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BILL FOR \$500,000,000 AID TO ISRAEL REFERRED TO HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The bill introduced last week in the House of Representatives by Congressman John D. Dingell, under which up to \$500,000,000 could be granted to Israel in an arrangement under the Economic Cooperation Act of 1948, was today referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

U.N. CEASE-FIRE COMMITTEE PRESENTS PLAN ON KOREA; MAIN POINTS PARALLEL ISRAEL'S PLAN

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The United Nations three-man cease-fire committee today submitted a plan for a Korean settlement whose five main points paralleled the Israel plan. This made it unlikely that Israel, in conjunction with other sponsors, would introduce a cease-fire plan of its own.

Israel's delegates pointed out that this plan included these elements of the Israel plan: A resort to a series of stages, a call for a cease-fire, the guarantee of Korean independence, a progressive withdrawal of all foreign troops, and the convening of a big power conference on all outstanding Chinese issues.

BRITAIN READY TO SELL TO ISRAEL SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT EQUIPMENT; NO HEAVY EQUIPMENT

LONDON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The British Government will deliver within a few days its final reply to Israel's request for a long list of arms and equipment submitted six months ago, it was learned here today. Similar replies will be sent to other Middle-Eastern countries which have been seeking to purchase British equipment.

The governments will be informed that no heavy equipment--tanks, engines, trucks, and large calibre guns--will be available for sale to Middle East countries. Some very restricted exceptions will be made to countries like Egypt, Jordan and Iraq, with whom Britain has special treaties. They will be permitted to buy strictly limited replacements, but the bulk of British production of all these items is reserved for the British forces and for the Atlantic allies.

Small arms of certain types, light equipment and mortars will be available for Israel, it was indicated. However, not the latest type of mortars, which are said to be of revolutionary design.

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL PACT OUTLAWING GENOCIDE GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The United Nations Genocide Convention, outlawing the mass extermination of people because of race or religion, will go into effect tomorrow. The plan to outlaw genocide was originated by Dr. Raphael Lemkin, a Polish Jew whose family was annihilated by the Nazis. Dr. Lemkin is a professor of international law at Yale University.

DR. GRANOTT ARRIVES IN U.S.; ENVISIONS ABSORPTION OF 6,000,000 JEWS BY ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- An Israel which can easily absorb and support between five and six million Jews was envisioned here today by Dr. Abraham Granott, world president of the Jewish National Fund, upon his arrival from Jerusalem to participate in the Golden Jubilee Conference of the J.N.F. to be held January 19-21 in Washington.

Dr. Granott, a member of Israel's Parliament and an outstanding authority on Palestine land problems, said: "The national affinity between Israel and the United States continues to express itself in a variety of ways, mainly evidenced in the heartwarming spirit of cooperation between the two democracies in many fields of endeavor--agricultural and cultural pursuits, trade, commerce, and a common bond arising out of similar ideals of justice. These bonds of cooperation are creating ever-new and ever-stronger ties between the two countries.

"Israel is now in the throes of an agrarian revolution the like of which the world has never seen. We have projects afoot which will stagger the imagination; the irrigation of the Negev, a reforestation program--the turning of a once arid wasteland into the biblical prophecy of a land of milk and honey. When our program is completed, the world will see a new land capable of supporting five to six million people." Dr. Granott said he brought to this country a blueprint for a ten-year program of agrarian reconstruction in Israel.

VALIDITY OF ELECTION OF LABOR MAYOR IN ISRAEL TOWN CHALLENGED IN SUPREME COURT ACTION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today issued an order forbidding Pinhas Rashish, newly-elected Mapam Mayor of Petach Tikvah, from carrying out the duties of his office until the court can determine the validity of a challenge to the legality of his election.

The challenge was brought by an attorney who charged that the election was invalid for two reasons, both based on the residence of A. Neuman, Mizrahi Laborite who voted for Rashish. The attorney asserted that Mr. Neuman had moved out of Petach Tikvah before the municipal council met and was therefore not entitled to his own seat on the council.

Therefore, the challenger insisted, the entire session was illegal, because of Mr. Neuman's voting. In the event the session is ruled legal, the attorney continued, the election results can be challenged on the basis that Mr. Neuman's vote broke an eight to eight tie and that his vote must now be discarded and a tie re-instituted.

HUNGARIAN JEWISH LEADER SAYS SOVIETS DEPORTING JEWS TO FORCED LABOR CAMPS IN SIBERIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Mass deportation of Jews by the Soviet authorities to forced labor camps was charged here today by Dr. Bela Fabian, member of the Hungarian National Council, on the basis of reports received by him from the underground movement in Hungary.

The reports said that "almost the entire Jewish population of the Ukraine, Byelorussia and the Crimea" have been deported to Eastern Siberia and that preparations are being made in Hungary to deport 20,000 persons, many of them Jews, to forced labor camps in the Soviet Union. The reports from the underground movement also indicated increased anti-Semitism in Hungary. In making these reports public, Dr. Fabian said that he also has grounds for fearing that the deportation of Hungarian Jews to Soviet camps may soon take place.

BIGOTRY DECLINING IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF WORKERS; STILL SERIOUS IN OTHER FIELDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Minority races and religions are steadily meeting with better treatment in 17 major American cities, especially in education and in employment of skilled and unskilled workers, partly as a result of expanding defense production; but prejudice and discrimination are still serious problems, particularly in housing and in job opportunities for white collar and professional workers.

These conclusions were announced here today by the American Civil Liberties Union on the basis of a survey conducted in Philadelphia, Providence, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Boston, Hartford, Trenton, Chicago, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Denver, Des Moines, San Francisco and others. Chief among efforts to reduce discrimination, according to the survey, have been laws aimed at equality in employment, housing, education, as well as semi-official bodies appointed by mayors for the promotion of interfaith and interracial goodwill.

Seven cities--Philadelphia, Providence, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Boston, Hartford and Trenton--were found to have either state or local laws for the upholding of equality in job opportunity. Nine cities--Chicago, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Denver, Cleveland, Boston, Minneapolis and Trenton--reported the existence of appointed bodies close to the municipal government for work in intergroup harmony. In six cities--Des Moines, Chicago, Hartford, Boston, Providence and Trenton--state or local laws forbid discrimination in such areas as public housing, public education or recreation and amusement.

JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL COMMUNAL FUND-RAISING BODIES

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The development of democratically-constituted central communal fund-raising and planning bodies which would serve as community sounding boards for the solution of problems and would owe major loyalties to the "Jewish people" as a whole was urged at a conference of the Hudson River Valley communities called to deal with local problems in Jewish community organizations.

The conference, sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds, was held at the Jewish Community Center here. More than 60 representatives from Jewish communities of the New York-Ontario region of the C.J.F.W.F. participated in the parley, which discussed the question of how to strengthen communal planning bodies. The delegates also considered a number of major problems involved in the organization and operation of community councils and their relationship with other organizations and groups in the community.

WOMAN IS APPOINTED RABBI OF REFORM CONGREGATION IN MISSISSIPPI; ACKNOWLEDGED BY STATE

MERIDIAN, Miss., Jan. 11. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of American Jewry a woman was named rabbi of a Jewish congregation, when Temple Beth Israel here, a Reform congregation, appointed Mrs. William Ackerman to succeed her late husband as spiritual leader. Rabbi Ackerman died last November.

Mrs. Ackerman, who is 57 years old, said that her right to perform marriages and conduct funerals has already been established by the state of Mississippi. She emphasized that she will perform all the duties of a rabbi. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations sanctioned her appointment and ruled that "women cannot justly be denied the privilege of ordination."

The only other woman in the world to act as spiritual leader of a Reformed congregation until now is Miss Lily Montagu, who has been holding the post in a Reformed-Liberal congregation in London, for 15 years.

HADASSAH PRESENTS PRESIDENT TRUMAN WITH HENRIETTA SZOLD CITATION AND AWARD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- President Truman today received the 1951 Henrietta Szold citation and Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service from Hadassah. Mr. Truman was selected for Hadassah's third annual award, on the basis of "leadership in the struggle to preserve the democratic way of life," for "his far-seeing and forthright Point Four Program."

The Citation and \$1,000 Award was set up in 1949 to perpetuate the memory of Henrietta Szold who founded Hadassah in 1912 and died in Jerusalem in 1945. The presentation to the President was made in his executive offices by Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, national president of Hadassah, and a special committee.

The check for \$1,000 was returned by the President to Hadassah to be used to establish a fellowship in the name of the President's mother, the late Mrs. Martha Ellen Young Truman. Additional funds will be added by Hadassah to the fellowship and it will be used to bring a promising young physician from Israel to the United States for graduate study as part of Hadassah's "Point Four program" for bringing American medical standards to Israel. The physician will return to Israel to teach in the medical school of the Hebrew University and Hadassah in Jerusalem.

NEWISH AGENCY OFFERS SUMMER JOBS IN ISRAEL TO AMERICAN STUDENTS IN ENGINEERING

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency office announced here today that American students in engineering and allied fields are being offered three-month jobs in Israel this summer, where they can get practical experience in their chosen fields under a "summer work program."

Most of the openings are in civil and agricultural engineering, soil conservation and surveying, the announcement said. Participants will be assigned to jobs with various public and private institutions in Israel from June 1 to September 1. Applications will be accepted from the Jewish Agency up to March 1. They must be accompanied by letters of recommendation from university instructors.

AMERICAN INVESTORS TO BUILD THREE NEW LUXURY HOTELS IN ISRAEL, AMPEL HEAD ANNOUNCES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A group of American investors, including a leading American hotel owner, will shortly begin the construction of new luxury hotels in Israel under the sponsorship of Ampel-American Palestine Trading Corporation, A.J. Dickenstein, president of Ampel, who is on a visit here now, announced today.

Other Ampel projects for the next year, Mr. Dickenstein revealed, will include housing construction, organization of a tourist set-up and the establishment of a wallboard manufacturing plant in the Jordan Valley. The factory will use local products, for which foreign exchange is not required, and will export its entire output, according to Mr. Dickenstein.

BASHOMER HATZAIR YOUNGS CONSTITUTED 35 PERCENT OF ALL CHALUTZIM WHO LEFT U.S. FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- No less than 35 percent of all Chaltzim who left the United States for Israel in the last two and one-half years were members of the Bashomer Hatzair, it was revealed here at a three-day session of the national council of the Bashomer Hatzair Youth Movement of the United States and Canada which concluded last night. The session, at which representatives from 25 branches of the movement were present, was addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, and by Zvi Lurie, member of the Jewish Agency executive.