MER'S LABOR PARTY LOSES 6 SEATS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- With less than half the general votes counted, Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment appears to have retained control of the government but with only 50 seats in the eighth Knesset, a loss of six. The opposition Likud has apparently won 39 seats, a gain of seven.

The resluts, however, will not be official until the Army vote is counted although experts do not believe there will be any significant changes. The party to emerge from the election with seemingly the most enhanced power is the National Religious Party, a member of the present coalition, although it did nothing more than maintain its present 12 sears. However, the NRP will be in a good bargaining position for its policies on religion in Israel life and its opposition to returning any part of the West Bank. This because it would be difficult for Mrs. Meir to form a majority

out of the 120-member Knesset without the NRP.

The other member of Mrs. Meir's coalition, the Independent Liberal Party, won five seats an increase of one. Mrs. Shulamit Aloni, who defected from the Labor Party to form her own independent Civil Rights List, appears to have won two seats.

The ultra-Orthodox Aguda-Poalei Aguda, running as a single ticket, lost one of their six seats. Observers believe this was due

KOLLEK LOSES GROUND IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM (WNS)-Mayor Teddy Kollek, running for his third term, lost his 16-seat majority, and will now have to make major concessions to the minority religious parties

to establish a government in Jerusalem.

Kollek's unexpected setback was due to the poor turnout of East Jerusalem Arabs as well as disappointing turnout of Jewish voters. Labor now has 14 seats on the city council and Likud 7.

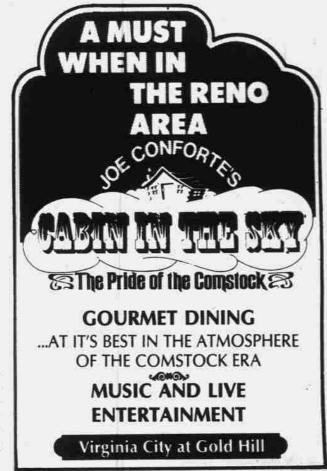
In Tel Aviv, the Labor party headed by party strongman Yehoshua--Rabinowitz won only II of the 31 seats on the council while Likud took 14. Likud leader, Gen. Shlomo Lahat, has reached an agreement with the Independent Liberal Party giving him 16 votes, thus ending Rabhim 16 inowitz's hopes of remaining as mayor, Lahar will be the first non-Labor mayor of Tel Aviv in 16 years.

In Israel's third major city, Haifa, Labor won as former Labor Minister Yosef Almogi swept themayoralty/ace with a 58 percent majority in what was viewed as a personal rather than party triumph.

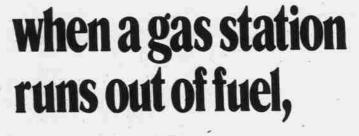
to the opposition of members of combining Aguda: Israel with the religious Kibbutz party of Poalei Aguda.

Losers in the election include Uri Avneri, the flamboyant editor of Haolam Hazeh magazine, whose Meri coalition of leftist peace advocates, failed to get the necessary one per cent of the vote; Avneri's one-time associate and now bitter foe. Shalom Cohen, who headed the Black Panthers, a loose coalition of slum dwellers of Oriental extraction, and Rabbi Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defense League.

The new Knesset will begin Jan. 21.









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