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EBAN OPTIMISTIC ON POSSIBILITY OF U.S. CONGRESS APPROVING GRANT-IN-AID FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Optimism over the chances for approval by the U.S. Congress of Israel's request for a grant-in-aid from the American Government was expressed here today by Abba Eban, Israel's ambassador to the United States. He said that a part of the grant-in-aid would be spent to buy more grain in this country.

Addressing a press conference, the Israeli diplomat declared that Israel still needs military supplies from the United States and would continue trying to obtain more. He confirmed a report that Israel will soon sign a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with the United States.

In response to a question about oil in Israel, Mr. Eban said that Jewish exports had been in contact with American oil experts on the question of whether there was any oil under Israel's soil. He stated that Egypt's ban on Israel-bound goods being shipped through the Suez Canal may be placed on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council in the near future and expressed the hope that the U.S. would support Israel's point of view on this issue.

The Israel diplomats said work on the Hulah drainage project was going on, but that Israel was not satisfied with the situation which permitted work only on Jewish-owned land. He said the project will be completed only as originally planned, requiring the use of seven acres of Arab-owned land. Mr. Eban said there had been differences with the U.S. over the spirit with which Israel had carried on the work, but not in respect to the aims of the project.

EGYPT'S BLOCKADE AGAINST ISRAEL DISCUSSED IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT: ACTION URGED

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) Every opportunity is being taken to bring pressure upon the Egyptian Government to permit the transit of Israel-bound oil tankers through the Suez Canal, British Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison told the House of Commons today.

Anthony Eden pointed out that Britain has been trying to persuade Egypt for two years to give up its blockade against Israel and that all efforts in this direction brought no results. "There are measures in our power which can be taken together with our allies," he insisted. Mr. Morrison replied that he would be willing to consider any suggestions, including a suggestion by Mr. Eden that the oil tankers be sent to Haifa through the Suez Canal under effective escort.

British newspapers today carried articles urging stronger pressure from England on Egypt's blockading of Israeli shipping in the Suez Canal. The Daily Graphic says that the United States has promised arms to Egypt, provided that Egypt reaches a political agreement with Britain.

JEWISH AGENCY ESTABLISHES DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE EMIGRATION FROM ANGLO-SAXON LANDS

TEL AVIV, June 20. (JTA) -- The establishment of the department to deal especially with new immigration to Israel from Anglo-Saxon countries was announced here today by the Jewish Agency. The department will collaborate with the Zionist organizations in Anglo-Saxon countries to facilitate the immigration of Jews from those lands, and the settlement and integration of the prospective newcomers in the Jewish state.

Emphasizing that about 5,000 Jews, coming principally from the United States and Britain, have already settled in Israel since the establishment of the Jewish state, the announcement says that a large number of tourists who recently visited Israel displayed a keen interest in settling in the Jewish state in the near future. Moreover, it is understood that British authorities have lately approved, on a small scale, the transfer of capital for British citizens who may desire to emigrate to Israel, the Jewish Agency announcement reveals.

The principal feature offered by the new department is the possibility of acquiring new housing, thereby overcoming the main difficulty confronting all newcomers in Israel. The plan involves partial payment of the total cost of the house in foreign currency for which the Jewish Agency will buy all building materials necessary for the erection of the house. The new-comer will be paying the balance after his arrival in Israel in easy installments and through long-term mortgages.

The new department is intended for immigrants with limited financial means, to be recruited chiefly from the middle class. The houses for these immigrants will be built by Anidat, the housing corporation which is partly owned by the government and the Jewish Agency, thus ensuring maximum construction speed and official support for the integration of the newcomers into the country's economic life.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN ISRAEL SPLIT ON ELECTIONS: PROGRESSIVE PARTY HINTS SUPPORT FROM U.S.

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- All efforts to establish a Religious Bloc for the forthcoming parliamentary elections, which are scheduled to take place on July 30, failed today when the Mizrahi Laborite Party announced that it will present a separate list of candidates.

The leaders of the party emphasized that they see no way of joining the Religious Bloc of which the Mizrahi laborites were a part in the previous parliamentary elections. All indications point to the fact that there may be at least four competing religious lists in the election campaign.

Addressing the opening session of the national conference of the Progressive Party in Tel Aviv last night, Dr. A. Granott, head of the Jewish National Fund, said that the majority of the members of the Zionist Organization of America and the Hadassah members in the United States are supporting the progressive trend in General Zionism. In a message to the conference, Premier David Ben Gurion said: "You are among the few who dared to continue in this country the fine tradition of Zionism."

FIRST CENTRAL WATER PUMPING STATION FOR NEGEV OFFICIALLY OPENED

TEL AVIV, June 20. (JTA) -- A new central pumping station, forcing water into the Negev-bound pipeline, was officially inaugurated today. The new plant, situated northwest of Beerseba, has a capacity of 15,000,000 cubic meters annually.

The plant will act as a distributor and relay point for water pumped from wells located further north, and will pump water onward to the Negev. It will irrigate a large area extending between Negba in the north to Beerseba in the South.

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RABBINIC ASSEMBLY DECIDES TO REVITALIZE OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH; RE-ELECTS DAVIDSON

KIAMESIA LAKE, N.Y., June 20. (JTA) -- An intensive effort to revitalize observance of the Sabbath by Conservative Jews throughout the United States and Canada was endorsed here today by the 275 members of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, meeting at their 51st annual convention at the Hotel Concord. The Rabbis pledged themselves to make observance of the Sabbath the primary task in their congregations during the coming year. Rabbi Max Davidson was re-elected president of the Assembly for a one year term.

In his report of the activities of the Assembly during the 1950-51 period, Rabbi Max J. Rountonberg, executive vice-president, pointed out: "The American Jewish community continues to be the most understaffed religious denomination in American life. Hundreds of small, isolated Jewish communities throughout the land are compelled to do without any spiritual leadership whatsoever, or, what is frequently worse, fall prey to the free-lance charlatans who wreck incalculable damage on their unsuspecting victims."

Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, distinguished theologian, said at the afternoon session: "Not until religious leaders of the principal religions in the world can agree on some minimum workable program that would make possible an organization which would render religious diversity compatible with ecumenical unity, can religion amount to more than a verbalization of wishful thinking."

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR REFORM AND CONSERVATIVE RABBIS IN ISRAEL ASKED AT RABBINICAL CONVENTION

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 20. (JTA) -- Addressing the opening session of the annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the organization of Reform rabbis, Dr. Philip S. Bernstein, president, said that in pledging support for Israel he was critical of the fact that Reform and Conservative phases of Judaism did not enjoy in Israel the same status as other religious groups. He expressed hope that this condition would be rectified.

Reviewing general conditions, Rabbi Bernstein said: "Organized religion must support the forces of law, order and freedom in this struggle. The people of Russia are entitled to any kind of government they are ready to accept. But the government of Soviet Russia does not have the right to impose its domination or its social order on other nations. Unless such enforced dominations is resisted, it will engulf the entire civilized world. Therefore, organized resistance by the United Nations to such aggression is morally right and realistically imperative."

"Therefore," Rabbi Bernstein continued, "the president of your conference expresses his endorsement of the policies followed by the President of the United States at this time. I support his policies to resist and to localize aggression. I commend him for acting within the framework of the United Nations. The policy of our government does not guarantee peace. There can be no absolute guaranty of peace without the co-operation of the Kremlin."

PROBLEM OF ALL HANDICAPPED DISPLACED JEWS MAY BE SOLVED THIS YEAR, J.D.C. DIRECTOR SAYS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The end of 1951 may well see the solution to the single most difficult problem facing displaced Jews in Europe -- the future of the so-called "hard cores," Moses W. Bockelman, director general of the Joint Distribution Committee's overseas operations declared here today.

Mr. Bockelman reported that hundreds of aged, ill and handicapped DP's, whose emigration had been delayed for several years are already in the Jewish State, or are scheduled to leave for Israel by the end of the year. Their care in Israel is being provided by the Joint Distribution Committee.

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AKRON JEWISH COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSARY; TEMPLE MARKS 85 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

AKRON, Ohio, June 20. (JTA) The 100th anniversary of the Akron Jewish community was marked here last night at a special ceremony at which Major General Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service, was the principal speaker. Governor Frank J. Lausche of Ohio shared the platform with Gen. Hershey.

The anniversary coincides with the completion of 85 years by Templo Israel, the oldest Jewish institution in Akron. The Temple has a membership of 500 families. Dr. J. Marshall Taxay, ordained at the Hebrew Union College, is its rabbi.

PERON PRESENTED WITH BIBLE SENT TO HIM BY PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL; CEREMONY MARKS EVENT

BUENOS AIRES, June 20. (JTA) -- In an impressive ceremony, Dr. Pablo Marzouk, Argentine Minister to Israel, last night presented President Peron with a rare copy of a silver-bound 16th century bible sent to him by the President of Israel, Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Members of the cabinet were among those present at the ceremony.

Dr. Marzouk explained that the Jewish State has no decorations, therefore Dr. Weizmann selected the bible to honor the Argentine President. Yaacov Tzur, Israel's Minister to Buenos Aires, addressing Peron at the ceremony said: "We give you this bible, Mr. President, as the best token Israel possesses, a token of our will toward human progress." Replying, Peron said that he was deeply grateful to President Weizmann and was certain that Israel will overcome the difficulties which the country is now facing.

SO. AFRICA HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM IN ISRAEL, JEWISH JOURNALISTS TELL PRESIDENTIAL OFFICIAL

PRESIDENTIAL OFFICIAL, SO. AFRICA, June 20. (JTA) -- The Administrator of the Transvaal, Dr. W. Nicol, received a delegation from the Association of Jewish Journalists of South Africa at his office here. The delegation, consisting of Edgar Bernstein and Henry Jacobs, waited upon the Administrator to present a message of greetings and goodwill from Dr. Abraham Biran, Governor of the District of Jerusalem, given into their charge during the recent visit of a party of South African Jewish journalists to Israel.

In presenting the message to the Administrator, Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Jacobs told of the esteem in which South Africa was held in Israel. They reported that Israel was already a big customer of South African goods, and that Israelis looked forward to a deepening and strengthening of the friendship between the two countries. The Administrator, in reply expressed his deep appreciation of Governor Biran's message, written in the language of the Bible, and said that he heartily reciprocated its warm and friendly sentiments.

IS. RENZO LEVI ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST FEDERATION IN ITALY

ROME, June 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Renzo Levi has been elected president of the Italian Zionist Federation, it was announced here today. Dr. Levi is also vice-president of the Union of Jewish Communities of Italy.

JOINT BILSUNG APPEAL IN ENGLAND RAISES \$3,640,000 IN FIRST FOUR MONTHS

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) -- The Joint Bilisung Appeal has raised 1,300,000 pounds (\$3,640,000) in the first four months of its drive this year, the organization announced today. The sum is 50,000 pounds more than was raised during the entire 1950 campaign, it was pointed out. The administrative committee of the J.B.A. expressed confidence that the 2,000,000-pound goal would be reached this year.

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