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## COALITION TALKS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK; RABIN WILL LEAD TALKS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, the new leader of the Labor Party, is expected to take charge personally of the tough coalition negotiations aimed at forming a new government--a task that will be formally assigned to him tomorrow by President Ephraim Katzir. Coalition talks are expected to begin next week and Rabin has already made it clear that he will keep them as brief as possible.

Under law, he has 21 days in which to form a government, after which he must report success or failure to the President. Should he fail, he may request an additional 21-day extension. But Rabin has said that should he be unable to form a Labor-led coalition with the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberal Party within the allotted time, he would call for new elections. The outgoing care-taker government, headed by Mrs. Golda Meir, was formed after prolonged negotiations that stretched from Jan. to March and were conducted mainly by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, not Mrs. Meir. Katzir has warned that he would not tolerate such a drawn out process again.

Should Rabin fail to form a government, he would head the Labor Alignment list in the next elections. But some political observers are warning already that the old guard of the Labor Party which he defeated in the Central Committee elections Monday night might use the interim until new elections to undermine Rabin's position. That, however, is considered far-fetched since any resurgence of the old leadership would have to be led by Pinhas Sapir who refused the Premiership and was Rabin's strongest supporter.

## Well Aware Of Pending Difficulties

Rabin, who at 52 would be Israel's youngest Prime Minister and the first to be born in the country, is believed to be well aware of the booby traps in his own party and the difficulties of negotiations with the other parties.

He has kept his own counsel so far on whether he might consider a national unity government should his coalition efforts fail--something Mrs. Meir had ruled out in advance. His first step, however, will be to try to revive the old Labor-NRP-ILP partnership. Both the NRP and ILP are taking very tough negotiating positions in public but are expected to adopt more flexible attitudes when the time comes to make a final decision. The NRP in particular has no reason to be hopeful in the event of new elections.

Talk has been revived of a Labor coalition with the ILP and Mrs. Shulamit Aloni's left of center Civil Rights Movement as an alternative to a coalition with the NRP. But that would mean a government with only 61 seats in the 120-member Knesset, too narrow a base to survive. CRM leaders have said that they would not join such a coalition. The party, which won three Knesset seats in the last elections, is advocating new elections.

Whatever scenario develops, most observers concede that major changes will occur once Rabin takes power. Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who supported the candidacy of Peres, is consid-

ered unlikely to remain in office. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon is also expected to find it hard to work under Rabin who was once his second in command in Palmach. Few observers doubt that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan will refuse to join a new Cabinet, even if asked to, though some sources believe he may be offered a new post such as minister in charge of peace talks.

## MASS HELD FOR NAZI WAR CRIMINAL

BUENOS AIRES, April 25 (JTA)--A mass has been held at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary here for the hanged Nazi war criminal Joseph Tiso. It was organized by the World Congress of Slovaks and the Slovak Association of Argentina. Msgr. Luis J. Tome officiated and speeches were made by Res. Gen. Horacio Queirolo and Prof. Jordan Genta who spoke of Tiso as a martyr.

Joseph Tiso went to the gallows in Bratislava, Slovakia in 1947 after his conviction for war crimes that included the massacres and deportation of tens of thousands of Slovakian Jews. Tiso had been the leader of the Slovakian Fascist Popular Party and became the first Prime Minister and later President of the Independent Slovak Republic created by Hitler in occupied Czechoslovakia. He was an active collaborator with Adolf Eichmann.

The Rev. Father Julian Agero, parish priest of San Ignacio, categorically denied today reports that a mass would be celebrated for Hitler at his church April 30, the 29th anniversary of Hitler's death. Father Agero said he felt compelled to refute malicious rumors that a Hitler mass would be celebrated.

## TREPPER NOW AN ISRAELI CITIZEN

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--Israeli citizenship was conferred on former master spy Leopold Trepper in ceremonies at the Interior Ministry. Citizenship papers were also presented to his wife, Elisabeth, who arrived in Israel earlier this month. Trepper, who headed the "Red Orchestra," the Soviet espionage network in Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II, said he would settle in Israel after a sojourn in Europe to complete his autobiography.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS TONED DOWN

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--Israel quietly celebrated the 26th anniversary of its independence today with little of the fanfare and none of the displays of military might that have characterized the occasion in years past. Yom Haatzmaut began officially last night at the end of Remembrance Day. Public buildings and town squares were festively lighted but there were no fireworks and no State celebrations.

The only parade today was one organized by the recently unified protest movement that seeks far-reaching changes in the nation's political structure. It drew about 1500 marchers, many of them Yom Kippur War veterans, who followed a route from the suburbs to the center of Jerusalem carrying signs with such slogans as "You and I will change the State of Israel," "Beautiful Israel" and "If you wish it, it is no legend." The march for which a police permit had been secured, was peaceful and without incident.

Most Israelis marked Independence Day individually or in family activities. Theaters and movie houses were full. Sports events were well

attended and tens of thousands of persons headed for the beaches and woodlands despite weather that was cloudy, dusty and hot. The muted note of the holiday was attributable to the Yom Kippur War and the recent Kiryat Shemona massacre whose dead are still being mourned. Remembrance Day and Independence Day were in fact blended last night in the traditional opening ceremonies on Mt. Herzl, overlooking Jerusalem. A children's choir sang national songs. A poem by Yossef Sarid, a poet killed in the Yom Kippur War, was read. Its title was "My Death Came Suddenly."

#### FIGHTING CONTINUES ON NORTHERN FRONT

TEL AVIV, April 25 (JTA)--Independence Day went unnoticed on the northern front where Israeli and Syrian forces exchanged artillery fire for the 46th consecutive day along the Yom Kippur War enclave and in the Mt. Hermon area. No Israeli casualties were reported. An Israeli soldier, PFC Shalom Avital, 21, of Jerusalem, was killed yesterday afternoon during an artillery exchange with the Syrians on the Golan Heights.

The army announced today the names of three Israeli soldiers killed Tuesday evening when their vehicle struck a mine near Nahal Gittit in the Jordan Valley. They are Sgt. Israel Götlied, 21, of Kfar Monash; Lance Corp. Itzhak Mizrahi, 21, of Kiryat Motzkin; and Lance Corp. Joseph Ozeri, 21, of Kfar Onno. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

#### KENNEDY MEETS WITH SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)--According to information received from Moscow, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry learned that Sen. Edward Kennedy (D, Mass.), who is ending a visit in the USSR, met last night for more than an hour with a group of 11 Soviet Jewish activists.

The meeting was held at the home of Prof. Alexander Lerner, and included Prof. Benjamin Levich, Vladimir Slepak and Victor Polsky. They told Kennedy that true detente was not possible without free emigration from the USSR.

They said the Senator had promised them maximum help in their struggle for exit visas to Israel. The meeting at the home of Prof. Lerner apparently was held at Kennedy's request. He confirmed he had met with the activists but declined to discuss details. He said he would report on the conversations when he returned to the United States.

The activists told Western newsmen who came to the apartment that they had told Kennedy about their problems. They said Kennedy told them he had appealed to Soviet leaders to make a "magnanimous gesture" on emigration which would meet a response from the United States. Prof. Lerner said Kennedy had been urged to make certain adequate safeguards were included in any compromise by Congress on the emigration issue.

#### ISRAEL HAILS NEW WAR HERO

TEL AVIV, April 25 (JTA)--Israel hailed a new hero today, a 30-year-old Moroccan-born father of three, Rahamim Amzaleg, who worked non-stop for nearly 40 hours to bull-doze an 8 1/2 kilometer access road up the slopes of Mt. Hermon, under Syrian shell fire over ice and rocky terrain. Amzaleg, an employe of the Jewish National Fund's heavy equipment company, was demobilized from active military duty only a month ago.

He was asked to do the dangerous job and readily agreed on one condition--that he be drafted into the army. Soldiers cheered when

his bull-dozer reached the 9200-foot peak of Mt. Hermon where Israeli forces have been entrenched for two weeks under constant Syrian barrages and air attacks. The new road is being used to bring re-enforcements of armor and equipment to the height. Amzaleg told reporters of his ordeal. "For six kilometers I fought the ice and the last two and a half were even more difficult. There were rocks and canyons," he said.

#### TEKOA H DENOUNCES RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL BUT NOT MASSACRE

UNITED NATIONS, April 25 (JTA)--The Security Council voted 13-0 last night to condemn Israel for its April 12 commando raid on six Lebanese villages and condemned "all acts of violence" but did not mention the terrorist massacre of 18 persons in Kiryat Shemona a day earlier. The document was denounced as "a singularly gross miscarriage of justice" by Israel's UN Ambassador, Yosef Tekoah, who led the Israeli delegation out of the Council chamber minutes before it came up for a vote.

The contents of the resolution were known here several days ago but the vote was delayed until last night because no member nation was prepared to sponsor it at this sensitive juncture in Middle East diplomacy. The United States, which had promised to veto any "one-sided" resolution supported the draft. U.S. Ambassador John Scali said afterwards that the condemnation of all acts of violence applied to the massacre at Kiryat Shemona.

But he expressed regret that a U.S. sponsored amendment which referred specifically to the events at Kiryat Shemona had been defeated earlier by a vote of 7-6 with two abstentions. The final draft was approved by 13 of the 15 Council members. China and Iraq did not participate in the vote.

#### Gross Miscarriage Of Justice

U.S. approval of a resolution that the Israeli Ambassador denounced as "another example of the bias and inequity which prevail in Security Council debates on the Middle East," was seen in some quarters here as evidence of American unwillingness to antagonize the Arab states on the eve of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's latest trip to the Middle East and at a time when the U.S. is seeking political leverage in that region through the use of substantial aid funds.

Tekoah's statement before the vote was bitter. He reiterated his charge that Lebanon harbored the terrorists who committed the mass murders in Kiryat Shemona and said that instead of taking measures to end terrorist operations from its territory, Lebanon had lodged a complaint against Israel.

"The resolution speaks of stones and bricks. It does not even mention the massacre of Kiryat Shemona, though we are aware that an attempt has been made to include such reference," Tekoah said, referring to Scali's amendment. "Without a reference to the Kiryat Shemona massacre and in all its studied one-sidedness, the resolution and its adoption are a singularly gross miscarriage of justice.... My delegation will not be a witness to the travesty about to take place here," the Israeli envoy said. Whereupon the Israeli delegation left the chamber.

#### Jewish Leaders Critical Of U.S. Vote

Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today expressed his "profound disappointment" at the failure of the U.S. to veto the Council resolution. Noting that the U.S.

"failed to act decently on this occasion," Weisman declared: "American acquiescence to the resolution in the aftermath of the barbaric act of Arab terror at Kiryat Shemona, both permitted and applauded by the Arab states, threaten to undermine Dr. Kissinger's peace-making efforts. America's vote for the resolution will only encourage further Arab terrorism and plant seeds of distrust about the ability of the U.S. to act resolutely for a just and durable peace in the Mideast."

Naomi Levine, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said: "The Council's censure of Israel without any mention of the butchery at Kiryat Shemona, "is only the latest instance of the anti-Israel bias that pervades the United Nations. It is a dismal reminder that the UN is not an institution for the keeping of international peace but a forum for the venting of political vendettas and a loudspeaker for Arab propaganda: We deeply regret that the U.S. delegate voted for this one-sided resolution. The honorable course for our country's representative would have been to veto it."

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, said, "Until now, our American government has stood staunchly for the principles of truth and fairness in the United Nations. That our government has now compromised these principles and surrendered to expediency and joined the pack of those courting the favors of petty dictators, imperialists and oil magnates can only dismay those who have held up American policy as a symbol of justice and freedom."

A delegation representing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations is scheduled to meet this afternoon with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger where they are expected to express, among other things, their displeasure with the U.S. vote in the Security Council.

#### Scall Explains Reason For U.S. Vote

Late this afternoon Scall explained the U.S. vote by noting that "we would have preferred explicit references to Kiryat Shemona." However, even without this, "we concluded that the resolution was acceptable because it condemns equally the Israeli reprisal and all acts of violence." Scall added that the U.S. attached great importance to getting Council approval of that section of the resolution which called on all parties to avoid any action which might endanger negotiations in the Mideast on the eve of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's trip to the area. "This is a useful reminder to all concerned about the need to avoid violence or military action of any kind that might jeopardize our peace efforts."

#### BERNSTEIN OUTLINES MAJOR ISSUES FACING AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

CLEVELAND, April 25 (JTA)—The three major cultural issues confronting American Jewish communities were outlined here last night by Philip Bernstein, executive vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) in the keynote address he delivered at the opening of the 1974 Biennial Convention of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

He identified those issues as: American aid, in America's self-interest in the Middle East, to help assure the survival of Israel in peace and security; the survival of almost three million Soviet Jews, as Jews, with the ability to emigrate for those who want to leave and the right of those who remain to practice their religion, provide religious education and culture; and to advance as

compassionate, creative, learned, just and moral communities in America.

"Jewish communities, true to Jewish ethics, must be models of moral communities in helping to build a just society with leadership in removing disabilities and assuring equal opportunity in education, employment and housing," Bernstein said. The agenda of Jewish communities, the speaker declared, must be "to overcome the social needs and pathologies in people and society. The goal must be to prevent disabilities, not just alleviate them; must extend beyond existence to decency and dignity and fulfillment."

#### Prime Target Is Home And Family

Bernstein observed that "Jewish learning in new comprehensive networks of formal and informal programs must encompass elementary, high school, university and adult levels, utilizing the most advanced tools of education and communication." He said that "A prime target must be the home and family, which are the most profound influences on the lives of our youth in what they provide and in what they neglect. Concerted programs are needed to restore Jewish values to many more homes, the values for which youth and adults alike are searching and hungering," he said.

The JWB, the association of Jewish community centers, YM & YWHAs and camps in the U.S. and Canada serving more than one million Jews, will be meeting here through Sunday. Jewish communal leaders from across the U.S. and Canada and from Britain Israel and Australia are attending the convention.

#### WJC LEADER URGES CANDOR ABOUT ISRAEL'S INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)—At a time when the dialogue between Israeli and American Jewish leadership called for honesty and candor, too many American Jewish organizations felt inhibited and limited themselves to non-controversial public statements and pious wishes. Umbrella organizations compromised by seeking the lowest common denominator. These views were expressed by Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress, in his report last night to a meeting of the Plenary Council of the American Section.

"American Jews are worried about the future of Israel, about its very existence, but there is no place where we can discuss freely and fully what options face us here and what options face the leaders of Israel," he said. "I hope that the American Section will provide a forum where Jewish leaders can come together, express their views openly, be unafraid of criticism and dissent, and seriously seek the consensus necessary for greater unity and broader action in the community."

Turning to the many problems confronting Jewish leadership in Latin America, Torczyner said a recent meeting of the enlarged Executive of the LAJJC had deplored the tendency on the part of certain Jewish organizations in the U.S. to publish reports on the situation of Latin American communities without any consultation with the representative bodies of these communities. Nobody doubted that these American organizations were well-intentioned, Torczyner noted, but sometimes their activities were prejudicial to the interests of Latin American Jewry.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)—About 100 members of the Druze community in the Golan Heights returned to work at the Gabor textile factory in Kiryat Shemona following conciliatory moves by city leaders and Druze notables.

**STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE ABOUT NIXON'S SPECIAL AID PACKAGE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST**  
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--State Department officials expressed surprise today and more than a hint of chagrin that they had been kept totally in the dark about President Nixon's special aid and development fund package for the Middle East, including \$250 million for Egypt, until the story broke in the news media yesterday. The officials, who would normally be fully acquainted with such fiscal matters, acknowledged that in this instance a tight lid of secrecy was maintained by the White House.

The aid package indicated that the government appeared to be moving unilaterally toward defusing Palestinian hostility through increased aid to refugees in the Middle East. The funds are expected to give Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger additional political leverage when he meets Arab leaders in at least six countries on his next visit to the Middle East beginning Sunday. They are also seen as a move by Nixon to bolster Egyptian President Anwar Sadat domestically and draw him further away from the Soviet orbit.

Sources here suggested today that the White House kept the matter secret to enable the President or the Secretary of State to spread the glad tidings to the Arab governments before it became public knowledge. White House Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren told the JTA yesterday that the "special requirement fund" proposed for use in the Middle East by Nixon was "strictly for peace-keeping" and "reconstruction."

Warren said that "reconstruction" has not been "identified" for the purpose of the fund's use and that there "may be other demands for special requests" but did not indicate what they may be. Asked whether some of the money might be used for the settlement of Palestinian refugees as indicated in the President's statement on U.S. foreign aid, Warren replied, "If Palestinians are identified, sure."

**Syria Might Also Receive Aid**

The possibility that Syria might be given U.S. aid was also indicated. A State Department source implied the possibility exists while Rep. John Rhodes (R, Ariz.) indicated that it might be made on a long-range basis. Rhodes made his comment after hearing Nixon and Kissinger explain the overall aid program for the new fiscal year to Congressional leaders at the White House. This seemed to indicate that Kissinger might use aid funds as political leverage to move Israelis and Arabs toward an accommodation.

The White House is asking \$297.5 million for Jordan in the forms of military assistance grants, economic security support and military sales credits, more than double the assistance to Jordan in the last fiscal year. For Israel, the usual \$350 million was asked in the form of a credit of \$300 million for military purchases and \$50 million in a grant for economic supporting assistance--the same amounts earmarked for Israel in the past three annual budgets.

The President told the Congressional leaders that the "special requirement fund" of \$100 million is to help meet new needs that may arise in the Middle East and is to include the U.S. share of financing the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) currently on a peace-keeping

mission in Sinai. The U.S. is paying slightly less than \$18 million a year toward the cost of UNEF until next Oct. 24. The money is being taken out of the \$2.2 billion in emergency aid for Israel.

**DETROIT JNF WOMEN WILL DEVELOP \$100,000 RECREATION AREA IN KIRYAT SHEMONA IN RESPONSE TO TRAGEDY**

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)--Abram Salomon, executive vice-president of the Jewish National Fund, announced today that the Jewish National Fund Women of Detroit, in response to the massacre at Kiryat Shemona, will plant a \$100,000 recreation area in memory of the victims of the recent tragedy.

At a meeting of their Board, specially convened by Mrs. Shirley Kraft and Mrs. Belle Levin, their president and fund-raising chairman respectively, it was resolved that the group will launch this one-year undertaking upon the completion of their current \$250,000 project, the replanting of 100,000 trees which were destroyed during the Yom Kippur War in the region of Kiryat Shemona.

The Detroit group reported that it has already raised the funds for the replanting of 60,000 trees and that completion of this restoration project is expected within the very near future. The town and inhabitants of Kiryat Shemona have been a primary concern of the Detroit Women for the past several years.

Salomon also announced that Yacov Tsur, world chairman of the JNF in Israel, will outline plans for a vast bicentennial land development project in Israel at the JNF national assembly which will convene May 19 at the Waldorf-Astoria. The assembly will focus on new techniques to be utilized on the community level for the promotion of JNF traditional and foundation activities and will also highlight plans for launching of the bicentennial project throughout the U.S.

According to Salomon, speakers at the assembly will include Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz; Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey; Israel Consul General in New York, Ambassador David Rivlin; and Dr. Israel Goldstein, former world chairman of Keren-Hayesod. Meyer Pesin, JNF national president, will deliver the presidential message, and Herman L. Weisman will chair the two-day assembly which is expected to have more than 1000 delegates from across the country.

**RABBI YAACOB BERMAN DEAD AT 96**

TEL AVIV, April 25 (JTA)--Rabbi Yaacob Berman, one of the early Mizrahi movement leaders and founder of the religious education trend in Israeli schools, died Monday at his Rehovot home at the age of 96. Born in Lithuania, he held many rabbinical posts in Russia and was Chief Army Chaplain during the Kerensky regime. He arrived in Palestine in 1921 and became inspector of Mizrahi schools. He was winner of the "Israel Award" for his contributions to the field of education.

**HENRIETTE POLAK DEAD AT AGE 80**

AMSTERDAM, April 25 (JTA)--Henriette Polak, the widow of one of The Netherlands' foremost philosophers who died in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, is dead at the age of 80. Of a wealthy background, Mrs. Polak founded several foundations in honor of her philosopher husband, Leo Polak, who was arrested in the early days of the Nazi occupation of The Netherlands for his outspoken anti-Nazi stand. He died at Sachsenhausen in Dec. 1941. The foundations support cultural institutions and artists both in The Netherlands and Israel.