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RABIN HOPES TO HAVE NEW COALITION CABINET BY FRIDAY

Has To Decide Who Will Be Defense, Finance And Foreign Ministers
By Tuvia Mendelson

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--Labor Party leader Yitzhak Rabin hopes to be able to present a new coalition Cabinet to President Ephraim Katzir this Friday. But the distribution of portfolios poses problems that he may not be able to solve by then, in which case Rabin will have to ask the President for an additional week's extension.

A major obstacle was overcome last night when the Labor Alignment's Central Committee voted overwhelmingly in favor of a Labor coalition with the Independent Liberal Party and the Civil Rights Party, a combination that will give the new government control of only 61 Knesset votes, the smallest majority in Israel's history. The door was left open for the National Religious Party to reconsider its refusal to join the new coalition. But NRP leader Yosef Burg said yesterday that he would urge the religious party's Knesset faction to vote against the Rabin government when it seeks Knesset endorsement.

Rabin meanwhile must decide who to give the key posts of defense, finance and foreign affairs in his new Cabinet. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, who has headed the Finance Ministry for the past 18 years, is making it increasingly clear that he does not want to serve in the new government. In an interview just published in Maariv and in a speech in Tel Aviv the other day, he said he would rather concern himself with problems of aliya and would seek to join the Jewish Agency Executive, though he has not made a final decision.

That was interpreted as an indication that Sapir would be a candidate for the vacant chairmanship of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Executives when the Jewish Agency General Assembly convenes in Jerusalem next month. If he runs, he is considered certain to get the dual post. Acting chairman Leon Dulzin, currently the leading candidate, has said he would drop out of the race if Sapir decided to enter it.

Alternative Names Mentioned For Cabinet

Should Sapir decline to serve in Rabin's Cabinet, the three most likely candidates mentioned for Finance Minister are Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Information Minister Shimon Peres and Housing Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz. Peres, who made a strong showing against Rabin in the contest for the Labor Party leadership two months ago, has also been mentioned as a candidate for either Defense Minister or Foreign Minister.

Labor's Rafi faction is in fact demanding that the defense post be given to one of its own to succeed Rafi leader Moshe Dayan. The Achdut Avoda faction, which is Rabin's branch of the party, is arguing vehemently that the defense portfolio is not Rafi's private preserve. Rafi would probably be appeased if their man, Peres, is named Foreign Minister. But Abba Eban, who has been Israel's Foreign Minister since 1965, has said he would be willing to serve in a Rabin government despite the reportedly bad relationship between himself and Rabin dating from the latter's tenure as ambassador to the U.S. Eban has said that if

Rabin fails to re-appoint him Foreign Minister he would consider that a "dismissal."

Addressing the party's Central Committee last night, Rabin stressed that since the Yom Kippur War the government has sought ways to decrease tension in the area by means of disengagement. That is the only policy that will ease tension and assure the re-strengthening of Israel's armed forces in case of a new war, Rabin said. He flatly rejected the idea of a national unity government at this stage. He also rejected new elections at this time. There is no possibility of holding elections under present conditions, he said and urged the nation to be patient and to support his new regime.

KISSINGER DUE TO BRING BACK TO ISRAEL ASSAD'S FINAL APPROVAL OF GOLAN HEIGHTS SEPARATION LINE

JERUSALEM, May 20 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was expected back here late this evening to resume his talks with Israel's negotiators on the myriad details of a Golan disengagement. He was expected to bring with him Syrian President Hafez Assad's final--though not yet formal--approval of the line of separation as proposed by the U.S. and in effect accepted--with minor qualifications--by both Israel and Syria this weekend.

Neither side is expected to formally announce its acceptance of the line until all other aspects of the disengagement are satisfactorily settled, according to observers. Kissinger is contemplating three more shuttles, and hopes to have the accord sewn up by his birthday--at the end of the week. (He will be 51.)

Observers here are now seriously raising the possibility of direct talks, at a military level, at Geneva next week to complete various details of an agreement before a final signing under the joint aegis of Kissinger and the Soviet military chief, Vladimir Vinogradoff.

MAALOT INQUIRY TEAM APPOINTED

Dayan Opposes Inquiry, Beigin Calls For Vigilante Groups To Combat Terrorists
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 20 (JTA)--A three-man commission to investigate the Maalot tragedy was named by Premier Golda Meir in the Knesset today. The move was challenged by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who said he didn't believe in "inquiry festivals" and by Likud leader Menachem Beigin who demanded a parliamentary inquiry rather than a government conducted one, and called for the establishment of vigilante committees to combat terrorists.

Mrs. Meir's announcement followed a Cabinet resolution yesterday to investigate last Thursday's events at Maalot. She said its terms of reference would not include the military assault on the Netiv Meir school house in Maalot which would be the subject of a separate inquiry by the Chief of Staff. The Maalot panel will be headed by Gen. (Ret.) Amos Horev, president of the Haifa Technion. Its other members, named by the Premier are Moshe Uнна, an MK of the National Religious Party; and former State Attorney Ervin Shimon, now a lawyer in private practice. Beigin claimed that a government-appointed panel could

not command the full confidence of the nation regardless of the caliber of its members.

Opposed Return Of Jailed Terrorists

Dayan, who appeared unexpectedly in the Knesset in what was probably his final appearance as Defense Minister, disclosed that he had opposed last Thursday's decision by the Cabinet to exchange 20 imprisoned terrorists for the safety of the 90 high school students and their teachers held hostage by three Arab terrorists in the Maalot school building.

"Where do you draw the line?" Dayan asked. "For 16-year-olds you exchange prisoners but not for 17-year-olds?... And what will happen after this? Our war with the terrorists will be a long drawn out struggle and they do intend to fight it on the backs of children," Dayan said.

But, he continued, the Cabinet decided and every effort was made to exchange the prisoners for the hostages. Dayan said that he himself was convinced that the authorities had taken more than adequate precautionary measures to prevent a disaster such as occurred at Maalot. But he agreed that certain questions had to be answered.

Premier Meir told the Knesset that the investigation of Maalot would cover the preparedness of the various security authorities in light of warnings that terrorist acts were to be expected on May 15, the 26th anniversary of Israel's independence; the Gadna (para-military) school, outing in which the victims were participating and the security arrangements for it; the terrorist attack on a truck carrying Arab women workers several hours before they invaded Maalot; the murder of three members of the Cohen family in Maalot and the measures taken by the local authorities; and the contacts made with foreign governments in the effort to negotiate an exchange of hostages for imprisoned terrorists.

Mrs. Meir said the commission would meet behind closed doors and would make recommendations. She did not say whether its final report will be published. The Premier promised that Israel could and would defeat the terrorists but said that could not be done "in one fell swoop." Many terrorist plans have been foiled by government counter-measures, she said, but the government did not publicize those successes.

Demand Death Penalty For Terrorists

Mrs. Meir said she was deeply worried by outbursts of anti-Arab feelings and urged citizens not to take the law into their own hands. But Bein urged the formation of citizen vigilante squads and the arming of responsible and trained citizens, under proper supervision, to assist the regular forces. He also called for the creation of a special counter-terrorist organization recruited from among former Hagana and Irgun underground fighters and from the Shin Bet, Israel's secret intelligence service, to pursue a campaign to destroy the terrorists.

Bein echoed mounting citizen demands for reintroduction of the death penalty for terrorists, noting that if any of the Maalot or Kiryat Shemona killers had been captured alive, the worst they would have suffered was a life sentence. Dayan observed that the only way to fight terrorists was to ensure that they did not escape alive.

While the debate continued, citizens of Maalot, led by their mayor, demonstrated in an orderly manner outside the Knesset demanding better security and more government attention to their town's needs. They were joined by several hundred other persons demanding the death penalty for terrorists and opposing withdrawal from any

any part of the Golan Heights.

JEWISH LEADERS GOING TO MAALOT TO OFFER AID TO GRIEF-STRICKEN CITY

NEW YORK, May 20 (JTA)--Three leaders of the American Jewish Committee's New York chapter left for Israel tonight to offer assistance to Maalot. The chapter "adopted" Maalot in 1968 and has provided educational materials for it in the intervening years. Before leaving for Israel, the delegation met with Mayor Abraham Beame at City Hall this morning. The Mayor asked the group to deliver a message to the Mayor of Maalot, expressing his "sympathy and sorrow at the murder of innocent children."

In his message to the Maalot Mayor, Beame added that "we share with you a sense of irreparable loss, compounded by the grief of such senseless and pointless murder." In addition to the Mayor's message, the AJ Committee delegates are also bringing messages of condolence from New York Senators Jacob K. Javits and James Buckley and N.Y. Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz.

While in Israel, the delegation will meet with the Mayor of Safad, the community in which most of the murdered children resided. They will visit with and express the chapter's condolences to the families of the children who were killed. They are also expected to meet with U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Kenneth B. Keating, and confer with other Israeli officials. The members of the delegation are Howard L. Greenberg, treasurer of the chapter, and Dean of the Practicing Law Institute; Walter Brecher, member of the chapter's executive board and former president of the AJ Committee Long Island Chapter; and Haskell L. Lazere, director of the chapter.

THE RUSSIANS ARE HERE

WASHINGTON, May 20 (JTA)--Eight members of the Supreme Soviet, the parliamentary body of the Soviet government, visited with Representatives and Senators today on the second day of their five-day Washington visit. The delegation, which arrived yesterday from Moscow to a warm welcome from Congressional members and wives at Andrews Air Force Base near here, is led by B. N. Ponomarev, alternate member of the politburo of the central committee of the Soviet Union's Communist Party and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Supreme Soviet's Chamber of Nationalities.

The group had been invited earlier this year by House Speaker Carl Albert and Vice-President Gerald R. Ford. "No hard issues were discussed at all," a spokesman for Albert said after the delegation had visited his office and later met with Senators at the office of Sen. John Sparkman (D. Ala.), chairman of the U.S. interparliamentary group. Tomorrow and Wednesday, the delegation will meet with House members on discussions regarding "detente." It was understood the discussions will be behind closed doors. The delegation will conclude its visit with a news conference Thursday at the Soviet Embassy. Ford will greet them in his office Wednesday.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Yevgeny Levich, the 27-year-old Moscow astrophysicist, has been released from a military camp in Siberia and his parents have been told to pick him up, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported. Levich was taken into custody last May after the entire family applied for exit visas. He received two draft deferments on grounds of illness and had been seriously ill in prison.

INS ACCUSED OF CONDUCTING DILATORY PROBE OF MORE THAN 60 WAR CRIMINALS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 20 (JTA)--Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D,NY) accused the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service today of conducting a "half-hearted, dilatory investigation" of more than 60 alleged Nazi war criminals believed to be living in the United States and demanded that the INS "demonstrate that it means business and is simply not spinning wheels."

Addressing a press conference here, Rep. Holtzman, a member of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration, named nine of the alleged war criminals. She also released a letter and a memorandum addressed to Leonard F. Chapman Jr. former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, and INS Commissioner since last Nov., in which she charged that the INS investigation revealed "inaction, disorganization and lack of direction."

Ms. Holtzman charged specifically that while the INS claimed to be giving "high priority" to its investigation of alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the U.S., its investigation was in fact headed by "three part-time bureaucrats without the background or authority to direct an investigation of this nature," nor does it have an experienced trial attorney to guide the investigation, she said. Rep. Holtzman said further that the INS has not been in touch with the German or Israeli governments for pertinent data, has not checked the YIVO Institute in New York or the National Archives in Washington or checked with Soviet Jews now in Israel who may have information.

INS Preparing 'Complete Reply'

While no immediate comment was forthcoming from Commissioner Chapman, his office informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he is preparing "a complete reply" to Rep. Holtzman's 18-page document containing her charges. INS public affairs officer Verne Jervis told the JTA, however, that the agency was "conducting a full-scale investigation of 33 persons." Jervis said the INS office in New York City started work last July and was investigating 70 cases of which 17 subjects had died and two were last known living outside the U.S. He said that 18 other cases were under "preliminary investigation."

According to Jervis, the INS office in New York has conducted 82 interviews since last July and consulted with Simon Wiesenthal, director of the war crimes documentation center in Vienna. He said 44 interviews were conducted by other INS offices in connection with the investigation.

Charges Of Horror Outlined

Rep. Holtzman, a Harvard-trained lawyer, said that the INS has compiled a list of 73 reported Nazi war criminals in the U.S. who were charged with "crimes of overwhelming enormity and horror." Allegations against some of the individuals named by the Congresswoman include the murder of 800 Jews in a single night in the Russian town of Chislavich; invention of methods of mass destruction used to kill 5000 Jews in Luboml; the extermination of inmates of the Ukrainian concentration camp at Turtu; Estonia's execution of 14,000 Jews and the administration of killings in Latvia; the supervision of slave labor shipments and the liquidation of Jews in Czernassy, Ukraine. Jews, Serbs and Gypsies were among those liquidated by these war criminals, she said.

She said that of the alleged 73 war criminals believed to have entered the U.S. under false pre-

tenses and thereby subject to deportation without statute of limitations, 36 have been identified; 17 others are unidentified and, to her knowledge, 13 are said to be dead. The whereabouts of seven are unknown. Rep. Holtzman said that 26 of the 43 alleged criminals known to be alive are naturalized U.S. citizens. Only three are known to be German nationals. Fifteen others are natives of Lithuania; 10 of the Ukraine or White Russia; six from Latvia; two from Yugoslavia; and one each from Hungary, Rumania and Estonia.

Rep. Holtzman reported that six of the alleged war criminals reside presently in New York City; six in Chicago; five in Los Angeles; three in Philadelphia; two each in Pittsburgh, Miami, Buffalo, Newark and Houston; and one each in Denver, San Diego, Seattle and Hammond, Ind.

ANGER OVER ALLEGED BREAKDOWN OF SECURITY IN MAALOT

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--Feelings were running high in towns and settlements all over Israel today over the alleged breakdown of security held responsible for the massacre of 21 students, a family of three and an Israeli soldier and the wounding of 70 in Maalot last week. In Safad, home of most of the victims, local residents have formed an "action committee" with plans to hold a demonstration in Jerusalem and to approach key government ministers about the security of border towns and villages.

The Safad group is demanding the speedy construction of shelters, a security patrol road, military guards for all schools and protection of outlying towns by regular army units rather than the local civil defense. They are also demanding the death penalty for terrorists. In Bnei Brak and Petach Tikva, the town councils have decided to establish a "civil guard" for security purposes.

The Safad school management committee announced yesterday that a leave of absence has been granted to Shlomo Ben-Lulu, headmaster of the state run religious vocational highschool where the 21 youngsters massacred at Maalot were students. Ben-Lulu, overwrought by the tragedy, was attacked by furious parents when he went to Maalot last Thursday during the terrorist ordeal. He has not been seen nor heard from since then. The Safad school committee said he was staying with relatives. The school is being run by an appointee from the town's educational department.

The school committee stressed that Ben-Lulu could not be held responsible in any way for sending his students on the three-day camping trip that ended in the Maalot massacre. He was acting according to rules that made it obligatory for high-school students to participate in Gadna (paramilitary) outings, the school officials said.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lehat, a general in the army reserves, suggested that all teachers licensed to own firearms be permitted to carry their weapons to school. He renewed a proposal he made after the terrorist massacre of 18 in Kiryat Shemona April 11 that mobile military units be stationed permanently in strategic points in Tel Aviv and other towns, much like a fire brigade. The units, he said, would be able to reach any spot within minutes where terrorist activity is reported thus averting the costly delays that occurred at Kiryat Shemona and Maalot.

Meanwhile the army has responded to local outcries by establishing a special security officer for Safad. Maj. Gen. Rafael Eitan, commander of the northern region, also assigned soldiers to back up police guards and civil defense units stationed at schools and in the central bus terminal in Safad.

AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

HUMPHREY: WILL NOT SUPPORT U.S. ECONOMIC AID TO EGYPT UNLESS ISRAEL IS ASSURED OF RIGHT OF PASSAGE THROUGH SUEZ CANAL; TSUR: \$6 MILLION BICENTENNIAL PROJECT TO LINK JERUSALEM REGION WITH 200 YEARS OF U.S. INDEPENDENCE -- By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 20 (JTA)--Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, (D. Minn.) declared here last night that he opposes U.S. assistance "for rich Arab oil countries" and said that he will not support President Nixon's request for \$250 million in economic aid to Egypt until he is assured that all nations, including Israel, will have the right of passage through the Suez Canal.

Addressing some 2500 people attending the National Assembly of the Jewish National Fund at a gala salute to the land and people of Israel at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Humphrey said: "It is important for us to achieve normal relations with Arab countries," but added, "I do not see how the Congress can approve the President's request until we have the evidence that international law will be upheld."

Sen. Humphrey shared the platform with Jacob Tsur, world chairman of the JNF, who disclosed a new \$6 million Bicentennial Project linking a large region southwest of Jerusalem with 200 years of American independence. The bicentennial project will also mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the JNF, the land reclamation and afforestation agency of the World Zionist movement.

According to Tsur, the project, which will be implemented over a period of three years beginning in 1974, will develop an ecological and forestry infrastructure in the area located within 25 miles of Jerusalem, with the immigrant township of Beit Shemesh as its center. The opening of arterial roads with the improvement of access between the area and Jerusalem, a system of recreation services, picnic areas, hiking routes, the creation of special tourist sites, and the planting of one million trees are among the major objectives of the plan.

Other highlights of the new bicentennial venture, Tsur reported, include a forestry museum and an observation gallery atop Mt. Ayalah, the highest peak in the southern Judean mountain chain and a Hall of Honor to be designed by an outstanding American or Israeli architect which will symbolize the bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Israel.

Arab States Must Disavow Terrorists

Humphrey, who received standing ovations from the audience several times during his address, referred to last week's massacre of 21 Israeli children and four others at Maalot and declared, "It is clear that the Palestinians do not want peace" in the Middle East. He called on the Arab states to disavow the terrorists and charged that "the nations that harbor these terrorists are harboring criminals." Calling on "every country in the UN to condemn these terrorists," Humphrey pledged that "the U.S. will never desert the people of Israel and never allow them to stand alone."

Referring to the right of passage through the Suez Canal, Humphrey noted that this was guaranteed to all nations under international law but has never been granted to Israel. "I call upon Secretary Kissinger to inform the Congress and the American people of assurances that he might have obtained from President Sadat of Egypt relating to Israeli use of the Suez Canal," he said.

Humphrey pointed out that when the waterway is reopened the Soviet Navy will have access to it, shortening the distance and cost involved in

maintaining Soviet sea power in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean "with all that portends." He said it would be a "travesty" and "gross injustice" for Israel to be denied use of the canal while it was open to Russian ships. If that should be the case, "it makes absolutely no sense for American tax dollars to be spent for clearing and opening the Suez Canal," Humphrey said.

Stronger Today Than Ever Before

Tsur, focusing on the tragedy in Maalot, said: "In the name of what truth, of what ideals, have the Arab gangsters used the life of innocent children, purposely, consciously, cynically, counting on our love for every child, to attain their political purposes?" He added, "While our enemies concentrated in continuous efforts of destruction and hatred, we were engaged in upbuilding and creation. That is why we were stronger in 1956 than we were in 1948, stronger in 1967 than in 1956, stronger today than we ever were before."

Tsur declared that one of the lessons of the current crisis in Israel is that "we have to return to the pioneer era...to prepare the infrastructure of Israel, the basis on which our whole building reposes." Speaking about the image of the JNF he said it's wrong to see it "as a mere tree-planting instrument." It is, he stated, the "greatest contribution to the ecological problem of an ever expanding new Israel--it is a preparation for a new way of life of a strong and secure society." Noting the great unity between American Jewry and the people of Israel, Tsur said, "American Jewry is our staunch ally in a hostile world," and that the Israelis are fully aware of this role in the "renaissance of our people and the creation and growth of a Jewish State."

Will Translate Project Into Reality

Meyer Pessin, JNF national president, pledged on behalf of the Fund, that it would begin immediately its task of translating the project presented by Tsur into "a tangible reality which will enable all Americans of all persuasions to identify our proud and glorious country with the aspirations and achievements of the 26-year-old State of Israel." Herman L. Weisman, chairman of the assembly, said the terrorist carnage in Maalot was, in addition to "a mission of murder," a "studied, deliberate, political act for the confessed purpose of disrupting the peace negotiating process that was taking place." Shuttle diplomacy, he added, will be futile unless Syria and other Arab countries withdraw shelter, arms and encouragement from all Arab terrorist groups.

NEW YORK (JTA)--A car belonging to the Soviet Mission to the United Nations was firebombed early Sunday morning in the Far Rockaway section of the city. A witness told police that he saw a young man pouring gasoline on the car and then setting it on fire. An unidentified caller told news agency offices here that the firebombing was the work of a group which he identified as the Sternists and said it was in reprisal for Soviet action against Jews. The caller reportedly also said that such reprisals will continue as long as the Soviet Union continues its policy of harassment of Jews. Police said they do not know the nature of the Sternist group.

There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated May 27 due to holiday.