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KATZIR OFFICIALLY ASKS BEGIN
TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT; LIKUD
LEADER URGES LABOR JOIN HIM
By Uzi Benziman and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir officially asked Likud leader Menachem Begin today to form a new government. In undertaking the task, Begin announced that he would attempt to persuade the Labor Alignment to join Likud in a national unity government. Failing that, he will nevertheless form a government and present his Cabinet to the Knesset for approval within three weeks, Begin said during a brief ceremony at the President's residence.

Begin, who will meet with Premier Yitzhak
Rabin Thursday to discuss the transfer of power, disclosed he will also meet with Labor Alignment
leader Shimon Peres this week to try to convince
him to join an all-party coalition. He said that
Likud and the Labor Alignment were in agreement
on basic issues such as their objection to a Palestinian state, refusal to withdraw to Israel's 1967
borders and their opposition to PLO participation
in any negotiations for a Mideast peace, settlement.
Begin-said he was aware of differences that exist
between his party and Labor but he felt that an
agreement could be reached between them.

Israeli law gives Begin 21 days to form a government and an additional 2! days if needed. Should he be unable to establish a government within the 42-day limit, the law requires the President to assign the task to another Knesset member, most probably the leader of the second largest partyl But Begin is convinced that he can put together a majority Cabinet well within the deadline. Likud, and Gen. Ariel Sharon's Shlomzion movement which merged with it last week will control 45 seats in the next Knesset. If Moshe Dayan, who has left the Labor Party but retains his Knesset seat, joins Likud, it will have 46 votes plus 12 from the National Religious Party (NRP) which is considered virtually certain to join a Likud-led government. It could pick up four more from the Agudat Israel which has agreed to join a coalition subject to approval by its Council of Sages.

Expect DMC To Join

That would give Likud a slim majority of 62 votes in the next Knesset. But Likud circles expressed confidence today that Prof. Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) will agree to join the coalition adding 15 Knesset seats for a comfortable government majority of 77. Likud and the DMC resumed their negotiations today. (See separate story Page 3)

One of the stumbling blocks is Begin's nomination of Dayan to be Foreign Minister, a portfolio sought by the DMC. Political circles believe that Begin will have his way and that the DMC will be mollified by offering Yadin the chairmanship of a senior ministerial committee on foreign affairs and defense.

Leon Dulzin of Likud's Liberal Party wing who had expected to be named foreign Minister. It was learned today that Begin has proposed that Dulzin be given the rank of Deputy Premier and in addition, receive the portfolio of a new Ministry for

Jewish Nation Affairs that would put him in charge of immigration and absorption.

If Likud has its way, it will hold eight Cabinet portfolios, including the key ministries. The Herut wing will receive four, including one reserved for Gen. Sharon, the Liberals three and the State List one.

GUR WARNS OF NEW WAR

TEL AVIV, June 7 (JTA)—Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Mordechai Gur, warned last night that a new war could break out in the Middle East as a result of internal conflicts in the Arab states, irrespective of Israel's policies toward the administered territories and without any provocative action by Israel. He also claimed that it was dangerous for Israel to put much faith in security guarantees by the Big Powers.

Addressing the 50th national convention of B'nai B'rith, Gur said the lessons of the Six-Day War should be remembered. He recalled that the American guarantee to keep the Straits of Tiran open proved worthless when Egypt closed the straits in May, 1967. He said that after the Yom Kippur War when Israel asked the U.S. to put certain commitments into writing, it was given to understand that written agreements do not obligate superpowers to act when it is not in their interests and when it is, they will act with or without signed documents.

Gur warned the Arab states not to mistake internal criticism in Israel as a sign of weakness. He said that Israel is a democracy and as such must have the physical and moral strength to face each new situation and use it as a spring-board for growth. (By Yitzhak Shargil)

JOB PROGRAM FOR OLIM URGED

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA)—Shlomo Rosen, the retiring Minister of Absorption, warned today of increasing employment difficulties for new immigrants unless the government undertakes programs to provide them with jobs. He said housing, employment and other assistance should be based on an annual immigration rate of at least 50,000 so that whatever number actually arrived would be adequately provided for.

Rosen, a member of the Mapam wing of the Labor Alignment, said the shortage of productive employment for olim stemmed from the slowdown of the economy and budgetary cutbacks by public institutions that hired professionals. "Instead of the economy suiting itself to the human treasure provided by aliya, we have had to put great efforts into suiting the olim to the economy," he said.

Rosen, who took charge of the Housing Ministry after the suicide of Avraham Ofer last March, said that a sufficient number of flats of various sizes should be made available for olim. He said that all new immigrants who are not employed within a short time after their arrival should be given unemployment benefits from the National Insurance Institute until they find work.

SCHINDLER SAYS U.S. JEWS WILL GIVE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT UNITED BACKING By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 7 (JTA)--Rabbi Alexander Schindler expressed certainty today that

the American Jewish community "will be absoluted ly united and determined to give the new Israeli government an opportunity to form itself, to devel op its policies, and to present them to the Jewish community, the United States government and the world at large."

Schindler spoke to reporters at the State Department after he had met for an hour with Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Philip Habib and Assistant Secretary for Middle East Affairs, Ald fred Atherton. Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was accompanied by the Conference's executive secretary, Yehuda Hellman.

The purpose of this meeting, Schindler said, was to inform the State Department "exactly" what he had learned in Israel where he met during the past week with Premier Yitzhak Rabin and his prospective successor Menachem Begin and a number of other Likud leaders. Later today, Schindler was to meet at the White House with President Carter's Counsel, Robert Lipshutz, and the head of the President's Council on Domestic Affairs, Stuart Eizenstadt,

Schindler responded "absolutely" when he was asked in relation to this meeting whether there is "uneasiness" in the Jewish community over recent White House statements on the Middle East. He stressed that the community would be united "to see to it that in this period of interregnum, there won't be any erosion from America" towards Israel. Speaking of the meeting with Habib and Atherton, Schindler pointed out that Begin is capable of making the transition between "candidacy positions to Jewish communities throughout the and incumbency and between a leader of a party to being leader of a nation." In this context, Schindler said that Begin is "a man of strong convictions—a man who can make decisions that are necessary to make." He described Begin as "not only an idealogue but a pragmatist."

In his several conversations with Begin, Schindler said, he found he reacted "very warmly towards him as a human being even though we are not of the same political orientation." He emphasized Begin's "profound love for the Jewish people" and "his almost mystical belief" in them. Pointing to his "marks of a statesman," Schindler noted that on his visits to the United States, Begin never attacked the government in power in Israel but defended Israel as a nation. He reported Premier Yitzhak Rabin as saying that when no solution was evident for the seizure of hostages by Arab terrorists in Entebbe, Begin wanted to negotiate with the terrorists. Rabin himself, Schindler said, spoke of Begin "in the highest terms" as a statesman and leader.

No Messages From Begin

Schindler said he did not bring any message to the U.S. government from Begin because "he does not need me for that" and Begin has his own. channels. Speaking as an individual rather than as the Conference chairman in response to questions on the feeling within the American Jewish community, Schindler said "There is a great deal of apprehension" over the "crystallization" of U.S. policies towards the Middle East. He pointed out that the U.S. was committed to full and free negotiations among the parties, no kind of U.S. plan and that the U.S. role as an honest broker is to further negotiations. "Then we began to perceive in some utterances a crystallization" of peace for Israel by a U.S. definition and total withdrawal by the Israelis from occupied territories. Recalling National Security Affairs advisor.

Zbigniew Brzezinski's view of "a conceptual framework" to stimulate the process of negotiations, Schindler said the President-lifted the framework into U.S. policy based on Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. "Infinitely more disturbing," he added, was that somebody at the White House "drummed up other resolu-. tions." In view of this, he said, "it would not be surprising if there were not some widespread grassroots reaction to what is being perceived and felt."

BEGIN ASSOCIATE SAYS DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES WILL COME FROM ISRAEL By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Juhe 7 (JTA)--Dr. Eliahu Ben Elissar, a close associate of Likud leader Menachem Begin, said at a press conference here last night that Begin will go to Washington in July for talks with President Carter and will raise new ideas for solving the Middle East conflict.

"Up till now diplomatic initiatives generally stemmed from Washington or Cairo. From now on Jerusalem will launch new diplomatic initiatives," Elissar said. But he refused to say what those initiatives might be. He forecast that the Geneva peace conference would reconvene later this year, probably in November or December. He said that a Palestinian delegation would be barred from participating in any form whatever.

Elissar, who is regarded as a Likud spokesman, is in Paris on what he called a semi-private visit. He said Likud would try to explain its world and planned to convene a world conference of Jewish communities shortly for that purpose.

The Likud victory in Israel's parliamentary elections has disturbed many prominent members of the French-Jewish community. One of them, former Socialist Minister Daniel Mayer, has resigned from the board of the bi-weekly publication of the French Zionist Federation, La Terre Retrouve (The Re-Found Land) and announced that he will discontinue the column he has been writing for the last six years.

"People read my column to know my views, but what should I do if the new Israeli government. adopts policies which I condemn? To pay no attention is out of the question. To denounce such possible policies would strengthen Israel's enemies who could say that even an unconditional pro-Israel supporter opposes such or such a move, Mayer wrote in his final column.

CZF BACKS NEW GOVERNMENT

MONTREAL, June 7 (JTA)--The Canadian Zionist Federation proclaimed yesterday "its full support for the new government that will assume power when it gains the confidence of the democratically and constitutionally elected Parliament of Israel." That position was adopted in the form of a resolution approved by some 100 delegates at the close of a two-day meeting of the national executive of the Canadian Zionist Federation in Toronto.

The resolution added that "we shall continue to put forth every effort to assist the State in its attempts to achieve a just and lasting peace with its neighbors based on justice, equity and honor. We call upon all Jews and citizens of goodwill to join us in this great and noble task." (By Michael Solomon)

WHO SITS WHERE IS NEW DISPUTE

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA) -- A new dispute

has broken out between the Labor Alignment and Likud over seating arrangements in the next Knesset Likud has demanded that its deputies occupy the left side of the chamber, the side now occupied by the Labor Alignment which has governed Israel since its founding. Labor declares that the left side is traditionally occupied by Socialist factions, an arrangement that has prevailed in European parliaments since the last century. Labor Party Whip Moshe Shachal warned yesterday that the Alignment may refuse to attend the opening session of the new Knesset if it is forced to change its location.

Likua contends that seating has nothing to do with the political orientation of the party, left or right, and claims the left side of the chamber because Israel's governing coalitions have always been seated there. But knowledgeable observers believe the nub of the dispute is the desire of both parties to face the television cameras which cover the left side of the chamber from the visitors' gallery.

DMC PRESENTS LIKUD 8-POINT GUIDELINE FOR ITS PARTICIPATION: NEW COALITION TALKS SET FOR THURSDAY By Yitzhak Shargit....

TEL AVIV, June 7 (JTA)--The Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) presented Likud today with an eight-point guideline for its participation in a coalition government headed by Likud. Today's meeting, which some circles had predicted would be the crucial one in Likud-DMC coalition talks, lasted only 10 minutes. Likud leader Menachem Begin glanced through the pages of the DMC guidelines and announced that the two parties would meet again Thursday after Likud studies the DMC's proposais.

It was learned that three of the DMC's points could be serious stumbling blocks to an agreement between the DMC and Likud. According to informed sources, the DMC would retain as a coalition auideline Begin's statement that Israel has an "historic right to the whole of Eretz Israel." But the DMC wants to add that Israel would announce Its readiness for negotiations on the basis of territorial concessions in exchange for a genuine,

contractual peace agreement.

Another touchy point concerns settlements in the administered territories. The DMC reportedly proposed that settlements in areas other than the Golan Heights, the Jordan Valley and the Rafah salient must be approved in advance by all parties that are partners to the coalition. That would mean that any party could veto Jewish settlements in the Judaea-Samaria regions. The other regions were exempted presumably because they are considered vital to Israel's security.

Finally, the DMC said it would not oppose the application of Israeli law to the administered territories provided that it is not done while preliminary moves toward negotiations with the Arabs or actual negotiations are in progress.

WOJAC ASKS CARTER TO BACK AID FOR JEWISH REFUGEES

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--The World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC) urged President Carter today to assure compensation for Jewish refugees from Arab lands. Norma Balass, executive director of the world-wide organization, who was born in Iraq, said that while the President recently advocated compensation for Arab refugees, he failed to mention the approximately one million Jews who had been displaced by the Arabs.

"President Carter is by no means unique in overlooking the rights of Jews from Arab countries,

said Balass. "Yet these rights are an integral part of the Arab-Israel dispute." She disclosed that the World Executive of WOJAC has dispatched the following cable to Carter: "WOJAC, the world organization representing Jews from Arab countries, has followed with grave concern the recent statements made by the United States government on the subject of the Palestinians. We are shocked by the one-sidedness of these statements and the inequality they reflect in assessing the refugee problem in the Middle East. We feel that the President's reference to the Palestinian refugees blatantly ignores the inalienable and inextinguishable rights of 1,750,000 Jews and their offspring from Arab countries of origin as refugees due to unbearable humiliation, discrimination and persecutions."

The cable noted that UN Security Council Resolution 242, endorsed by the U.S., recommends "a just settlement of the refugee problem" placing Jews and Arabs on equal footing. "Justice and equality require that in this connection the guestion of the Palestinians cannot be raised without at the same time dealing with the rights and claims of Jews from Arab countries. Any other approach contradicts the elementary principles of equality, justice and fairness which are symbolic of the American nation and the biblical spirit upon which it was founded," the cable said. It added that "WOJAC expects the U.S. government to take public stand on the collective and individual rights of Jews from Arab countries without which no peace negotiations can take place." The cable was signed by Mordechai Ben Porat, co-chairman, Israel; Leon Tamman, cochairman, England, and Dr. M. Roumani, secretary general of WOJAC.

TREPPER WARNS OF NAZI PROPAGANDA IN GERMANY, SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM By Brian Lipsitz

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--Leopold Trepper, the former World War II spy who infiltrated the Gestapo, said yesterday that people are making a great mistake in not adequately fighting Nazi propaganda among German youth and anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, both of which he feels are widespread. Trepper spoke at a press conference at the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith announcing the publication here of his memoirs, "The Great Game."

He added: "In place of Stalinism we now have Brezhnevism...and in the place of Nazism in Germany there are now thousands and thousands of people coming back to 'Mein Kampf.'

The struggle must begin all over again."

Speaking in French with the aid of an interpretor, Trepper, at one point, made an impassioned plea on behalf of Soviet Jewry: "Their faith depends on us. And everything depends on public opinion. This gentleman who now directs the Soviet Union (Brezhnev) responds only to things which are clear and direct. ... It is our responsibility to act forcefully to arouse public

Trépper was the head of the Soviet anti-Nazi espionage network which was called "The Red Orchestra" by the Gestapo. The "great game" was "to counter-attack against the plan of the Gestapo," by giving information to the Russians, Trepper said. After the war he was imprisoned by Stalin for nearly 10 years and later lived in Poland under house arrest. He came to Israel in 1974 after a world-wide publicity campaign to secure his release.

NEW PROGRAM TO EDUCATE JEWISH FAMILY AS MEANS OF PRESERVING JEWISH IDENTITY OF YOUNG

WASHINGTON, June 7 (JTA)--A four-day conference sponsored by the American Association for Jewish Education closed here Sunday with the endorsement of a long-term experimental program aimed at educating Jewish families to prevent their isolation from Jewish institutions and Judaism itself and thereby to preserve the Jewish identity of the

younger generation.

The Conference on Jewish Family Education, the first of its kind since 1970, drew some 300 delegates from 56 communities in the United States and Canada. The participants included representatives of 18 national and local Jewish bodies, including federations, social service agencies and bureaus of Jewish education. It was chaired by Arthur Brody, president of the Jewish Community Federation of Metropolitan New Jersey.

The problem was stated at the opening session Thursday by Dr. Daniel Thursz, executive vicepresident of B'nai B'rith, who warned that exhorting Jewish parents from the pulpit or other community forums "to do what they have no skills or knowledge to accomplish is a destructive approach.

On the other hand, he emphasized the "crucial importance" of family life in preserving Jewish identification. He cited the findings of a study conducted by Dr. Fred Mazaryk, a sociologist and Dr. Max F. Baer, director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) which disclosed that parents and grandparents were the most dominant factors influencing the Jewish attitudes of youth while rabbis and religious school teachers were "the least influential.

Thursz added, however, that "Rabbis and teachers need not be defensive since it is not their professional competence nor style that is the basis for failures in the present system of Jewish education but rather the structure and timing.

'Middle Class Ills'

Rabbi Harold Schulweis, of Los Angeles, warned that any program of education directed towards the Jewish family "must pay attention to the nature of the discontent of the Jewish middle class" which "these days seeks to find answers in encounter movements." Schulweis said that the problem was not that Jews oppose religiosity or assimilate but one of middle class reaction to a "psychological revolution" that has affected the American middle class, including Jews.

Beyond the "public agenda" directed toward the quality of Jewish communal life, the Jewish community must now contend with a "hidden, private agenda" in which the individual's concerns for personal satisfaction are influencing his life-

style, Schulweis said.

"Jews are suffering from middle class ills," he added. "They say: 'Do not tell me what I can do for Judaism, tell me what Judaism can do for me-and I mean for me, not as a member of the community, "he said. According to Schulweis, unless the community's efforts respond to such private needs "we will not be able to enter the home and the family to accomplish our purpose."

The conference adopted a program presented by baac Toubin, executive vice-president of the AAJE. One aspect directed the AAJE to establish a national commission to help initiate and evaluate special local educational efforts directed toward the Jewish family and to raise funds toward subsidizing the programs. Toubin anticipated that the experimental programs would be tested in two metropoli-

tan size cities, two medium size cities of about 725,000 Jewish population and two smaller com-/ munities of fewer than 10,000 Jews. The delegates recommended a three-year test period to be followed by evaluation studies and possibly a follow-up national conference.

Cleveland, whose community leaders have indicated strong interest, was likely to be the site of the first experimental programs, Toubin said. He said "The success of the program depends heavily on a pooling of inter-agency resources, utilizing all of the needed disciplines--social workers, theologians, sociologists, educators and similar expertise in an integrated way."

AJCONGRESS SAYS GROUPS OPPOSED -TO QUOTAS SHOULD FIND NEW WAYS TO HELP MINORITIES ADVANCE

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress declared yesterday that Jewish and non-Jewish groups opposed to quotas on constitutional grounds have a special obligation to find "new ways to help minorities move more rapidly into the mainstream of American life."

In a 109-page report analyzing 20 recent civil rights decisions affecting the Jewish community, the agency also called for "a new and strong commitment" by such groups "to help achieve racial justice in America without resort-

ing to racial preference.

Naomi Levine, AJCongress executive director, said, in releasing the study, that it was "not enough to attack 'affirmative action' plans that result in reverse discrimination." She said "We who oppose such programs have the obligation to find alternative means of helping minority group members in keeping with essential constitutional guarantees of equal protection for all."

She said such efforts should include greater funding for special remedial education programs, broader opportunities for medical and other education, increased scholarship aid, special programs to seek out and train potentially qualified individuals from minority groups and the devising and use of "employment tests that are genuinely

job-related."

She declared that on the issue of admission to colleges and graduate schools, "non-racial factors which may account for relatively poor academic records and test scores of some applicants--such as cultural deprivation, poverty and inadequate early education--should be considered in selection processes." She said that by taking "such elements into account, we would go far toward correcting the present exclusion of minorities from the mainstream of society."

Mrs. Levine added that "most important of all is a new and strong commitment to tackle the problems of poverty, poor health care and inadequate educational opportunities that hold back so many Americans of all races and ethnic groups.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- The mother of Lt. Col. Yehonatan Netanyahu, the Israeli commander slain during the rescue of hostages at Entebbe last year, will be the honored guest June 12 when a Bronx street is named for her son. The ceremony will take place in the newly-renamed Yehonatan Netanyahu Lane located at Pelham Parkway and Holland Avenue. Councilman Stephen B. Kaufman, who introduced the bill to rename the street, is honorary chairman of the event. The chairman is Harold Davis, president of the Bronx region of the Zionist Organization of America which donated a monument to the Israeli which will be unveiled at the ceremony.