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BILL TO GIVE ISRAEL UP TO \$500,000,000 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AID INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A bill which would grant Israel up to \$500,000,000 in economic aid and bring her under the provisions of the Economic Cooperation Act of 1948 was submitted in the House of Representatives today by Congressman John D. Dingell, Democrat of Michigan.

The Dingell Bill is described as intended "to assist the people of Israel in establishing a sound economy, to strengthen the ties between the peoples of the United States and those of Israel, and to help achieve the basic objective of the Charter of the United Nations."

Israel would come under the provisions of the Economic Cooperation Act of 1948 whenever such provisions "are consistent with purposes of this title," the bill provides. Amounts not to exceed 500 million dollars in the aggregate would be authorized to be appropriated from time to time for aid to Israel.

It is also specified that "notwithstanding the provisions of any other law until such time as an appropriation shall be made pursuant to Section 505, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to make advances not to exceed in the aggregate \$100,000,000 to carry out purposes of this title at such time and in such amounts as the administrator shall request and no interest shall be charged on advances made by the Treasury to the R.F.C. in implementation of this section."

CRISIS IN ISRAEL CABINET; ORTHODOX MINISTER RESIGNS; TWO MORE MAY QUIT GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A new government crisis developed suddenly last night when Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Orthodox member of the Cabinet, announced his resignation from the government.

Rabbi Maimon, who is Minister of Religion, submitted his resignation after a stormy Cabinet discussion on the situation in the immigrant camps. An urgent meeting of leaders of the Religious Bloc will be held in Tel Aviv today to discuss the consequences of the resignation. Representatives of the religious groups in the executive of the Jewish Agency have also been invited to attend the meeting.

Circles close to the Religious Bloc told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "The situation is serious in view of the fact that the resignation of Rabbi Maimon from the Cabinet is final and also because of the possible resignation of the other two Orthodox members of the Cabinet." The other two Religious Cabinet members are Moshe Shapira, Minister of Interior, and I.M. Levin, Minister of Welfare.

In an exclusive statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Rabbi Maimon declared that his reasons for resigning were strictly religious, not economic or political, and that he had no wish to precipitate a Cabinet crisis. "For various causes over which I have no control and which are adversely affecting my health as a devout

Jew whose ancestors witnessed the Torah being given to the Jews on Mount Sinai, I cannot continue to work, and must resign from the government," Rabbi Maimon said.

"I want to emphasize that only religious--neither economic nor political nor other--motives compelled me to resign. Also, I do not want to create any government crisis. Less than anything do I want to place difficulties in the path of the state, but I cannot continue," he concluded.

(Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, which is sponsoring the forthcoming visit of Rabbi Maimon to this country, today said that the resigned Israeli Minister is scheduled to arrive in New York on January 23.)

CONFERENCE OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PREMIERS TO DISCUSS DEFENSE OF MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The conference of Premiers of the countries of the British Commonwealth, which opened here today, will discuss various aspects of Middle Eastern defense, it was learned authoritatively by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Sources close to the conference indicated that it is not considered necessary to establish a new defense organization for the Middle East. It was desirable, they said, that the defense of the Middle Eastern countries while not included directly in North Atlantic defense planning, should be fitted into the over-all Middle Eastern and Far Eastern defense scheme of the British Commonwealth. They also indicated that the United States has agreed to this conception.

NO PROGRESS ACHIEVED YET IN ANGLO-ISRAEL FINANCIAL TALKS. ISRAEL OFFICIAL SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- No progress has been made toward an agreement in the current Anglo-Israel financial talks, David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Treasury and head of the Israel delegation to the conference, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He added that it is expected that the talks, which were recessed over a week ago, will be reopened next week.

LABORITE BECOMES MAYOR OF PETACH TIKVAH; DEFEATS GENERAL ZIONIST WHO SERVED 10 YEARS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Pinhas Rasheesh, member of the Mapai, Israel's labor party, was today elected mayor of Petach Tikvah, defeating the outgoing General Zionist mayor, Yosef Saphir. Mr. Saphir, who is a member of the Israel Parliament, has been the mayor of Petach Tikvah for ten years.

The Mapai's victory came as a result of support which it received from the Mapam, the Mizrahi Laborites and the Agudah Laborites. The candidate sponsored by the Mizrahi organization was defeated. Voting for him were the Mizrahi members of the Municipal Council, the General Zionists, the Agudah members, and the Herut.

PEGLER URGES TRUMAN TO ASK FOR RESIGNATION OF JUSTICE FRANKFURTER FROM SUPREME COURT

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Continuing his campaign against Jewish personalities and organizations Westbrook Pegler has advanced the suggestion that President Truman should ask for the resignation of Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and dismiss White House secretary David K. Niles.

Pegler claims that Justice Frankfurter "has been a pushful, bumptious political" and that he "sponsored Alger Hiss and Lee Pressman." He also asserts that Mr. Niles "is a Frankfurter man from the old political circles which included Harold Laski, the English Communist."

ISRAEL DELEGATION AT U.N. CIRCULATES PLAN FOR NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT OF KOREAN WAR

TAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation has been circulating among various other delegations its plan for a negotiated settlement of the Korean War. Although comment is said to be highly favorable, it is understood that the Israelis are not considering laying a formal proposal based on the plan before the General Assembly Political Committee at the present time.

The Israel formula is a package plan covering all aspects of the Korean peace settlement, and it is felt that the time is not now opportune for formally presenting it. The plan, to be put into effect in successive stages, encompasses a cease-fire, progressive demilitarization of the peninsula and U.N. supervision of political and economic reconstruction in Korea. These steps would be followed by a conference, at which the Chinese Communists would be present, to negotiate related Far East problems such as Formosa.

TURKISH EMBASSY DENIES REPORT THAT JEWS MAKE UP 80 PERCENT OF MILITARY UNIT IN KOREA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Turkish Embassy here today denied a report that Jewish conscripts make up 80 percent of the Turkish Army unit serving with the United Nations forces in Korea and that Jewish casualties had been high. The Embassy press attache, who said that the troops in Korea were not volunteers but conscripts, estimated that there are "only ten or at most 15 Jews" among the several thousands of Turkish troops in the brigade.

The report, published in Al Hamishmar, Tel Aviv newspaper of the left-wing Socialist Mapam, stated that Jewish soldiers had been selected from various Turkish Army units for inclusion in the expeditionary force. The newspaper estimated that the Jews constituted 80 percent of the Turkish unit in Korea and that Jews had suffered many casualties.

GERMAN COMMITTEE FOR UNESCO ASKS BAN ON VEIT HARLAN'S REAPPEARANCE IN FILM WORK

FRANKFURT, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The German Committee for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization today called for a ban on film-making by Veit Harlan, producer of the Nazi anti-Semitic film "Jew Süss."

The UNESCO committee's statement said that Harlan's reappearance reopens old wounds and gives rise to the fear that films will be used for political propaganda purposes. The committee asked for the ban because of the threat to the work of conciliation, education, science and culture which Harlan's reappearance represents.

J.D.C. OFFICIAL URGES GERMAN COMMUNITIES TO TAKE OVER OBLIGATIONS FOR JEWISH DP'S

MUNICH, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A proposal that the Jewish communal set-up in Germany take over the responsibilities and functions of the Council of Liberated Jews, which has hitherto represented the displaced Jews in this country, was made here at a meeting of the Council by William Haber, Joint Distribution Committee representative for Germany.

Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Restitution and Persecutees, declared that the German communities are willing to assume these obligations. A number of DP leaders expressed the hope that the few remaining DP's would not be left unrepresented in Germany.

SURVEY ESTABLISHES FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN AMERICAN JEWISH EDUCATION IN FIFTY YEARS

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The number of pupils enrolled in institutions of Jewish education, where instruction in Jewish religion, history, culture and tradition and in the Hebrew and Yiddish languages is provided as a supplement to the basic curriculum of general education, increased almost five times in the first half of the Twentieth Century, it was revealed in a survey completed by the American Association for Jewish Education. The findings of the survey were released today by Michael A. Stavitsky, president of the Association, and Judah Pilch, executive director.

The study points out that the number of Jewish children enrolled in the various Jewish educational institutions was 45,000 in 1900, based upon a Jewish child population of 222,208 and a total Jewish population of 1,058,135. In 1950, the number of Jewish children enrolled in Jewish schools had increased to 266,609, an increase of more than 490%, as against a 185% increase in child population, in a total Jewish community of 4,500,000. A substantial proportion of this increase is attributed, according to the survey, to the entrance of a large number of Jewish girls into the schools.

A major change in the structure of Jewish education in the Twentieth Century has been the increase in community organization for Jewish education, in which the total organized Jewish community of a given city or area assumes responsibility for the provision of Jewish educational opportunity. "Today there are 40 cities, including all the large metropolitan centers, which have developed community-wide programs of Jewish education, financed and supervised by central educational agencies responsible to the community," the study reports.

In 1950, more than 60 communities reported allocations to Jewish schools from Jewish federations, Welfare Funds, or similar community fiscal agencies. Close to \$2,500,000 were allocated to Jewish schools in 1949, the survey establishes, pointing out that such allocations have increased through the years in almost every city, with the increase being proportionately more rapid than that of funds allocated through the same channels for other local needs.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA CELEBRATES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY; TRUMAN LAUDS GROUP

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- More than 300 Conservative synagogues throughout the United States and Canada will commemorate this week-end the 50th anniversary of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. Special jubilee services will be held in all the cities.

President Truman in a message to the Jubilee Committee emphasized that the members of the Rabbinical Assembly "have served well their religion and their people" as spiritual leaders and as chaplains in the U.S. armed services. The Rabbinical Assembly was founded 50 years ago in Philadelphia by 11 graduates of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. It now numbers more than 450 members.

NEW YORK MAYOR WELCOMES ISRAEL'S PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA; CONCERTS SCHEDULED FOR 40 CITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Mayor Vincent Impollitteri today welcomed the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra which arrived here to give 55 concerts in 40 cities in the United States and Canada. Dr. Sergo Koussevitzky and Leonard Bernstein, who will conduct the orchestra, were among those welcomed by the New York Mayor. Also attending the ceremony was Edward Norman, president of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, which is sponsoring the tour.