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JTA *Daily News Bulletin*EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ALLOCATES ADDITIONAL \$20,000,000 OF AMERICAN LOAN TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Export-Import Bank today announced a credit of \$20,000,000 to Israel for industrial development. This brings to over \$73,000,000 the amount which has been allocated from the original \$100,000,000 loan.

Between 200 and 250 Israel firms will participate in the benefits. The firms will receive credits to purchase in the United States machinery, textiles, food, processing chemicals, pharmaceutical products, work and building materials, glass and cotton weaving machinery.

(In Tel Aviv, the Israel Treasury announced receipt of a cable from the Export-Import Bank at Washington, conveying approval of another advance of \$20,000,000 of the original \$100,000,000 credit, to be allotted to various industrial development projects which have already been approved. Previous allocations have been made for agriculture, \$35,000,000; building construction, \$5,000,000; communications, \$11,000,000; and harbors, \$2,350,000.)

THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE IN TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM TO URGE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQI JEWS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Several thousand Iraqi Jews demonstrated here today, carrying banners calling upon Iraqi Jews throughout Israel to spare no efforts to rescue their "brethren cruelly terrorized in Iraq" and urging the Israel Government to employ every means to end the persecutions. The demonstrators gathered in front of the Knesset building where their demands were heard by Behor Shitreet, Minister of Police and Minorities.

In Jerusalem, a large number of Jews staged a similar demonstration and called on the government to take immediate steps with the U.N. and the major powers to bring an end to the pogroms.

(An Iraqi Government spokesman was reported in a Reuters dispatch from Bagdad to have stated today that 40 Iraqi Jews have been detained on charges of threatening the peace and security following an assault on the Chief Rabbi of Iraq, Sassoon Khadafi. The spokesman dismissed Israel's charges that Iraq was persecuting and torturing Jews.)

Persecutions Seen as Part of Plan to Launch New Attack on Israel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Observers here believe that the latest outbreak of official persecution of the Jews in Iraq is part of a broader scheme aimed at the liquidation of Iraqi Jewry and preparation for the renewal of hostilities against Israel, it was learned here today.

The Israel authorities have been aware for some time, it was also ascertained, of a two-point program drawn up by Iraqi Premier Nuri es-Said after a study and detailed analysis of the reasons for the Arabs' defeat in the Palestine war.

The first point of the plan calls for the liquidation of the major part of the Iraqi community of 150,000 Jews. In explaining the purported revival of anti-

Jewish activities, Israel observers believe that the Iraqi Premier is attempting to make the Jews the scapegoat of internal disaffection and economic crisis, and to regain his waning personal popularity.

The second point of the Nuri es-Said scheme is to advance the project for a Syrian-Iraqi union. It is believed here that the Iraqi Premier's intention is to lay the foundation for the long-promised "second round" against the new Jewish state.

DEVELOPMENTS PROJECTS FOR \$158,000,000 TO BE SUBMITTED TO KNESSET FOR FINAL APPROVAL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A 55,000,000 pound (\$158,000,000) program for various development projects which has already been approved by the Cabinet will be submitted to the Knesset next month for final action, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan declared today.

Speaking at Petach Tikvah at cornerstone laying ceremonies for a housing project for Israel Army veterans who are members of Histadrut unions, Mr. Kaplan said that the development program, the budget for which has already been passed by the Parliament, will include agricultural and industrial projects.

Meanwhile, a new settlement named for Haviva Reik, a Jewish heroine who parachuted behind the Nazi lines during the war on a mission for the Allies and was captured and executed, was dedicated yesterday. The agricultural colony will be located on 3,000 dunams of land, the area ceded by Transjordan to Israel in the central Palestine front.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN VISITS IMMIGRANT RECEPTION CAMP; NEWLY-ARRIVED JEWS CHEER HIM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann and his wife, accompanied by a group of guests, today visited the "Beit Lin" immigrant reception camp. Thousands of newly-arrived Jews cheered the visitors who later inspected the camp's hospital and school facilities.

Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira, in a brief ceremony, thanked the Israel President for visiting the immigrant center. "The cheers of enthusiasm with which the immigrants greeted your arrival here is testimony of their loyalty to you for the redemption of Israel," Mr. Shapira told Dr. Weizmann.

U.S. INFORMATION SERVICE LIBRARY OPENED IN TEL AVIV; CONTAINS TECHNICAL PERIODICALS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The American Library in Tel Aviv, sponsored by the United States Information Service, was officially opened today. Its purpose is to inform the Israel public of educational, scientific and technical activities in the United States, and its shelves now contain 2,000 volumes in addition to 100 periodicals and various reference works.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF RELIGION LEAVES FOR PARIS TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL RABBINICAL CONGRESS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister for Religion, today left for Paris to attend an international rabbinical congress called by Dr. I. Schwartz, Chief Rabbi of France, at which the relations between the rabbinate of Israel and other countries will be discussed. Present at the conference will be representatives of the Chief Rabbinate of France, Britain, Eire, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and Italy, as well as Israel.

PALESTINE DEBATE SHIFTED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF U.N. ASSEMBLY TO EXPEDITE HANDLING

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A move to expedite the U.N. Assembly discussion of the Palestine question was initiated today by the President of the General Assembly, Gen. Carlos Romulo of the Philippines.

After consultation with the chairmen of the six major committees of the Assembly, it was decided to transfer the Palestine debate from the Political Committee to its auxiliary, the Special Political Committee, because the Political Committee's agenda is crowded.

The Israeli delegation is perturbed over the move since the Israelis have conducted their consultations with the delegates in the first committee, who are better acquainted with the fine points of the problem.

ZIONIST COUNCIL URGES 400 LOCAL BODIES TO HOLD MASS MEETINGS ON JERUSALEM NEXT WEEK

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council today called on its more than 400 local committees throughout the United States to arrange mass meetings next week to "bring before the American people the accurate facts concerning the plan to internationalize Jerusalem."

In a Council memorandum, local committees were asked to utilize all media of public opinion to make the American people "aware of the true facts of the Jerusalem problem now on the agenda of the U.N. General Assembly." The meetings, it was stressed, are not being convoked in a spirit of protest.

At the same time, the Council announced that a "Save Jerusalem" rally will be held in this city Nov. 2. Speakers will include Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency; Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council; and Mrs. Rose Halprin, member of the Agency executive.

LABOR ZIONIST MOVEMENT OPENS THREE-DAY CONCLAVE TO DISCUSS REORGANIZATION OF GROUPS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Four hundred delegates from all sections of the United States gathered here today to participate in an extraordinary three-day conference called by the Labor Zionist Organization of America to map plans for reorganization of the Labor Zionist movement in this country.

Among the speakers who will address the meetings are Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, who is now in the U.S.; Baruch Zuckerman, president of the L.Z.O.A.; Dr. Ohayim Greenberg, chairman of the education department of the Jewish Agency; and, Mayer Grabowsky, head of a Histradrut delegation which arrived in this country several days ago and a leading Mapai deputy in the Knesset.

The conference will also officially launch the 1949-50 shekel campaign of all Labor Zionist groups in this country, including the L.Z.O.A., Jewish National Workers Alliance, Pioneer Women, Habonim and other affiliated organizations. Discussions concerning the proposed reorganization of the Labor Zionist movement in the United States are scheduled to begin tomorrow.

GREEK PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISRAEL HITS NEW PEAK; ISRAEL CONSULATE ANSWERS CHARGES

ATHENS, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The current anti-Israel press campaign here has reached a new peak with the publication of a letter in the Social Democratic newspaper *Ethnos* from the "secretary of the Greek Community of Jerusalem" charging the Israel Government with mistreating Greeks living in the Jewish state. *Ethnos* is one of the leaders of the press campaign against the Jewish state.

The letter, which has brought bitter criticism from Jewish circles here, accuses the Israel Government of creating difficulties for Greeks who left Palestine during the war and now wish to return. It demanded the return of Greek-owned property administered by the Israel Government, and insisted upon reparations from Israel for damage suffered by Greek property owners during the hostilities.

The Israel consulate here has issued a reply to the letter asserting that the authors of it are Greeks living in Arab countries and in the Old City of Jerusalem, and pointing out that Greeks living in the new city have never been molested by the Israelis. In addition, the consulate reply stated, Israel has just agreed to a Greek Government request to readmit some 300 Greeks who fled during the war.

The consulate also points out that Greek-owned property which was abandoned in the war has been administered by the government just as heirless and Nazi-confiscated Jewish property in Greece has been administered by the Greek Government pending its return to the Jews. Israel has already begun to return Greek-owned property abandoned by its owners.

AUSTRIAN CATHOLIC PARTY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING RESTITUTION LAWS

VIENNA, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Immediate restitution of the property of victims of Nazi persecution will be urged by the Austrian Socialist Party at the next meeting of Parliament, Bruno Pittermann, a Socialist deputy, declared today.

He blamed the majority People's Party--the local Catholic party--for delay in implementing the restitution laws, drafts of which, he said, have been pigeon-holed for over a year. He predicted strong opposition in Parliament on the part of the People's Party in addition to opposition by the newly-elected neo-Nazi deputies of the League of Independent Voters.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK SAYS JEWS AND IRISH CATHOLICS IN U.S. CONDUCT ANTI-BRITISH DRIVE

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York and Britain's second-ranking clergyman, charged last night in a speech delivered to the Joint Synod of the Convocation of York that Jews and Irish Roman Catholics were using certain U.S. newspapers for bitter anti-British attacks. Reporting on his recent tour of the United States, the Archbishop said the "Jews and Irish Roman Catholics carry on their vendetta through the press."

CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT NATIONALIZES JEWISH HOSPITAL IN SLOVAKIA; ONE OF GROUP OF 20

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- One Jewish hospital is included among a group of 20 yesterday ordered nationalized in Slovakia, Reuters reported here today. The government's action will become effective January 1, 1950.

HEAD OF ITALIAN OSE AND MINISTER DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JEWISH HOSPITAL IN ROME

ROME, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Umberto Tupini, Italian Minister of Public Works, today received Dr. Raffaele Cantoni, president of the OSE here, to discuss the construction of a new Jewish hospital in Rome and the repair of old hospital buildings.

B'NAI B'RITH HEAD SCORES TEKAN'S GIFT OF \$50,000,000 FOR TEACHING OF WHITE SUPREMACY

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today characterized the action of Judge George Armstrong, 83-year-old Texas millionaire who endowed a small Southern college with land allegedly worth \$50,000,000 to teach white supremacy, as the "Fantastic scheme of a warped, old man to halt and turn back the tide of progress in education."

In a statement made by its national chairman, Supreme Court Justice Meir Steinbrink, the League charged Judge Armstrong with being "a long-time financial angel to the organized peddlers of hate in the South, such as Gerald Smith." "This is the boldest stroke and probably the most vicious use of great wealth that our generation has seen," Justice Steinbrink said. "The danger to our American ideals is apparent, a danger backed by the awful weight of so reportedly large a sum of money, larger than the entire educational budget of the state of Mississippi."

Judge Armstrong made his gift Tuesday to Jefferson Military College, of Mississippi, provided the school "teach and disseminate...the true principles of Jeffersonian democracy and the Constitution, Christianity and superiority of the Anglo-Saxon and Latin-American races." As a white supremacy advocate Judge Armstrong paid for political newspaper advertising during the last Presidential campaign in support of the Dixiecrats. His appeals were heavily larded with anti-Semitic and anti-Negro prejudice.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES URGED TO DENOUNCE ANTI-SEMITISM, EXTEND EVANGELIZATION TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Protestant churches were urged last night by the Conference on the Church and the Jewish People to denounce anti-Semitism and to include Jews in Christian missionary programs. The Conference, which concluded two days of meetings here, was held under the sponsorship of the American Committee on the Christian Approach to Jews.

The parley branded anti-Semitism as a "sin against God and man" and urged that it be opposed, "no matter what its origin." Evidences of "an alarming increase of anti-Semitism in America" were pointed up by the Conference. Speakers outlining a program of evangelism among Jews here and abroad cautioned churches against insisting that the Jew sever all identity with his people and culture.

The Conference also listed plans for the establishment of a Christian Institute on Jewish Studies for clergy and laymen and for preparation of missionary literature for Jews. Earlier, Rabbi Elmer Berger, of the American Council for Judaism, accused Zionists of trying to draw American Jews into a nationalist movement serving Israel interests.

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, former Hadassah president, told the Conference that the "first loyalty" of an American Jew was to the United States and explained that the Zionist movement sought to establish a home for the homeless and that creation of a Jewish state was a means to that end. Israel delegate to the U.N. Aubrey S. Eban reiterated his government's offer to admit 100,000 Arab displaced persons.

ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS TELLS JUDAISM COUNCIL MEETING ZIONISM BREEDS ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Arthur Garfield Hays, counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union, told a meeting of the New York chapter of the American Council for Judaism last night that Zionism breeds anti-Semitism by contending that Jews are merely "sojourners" in the U.S. and by encouraging differentiation between Jews and non-Jews.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA DESIGNATES NOV. 5 AS DAY OF PRAYER FOR JEWS IN IRAQ

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America announced today that it has designated Saturday, Nov. 5, as a nationwide day of prayer in behalf of the "persecuted Jewish community" in Iraq.

Dr. Bernard Bamberger, Council president, said that "more than 2,000 rabbis throughout the country will invoke God's help to protect 130,000 people representing one of the most ancient and devout Jewish communities in the world. We are sure that such a prayer will find an echo in the hearts of American Jewry and the American people," he added.

CHILDREN ENTERING ISRAEL UNDER YOUTH ALIYAH SEEN AS FUTURE PIONEERS OF NEW STATE

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Israel's hope for a young generation of pioneers who will redeem the barren wastelands of the Negev and western Galilee are centered in the children brought to the Jewish state under the Youth Aliyah program, Moshe Kol, head of the Jewish Agency's Youth Aliyah department who is now visiting the U.S., told a meeting of the national board of the Pioneer Women last night.

Mr. Kol reported that the "reservoir of immigrant youth in Europe would soon be exhausted, and in the coming year the vast majority of newcomers are to be drawn from the North African countries." During the past year, Mr. Kol disclosed, 12,000 children from 52 countries were brought to Israel under the Youth Aliyah program.

199 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS ARRIVE IN U.S. FROM GERMANY; MOST ARE AIDED BY U.S.N.A.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A total of 199 Jewish DP immigrants--145 of them sponsored by the United Service for New Americans--arrived here today aboard the S.S. General Bundy from Bremerhaven, Germany. (In Washington, it was announced last night by the Displaced Persons Commission that 26 percent, or about 24,000 persons, of the total number of DP immigrants who entered the U.S. under the Displaced Act of 1948 were Jews.)

1950 BUDGET OF NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD TO BE REVIEWED BY FINANCE COUNCIL

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The finance council of the National Jewish Welfare Board will discuss the program and budget of the J.W.B. in 1950 at a two-day meeting opening here Saturday evening, it was announced today by Robert S. Adler, of Chicago, chairman of the council. The 1949 budget of the J.W.B. was \$1,491,955.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LOUIS JOHNSON TO RECEIVE MEDAL AWARD FROM "INTERFAITH IN ACTION"

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson will be awarded a gold medal from Interfaith in Action for "his outstanding work in fostering better racial and religious understanding among the armed forces," it was announced by George A. Saltzman, president of the group.

MYER FRANSKY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC REGION OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Myer Franksy, of this city, has been named president of the Pacific Region of the American Jewish Congress for a two-year term. He was elected at a regional parley attended by 500 delegates of local Congress branches. He succeeds Rabbi Max Nussbaum, of Hollywood.