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ISRAEL ANNOUNCES STRICTER AUSTERITY; REDUCES FOOD RATIONS; DOLES OUT RAW MATERIALS

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has decided to tighten the austerity program in the country in order to balance exports and imports, Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Supply and Rationing, announced in Parliament today.

He revealed that the monthly meat ration will be reduced to 500 grams per person while the sugar ration will be limited to one kilogram per person per month. Chocolate and soap rations will be also reduced, he said.

The Israel Minister dwelt on the need for an increase in exports and said that the government has decided to institute rationing of raw materials to various factories, in accordance with their "export ability."

The new restrictions are necessary since Israel imported approximately \$62,200,000 worth of food from March 1949 to February, 1950, the Minister explained. Despite the shortage of foreign currency and many difficulties, he said, the government succeeded in supplying all essential foods which, from a scientific viewpoint, sufficed for the citizens' health and working capacity. "Every citizen received an equal and just share," he added.

Military Budget Is Burden on State, Says Ben Gurion; Fears Aggression

Foreign aggression is still possible, therefore Israel must maintain a well-trained, fully-equipped Army, Navy and Air Force which is a heavy burden upon the state budget, Premier David Ben Gurion told Parliament, in explanation of the country's current financial condition. "We are still far from a satisfactory situation in the three forces," he said, adding that the budgetary pressure would be reduced somewhat when the Army is reorganized on a new basis.

With the anticipated creation of a well-trained, speedy and mobile territorial reserve force, the Army may be reduced to a minimum as far as the land forces are concerned. He stressed the need for maintenance of a full Air Force to "smash the enemy's air force and obtain air supremacy." The same applies to the Navy and specialized services, he continued.

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told the Knesset that the government would be glad to reduce the budget, but sees no possibility for doing so. However, he said, the government has agreed to reduce the budget by some \$4,000,000.

Detailing the various budgetary items, he attempted to explain that it was impossible to cut the budget for education, immigrant absorption, public health, housing and other items. He denied vigorously a report appearing in the left-wing Mapam newspaper, Al Hamishmar, stating that the Israel treasury deducts a third of the capital of all immigrants arriving from Poland and that the Polish Government has demanded that Israel discontinue this practice.

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NEW WATER PIPELINE FOR JERUSALEM COMPLETED; CITY WILL DOUBLE ITS WATER SUPPLY

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- After a year's work, a new water pipeline was completed today. Jerusalem will now get double the amount of water which it formerly received. The pipes for the new pipeline were received from the United States under the \$100,000,000 loan obtained by Israel from the American Export-Import Bank.

Besides alleviating the acute water shortage in Jerusalem, the new pipeline will provide water for nearly 20 settlements in the "Jerusalem corridor." It will also enable greater industrial development in the city. A special "water festival" is being planned by the Jerusalem municipality to celebrate completion of the pipeline.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT HOLDS STORMY SESSION ON EDUCATION ISSUE IN IMMIGRANT CAMPS

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- The controversial issue of education in Israel's immigrant camps came up today at a stormy session of parliament in which the government was attacked by opposition groups for appointing its own inquiry committee despite the fact that a parliamentary committee was appointed for this purpose.

The government's inquiry committee prepared a report admitting that the government's staff in the camps was incompetent. This made it clear that an earlier press report stating that the staff of the Jewish Agency in the camps was found incompetent had no basis in fact. Members of the left-wing Mapam group also charged that the government report was "one-sided."

Defending the report of the government inquiry committee, Premier David Ben Gurion denied that it was partial. He explained that the government had a right to appoint its own investigating committee. The report, he said, had not yet been distributed but would shortly be available to everyone, although the government has already published its contents in the press. He urged that parliament accept the report as it stands.

Leaders of the Mizrahi orthodox group supported the Premier's plea, but leaders of the Mapam demanded that the government resign in view of the fact that it is responsible for the situation created in the camps. By a vote of 42-32, the Knesset decided to vote on the report of the government inquiry committee when it comes up for balloting.

SENATE BILLION-DOLLAR ARMS BILL FOR EUROPE MAY AFFECT ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- The \$1,225,000,000 arms bill passed jointly by two Senate committees yesterday may have an important effect on the arms situation of Israel and the Arab countries, it was stated here today.

Although the major provision of the bill is to provide arms for any European nation "whose strategic location makes it of direct importance to the defense of the North Atlantic area," another provision authorizes the sale of arms to any nation anywhere "whose ability to defend itself or to participate in the defense of the area of which it is a part is important" to American security. The tripartite statement of policy on arms for the Near East emphasized that weapons will be supplied to Israel and the Arab states "for legitimate self-defense."

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EFFORTS TO SECURE STAY FOR SHANGHAI DP'S IN U.S. FAIL; MUST LEAVE TODAY FOR GERMANY

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- The group of 108 DP's who entered the United States from Shanghai will be shipped to Germany tomorrow aboard the U.S. naval transport General Sturgis, a spokesman for the Justice Department said this afternoon. All but 15 of them are Jewish.

The group will go back to Germany to await screening by the International Refugee Organization. It was reported here, however, that President Truman has issued orders to John J. McCloy, U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, specifying that the group is to be granted temporary haven in Germany in an I.R.O. DP camp rather than in a German administered camp. When and if they pass screening requirements, they will be returned to the U.S. on an I.R.O. ship. It was pointed out here that their return to Germany, where members of the group once suffered in DP camps, was due to technicalities in the DP law.

Accepting an offer by United Service for New Americans to defray all cable costs, the State Department today cabled a list of the refugees to American consulates in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Yokohama, Manila, Bremen, Hamburg, Frankfurt and Munich, and instructed the consuls to search their files for the dossiers of members of the group. Location of the dossiers would make it necessary for the refugees to undergo again the preliminary screening required before a U.S. visa can be issued. The consuls have been advised to forward any dossiers they find in their files to Washington or to a central point in Germany, where the refugees will be screened.

Press Criticizes Deportation; U.S.N.A. Prepares for Return of Refugees

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Walter H. Bieringer, president of the United Service for New Americans, announced today that the agency has already initiated action to secure assurances of jobs and homes in the U.S. for those of the 106 Shanghai refugees who are declared eligible for entry. He pointed out that this will speed their eventual return here, as such assurances are required under the DP Act. Mr. Bieringer also said that the Joint Distribution Committee has been alerted to the situation of the refugee group, and will assist the returnees when they arrive in Germany.

Mr. Bieringer voiced regret that the efforts of United Service to prevent the return of the refugees to Europe had failed, but said that U.S.N.A. was grateful for the American Government's decision to permit the group to retain its DP status. He pledged that as soon as any of the refugees arrive back in the U.S. for permanent entry, United Service will make every effort to speed their resettlement and reunite them with relatives. Most of the group have close relatives here, including husbands and wives in some cases, and mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers.

Leading New York newspapers in editorials today severely criticized the deportation of the Shanghai refugees to Germany. The New York Times took issue with the argument advanced by the Department of Justice that there is no law under which these refugees can be admitted to the United States. "Until the boat sails with its human cargo tomorrow afternoon we shall refuse to believe that this is the final answer," the Times editorial said.

The New York Herald Tribune commented similarly. "Common sense, a factor sometimes overlooked in the establishment of regulations, would seem to argue that it is foolish and unnecessarily expensive to transport people from Shanghai to San Francisco to New York and to Bremen before deciding that most of them can come to America anyway," the editorial said. "The obvious and simple procedure would seem to be to examine the refugees here--whatever time it takes--to determine which of them would be eligible for entry into this country," it concluded.

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700 JEWS REPORTED BACK IN GERMANY FROM ISRAEL; SEEK EMIGRATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The United Press today reported from Frankfurt that 700 displaced Jews who were resettled in Israel have returned to Germany and are now a problem for the American and German authorities.

Most of them have appealed to the International Refugee Organization to restore their status as displaced persons and help them migrate to the United States or Australia. However, the I.R.O. is taking the position that once a displaced person has been resettled, he loses his DP status, the report said.

313 HUNGARIAN JEWS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL IN LARGEST PARTY TO MIGRATE UNDER RECENT AGREEMENT

BUDAPEST, June 20. (JTA) -- The third, and thus far largest group of Israel-bound Hungarian Jews to leave under the recent agreement between the two countries, today set out for Venice on the first leg of their journey to the Jewish state. At the Italian port city the 313 members of the group will board the vessel Arzah for the voyage to Haifa.

About 80 percent of the group consists of persons who have close relatives living in Israel, while the remainder are persons over 55 years of age. There are many more young people in this party than in the previous two.

CONVENTION OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY HEARS PLEA FOR SENDING U.S. JEWISH YOUTHS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Leaders of the American Jewish community need not feel any restraint in encouraging Jewish youth to "invest their lives in Israel out of a desire for complete fulfillment as Jews," Rabbi Israel Goldstein, former Jewish Agency treasurer, declared here today at the four-day 50th anniversary convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. Dr. Goldstein added that "Israel needs chalutzim from America for their qualitative, even more than their quantitative value."

Turning to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, the Zionist leader expressed the opinion that the effects of the decisions reached in Jerusalem this December will be far reaching for both the Zionist movement and Israel. The objective of Zionism cannot be said to have been attained until the Jewish state is "firmly on its feet," he continued, and in the coming struggles a "tried and seasoned" Zionist organization will prove useful.

The argument that Zionists outside of Israel should not interfere in Israeli problems is "hardly tenable," Dr. Goldstein said. It is natural and proper for an American Jew to express his predilections with regard to problems in Israel, he stated, adding that "the only point at which interference must, of necessity, stop is the right to vote in Israel."

The Rabbinical Assembly proposes to initiate a nationwide movement for Sabbath observance, Rabbi Max Arzt, a past president of the Assembly, announced today. "The restoration of the Sabbath will restore our spiritual equilibrium and mental equanimity," he said. "It will strengthen the weakened foundations of the home, turn the hearts of parents to the children and the hearts of children to their parents."

At a special Golden Jubilee celebration at Carnegie Hall here tonight 18 members of the Assembly were awarded citations in recognition of 40 years of outstanding service to the rabbinate. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, delivered the principal address.

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF WINNIPEG TO BE RESUMED; WAS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF FLOOD

WINNIPEG, June 20. (JTA) -- Although members of the local Jewish community have suffered considerable losses through the catastrophic flood of the Red River, the United Jewish Appeal, which was temporarily suspended, will be resumed immediately, it was announced here today.

A meeting of officials of the Winnipeg Jewish Appeal, of which the United Jewish Appeal is a part, decided that in view of the urgent situation in Israel, every effort should be made to conclude the drive at the earliest date.

One of the largest contributions to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund was received from Bronfman Bros. and B. Aaron of Montreal. The donation was \$75,000. The Canadian Jewish Congress has issued an appeal to all Jewish communities to make generous contributions to the relief fund and has offered technical aid for the rehabilitation of the sufferers.

JEWS IN BRITAIN RAISE \$3,220,000 FOR ISRAEL; EXPECT TO COLLECT \$5,600,000 THIS YEAR

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) -- A total of 1,150,000 pounds (\$3,220,000) has so far been raised by the Joint Palestine Appeal of Great Britain, it was announced here last night at an Appeal dinner by Isaac Wolfson, chairman of the campaign. An additional 25,000 pounds was pledged at the function toward the 1950 goal of 2,000,000 pounds.

Mr. Wolfson announced that only 11,000 persons have contributed to this year's drive, while 16,000 contributed to the 1949 campaign and 33,000 to the 1948 drive. Among the featured speakers at the dinner were Michael Comay, head of the Israel Foreign Ministry Commonwealth Division, and Kingsley Martin, editor of the pro-Israel *New Statesman and Nation*.

\$1,100,000 PLEDGED TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AT AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DINNER

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Pledges totalling \$1,100,000 were made to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York last night at the second Stephen S. Wise Memorial Dinner sponsored on behalf of the U.J.A. by the American Jewish Congress. One of the highlights of the dinner, which was attended by 400 guests, was the presentation of the Stephen S. Wise Award to Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee, for his outstanding contribution to the welfare of Jewry overseas.

Aubrey S. Eban, Israel permanent delegate to the United Nations and Ambassador to Washington, who was the chief speaker, declared that the "Arab states' refusal to make peace makes it all the more urgent to end the policy of one-sided rearmament which has operated in favor of the very party which refuses a peace settlement." Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the A.J.C., reported on the progress of Kfar Shmuel, Israeli agricultural village which was established as a memorial to the late Rabbi Stephen Wise.

JEWS IN URUGUAY RAISE \$250,000 IN ONE WEEK FOR LOCAL UNITED ISRAEL CAMPAIGN

MONTEVIDEO, June 20. (JTA) -- The Jews of Uruguay have raised \$250,000 for the United Israel Appeal within one week after the launching of the drive here by Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament, it was announced today.

UNIVERSITY-INSTITUTE-TECHNION FUND GETS JEWISH AGENCY PERMISSION TO RAISE FUNDS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The University-Institute-Technion Fund was today granted formal authorization by the Jewish Agency's Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns to raise funds in the United States during 1950 in behalf of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Haifa Technion.

The authorization granted the new combined Fund was given on the same general terms granted ten other agencies now campaigning in the United States for Israel causes, a spokesman for the Agency explained. The terms are designed to safeguard the priority of the United Jewish Appeal as the principal fund-raising agency here for the upbuilding of the Jewish state.

U.S. JEWS MUST HELP ISRAEL NOT ONLY WITH FUNDS, BUT ALSO WITH MANPOWER, GROSSMAN SAYS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- American Jews must help Israel not only with funds but also with manpower, Meir Grossman, member of the Jewish Agency executive, told a luncheon here upon his arrival in the United States en route to Argentina where he will aid the United Israel Appeal campaign.

The luncheon was arranged by Morris Weinberg, publisher of The Day, New York Yiddish daily newspaper of which Mr. Grossman is a staff member. The Agency executive member, reporting on economic difficulties in Israel, said that the reservoir of immigrants from European countries for Israel is being exhausted and that it is highly important for the Jewish state to have immigrants from the United States. Mordecai Danzias, editor of The Day, presided at the luncheon.

ARGENTINE JEWS CONDEMN ATTACKS ON ISRAEL AND ZIONISM APPEARING IN COMMUNIST PAPER

BUENOS AIRES, June 20. (JTA) -- A statement condemning "Haint," the Yiddish-language Communist daily newspaper published here, was issued by the DAIA, central Jewish representative body of Argentina.

The statement took issue with several recent articles appearing in Haint attacking Israel, the Zionist movement and labelling the present Israel government headed by Premier David Ben Gurion a "servant of Anglo-American imperialism."

ISRAEL PLANE CARRYING 51 PASSENGERS ARRIVES IN N.Y. ON FIRST DIRECT FLIGHT FROM LYDDA

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- An Israel national airlines DC-4 carrying 51 passengers in the first direct Israel-New York flight arrived here last night. The craft took off from Lydda and stopped at Rome, Paris, Shannon and Newfoundland en route to this country. Most of the passengers were American and Canadian students, who had been visiting Israel.

275TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE IN AMSTERDAM IS MARKED AT EXHIBITION

AMSTERDAM, June 20. (JTA) -- An exhibition celebrating the 275th anniversary of the world-famous Portuguese synagogue here was opened at the Municipal Museum here. The exhibit includes numerous objects of Sephardic art, ancient manuscripts, paintings, religious and cultural relics.

47,000 CHILDREN TO ATTEND CAMPS OPERATED BY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- More than 47,000 children will attend the 225 resident and day camps operated by Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHA's during the 1950 camping season, beginning July 1, it was announced by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

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