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SENATE AND HOUSE GET BILLS CALLING FOR U.S. TO GRANT ISRAEL \$150,000,000 IN AID

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- The Senate and the House today received bills calling for the United States to grant \$150,000,000 in financial aid to the Government of Israel. The Senate measure was introduced jointly by Senators Paul A. Douglas, Democrat of Illinois, and Robert A. Taft, Republican of Ohio. The House measure was submitted by Majority Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, and it is expected that the House will receive companion legislation from Minority Leader John W. Martin, also of Massachusetts.

After introducing their bill, Senators Douglas and Taft issued a joint statement declaring that the "menace of new aggressions by Communist tyranny in Iran or elsewhere in the Near East is great" and that "Israel is a bulwark in that area of world democracy." The joint statement said: "The economic assistance to strengthen free nations which since World War II has been such a significant part of our foreign policy should, in our opinion, now be extended to Israel. We believe that this can and must be done within the overall limits set in the budget by President Truman for foreign aid."

The Senators expressed hope that the bill will receive early study and favorable action. They pointed out that Israel "probably has the strongest army in the Near East, aside from Turkey," and emphasized the fact that "while Israel is scarcely three years old as a modern state, its achievements have already been historic."

The Senators noted that despite heroic efforts of Israel's own people, generous gifts of others, and a substantial loan from the Export-Import Bank, there is a wide gap in the availability of consumer goods in the Jewish state. "This has not only necessitated a serious reduction in standards of living, but also threatens a disastrous inflation," they declared.

House Leader Calls Israel "Dependable Ally" of U.S.

Rep. McCormack said that he has watched with "deep interest" the development of the state of Israel from its inception. "It is gratifying to note its progress as a true democratic outpost in the Near East," he stated, adding that he believes "the time has come to regard Israel as a truly democratic nation and as a dependable ally of the United States."

The economic burden of Israel in receiving hundreds of thousands of displaced persons is so overwhelming that it must invite the sympathy and co-operation of all liberty-loving peoples everywhere and especially in the United States, Rep. McCormack said. "In the light of the present struggle between the East and the West it is in the interest of the security of the United States to strengthen Israel situated as it is at the crossroads of three continents," he pointed out. "This measure, calling for granting of financial aid to Israel is, therefore, in the interests of the general welfare of the United States and it is in consonance with the principles of decency and humanity."

MILITARY ATTACHES OF WESTERN POWERS INSPECT HULEH; STUDY ISRAELI-SYRIAN CONFLICT

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- Several military attaches of the Western Powers, accompanied by high ranking officers of the Israeli Army, today made an inspection of the Huleh region where a conflict has been in progress between Israel and Syria over the drainage of the Huleh swamps.

Members of the United Nations Truce staff today proposed that a second meeting be held between high military officers of Syria and Israel in an attempt to settle the dispute. Syria allegedly agreed to accept the proposal, but Israel maintains that there is nothing to discuss regarding the drainage project since Israeli authorities are engaged in carrying out a development scheme which has nothing to do with the military situation.

Arab sources today reported that Syria will shortly submit a complaint to the United Nations against Israel for "violating the armistice agreement." The same sources reported that Syria is continuing to concentrate troops on its border in the Huleh region.

The reclamation work was not resumed today by the Israeli workers. A military spokesman here said that "neither Israeli military units nor military weapons, apart from regular police rifles, are to be found in the demilitarized zone of the Huleh." It is understood that the Israeli authorities may agree to attend a meeting of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission if the Syrians do not resume firing upon Israeli workers engaged in draining the swamps.

POLAND PROMISES TO PERMIT "UNHINDERED EMIGRATION" OF JEWS TO ISRAEL, DIPLOMAT REPORTS

TEL AVIV, April 2. (JTA) -- Israel-bound Jewish emigration from Poland will continue unhindered, Israel Barzilai, former Israeli Minister to Warsaw, declared here upon his arrival from Warsaw. Mr. Barzilai who, together with several members of his staff resigned several months ago, said that before he left Poland he received assurances from the "highest Polish authorities" that Jewish emigration would continue unmolested.

A one-year trade agreement between Israel and Poland was signed here yesterday. The agreement contains provisions for the transfer of capital of Jews emigrating from Poland to Israel. Under the terms of the agreement, Israel will buy in Poland \$7,500,000 worth of coal, textiles, timber, farming equipment, tools, metal and chemical products. Sixty percent of the payments will be made by Israel in goods exported to Poland. These will include citrus fruits, pharmaceutical products, artificial teeth, razor blades and dental equipment.

ONLY TWO JEWS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN RUSSIA; ONE OF THEM IS DEPUTY FOR BIRO-BIDJAN

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- A report received here today said that in parliamentary elections held recently in the Russian Socialist Federal Republic--containing more than 60 percent of the Soviet Union's population--several hundred deputies were elected, of whom only two are Jews. The two Jews are Ieva Binkovich, deputy for Biro-Bidjan, and Abram Bychovsky, who was elected in Mototov, formerly known as Perm.

JEWISH GROUPS IN SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORT ISRAEL'S REPARATIONS CLAIM ON GERMANY

JOHANNESBURG, April 2. (JTA) -- The South African Board of Jewish Deputies and the Zionist Federation of South Africa today issued a joint statement supporting Israel's claims for \$1,500,000,000 in reparations from Germany. The statement declared that while monetary reparations do not compensate for the incalculable losses suffered by the Jews under Nazism, justice demands that the German people make financial reparations.

SWEDEN WHO SAVED 36,000 JEWS AND OTHERS FROM NAZIS HONORED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

STOCKHOLM, April 2. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 messages of congratulations, including one from Winston Churchill, were received yesterday by Julius Huettner, a Swedish clockmaker in Goeterberg, who is credited with having saved 36,000 Jews and others from Nazi hands, helping many of them to escape from German concentration camps to Sweden. The congratulatory messages, which came from persons in 20 countries, were sent to Mr. Huettner on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Many of the Jews whom he rescued are now in the United States and Israel. When they reached Sweden from Germany he sheltered some of them in his home and helped provide them with food and clothing. He also succeeded in interesting Swedish businessmen in aiding the refugees. Many of the people whom he helped and who subsequently remained in Sweden, came to Goeterberg to congratulate him. The city celebrated his birthday with special ceremonies.

UPTON CLOSE BREAKS UP ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- A press conference called by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith at the Willard Hotel here was abandoned following the appearance at the conference of Upton Close, radio commentator who is charged with spreading anti-Jewish propaganda.

Mr. Close complained to Judge Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the League, who was scheduled to address the press conference, that the A.D.L. interfered with his efforts to earn a livelihood. Herman Edelsberg, Washington director of the A.D.L., told him that he was "the victim of his own record as a commentator." Judge Steinbrink offered to meet with Close at a later date to discuss any question, and asked him to leave the room so that the press conference could proceed. The conference was abandoned when Close refused to leave.

Close's writings, unfriendly to Jews, have been inserted in the Congressional Record by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy. The Senator later withdrew the material from the record following his receipt of a letter of protest from David Rabinowitz, co-chairman of the Federated Jewish Charities in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. However, he wrote to Close explaining that he had removed some of this material because he felt that his "fight to clean Communists out of our government was too important to take any chance of getting mixed up in any anti-Semitic charges against you, or anyone else, regardless of how unjustified those charges might be."

In his letter to Close, Sen. McCarthy emphasized that he knows nothing about the commentator except that he is anti-Communist, "You can be certain that you, or any other radio commentator who takes part in the anti-Communist fight will also be smeared from hell to breakfast," he wrote, adding that "a favorite smear, of course, is to claim that a man is anti-Semitic."

BUDGET OF \$1,096,000 ADOPTED FOR WORK OF B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATIONS

CHICAGO, April 2. (JTA) -- A budget of \$1,096,000 for the activities of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations in 1951 was adopted here by the National Hillel Commission.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, director of the Hillel Foundations, reported at the meeting that applications for Hillel Services from 20 universities and colleges are being considered, but that lack of funds had kept the program from expanding to meet the demand. The Commission voted to continue the Hillel Foreign Student Service, under which 37 foreign students are maintained in American universities.

ZIONIST LABORITES LAUNCH SALE OF ISRAELI BONDS IN U.S. WITH \$1,250,000 IN PLEDGES

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- Pledges to buy \$1,250,000 worth of Israeli bonds were signed here yesterday at a session of the National Council of the Poale Zion Party at which the sale of the bonds was launched to Zionist Laborites in the United States.

The session was addressed by David Horwitz, Director of Israel's Ministry of Finance, who explained why American Jewry must do its utmost to sell \$500,000,000 worth of Israeli bonds in this country. Other speakers included Prof. Hayim Fleiman, Dr. B. Frymer and Meyer Weisgal.

NEW YORK EXPERT LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO TRAIN TELEPHONE OPERATORS IN AMERICAN METHODS

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- Israeli telephone operators will be trained by a supervisor of the New York Telephone Company who left yesterday by plane for Tel Aviv. The supervisor, Mrs. Antoinette Leavy, who has been employed with the New York Telephone Company for more than 30 years, said she would give instruction courses in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem.

Mrs. Leavy was chosen by the New York Telephone Company for her trip after the company received a request from Dov Josef, Israeli Minister of Communications, asking that an expert be sent to Israel to train operators in American methods. She will remain in the Jewish state for about two months.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT INVITES AMERICAN SPORTS CHAMPION TO BECOME ADVISOR ON ATHLETICS

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- Irving Mondschein, three-time A.A.U. National Decathlon Champion and member of the 1948 United States Olympic Team, has been invited by the Government of Israel to become an advisor to the Department of Physical Education in the Ministry of Education, it was announced here today. Mr. Mondschein is taking a leave of absence from his position as Director of Athletics at Lincoln University and is leaving shortly for Israel where he will stay for approximately a year.

The Ministry of Education has outlined a full program for Mr. Mondschein which includes training of instructors and teachers in physical education, particularly in relation to track and field athletics. A group of prominent public figures in the United States, assisted by the National Jewish Welfare Board and the American Fund for Israel Institutions, have taken an active interest in the project of assisting and furthering the healthy growth of amateur sports in Israel.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HONORS MEMORY OF FIRST AMERICAN-BORN RABBI; WAS COLUMBIA TREASURER

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- Tribute to the first American-born rabbi--Rabbi Gershom Mendes Seixas--who served for 30 years as a trustee of Columbia College, was paid today by Dr. Grayson Kirk, acting president of the Columbia University. Dr. Kirk emphasized that Rabbi Seixas "played a very large part in the intellectual life of New York and an effective part in the guidance and development of Columbia College" at the close of the 18th century.

The tribute was offered during a brief ceremony held before the portrait of Rabbi Seixas, which hangs in Columbia's Earl Hall. The ceremony took place in connection with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the New York Board of Rabbis which begins this Friday. A delegation of the New York Board of Rabbis participated.

Rabbi Seixas' portrait was unveiled at Columbia University in 1929 on the 175th anniversary of the founding of the university. He was born in New York on Jan. 14, 1745, and was the son of Isaac Mendes Seixas, who had escaped from the Inquisition in Portugal.