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U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK GRANTS \$35,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL FOR AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today announced the successful conclusion of negotiations with the Export-Import Bank for a credit of \$35,000,000 for the expansion of Israel's agriculture and the production of fertilizers.

Ambassador Abba S. Eban expressed thanks for the attention with which the Bank examined Israel's needs. Mr. Eban said: "Approval of the credit testifies both to the highly cordial nature of United States-Israel relations and to the confidence felt by the highest financial quarters in the productive potentialities of Israel's economy."

It is contemplated that the new credit will provide essential dollar financing for equipment and materials to be used for Israel's agricultural expansion in 1951 and 1952. The new loan follows a previous \$100,000,000 Bank loan granted in January, 1949.

Contracts have been signed for purchase of equipment covering all of the \$100,000,000 credit, but Oscar Gass, economic adviser to the Israel Government, said today that he is afraid the Korean war situation may hold up delivery of some mechanical items contracted for under this loan.

Under the new loan, Israel will establish fertilizer plants which are planned to be adequate to meet the total national requirements of all basic fertilizers and to provide some markets for export. With the new money, Israel will also construct new regional irrigation works which will add approximately 70,000 acres to the irrigated areas of the country. Part of the fund will be used to complete rehabilitation of Israel's citrus industry and for new citrus planting.

Another use of the new loan will be for aid in diversified farming by which 2,500 additional farms will be established in existing older communities settled before 1946. It is also planned to complete the basic equipment of some 12,000 farms in newer communities, established since 1946.

TOP ISRAEL DIPLOMATS IN EUROPE CONFER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON WORLD SITUATION

PARIS, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Israel ministers in France, Britain, Italy, the Benelux countries and Czechoslovakia conferred here today with Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett on problems pertaining to Israel's position in relation to the present world crisis. Mr. Sharett arrived here yesterday for a short visit before he continues his journey home.

The Minister refused categorically to comment today on Egyptian reports that Israel is massing troops on the Israel-Egyptian border. (In Washington, Israel Minister Plenipotentiary Theodor Kollek denied an Egyptian report that 40,000 Israel troops were massed south and east of Bethlehem.)

ARMING OF ANY PART OF GERMANY IS A THREAT TO ISRAEL, BEN GURION TELLS PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) — The arming of either East or West Germany is a grave threat to Israel, Premier David Ben Gurion declared here last night during a debate in Parliament. He insisted that the "Germans of both the East and the West shed Jewish blood and it would be a shame to protest the arming of only one part of Germany," the Premier insisted.

He spoke during a discussion which arose when the left-wing Socialist Mapam and Communist Parties introduced a resolution condemning the recent Brussels Conference decision to rearm Western Germany. This move was followed by the introduction of a resolution by Rabbi Mordecai Nurok, of the Religious Bloc, protesting the arming of both parts of Germany. The entire matter was eventually referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee for further study.

Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, accompanied by members of his staff and Army officers, today visited semi-permanent immigrant work camps in the "corridor area" between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. He inspected the Army program for helping the immigrants and conversed with soldiers and recent immigrants in the work villages.

GENERAL ZIONISTS, HERUT AND RELIGIOUS BLOC EXTEND THEIR COALITION PACT ON MAYORS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) — The coalition agreement which resulted in the re-election yesterday of Tel Aviv's General Zionist Mayor, Israel Rokach, was also effective for the satellite towns of Petach Tikvah, Nathanya and Ramath Gan, it was learned here today.

In Petach Tikvah Yosef Saphir will receive the support of the General Zionists, Religious Bloc and Herut, while in Nathanya Oved Ben Ami will be the coalition candidate and in Ramath Gan the choice will be Abraham Kritzki. All three men hold the mayoralty office at present. As far as Jerusalem is concerned, the General Zionists have agreed to support S. Z. Shragai, candidate of the Religious Bloc.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the General Zionist Party's choice for deputy mayor of Tel Aviv is Haim Levanon, secretary-general of the party. The Religious Bloc and Herut deputies—A. Pinkus and M. Cohen, respectively—were named yesterday.

AMERICAN \$100,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL HAMPERED COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT, SNEH CHARGES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) — The American \$100,000,000 loan to Israel has hampered the development of the country and has paralyzed the Israel Government's initiative, Dr. Moshe Sneh, Mapam leader, today charged in Parliament.

Dr. Sneh demanded that the government nationalize all economic resources and large industry as well as enforce more vigorously measures which will give it "effective control over production, exports and imports." Commenting on a statement last week by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan detailing government plans for spending an anticipated second American loan, the Mapam deputy said that American capital has "disappointed" Israel and will continue to "disappoint" the Jewish state.

Referring to the general economic condition of the country, he stated that the national debt has reached the sum of 60,000,000 pounds (\$168,000,000) since the establishment of the state. In addition, the nation's economic deficit is 170,000,000 pounds, he insisted.

CITRUS FRUIT GROWERS CONTINUE STRIKE; ASK BEN GURION TO MODIFY GOVERNMENT'S OFFER

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The citrus fruit growers strike will continue until the government gives assurances to the industry that it will receive subsidies sufficient to make up for any losses it suffers in the export market, it was decided last night at an emergency meeting of fruit growers from all parts of the country.

Meanwhile, a delegation of fruit growers met today with Premier David Ben Gurion to urge him to get the government to modify its last offer. The Premier asked for several days' time to study the problem. In its final offer the government said it would pay subsidies amounting to 15 percent of the crop, with the possibility that additional grants would be made toward the end of the harvesting and exporting season.

Zvi Isakson, chairman of the board of the Farmers Association, asserted that the growers will lose seven to nine shillings (approximately \$1.00) on each case of fruit shipped abroad. He pointed out that last year's crop brought Israel some 7,500,000 pounds sterling--the equivalent of 72 percent of the country's total export. He denied charges that the growers strike was motivated by political considerations.

STASSEN MEETS WITH WEIZMANN, BEN GURION, KAPLAN; DISCUSSES U.S.-ISRAEL CULTURE TIES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Harold Stassen, Republican Party leader who has been touring Far and Middle Eastern countries conferring on the world crisis with top national leaders, met today with Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Hebrew University president Dr. Selig Brodetsky and high officials of the Foreign Ministry.

Later, in a trip to Rehovot, the former Minnesota Governor was received by President and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann. Prior to leaving today for South Africa, Mr. Stassen was welcomed by officials of the Israel-American Friendship League, with whom he discussed cultural relations between the two countries.

FULL ETHIOPIAN RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL EXPECTED SOON; BARTER EXCHANGE ALSO SEEN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Full Ethiopian recognition of Israel and the establishment of diplomatic and economic relations between the two nations is expected to be announced soon, Nathan Marein, general advisor to Emperor Haile Selassie and member of the Addis Ababa Supreme Court, said here today. He is visiting Jerusalem, his birthplace.

Judge Marein added that the people of Ethiopia are primarily interested in trade with Israel, probably on a barter basis. He said that Ethiopia could export to the Jewish state large quantities of cattle, hides, eggs and poultry in exchange for medicines, medical equipment and textiles.

22,000 JEWS EMIGRATED FROM LIBYA; 11,000 IN TRIPOLI WAITING TURN TO GO TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Some 22,000 Jews have left Libya for Israel since April, 1949, and another 11,000 remain, the New York Times reported today from Ben-hazi, Cyrenaica.

The report declares that the interior of the country has virtually been stripped of Jews who are now in Tripoli waiting to leave. The Times correspondent predicts that if the plan for taking Jews out of the country is carried out no more than 2,000 to 3,000 prosperous Jews will remain in Tripolitania by the end of next year.

CONFERENCE ON GERMAN JEWS URGES COMPLETION OF RESTITUTION, INDEMNIFICATION PROGRAMS

LONDON, Dec. 26. (JTA) — Resolutions urging the completion of German restitution and indemnification programs for Jews who suffered under the Nazi regime were adopted here at a plenary session of the Council for the Protection of the Rights and Interests of Jews from Germany. Delegates from many countries, including the United States, Israel and Germany, attended the parley.

It was also decided to strengthen ties between the Council and its constituent bodies in other countries, particularly in Western Europe and South America as well as with the Jews of Germany. In Germany, it was decided to name three vice-chairmen of the Council to serve in the leading emigration centers. A vice-chairman to reside in the United States will be named shortly.

During the session the delegates heard reports on the Council's activities in a number of countries where it had intervened in behalf of restitution and indemnification for Jews. A report was also made on the Council's efforts to speed up the promulgation of indemnification legislation in the British zone of Germany and the Western sectors of Berlin.

WOMEN PICKET EISENHOWER; OPPOSE REARMING OF GERMANY; FEAR RENewed SLAUGHTER OF JEWS

DENVER, Dec. 26. (JTA) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was picketed here yesterday by three housewives—two Jewish and one Christian—in protest against the proposed rearming of Germany, declared today that there is nothing he can do about the situation since as military commander he must follow instructions.

The picketing, which was brief and orderly, was occasioned by fear that the rearming of Germany might strengthen the Nazi elements there and lead to renewed brutalities against Jews. "Two hundred thousand rearmed Germans mean a Nazi army. Will you lead the Nazis, Mr. Eisenhower?" said one of the placards carried by the pickets.

The three women declared that they have the greatest respect for Gen. Eisenhower. One of the two Jewish women, who identified herself as Mrs. Lee Wood, said: "I have a 19-year-old son awaiting induction, and I don't want him to be an ally of the people who butchered so many millions of my people."

AMERICAN JEWISH SCIENTIST PRESENTS NEW THEORY ON HEREDITY; CLUE TO CANCER SEEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) — A new and important theory on heredity was presented here at the New York Academy of Medicine by Dr. Alfred E. Mirsky, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Dr. Mirsky established that within a living animal cell, the genes—tiny bits of living matter that carry hereditary traits—are influenced by the living material surrounding them.

Although Dr. Mirsky did not say so, such a theory is intimately bound with the reasons for sudden and abnormal growth—such as cancer—of the cells, which are the microscopic building blocks of all living things. About two years ago, simultaneously with some workers in France, Dr. Mirsky discovered the chemical for which genetecists had been searching for 40 years. The substance was deoxyribonucleic acid—DNA—and in an animal of a particular species every cell had it in unvarying quantity. DNA was then supposed to be part of the basic gene material.

The crux of Dr. Mirsky's theory, that the cell cytoplasm—the material outside the nucleus—influenced the amount of a special protein, called residual protein, attached to the DNA in the cell, was backed by recent experiments.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH EDUCATORS URGES MORE WELFARE FUND ALLOCATIONS FOR EDUCATION

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A resolution urging local federations and welfare funds to provide adequate budgets for Jewish educational needs was adopted here at a conference of Jewish educators representing 15 mid-Western Jewish communities.

Another resolution expressed the conviction that the five politically-dominated systems of education in Israel should be substituted, as soon as possible, by a unified non-political public school system. The resolution declared that only a public school system free of domination of political parties will foster a spirit of unity and mutual tolerance among the people of Israel.

Dr. Moses Zalesky, of Cincinnati, speaking on "The Place of Israel in the Curriculum of American Jewish Schools," stressed that the basic objective of American Jewish education is to prepare children for a happy and well-adjusted life in America, but urged that Jewish children be inspired to take just pride in the accomplishments in cultural creativity of the Jewish state.

REFORM AND CONSERVATIVE RABBIS FORM RABBINICAL FELLOWSHIP TO AID RECONSTRUCTIONISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Two rabbinical conferences held simultaneously in New York and Chicago--each lasting two days--last night decided to establish an organization to be known as the Rabbinical Fellowship for the purpose of helping to unify Jewish community life in religious matters.

The rabbis who attended the two parleys were members of the Conservative and Reform movements. The meetings were arranged by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation with a view to strengthening and widening the support of the Reconstructionist movement in Judaism, of which Dr. Mordecai Kaplan is the founder.

The New York session, attended by about 40 rabbis, also decided to establish a committee on Jewish worship. The committee will study the role of prayer and synagogue worship in Jewish life and will investigate the problems of synagogue attendance. The Chicago session analyzed the status of the Sabbath. The purpose of exploring these areas in Jewish life is to try to arrive at a program of action which can involve as many Reconstructionist rabbis and laymen as possible.

The Reconstructionist Foundation was founded by Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, who is Professor of Philosophy of Religion at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and is an outgrowth of his philosophy which views Judaism as the evolving religious civilization of the Jews. The Foundation engages in experimental studies in Jewish religion and education and is very active in promoting cooperation among often competing Jewish institutions.

ISTANBUL JEWS HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES FOR TURKISH SOLDIERS WHO FELL IN KOREAN WAR

ISTANBUL, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Special services for Turkish soldiers who fell in battle in Korea were held here in the largest synagogue in the city. Present at the services for Turkish troops with the United Nations force were representatives of the Chief Rabbinate, which organized the services, Turkish officials and leading members of the Jewish community.

JEWS IN CALIFORNIA CITY DEDICATE TEMPLE CORNERSTONE TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN

REDONDO BEACH, Calif., Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of Temple Menorah was dedicated here today to President Truman in thanksgiving for his deliverance from assassins.

