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UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL SIGN "POINT-FOUR" AGREEMENT; AID TO JEWISH STATE EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- An agreement, under which Israel will receive aid from the United States under President Truman's "Point-Four" program, was signed here today by representatives of the governments of the United States and Israel. American Ambassador Monnet Davis and Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett were the signers.

Earlier today, Ambassador Davis presented his credentials to President Chaim Weizmann of Israel in the presence of Minister Sharett. No formal speeches were made at the ceremony. Instead, the President and the American diplomat chatted for a short while.

The Finance Committee of the Israel Parliament today unanimously approved the bill authorizing the Minister of Finance to float Israeli bonds to the value of \$500,000,000 in the United States and other countries outside Israel. Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, speaking to the committee, warned that Israel cannot depend on assistance from abroad for the solution of the country's economic problems. He called for the mobilization of all possible resources as well as increased productivity.

ISRAEL ACCEPTS DECISION OF ARMISTICE COMMISSION ON BEERSHEBA-EILATH ROAD DISPUTE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Israeli traffic quit using about one-third of a kilometer of the Beersheba-Eilath road yesterday in accordance with a decision of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission two weeks ago.

The section of road was disputed by the two countries and resulted in several clashes between armored units of Israel and Jordan when the Arabs decided to short-cut U.N.-sponsored negotiations and erect roadblocks to enforce a unilateral decision to halt Israeli use of the road. For a while the situation disrupted the entire armistice commission procedure and threatened a complete breakdown in relations between the countries.

For the time being the Jews will by-pass the Jordan portion of the road by cutting into the nearby desert wastes. However, a regular road must be built shortly to carry traffic during the rainy season when the desert area is not suitable for traffic.

STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS SEVEN CONDEMNED NAZIS STAY OF EXECUTION TO PERMIT NEW APPEAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The State Department today ordered an additional stay of execution for seven notorious Nazi war criminals under death sentence in Germany for involvement in the slaughter of European Jewry. The Department said that it will not allow High Commissioner John McCloy to carry out the sentences for at least 30 more days in order to permit an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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J.T.A. CORRESPONDENT IN RUMANIA REPORTED SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS HARD LABOR

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Marcel Pohne, correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Rumania, who was arrested ten months ago together with Leonard Kirshen, correspondent of the Associated Press in Bucharest, has been sentenced to 20 years hard labor by a Rumanian military tribunal, it was reported today in Maariv, a Tel Aviv evening paper.

Emphasizing that it received the report "from special sources," Maariv says that Mr. Pohne was found guilty of conducting espionage on behalf of the United States and of carrying on illegal Zionist activities. The trial was conducted behind closed doors. The fate of the correspondent of the Associated Press remains unknown, the Tel Aviv paper said.

JEWS IN GERMANY DENOUNCE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE CONDEMNED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS FROM GALLOWES

FRANKFURT, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The German campaign to save from execution the seven condemned Nazi war criminals in the American zone of Germany who were convicted of the murder of tens of thousands of Jews and others is denounced in the current issue of the Jewish publication "Allgemeine Zeitung der Juden in Deutschland."

In an editorial, the publication says that the widespread campaign to save the seven is being pushed by people who were unconcerned about the fate of the "thousands of innocents who were tortured to death by the Gestapo in concentration camps." It points out that if the same energy had been used to save the innocent victims of Nazism the very criminals now condemned to death would not have been able to saddle the entire German people with their present burden of guilt.

NAZIS INTENSIFY ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN GERMANY; USE REARMAMENT PLAN AS PRETEXT

FRANKFURT, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- German Nazis were reported today to be launching a new campaign against the Jews based on the argument that the Jews want to rearm Western Germany and plunge Germans into war again.

The new campaign, pressed by word of mouth, is causing much concern to Jewish community leaders here who recall that after World War I, a major argument against the Jews was that they were pacifists opposing nationalist remilitarization schemes.

The Union of Jewish Communities of Hesse asked the public prosecutor today to take action against Ernst Mayer, 52, an ex-officer and commercial agent, for declaring publicly that "all Jews ought to be burned." When challenged by a policeman, Mayer justified himself by declaring that "the Jews want to rearm Germany and make me fight again."

AMERICAN OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN AUSTRIA TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF VOLKSDEUTSCHE TO U.S.

VIENNA, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- John W. Gibson, chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission, has come here to expedite the transfer to the United States under the DP Immigration Act of some 3,500 DP's and 14,000 Volksdeutsche Germans.

Official statistics reveal that 21,971 DP's and 4,316 Volksdeutsche have entered the U.S. since the DP Act went into effect. It is expected that the movement of Volksdeutsche will be speeded up from now on.

JEWISH VIEWPANS IN SOUTH AFRICA CONDEMN RELEASE OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN GERMANY

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- A resolution denouncing the release of condemned Nazi war criminals in the United States zone of Germany as a "breach of faith with ex-servicemen and the victims of Nazism" was unanimously adopted here last night at the annual meeting of the Johannesburg Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Organization. Another resolution called upon South African Jews not to trade with Germany because of the revival of anti-Semitism there.

ONLY SEVEN STATES HAVE LAWS OUTLAWING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Only seven states in this country have laws outlawing racial discrimination in employment, a national survey undertaken by the Associated Press established. The results of the survey, made public today, also show that three other states have set up fair practices commissions on an educational basis, while bills to set up such commissions are pending in 13 states.

Twenty-six other states have no Fair Employment Practices Commission. They include all the Southern states where such laws are opposed on grounds that they would upset the South's traditional segregation of races. Southern Democrats have blocked proposals in Congress for a Federal F.E.P.C., but the issue is still a live one in Washington.

Bills have been introduced in both houses to set up an F.E.P.C. with enforcement authority, but committees have yet to begin hearings. If Congress refuses to act, President Truman may follow President Roosevelt's course and create a commission by executive order. An order by Truman on February 2 directed the Defense and Commerce Departments to include in all defense contracts provisions forbidding discrimination on grounds of race, color or national origin. This would apply to both prime and sub contracts.

On the state government level, New York has pioneered F.E.P.C. The New York State Commission Against Discrimination began work July 1, 1945. The New York law carries penalties. Violation of a commission order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment up to a year or by a fine of not more than \$500, or both. The commission moves delicately and its reports show that conciliation and persuasion settle its cases. Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Washington, New Jersey and Oregon have followed New York's lead in enacting F.E.P.C. legislation.

States in whose legislatures F.E.P.C. bills are pending include Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Utah, Missouri, Colorado, West Virginia, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Arizona, California, Illinois. Indiana has had an F.E.P.C. since 1945, but it provides no penalties for violation. New Mexico set up a commission in 1949, but gave it neither money nor power to enforce its rulings. The Wisconsin law authorizes the state F.E.P.C., as one type of penalty, to publish its findings. But that has never been done.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF FALL RIVER DROPS PRO-COMMUNIST ORDER FROM MEMBERSHIP

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council here, which is made up of all Jewish organizations in the city, dropped the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order from membership in the group. The action was taken on the basis that the J.P.F.O. is on the U.S. Attorney General's list of subversive organizations and is alleged to be a Communist Party affiliate.

BRIGADIER DORI AND PROF. GOLDSTEIN APPOINTED DIRECTORS OF HAIFA TECHNION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Brigadier Yaacov Dori, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, was today appointed administrative director of the Haifa Technion. Prof. M. Goldstein was appointed academic director. They succeed Dr. Shlomo Kaplan-sky, late head of the Technion, who died several weeks ago.

ISRAEL AMERICAN SHIPPING LINE GETS NEW VESSEL; WAS FORMER BRITISH SHIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel American Line, which operates a direct Israel flag service between Israel and east coast ports of the United States and Canada, has just acquired its fifth and largest cargo vessel, the SS Eilat, it was announced here today by the American-Israeli Shipping Company.

Formerly the SS Vergray, of British registry, the vessel was built in Germany and was transferred to British interests as reparations after World War II. The SS Eilat has a deadweight capacity of 12,800 tons.

DETROIT JEWISH COUNCIL CRITICIZED FOR WITHDRAWING SPONSORSHIP OF BERLIN MAYOR'S VISIT

DETROIT, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Greater Detroit B'nai B'rith Council has lodged a protest with the Jewish Community Council against the action taken by the Council withdrawing from co-sponsorship of the visit to Detroit of Mayor Ernst Reuter of West Berlin.

Dr. Reuter, who is now en route to the United States as a guest of the State Department, will visit a number of cities throughout the country. The Jewish Community Council had originally accepted co-sponsorship of his Detroit visit, but subsequently withdrew. In its protest to the Council, the B'nai B'rith pointed out that Dr. Reuter, as an anti-Nazi and anti-Communist, represented one of the strongest hopes for a democratic Germany.

JONAH B. WISE, LEADING REFORM RABBI, HONORED ON OCCASION OF HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- More than 500 Jewish and Christian leaders last night honored Dr. Jonah B. Wise, leading Reform rabbi and one of the national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The affair, which took place at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, also marked the completion by Rabbi Wise of 25 years in the pulpit of the Central Synagogue.

The speakers included the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of the Methodist Church; the Rev. Dr. Theodore Cuyler Speers of Central Presbyterian Church; Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College.

MINNEAPOLIS OPENS \$4,000,000 JEWISH HOSPITAL; WILL BE OPEN TO PATIENTS OF ALL RACES

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community here celebrated the opening of Mt. Sinai Hospital, a 200-bed institution constructed at a cost of \$4,000,000. The institution, which will operate with no restrictions on race, religion or color, is described as one of the most modern and advanced hospitals in the country. Jay Phillips is president of the hospital association; Dr. B.W. Mandelstam, administrator of the hospital, and Dr. Moses Barron, chief of the medical staff.

"TIME" PUBLISHER AND AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ELECTED TO YESHIVA UNIVERSITY'S COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The election of two prominent non-Jews to the Council of Yeshiva University's School of Education and Community Administration was announced here today. They are: Roy E. Larsen, president of Time, Inc., and chairman of the National Citizens Committee for Public Schools, and Claude G. Bowers, U.S. Ambassador to Chile and noted historian.