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ISRAEL CABINET AUTHORIZES FUNDS FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS; RECOMMENDS SPEEDY PREPARATIONS

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet yesterday authorized Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan to make any expenditures necessary in connection with the forthcoming general elections in the country. The Cabinet also asked all government agencies to make every effort to accelerate preparations for the holding of the elections.

Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, a General Zionist leader, today accused certain members of the Knesset's committee involved in drawing up a new election law with intentionally prolonging discussions on the bill in order to delay the elections. He told newsmen that the elections could be held in June.

Dr. Peretz Bernstein, General Zionist leader, told a press conference today that he feared frauds would be perpetrated in the forthcoming elections to the World Zionist Congress. He assailed the Government and insisted that it must cease what he described as intentional hitting at the prestige of the World Zionist Organization, particularly in the United States.

The Confederation of General Zionists has decided to hold its convention in Israel one week prior to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress this summer, it was announced here today.

Speaking at a Progressive Party meeting, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, declared that the Zionist movement will fall apart unless Israeli citizens understand the need for cooperation between Israel and the Jewish communities outside the Jewish state. He appealed for closer ties between the Jewish community of Israel and the remainder of the Jewish world. Moshe Kol, Agency official, revealed that a national conference of the Progressive Party will be convened in a month's time. He also announced that the party will soon start a daily newspaper.

ISRAEL GOVT. DISCUSSES DOLLAR-BASED SAVINGS BOND ISSUE; WILL ESTABLISH NATIONAL BANK

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- A draft bill providing for a 25,000,000 pound--about \$70,000,000--savings bond issue with a dollar-based stable value, was discussed by the Israel Cabinet, according to an official communique today on its weekly meeting. The Cabinet also approved the draft of a bill for establishment of a Postal Savings Bank and set up a committee for the foundation of an Israel National Bank.

A Treasury report issued today revealed that currency in circulation has again risen by 2,000,000 pounds, reaching 79,883,000 pounds this week as against 77,933,000 pounds last week.

TEL AVIV PLANS ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS OWN UNIVERSITY; WILL BUILD NEW RAILWAY TERMINUS

TEL AVIV, March 11. (JTA) -- Mayor Israel Rokach told the Tel Aviv Municipal Council today that a new university is being planned for Tel Aviv.

A new railway terminus will be built in Tel Aviv and a new bus terminal will be erected near the railway depot, he added. Entrance of trains into the city will be facilitated by construction of a bridge over the Yarkon River. Contracts for the new construction have been signed by the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Municipality of Tel Aviv with a private contracting firm.

A program for the enlargement and modernization of Lydda Airport to enable it to handle an increasing volume of international traffic was also announced today by Dov Yosef, Minister of Communications. The improvements will make the Lydda Airport the largest and best-equipped airfield in the Middle East, he said. Three new airfields are being constructed in Israel, the Minister announced. One, to serve Jerusalem, will be completed this year. The other two will be in northern Galilee and in the northern Negev.

ISRAEL BUILDS DIRECT ROAD TO DEAD SEA; 500 NEW IMMIGRANTS WILL BE EMPLOYED ON PROJECT

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- Israeli construction engineers reported today that the levelling of one section of the 38-kilometer road from Kurnub to Sodom on the southwest coast of the Dead Sea, has been completed and that paving of the strip will now start.

The road will give the Israelis direct access to the Dead Sea for exploitation of its minerals. The road crosses some of the most difficult terrain in the country and drops from a height of about 1,300 feet above sea level to 1,300 feet below sea level. It is traversed by a number of wadis and ravines, across which bridges will have to be built. About 500 new immigrants will be employed on the project.

BRITAIN'S BOARD OF TRADE INTERESTED IN EXPLOITATION OF SULPHUR DEPOSITS IN NEGEV

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- The British Board of Trade, concerned over a shortage of sulphur for British industrial requirements, is showing keen interest in possible exploitation of sulphur deposits in the Negev, in southern Israel, it was reported here today.

The deposits are located in Israel territory abutting the Egyptian-held Gaza coastal strip. They provided large quantities of sulphur for the Germans during World War I when Palestine was in Turkish hands. According to Israeli sources, however, the deposits have not been worked in several years.

ISRAEL NAVIGATION COMPANY PLACES ORDER IN BRITAIN FOR \$9,000,000 PASSENGER SHIP

HAIFA, March 11. (JTA) -- The Zim Navigation Company today announced it has placed an order with Britain for a \$9,000,000 passenger ship and that the British Treasury approved credit terms extending for seven years to cover the transaction. The company now owns 19 ships, including four passenger vessels. Five of the company's freighters are running between Israel and the United States.

FRANCE EXTENDED \$26,000,000 IN CREDITS TO ISRAEL LAST YEAR; EXPECTS REGULAR TRADE PACT

PARIS, March 11. (JTA) -- France extended \$26,000,000 in credits to Israel last year, pending conclusion of a regular trade agreement, it was announced here today in connection with the opening of a French-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

The Israel Government opened a tourist information office here last week near the Opera House, the first such office established in Europe by the Jewish state.

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WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH FAILING TO BRING NAZI WAR CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE

FRANKFURT, March 11. (JTA) -- The West German Government in Bonn was charged today with neglecting to bring to justice about 200 Nazi war criminals whom the Allies handed over to the German authorities for trial.

The charge was made by Robert Kampner, the American former deputy prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals. According to a report published in the Neue Zeitung here, Kampner said that most of the 200 criminals have been released by the German authorities. It is they, he said, who are stirring up propaganda for the release of all the other war criminals, enlisting in their campaign the aid of German industrialists, high officials of the German Government and neo-Nazi groups.

U.S. GROUP IN GERMANY REACHES AGREEMENT WITH JEWS ON COMPENSATION TO OSWIECIM INMATES

FRANKFURT, March 11. (JTA) -- Former inmates of the Oswiecim concentration camp who were compelled to do forced labor in the I.G. Farben synthetic rubber factory at Buna-Monowitz, may now claim compensation for their services as a result of an agreement reached between the American trustees of I.G. Farben and the Central Council of Jews in Germany, it was learned today.

Meanwhile, Dr. Seitz, newly appointed head of the Bavarian State Restitution Office, has brought a libel action against his predecessor, Dr. Philip Auerbach, in connection with statements made by Auerbach to Munich newspapers that Seitz was a former Nazi and had been assistant to Dr. Hans Frank, Nazi Governor General of Poland. Seitz headed the investigation into the restitution office which led to Auerbach's dismissal, and was appointed to succeed him.

GERMAN GENERALS WHO DEPORTED BELGIAN JEWS SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS AT HARD LABOR

BRUSSELS, March 11. (JTA) -- Gen. Baron Alexander von Falkenhausen, 72-year-old Nazi military commander of occupied Belgium, and his chief aide, Gen. Egbert Reeder, during the week-end were sentenced to terms of 12 years at hard labor for ordering the arbitrary arrest and deportation of Jews and other Belgians. They were also found guilty by a Belgian court martial of having ordered the execution of 240 Belgian hostages.

(In Germany, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer expressed "surprise" over the sentence by the Belgian court-martial. German Socialist leader Kurt Schumacher was similarly reported to have expressed his surprise at the sentence.)

IRAQ PARLIAMENT PASSES BILL FREEZING ASSETS OF JEWS WHO GAVE UP NATIONALITY

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- The Iraqi Parliament has passed a bill freezing the property and bank accounts of Jews deprived of their Iraqi nationality, according to reports from Baghdad published here today. A number of Jews have surrendered their Iraqi nationality at their own request in accordance with a law passed last March, authorizing Jews to leave the country if they wished.

Under the new bill, a foreign property commission would take charge of the property of the 100,000 Jews who, up to Friday, had lost their Iraqi nationality at their own request. Some 30,000 of these Jews have already left for Israel, while the remaining 70,000 are awaiting an airlift to the Jewish state. Twenty-five thousand Jews are remaining as Iraqi nationals.

CANADIAN PUBLICATION REPRINTS OLD ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLES FROM "DEARBORN INDEPENDENT"

TORONTO, March 11. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic articles published in the "Dearborn Independent" in 1927 are now being reprinted by the publication, "Social Credit," and offered in pamphlet form to readers of the paper.

Although the articles were publicly repudiated by the late Henry Ford, who supported the "Dearborn Independent," a columnist in the paper, urging readers to buy the pamphlet, says in the current issue: "Ford's apology was abject, but neither then nor since did he deny the truth of the articles."

U.S. GROUP WILL SPEND \$20,000,000 ON HOUSING IN ISRAEL; SIGNS PACT FOR INITIAL PAYMENT

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- The Amun-Israeli Housing Corporation, an American non-profit organization, contracted here yesterday to spend an initial \$5,000,000 immediately in its program for the financing in this country of \$20,000,000 in low-cost housing in Israel. The contract was signed with the Israeli non-profit corporation, Eavra Leshikun Ziburi of Tel Aviv, which is building 40,000 low-cost homes in Israel with financial assistance from the United States.

Signing for the American group were Charles H. Silver, vice-president of the American Woolen Company and president of Amun-Israeli Corporation, and Charles S. Zimmerman, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and chairman of Amun's executive committee. Joseph Gurion and David Horowitz signed for the Israeli group.

"FOREST OF MARTYRS" INAUGURATED IN JERUSALEM CORRIDOR BY JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- A memorial "Forest of the Martyrs" for Jews murdered by the Nazis was inaugurated this week-end with the planting of the first cypress saplings at Kisanon, in the Jerusalem corridor, by representatives of the Jewish communities of 14 countries. Six million trees will be planted in the Jewish National Fund project--one for each victim of the Nazis.

Completion of the forest will provide work for several hundred Yemenite Jewish immigrants living in nearby work villages and will aid in reclamation of the barren hill area. Several hundred people, including Government officials and representatives of national organizations attended the ceremonies. Memorial fires were lit on all the hills surrounding the area.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION REBUKES EGYPTIANS FOR BOYCOTTING ISRAELI PLAYERS

VIENNA, March 11. (JTA) -- The International Table Tennis Federation publicly rebuked the Egyptian team in the 18th annual world championship tourney here for its refusal to play scheduled matches against Israel and warned that Egypt would not be admitted to future world championships unless it gave assurances that it would meet all competitors. The Egyptian team had refused to play the Israel squad on the grounds that Egypt did not recognize the existence of Israel as a state.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY ENDOWED WITH CHAIR IN ANTHROPOLOGY BY NEW YORK PHILANTHROPIST

WALTHAM, Mass., March 11. (JTA) -- Endowment of the Samuel Rubin Chair in Anthropology at Brandeis University, named for the benefactor, Samuel Rubin of New York, was announced by Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of the two-year-old institution.

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