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ISRAEL-TRANSJORDAN PACT ON ACCESS TO HADASSAH HOSPITAL SIGNED, ARAB PRESS REPORTS

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- Arab sources today reported that an agreement has already been signed between Israel and Transjordan regarding access to the Hadassah Hospital, on Mt. Scopus, which is now in Arab-held territory. The report appeared in an Arab newspaper published in Nablus. Well-informed Israel circles said that they are unaware of any such agreement.

The Israel Foreign Office today received notification from the Turkish Government that the exchange of diplomats between Israel and Turkey which took place last November is considered by the Turkish Government to be de jure recognition of the Jewish state. In making this fact public, Israel's Foreign Office stressed that this constitutes the first time full recognition has been extended to the Jewish state by a Moslem country.

Further indications of increased friendship on the part of Turkey was seen today in the arrival here of a championship Turkish soccer team which will play a series of matches in Tel Aviv and Haifa. The members of the team travelled on an Israel plane, escorted by representatives of the Turkish press and by outstanding Turkish sportsmen.

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON CONFERS WITH STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL; ARMS NOT DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, March 9. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath today conferred for over an hour with Assistant Secretary of State Raymond Hare. He was accompanied to the State Department by Dr. Moshe Keren, counsellor of the Embassy.

Asked whether he discussed the question of the Near East arms race, Ambassador Elath said that this matter was not the subject of the conversation. The talk, he stated, involved other questions which could genuinely be called "routine matters."

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, former director of the Los Alamos atomic project, will visit Israel in the near future, it was learned here today. Dr. Oppenheimer, who is head of the Institute of Advanced Studies of Princeton University, will visit the Hebrew University, Weizman Institute of Science, and the Haifa Technical Institute.

ISRAEL DIPLOMAT RATIFIES GENOCIDE PACT AT CEREMONY AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

LAKE SUCCESS, March 9. (JTA) -- Arthur Lourie, Israel Consul General in New York and the Jewish state's alternate representative to the United Nations, this afternoon deposited here Israel's instrument of ratification of the U.N. convention on the prevention and punishment of genocide. The ceremony took place in the office of A.H. Feller, principal director of the Department of Legal Affairs of the U.N.

Israel is the eighth country to ratify the convention, the others being: Australia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Iceland, Norway and Panama. The convention will come into force on the 90th day following the date of deposit of the 20th instrument of ratification.

THREE ARAB MARAUDERS KILLED, TEN WOUNDED IN CLASH WITH ISRAEL BORDER PATROL

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- Three Arabs were killed, ten were wounded and ten were captured today in a skirmish between Israel border patrols and a gang of about 50 Arab marauders attempting to infiltrate Jewish territory in the Negev.

The recent capture of three Israel fisheries inspectors by Syrian troops was discussed for a second time yesterday at a meeting of the Israel-Syrian mixed armistice commission at Rosh Pinah, on the Israel-Syrian border. However, no solution was reached on this problem and a number of others and the commission agreed to meet again next Wednesday.

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CONTINUES DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL STATUTE FOR JERUSALEM

GENEVA, March 9. (JTA) -- The United Nations Trusteeship Council which is considering a 1948 draft statute of an international regime for Jerusalem today approved a number of articles in the old draft pertaining to the power of the proposed U.N. governor of the city, including his right to suspend the city's legislature during a period of crisis.

During the debate, Iraqi delegate Fadhil Jamali declared that it was not even certain that a majority of the Jews oppose the internationalization of Jerusalem. (He was obviously referring to communications from two minor Jewish religious groups in Jerusalem--Neturei Kerta and the Ashkenazi Orthodox Council--who have expressed support of internationalization in communications to the Council.) Gideon Raphael, Israel delegate, declared that the majority of the Jews oppose internationalization in the form laid down in the Council statute.

(In Jerusalem, the Agudas Israel central committee officially denied that the Ashkenazi Orthodox Council, which submitted a memorandum yesterday to the Trusteeship Council demanding representation on any Jerusalem legislature set up by the U.N., was in any way connected with the Agudas Israel.)

BRITISH TOURISTS GOING TO ISRAEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO SPEND FOREIGN CURRENCY

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- After May 1 British tourists visiting Israel will be permitted to take foreign currency with them to pay their expenses in the Jewish state, it was announced in Commons today by Minister for Economic Affairs H.T.N. Gaitskell. Each adult will be allowed the equivalent of \$140, while each child will be allowed to spend about \$100 in foreign currency.

Dr. Mordecai Eliash, Israel Minister to Britain, was introduced to French President Vincent Auriol last night at a reception for the diplomatic corps held in connection with the French President's visit of state here. M. Auriol exchanged a few words with Dr. Eliash, recalling President Chaim Weizmann's visit with him in Paris last year.

JEWISH AGENCY BROADCASTS FROM ISRAEL WILL NOT BE HEARD IN UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency overseas broadcasts in three languages which will be beamed to most of the countries of the world beginning Saturday evening will not be heard in the United States for the time being, it was announced here today by I. Klinov, speaking for Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. Mr. Locker is currently in London in connection with the British Joint Palestine Appeal. The programs will feature news broadcasts in English, Yiddish and French, Israel music and Hebrew lessons.

ISRAEL AND UNITED STATES START TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON AVIATION PROBLEMS NEXT WEEK

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- Talks to adjust various aviation problems between the United States and Israel will begin in Washington next week, it was announced here today. Arie Pinkus, high official of the Communications Ministry, who is also manager of the government-subsidized El Al airline, will leave for Washington Wednesday.

While in the United States for the talks, Mr. Pinkus will explore the possibility of a new El Al New York to Lydda route. In addition, he will discuss currency problems with the Trans-Western Airlines and will conclude negotiations for the purchase of a plane to replace a four-engine Skymaster recently destroyed in a take-off accident at Lydda.

FRANCE REQUESTS ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE BAO DAI REGIME IN INDO-CHINA

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is seriously considering a French request that it recognize the Bao Dai regime in Indo-China, it was learned here today.

The government finds itself in a difficult position since it has thus far maintained a policy of neutrality in all situations where two rival governments claim sovereignty in a country.

PRAGUE UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH CHAIR IN HEBREW; MASARYK ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- A chair in Hebrew will be created soon at the University of Prague, it was announced at a reception tendered by the Israel-Czech Friendship League in honor of Edward Goldstuecker, Czechoslovak Minister to the Jewish state. The League said it will present a Hebrew library to the Prague University.

Addressing guests at the reception, Mr. Goldstuecker said he came to Israel to "facilitate the promotion of political, economic and cultural relations between Czechoslovakia and Israel and to enlighten the Czech people on Israel developments." Dr. Mordecai Eliashiv, head of the East European division of the Israel Foreign Ministry, lauded Czechoslovakia for "her favorable attitude to mass immigration to Israel."

The 100th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Masaryk, first President of Czechoslovakia, was marked yesterday with a memorial celebration at Kfar Masaryk, the Israel colony named for him. Minister Goldstuecker attended the event.

SPANISH NON-JEW WHO ENTERED ISRAEL ILLEGALLY PERMITTED TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY

HAIFA, March 9. (JTA) -- A young non-Jewish Spaniard who entered Israel illegally was today sentenced to three days imprisonment and a fine of about \$20 in Israel currency, but was not ordered expelled from the country.

The youth, who jumped overboard from a Norwegian tanker Sunday and was arrested while swimming to shore, told the magistrate that "Israel is a country and I want to settle here." He also told the court that he was a descendant of a family of Marranos--Jews who accepted Christianity under pain of death during the Spanish Inquisition, but who continued to practice Judaism secretly. He said that he had fought against Franco during the Spanish rebellion.

JEWISH AGENCY ENVOY SEEKS REORGANIZATION OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, March 9. (JTA) -- Reorganization of the Zionist Organization in Austria is necessary, Franz Jambor, newly-appointed Jewish Agency director for Vienna, said here. The formation of a group comprising all Zionist bodies in Austria is desirable, he added. Mr. Jambor will remain in Austria three months.

U.S. ARMY RELEASES REPORT ON ANTI-SEMITISM AND RESTITUTION DELAYS IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 9. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is still strong in Germany according to a report released today by the Department of Defense, submitted by Major Abraham S. Hyman, acting adviser on Jewish affairs to the United States occupation authorities in Germany and Austria until the end of last year.

The report points out that although the statements against anti-Semitism made last November by President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany "were forthright and represented an excellent beginning," they were practically ignored in the German press.

Major Hyman recommends that in the American approach to the German people the fact should be stressed that "it is at least as much, if not more, in their own interest as it is in the interest of the Jewish people that they forsake their anti-Semitism." The former adviser on Jewish affairs says that in the course of his four-and-a-half-year tour of duty he met Germans who rejected anti-Semitism during the Nazi regime, but he feels that "these people are a pitifully small minority."

Reporting on the problem of property restitution, Major Hyman emphasizes the determination of U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy to prevent the restitution law now in effect in the U.S. zone of Germany from being defeated through interminable delays in restitution courts.

With regard to the restitution situation in Austria, Major Hyman points out that amendments recently proposed to the Austrian Third Restitution Law "are a clear-cut attempt at the emasculation of this law." He warns that if the proposed amendments are adopted, internal restitution in Austria "will become a farce." The amendments were introduced in the parliament by extreme rightists of the Volkspartei, following the Parliamentary elections of last October.

Nazi victims are being evicted from the Rotweg housing project in Stuttgart to make room for former Nazis and ex-storm troopers acquitted by denazification courts in Wuertemberg-Baden, the New York Times reported from Stuttgart today. The project was built during the war by the Nazis for Gestapo men and their families and for persons politically acceptable to the local Gestapo commander. Most of them were arrested at the end of the war but have since been released by German courts, while American occupation authorities refuse to interfere, the Times said.)

Major Hyman concludes his report with praise for the International Refugee Organization, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for their work in helping in the rehabilitation of displaced Jews. He also lauds the role played by the U.S. Army in Germany and in Austria in helping ease the situation of Jewish DP's. "Almost with no exception, every request which could, within the framework of our occupation policy, be met, was readily met," he stresses.

U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN GERMANY ASKED TO EXTEND DEADLINE ON RESTITUTION CLAIMS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Extension of the deadline for filing restitution claims in the U.S. zone of Germany by victims of Nazism was requested today in a communication from the World Jewish Congress to John J. McCloy, U.S. High Commissioner in Germany. The Congress asked that the new deadline on the filing of such claims be set for March 31, 1950.

"Although the Law was promulgated at the end of August, 1949, it was made effective retroactive from April 1, so that the initially envisaged one year filing period was reduced by five months," the World Jewish Congress pointed out.

FACTORY IN FRANCE OWNED BY JEW IS BOMBED; POLICE SUSPECT SECRET ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP

PARIS, March 9. (JTA) -- A plastic bomb exploded today in the offices of a cardboard manufacturing company in Montreuil owned by Bernard Mantel, a French Jew of German origin. Considerable damage was caused by the blast.

Police investigating the bombing said they have found no clues as yet regarding the perpetrators, but indicated that they suspect the outrage was committed by a secret anti-Semitic group in France, since similar incidents involving Jews, or persons with Jewish-sounding names, have repeatedly occurred in the past.

BOMBAY JEWISH LEADER SUBMITS PLAN TO AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO AID JEWS IN AFGHANISTAN

BOMBAY, March 9. (JTA) -- Proposals for the amelioration of living conditions of the Jews of Afghanistan have been submitted to Sardar Najibullah Khan, Afghan Ambassador at New Delhi, by H. Cynowicz, chairman of the Zionist Federation of Bombay, it was learned here today.

A proposal for the emigration of Afghanistan Jews was also handed the Ambassador during what Mr. Cynowicz described as a "friendly conversation." The Ambassador promised to transmit the communications to his government.

Cooperative settlements in Israel have been held up by a leading Indian woman leader as an example for India to follow in settling its refugee problem. Speaking at the College of Commerce at Daryaganj, near Delhi, Mrs. K. Shiva Rao, of the All-India Women's Conference, described the fully cooperative and partial cooperative settlements in Israel and suggested that the latter type is more suited for India.

HONG KONG JEWS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ISRAEL INSTITUTIONS FOR FIRST TIME IN FIFTY YEARS

HONG KONG, March 9. (JTA) -- The Hong Kong Jewish community, which has been in existence for half a century, has this year for the first time been approached by the Keren Hayesod to conduct a fund-raising campaign in behalf of Israel institutions. A committee to conduct the drive has already been organized, despite the objections of a number of British Jews who still avoid all matters concerning Israel.

The Hong Kong Jewish Women's Association, founded to support the Youth Aliyah movement, recently celebrated its first anniversary. During the year the group collected \$13,000. The local Jewish community is unique in that it has almost no local welfare problem, since only four persons are currently being assisted by the community.

A mild interest has been demonstrated by some members of the community in investment possibilities in Israel. Also, several young people recently went to Israel on immigrant transports sponsored by the International Refugee Organization and the Joint Distribution Committee.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER GETS ITALIAN AWARD FOR AID TO PARTISANS DURING WAR

JOHANNESBURG, March 9. (JTA) -- President Luigi Einaudi of Italy has awarded the Star of Italy to Dr. B. Sonnabend, vice-chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, for his liaison work with Italian partisans during his military activities in Italy in 1944 and 1945. For part of the war, Dr. Sonnabend was responsible for the welfare of some 70,000 Italian prisoners of war in the Sonderwater Camp, in the Transvaal.

3,000 SMALL BUSINESSES SET UP FOR INVALID IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL WITH U.S. AID

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Funds raised by American Jews have helped to make possible the creation of some 3,000 small businesses, grouped as shopping centers along American lines, for the rehabilitation and resettlement of invalid immigrants in Israel at a total cost of \$5,000,000, Judge Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, declared today in a report on development and international activities.

To facilitate the economic absorption of disabled newcomers all small enterprises, particularly stores, in the newly constructed immigrant quarters, are being reserved for the invalids. United Palestine Appeal agencies are providing up to \$560 for the construction of the premises and granting loans up to \$420 toward the initial operating capital for each immigrant, Judge Rothenberg stated.

Each invalid immigrant entering business is given thorough medical and psychological screening to determine his capabilities and capacities and is especially licensed to eliminate undue competition for the handicapped among the newcomers.

\$20,000,000 CORPORATION FORMED TO PROVIDE HOUSING IN ISRAEL; BACKED BY UNIONS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- The Amun-Israeli Housing Corporation, a company to finance \$20,000,000 worth of low cost housing in the Jewish state, has been organized here, it was announced yesterday. The corporation is sponsored on a non-sectarian basis by labor unions and American businessmen.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has approved plans for the floating of a \$10,000,000 bond issue which will pay three percent interest and will be amortized over a 15-year period. The Israel Government will guarantee that at least 10 percent of the investment will be repaid in dollars. The corporation plans to build 8,000 homes in the \$2,500-\$3,000 class.

Among the sponsors of the project are officials of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, William Green, president of the A.F.L., and Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O. Among the businessmen associated with the corporation are Nelson Rockefeller, Beardsley Ruml, and Charles Silver, president of the American Woolen Company. The I.L.G.W.U. has pledged the purchase of \$1,000,000 worth of the bonds which will be sold in denominations of \$100 to \$1,000.

JERUSALEM WILL NEVER BE INTERNATIONALIZED, ISRAEL CONSUL GENERAL IN N.Y. DECLARES

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Efforts to internationalize the city of Jerusalem never will succeed, Arthur Lourie, Israel Consul General for New York, declared last night at a dinner honoring Isidore Agree, executive director of the National Dress Manufacturers Association, for his activities in behalf of the current Histadrut Campaign for \$10,000,000.

Mr. Lourie said that there had been a "very real change" in the atmosphere among the twelve members of the United Nations Trusteeship Council at Geneva. "Of all the countries represented at the Council," he declared, "there is only one, Iraq, which continues to display an unqualified enthusiasm for the implementation of the Assembly resolution as it stands."

NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASSES BILL TO BAN DISCRIMINATION IN STATE-AIDED HOUSING

ALBANY, N.Y., March 9. (JTA) -- The Wicks-Austin Bill forbidding racial and religious discrimination in publicly-aided private housing projects built after July 1, 1950, was passed unanimously here yesterday by the New York State Senate and sent to the Assembly, where passage is expected.

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