also came from West German opposition leaders. Helmut Kohl, CDU chairman, described the former Prime Minister as "one of the greatest leaders of our time." Danish Premier Anker Joergensen hailed Ben Gurion as a great statesman and leader who tried to create a society based on social justice. Former French Premier Guy Mollet, France's leader during the 1956 Suez crisis, praised Ben Gurion as "a true pioneer, a great patriot, but beyond the problems concerning Israel he could see the broader horizons of the world."

A message of condolence sent to Israeli President Ephraim Katzir by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, and signed by David Mann, chairman, stated: "South African Jewry joins all Israel in mourning the passing of a great statesman, founding Premier and principal architect of the Jewish State. His memory will remain an imperishable heritage and light for future generations." A message to Mrs. Meir by the chairman of the Executive Council of the South African Zionist Federation stated: "South African Jewry grieves with you and the people of Israel the death of the founder of the State and first Prime Minister. We hold in fond memory his unequalled qualities as statesman, scholar, Zionist pioneer and architect of modern Israel. His memory will live forever."

In New York, Robert H. Arnow, president of the American Association for Jewish Education and past president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said that the passing of Ben Gurion "leaves an irreplaceable void among the Jewish people. His dynamic statesmanship, manifested in unyielding efforts to see Zion reborn and sustained through the reality of a national Jewish homeland, was combined with an equally unyielding commitment to the intellectual quality of Jewish life. This was a life of long concern demonstrated time and again by his affirmation of the study of the Bible and of Jewish history and teachings as essential elements of Jewry's creative survival." Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, termed Ben Gurion "a giant among Jewish leaders who shape the history of Jews in our time. As a pioneer in the Zionist movement and as a statesman after his dream of Jewish statehood came true, he was a mold of Jewish destiny."

The American Jewish Committee announced today that it will hold a memorial service tomorrow for Ben Gurion as part of its Board of Governors meeting. Elmer L. Winter, president of the AJ Committee, said: "The passing of David Ben Gurion marks the end of an era in thousands of years of Jewish history. He brought to fruition an age-old dream of the Jewish people and gave substance and meaning to the prayer for a return to Zion. His sense of practical statesmanship helped give birth not only to an old-new land but to a substantive partnership with world Jewry." Among the many Jewish leaders expressing their condolences today were Harold Ostroff, president of the Workmen's Circle; Judge Jacob T. Zuckerman, president of the Jewish Labor Committee; Harry K. Gutmann, chairman of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and Mrs. Henry N. Rapoport, president of the Womens League for Conservative Judaism.

In Washington, a number of Senators praised Ben Gurion's determination to establish the modern State of Israel and find a way to achieve peace with its Arab neighbors. Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield described Ben Gurion as "a man of broad vision and very practical in his outlook for Israel in its relations with its neighbors." Sen. Walter Mondale (D.Minn.) said "hopefully the negotiations will realize the dream Ben Gurion nourished since he first arrived in Palestine in 1906 --Arab acceptance of the Jewish homeland as a fact of life." Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.) said "Israel and the world have lost a great and historic leader. During a crucial period in history of Israel he infused a spirit of dedication and commitment that made Israel a strong and vibrant nation."

Sen. Henry Jackson (D.Wash.) said: "David Ben Gurion was a great and courageous leader who fought hard to establish the State of Israel and to protect its security." Sen. Jacob Javits (R.N.Y.) said the former leader "helped bring into reality the State of Israel, the messianic dream of persecuted millions. Under his Premiership, the State of Israel grew from aspiration to one of the most exemplary and courageous democracies in the world." At the United Nations, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, in a message to Premier Meir, said that Ben Gurion "was a towering figure who played a decisive role in the history of his country. His courage and his vision were widely respected."

## WAR SPARKS INTEREST OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN ISRAELI-MADE WEAPONS

TEL-AVIV, Dec. 3 (JTA)--The Yom Kippur War has sparked the interest of foreign governments in Israel-made weapons, notably the "Gabriel" surface-to-surface missile, the main weapon of Israel's navy, and the Arava short-take-off-and-landing (STOL) aircraft, a civilian transport adaptable to military duties. A number of foreign navies have placed orders worth \$50 million for the "Gabriel," according to its manufacturer, Israel Aircraft Industries. The orders followed the successful performance of Israeli missile boats armed with the "Gabriel" which sank 13 enemy missile boats of the Russian-built Komar and Osa types during the recent war. The senior commanders of other navies have asked for more information on the missiles. Israel Aircraft Industries also reported inquiries about the Arava which proved their capabilities during the war, landing and taking off from short improvised airstrips near the battle lines. Marc Moscovitz, president, Israel Manufacturers Association, said Israel's defense establishment has ordered products worth IL 2 billion.