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SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS IN UNITED STATES TO BE LAUNCHED IN MAY, KAPLAN REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20 (JTA) -- The hope that the first foreign issue of Israel Government bonds will be launched in the United States on Israel's Independence Day was expressed here today by Finance Minister Kaplan, in a report to the Parliament. Israel Independence Day is May 14.

PARLIAMENT HEARS REPORT ON NEGEV'S NATURAL RESOURCES; DEVELOPMENT PLAN OUTLINED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (JTA) -- Establishment of a central government agency for research and development of the natural resources of the Negev, Israel's southern desert, was announced to the Israel Parliament today by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan.

While the new Government agency will seek to encourage private investment in Negev projects through participation in "daughter companies" in which the government and private capital would be partners, the Finance Minister stressed that the government will keep control of all natural resources.

He reported that research to date showed the Negev to be "much richer than we estimated." Two agencies have already been established to exploit Negev potentialities, he said, one for phosphates and one for kaolin. Negotiations are now proceeding, he said, for establishment of basic industries in the Negev.

The Finance Minister warned that the world situation is gravely affecting Israel's economy and the country is therefore compelled to take urgent measures to become more or less self-sufficient. This, he said, was a matter of life and death for Israel. He confirmed reports that the government had asked the Export-Import Bank for a further loan of \$35,000,000.

ISRAEL-JORDAN SURVEY COMMISSION FAILS TO AGREE ON BOUNDARY LINE OF ELIATH ROAD

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (JTA) -- The joint survey team sent out to establish the Israel-Jordan demarcation line on the Eliath road in the southern desert--scene of a recent clash between Israel and Jordan forces--has so far been unable to agree even on the terms of reference of the team, it was learned today.

The team includes Israel and Jordanian technicians, accompanied by United Nations military observers. In two meetings to date, near the scene of the clash, the surveyors have been unable to agree on the accuracy of the maps on which the boundary line is drawn.

ARAB REFUGEES PLAN TO START "MARCH ON ISRAEL" FROM SYRIA AND LEBANON

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (JTA) -- Arab refugees from Palestine now in Syria and Lebanon will stage a march on Israel January 2, the Baghdad radio announced today. Decisions to stage such a "march" was reached at recent conferences of Arab refugees in the two Arab countries.

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GOVERNMENT WORKERS IN ISRAEL DETERMINED TO STRIKE TODAY; PROTEST DELAY ON GRIEVANCES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Despite appeal from Cabinet Ministers to moderate their action, some 20,000 government workers in Israel today remained adamant in their threat to strike for two hours tomorrow in protest against delays in settling their grievances.

At a meeting of the top policy-making committee of the Government Employees Association it was decided to make a last-minute attempt to settle outstanding issues at a meeting with Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. Yesterday, Labor Minister Golda Myerson appealed to the union to hold off its action until at least December 28, a week beyond its present deadline.

ISRAEL PREMIER RETURNS TO ISRAEL FOLLOWING VACATION IN EUROPE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion arrived at Lydda airport at dawn this morning, completing a three-week vacation spent in private visits in Athens, Oxford, England, and Nice, France.

He was met at the airport by members of the Cabinet and Israel army chiefs and proceeded immediately to Tel Aviv. The Israel leader returned on the El-Al Paris-Lydda airliner which made a special stop at Nice to embark him.

Richard Crossman, Labor member of the British Parliament, was a passenger on the plane. He is visiting Israel as the guest of President Chaim Weizmann.

JEWISH PHYSICIAN IN ISRAEL CHARGED WITH KILLING FIVE INMATES OF NAZI CAMP

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Yehoshua Steinberg, a physician living in Be'er-sheva, faced charges in magistrates' court here today of causing the death of five persons in a Nazi concentration camp where he served as a physician. He was also charged with torturing a number of other camp inmates.

Moshe Putschitz, another defendant, was charged with "informing" on Jews while serving as deputy chief of the Jewish police in the Ostrovice ghetto in 1942-43.

TRIAL OF EX-NAZI OFFICIAL IN GERMANY POSTPONED TILL FEBRUARY; JEWS ENTER CASE

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Trial of a former Nazi official, now a shopkeeper in Eschwege, on charges of insulting the Jews was postponed here today until Feb. 8, after the Union of Hesse Jewish communities was permitted by the court to intervene in the case as an interested party.

The former official, George Engelmann, 64, headed a German office in Poland during the war charged with administering Jewish property. He was accused of repeatedly stating of the Jews in public that "too few of this race has been gassed." The court described the statement as a grave insult to the Jewish community.

JEWISH ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA RECEIVED IN BERLIN; JEWISH COMMUNITY URGES ACTION

BERLIN, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic propaganda from Einar Aberg, Swedish anti-Semitic pamphleteer, has been received by a number of people in Berlin, it was learned here today. As soon as the news reached the Jewish community, Heinz Galinski, president of the community council, approached the municipal authorities with a request for immediate action to halt the flow of the propaganda.

HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE HONORED FOR FOSTERING INTERFAITH AND INTERRACIAL UNDERSTANDING

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Herbert Bayard Swope, noted journalist and consultant to Secretary of War Henry Stimson during World War II, was presented tonight with the Interfaith in Action 1950 Gold Medal Award at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, attended by 1,500 notables of all faiths.

The presentation was made by Bernard M. Baruch who read the citation in which Mr. Swope's achievements in fostering interfaith and interracial understanding were emphasized. Speakers at the \$1,000-a-table dinner, in addition to Mr. Baruch, included Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War; James A. Farley, chairman of the dinner; New York State Supreme Court Justice George Beldock; George A. Saltzman, president of the Interfaith in Action Committee, and Louis Nizer, author.

The keynote theme emphasized by all the speakers was the need, in the face of the cataclysm of a third world war which seems to be approaching, for making real and expanding interfaith and interracial understanding and the brotherhood of man -- both to help avert the feared new war and to help free men meet the crisis better if it comes.

According to Arthur H. Konvitz, executive director of Interfaith in Action, proceeds of the dinner will become part of the Interfaith in Action Committee's fund for a \$1,000,000 interfaith and community center at the northwest corner of Seventh Avenue and Fortieth Street, in New York City's garment center. The site for the building, which will include a synagogue, gymnasium, swimming pool, library and auditorium, has already been purchased for over \$500,000 out of funds previously raised in the campaign. The Interfaith in Action Committee is led and supported by representatives of all religious faiths.

Mr. Swope was four times a recipient of the Pulitzer Journalism award -- once for his own work as a reporter covering Germany in the First World War; the other three times for the public service the New York World had rendered under his editorship. He wears the Medal for Merit, awarded by the President and conferred on him by General Eisenhower.

INTERFAITH GROUP TO FORMULATE POLICY REGARDING NATIVITY SCENE IN SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Board of Education here voted last night to hold an interfaith conference of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups after Jan. 1, 1951, to formulate a policy for the celebration of Christmas in the local public schools.

The resolution was adopted following protests received by the Board against an order issued by the local school superintendent to omit the Nativity scene from Christmas pageants in the schools. The original banning of the scene resulted from protests by three rabbis last year against the inclusion of the Nativity scene in Christmas plays because of possible embarrassment to Jewish pupils.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES JEWISH CHESS CHAMPION WHO WON WORLD CONTEST

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (JTA) -- Miguel Najdorf, Jewish chess champion from this country, who won an international contest in Holland, was congratulated by President and Mme. Juan Peron for his feat. Najdorf came to Argentina in 1939 to participate in a chess contest and remained here when war broke out.

ISRAEL'S DIPLOMATS PRAISED IN WASHINGTON BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, today paid tribute to Arthur C.A. Liverhant, First Secretary of the Israel Embassy, who has served here since before the state was proclaimed. At a luncheon tendered Liverhant by Ambassador Abba Eban and attended by members of the diplomatic corps and high government officials, Mr. McGhee said that Liverhant was "one of the principal media of relations with the emergent state of Israel."

The Assistant Secretary of State told the gathering that Israel is to be congratulated on the "fine calibre of people" in its diplomatic service. He said Israel diplomats "compare very favorably with those of countries which have been in the business for generations." The luncheon was also a welcome for Miss Esther Berlitz, former chief of the North American desk of the Israel Foreign Ministry, who will replace Liverhant.

TREASURER OF JEWISH AGENCY LAUDS AMERICAN JEWRY FOR READINESS TO STRENGTHEN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, today declared that "every gift dollar contributed by Americans to Israel will serve to strengthen the United Nations' most ardent Middle Eastern supporter at this crucial moment in the world's struggle to maintain peace with freedom."

At a press conference at Jewish Agency headquarters, Mr. Eshkol, who returns to Israel by air today after a two-month stay in this country, said that he was heartened by what he termed "full recognition" by American Jewry that "continued help to Israel meant implementation of the policies of the UN aimed at strengthening democratic countries."

At the same time Mr. Eshkol stressed that "humanitarian considerations of overwhelming force" added urgency to the general political considerations involved in assisting Israel through what he termed the "now-or-never year of 1951."

ZOA PRESIDENT PLEDGES UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT TO TRUMAN'S EMERGENCY PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in a telegram to President Truman, pledged "all-out and unconditional support" of the nation-wide membership of the organization to the national emergency program proclaimed by the President to "mobilize the resources and manpower of this country in defense of democracy against the aggressor."

Mr. Browdy also stressed that the Z.O.A. "through its program of aid to Israel as a democratic bastion in the Middle East and for the enrichment of the cultural heritage of the American Jewish community based on the American way of life, stands solidly behind President Truman in his great and noble effort to rally the united nation against aggression and enslavement."

NOAH W. SAIZ, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF "JEWISH RECORD" IN ST. LOUIS, DIES; WAS 63

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20 (JTA) -- Noah W. Saiz, editor and publisher of the Jewish Record, a local weekly publication, died here today at the age of 63. Born in Poland, he came to the United States in 1914 and lived in New York for six years. Later he moved to St. Louis where he became the publisher of the Record. He was known as a scholar of Hebrew literature and published numerous Talmudic books written by noted rabbis in this country.

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