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ISRAEL ASKS U.S. GOVT. FOR \$150,000,000 GRANT-IN-AID; SUBMITS REQUEST IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today presented a formal request to the Government of the United States for a grant-in-aid of \$150,000,000 for the period July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952.

The request was submitted to Secretary of State Dean Acheson by Ambassador Abba Eban, in the presence of David Horowitz, Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Finance, who is now visiting the United States. The document emphasized that "after estimating its potential sources of foreign exchange" for that period and notwithstanding the sacrifices which the people of Israel are making towards the attainment of economic stability, the Government of Israel still faces the prospect of a considerable dollar deficiency.

"If this shortage cannot be made good, it will become impossible to maintain living standards even at their present reduced level, while Israel's industrial and agricultural development is liable to become impeded, or even paralyzed, through lack of continuous supplies of raw materials and capital goods," the memorandum points out. "On the other hand, the availability of adequate dollar exchange would enable Israel to advance rapidly towards increased productivity and economic equilibrium during the coming few years of heavy immigration."

Recalls American Financial Aid Given to Other Friendly Nations

The memorandum recalls the aid given by the United States to many other friendly countries in similar emergencies. It also recalls with gratitude the many acts testifying to the special ties of friendship between the peoples of the United States and Israel. "In that spirit the Government of Israel now calls attention to its economic problems, many of which go far beyond the normal scope of national responsibility," the document emphasizes.

Reviewing the conditions which govern the tremendous scale of immigration to Israel and pointing out that Israel considers its "primary mission" the absorption of the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who have converged upon the Jewish state from all parts of the world, the memorandum stresses the fact that in receiving these immigrants, Israel has solved problems which would otherwise fall on international agencies and on other governments.

"For example, the admission to Israel of nearly all Jews from displaced persons camps in the American zone of Germany has directly liberated the United States Treasury from a considerable and continuous expenditure," the memorandum declares. "For many years the European refugee problem had baffled the resources and capacity of the refugee organizations established under the auspices of the League of Nations and the United Nations. Israel has absorbed large numbers of refugees who were the

objects of this international concern, without even having received any reparations from Germany for the wholesale spoliation and destruction of Jewish property in Europe."

The Israeli note then points out that the difficulty of financing the absorption of the huge number of immigrants has been aggravated still further by Israel's defense burdens. It emphasizes that a country which increases its population by 80 percent in two-and-a-half years, while simultaneously sustaining a heavy burden for defense and preparing to make a substantial financial contribution towards the solution of the Arab refugee problem, cannot obviously develop its productive resources to the extent required by these vast burdens "without massive outside assistance."

The memorandum expresses Israel's appreciation for credits of \$135,000,000 received from the U.S. Export-Import Bank. It states that Israel hopes to receive a boost for its economic development through the forthcoming sale of Israeli bonds in the United States. However, it makes it clear that the grant-in-aid from the U.S. Government would lead to the achievement of economic equilibrium in Israel.

The document refers to the "notable support" which Israel has received "at every decisive stage" from the President and the Congress of the United States. "In seeking the support of the United States for its arduous task of economic development and consolidation, and for its unprecedented efforts in providing homes for so many within so short a time, the Government of Israel is advocating the maintenance and extension of a traditional relationship firmly established in the hearts of both peoples," the memorandum concludes.

ISRAEL DIPLOMATS DISCUSS GERMAN REPARATIONS AND IRAQI SITUATION WITH DEAN ACHESON

WASHINGTON, March 22. (JTA) -- The question of Israel's claim for \$1,500,000,000 in reparations from Germany and the situation of the Jews in Iraq were raised by Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban and David Horowitz, Director-General of the Israeli Finance Ministry, with Secretary of State Dean Acheson today at the meeting where they handed him Israel's request for \$150,000,000 in grants-in-aid from the United States.

The Ambassador told a press conference that he had described to Secretary Acheson the "panic-stricken flight of Jews from Iraq," spoke of the "confiscations and violence" to which the Iraqi Jews have been subjected, and informed him that Israel was raising its Iraqi immigration quota to 30,000 a month.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS URGES U.S. TO SUPPORT ISRAEL'S CLAIM ON GERMANY

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today addressed an appeal to Secretary of State Dean Acheson urging United States support of Israel's claim for \$1,500,000,000 reparations from Germany.

The appeal, signed by Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the organization, said that American support of the claim "will greatly strengthen the moral leadership which our country is giving in uniting the free nations of the world on behalf of human justice and decency."

CABINET APPROVES BEN CURION'S VISIT TO U.S.; FIVE OTHER MINISTERS WILL PROCEED TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today approved plans for Premier David Ben Gurion and another five Ministers to visit the United States soon to assist the forthcoming Israel bond drive.

The other Ministers are: Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Trade and Industry Minister Yacov Gori, Health and Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira, Labor Minister Golda Myerson, and Communications Minister Dov Joseph.

VICTIMS OF BAGHDAD ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; CHILDREN INJURED IN DISORDERS

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- Bandaged Jews, who said they were attacked and beaten up by Arab rioters in Baghdad, arrived here last night in planes of the Baghdad-Lydda airlift. Several children, bearing the marks of recent injuries, were also among the passengers brought to Israel last night. Members of the group said the children had been injured in anti-Jewish disorders in the town of Akara in northern Iraq.

The new arrivals reported that Jews remaining in Iraq were observing the Feast of Esther, traditionally a day of rejoicing over the escape of the Jews from Haman, as a day of fast. They said that the Jews in Baghdad were pinning their hopes for an abatement of the situation on the return to the Iraqi capital of the Regent.

In Tel Aviv, the executive of the Histadrut adopted a protest against the "regime of terror and robbery which the Government of Iraq has imposed on the Jews of Babylon." The resolution promised the utmost efforts of the Histadrut for the immigration and absorption of the Iraqi Jews.

ISRAEL DEFIES SYRIAN OPPOSITION TO DRAINAGE OF HULEH; NOTIFIES U.N. COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today notified the United Nations truce commission that it will resume drainage work within a few days in the demilitarized section of the Huleh swamp, on the Israel-Syrian frontier, despite Syrian objections. The project is financed by the Jewish National Fund.

Israel's notification was given following a meeting yesterday of the Israel-Syrian armistice commission at which the Syrian representatives insisted that work on the Huleh swamp must be stopped. The Israeli representatives rejected the Syrian stand. Since, under the terms of the armistice pact, the U.N. chairman of the truce commission is responsible for returning the demilitarized zones to normal "civilian" existence, the commission agreed that the chairman should take over responsibility for the problem. Both sides, however, made it clear that they will continue to maintain their present positions.

The Israeli representatives on the commission accepted the chairman's proposal that compensation be paid to Arab landowners affected by the drainage project. The amount is to be determined by the chairman if no agreement is reached between the Arabs and the development company which is carrying out the reclamation project.

U.N. OBSERVERS RECOMMEND DEPORTATION TO EGYPT OF 5,000 BEDOUINS WHO INVADDED ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission received a report from United Nations observers today supporting Israeli complaints that 5,000 Bedouins from the Sinai desert, which is Egyptian territory, had illegally crossed into Israel territory. The U.N. observers declared that the Bedouins had not originally come from Israel territory and must return to Egypt. The commission, however, did not reach a decision on the question.

The commission struck from its agenda an Egyptian complaint that Israel had forcibly expelled Arabs from Majdal to Egyptian-held territory in southern Palestine. The chairman declared it had been established that these Arabs had asked to be reunited with their families in Gaza.

TWO RABBIS REPORTED ARRESTED IN HUNGARY BY POLITICAL POLICE; THEIR FATE IS UNKNOWN

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- The arrest by political police of two rabbis in Hungary was reported here today. They were named as Dr. Kraus of the Shofron community and Rabbi Moskowitz of Mishkolitz. Their fate is unknown.

DR. AUERBACH, ARRESTED EX-HEAD OF BAVARIAN RESTITUTION OFFICE, REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

MUNICH, March 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian State Restitution Office who has been arrested on charges of fraud and falsification of documents was reported today to be seriously ill. He was transferred to the Stadelheim prison hospital.

Dr. Joseph Miller, Bavarian Minister of Justice, who last week said that an investigation by the office of the public prosecutor failed to produce evidence of criminal acts by Dr. Auerbach and that his removal from office was due to his lack of technical qualifications for the job, today stated that Dr. Auerbach twice failed to hand over his passport when requested to do so by the public prosecutor. A plane ticket for the United States was found in his desk, giving reason to suspect that he planned to leave the country, the Minister said.

APPOINTMENT OF LORD SAMUEL AS BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO U.S. URGED IN LONDON

LONDON, March 22. (JTA) -- Lord Beaverbrook's London Evening Standard tonight proposed the designation of Lord Samuel, Liberal Party leader in the House of Lords, as British Ambassador to the United States in succession to Sir Oliver Franks.

"At the age of 80," the paper said in an editorial today, "Viscount Samuel is one of those men, rare in history, who become known and venerated as a statesman in more countries than his own." It added that "as Ambassador to the United States, Lord Samuel would crown the services he has rendered to his country and to all progressive causes over a half century of public life."

J.D.C. HELPED 100,000 JEWISH FAMILIES ACHIEVE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, OFFICIAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- More than 100,000 Jewish survivors--heads of families numbering 300,000 men, women and children--have achieved economic independence during the past five-and-a-half years with the aid of the Joint Distribution Committee, an official of the J.D.C. reported today.

Noel Aronovici, head of J.D.C.'s Reconstruction Department, told leaders of the relief agency that "since liberation, through the J.D.C.-financed loan funds, producers' cooperatives and vocational training institutions, including those of ORT, one out of every five Jewish survivors in Europe on V-E Day has now become economically independent. These reconstruction projects have given thousands of Jews an opportunity to live useful, productive lives in Europe, the United States, Israel and elsewhere."

Noting the difficulty of giving exact figures on the total of reconstruction aid because of the great number of projects in operation, Mr. Aronovici estimated that since V-E Day the J.D.C. has spent approximately \$30,000,000 in this field alone. He said that despite the curtailment of the J.D.C.'s reconstruction activities in Europe, as increasing numbers of Jews left for new homes on other continents, seven J.D.C.-assisted credit cooperatives are still functioning, with between \$2,800,000 and \$3,000,000 in loans outstanding.

NON-JEWISH STUDENTS BLOCK ERECTION OF HILLEL BUILDING AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 22. (JTA) -- The erection of a new building to house the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Maryland has been blocked owing to the opposition of non-Jewish students. Approximately 50 members of fraternities and sororities appeared before the Prince George's county commissioner and said they did not want the Hillel building erected near their fraternity and sorority houses because they feared the Jewish students would make too much noise.

Following the testimony of members of Phi Delta fraternity and of the Kappa Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, and Delta Delta Delta sororities, the county commissioners refused to grant a zoning variance for erection of the Hillel building. About two years ago a retiring student body president, who was not Jewish, issued a statement complaining about the prevalence of anti-Semitism at the university.

SUBORDINATED MEMBER OF SYNAGOGUE FILES \$100,000 SUIT; OUSTED OVER SEGREGATION OF WOMEN

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 22. (JTA) -- A \$100,000 damage suit against the board of trustees of the Knesset Israel Congregation was filed here by a member of the congregation suspended from the synagogue in a dispute over the method of seating women at the synagogue's services.

Formerly men were seated in the auditorium and the women sat in the gallery. Now both men and women sit in the auditorium, the women separated by a partition. The plaintiff, Harry Simon, claims he was suspended because he was a leader of efforts by a faction of the congregation to retain the old seating arrangement.

Seeking damages, Mr. Simon said he was humiliated, that he lost business in his profession as a salesman, that he has been prevented from taking part in activities of a congregation of which he was a member for 30 years, and that he has suffered bodily and mental illness which has required him to be placed under care of a physician in recent weeks.

NEW YORK CITY HONORS HENRIETTA SZOLD; NAMES STREET FOR HER IN EAST BROADWAY SECTION

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- The City of New York today honored the late Henrietta Szold, founder of the Hadassah organization, by renaming a street for her in the heart of the lower East Side.

An official ceremony took place at the corner of Dry Dock and 11th Street during which Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Hadassah's national president, removed the Dry Dock nameplates and replaced them with signs reading "Szold Place." Present were city officials and about 1,000 Hadassah members. Speakers at the ceremony included Zionist leaders and representatives of the municipality.

CANADIAN JEWISH POPULATION REACHES 190,000; INCREASED 23,000 IN PAST THREE YEARS

MONTREAL, March 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Canada has risen by 23,000 in the last three years to a total of about 190,000, it was reported here today. The spurt in immigration of Jews resulted from a liberalization of immigration policy by the Dominion, in line with a policy of admitting numbers of European DP's. The Canadian Jewish Congress has spent some \$2,000,000 on the settlement of war refugees in Canada since 1947, it was reported.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ADVOCATES POOLING OF UNUSED IMMIGRATION QUOTAS

WASHINGTON, March 22. (JTA) -- Admission to this country of refugees from religious or racial persecution under a plan of pooling unused immigration quotas was advocated by the National Council of Jewish Women in testimony today before the Joint Congressional Subcommittee.

Mrs. Elsie Elfenbein, executive director of the Council, at a hearing on the bill to change the immigration laws, said that instead of largely limiting immigration to persons with outstanding skills, as proposed, "it is a better principle to have our immigrants resemble a cross-section of our native population as they do now."

JEWISH YOUTH WEEK STARTS TODAY; WILL BE OBSERVED IN MANY COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Jewish communities throughout the United States will start observance tomorrow of Jewish Youth Week, proclaimed by the National Jewish Youth Conference, which represents more than 300 local and national Jewish youth organizations. The Conference is one of the organizations sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The role and achievements of Jewish youth in this country will be highlighted during the week through a wide variety of cultural festivals, local youth conferences, sports events, leadership training institutes, forums and fund-raising programs. Proceeds from several of these projects will go to the Jerusalem Young Man's Hebrew Association, Israel's first Jewish Community Center.

SAMUEL TELSEY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HIAS FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TERM

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- Samuel A. Telsey was today re-elected president of HIAS, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, for a fifth consecutive term.

In his speech of acceptance before the HIAS board of directors, Mr. Telsey pointed to the fact that during 1950, the organization spent \$379,954 for temporary shelter and feeding of new arrivals in the United States, adding that "it was the largest expenditure for this service in the Society's 67-year-history."

BERNARD SEGAL RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALLIED JEWISH APPEAL OF PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, March 22. (JTA) -- Bernard G. Segal was re-elected president of the Allied Jewish Appeal here for the coming year. Addressing the annual membership meeting, attended by several hundred community leaders, Mr. Segal stressed the fact that the Allied Jewish Appeal is "a dynamic force in the community and represents a communal undertaking which has the responsibility to create a social profit for the entire community."

ORT STARTS TRAINING COURSES IN JAFFA FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SKILL OF ISRAELI WORKERS

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- Short-term training courses for improvement of skills of thousands of workers in technical trades in Israel have begun at the ORT training center in Jaffa. The proficiency courses, initiated by agreement between the Ministry of Labor and the Israeli ORT, will last for four or five months and will consist of six hours a week of workshop practice and three hours of theory.

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