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## CONGRESS ASKED TO VOTE \$76,000,000 FOR ISRAEL REFUGEE AID

WASHINGTON, March 13. (JTA) -- Legislation prepared by the Administration to implement President Truman's Mutual Security Aid program and asking \$76,000,000 for the relief and resettlement of Jewish immigrants in Israel was presented today to a joint meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The measure also asks for the payment of \$65,000,000 to the United Nations for the resettlement of Arab refugees in Arab lands. It totals \$141,000,000 of the \$196,000,000 asked for the Near East for the 1953 fiscal year by President Truman last week in his Mutual Security Aid message. The remaining \$55,000,000 is expected to be distributed to Iran and among the Arab states engaged in resettling the Arab refugees.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson, testifying on the Mutual Security program, told the joint session that "the problem which confronts Israel and those which face the U. N. and the Arab states giving asylum to the Arab refugees have been ameliorated but are not yet solved. The solution of these problems with all of their connotations of human suffering, and the establishment of stable conditions are still important in the hearts and minds of the people of the United States.

"Therefore," he added, "we are proposing the extension of the program inaugurated this year for the relief and resettlement of refugees into Israel and we are proposing a contribution to the United Nations fund for the relief and resettlement of the Arab refugees from Palestine and an appropriate program of aid to the Arab states concentrating on those sheltering the refugees in order to provide a setting in which reintegration can take place." W. Averill Harriman, head of the Mutual Security Aid program, also testified for the bill.

## Aid to Israel is Now U. S. Official Policy, Eban Says

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- American Jews were told today by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban that they "may take comfort from the fact" that their objectives in aiding the economic consolidation of Israel "have now become the official policy of the Government of the United States."

Mr. Eban spoke at a dinner in his honor given by the Mizrahi Organization of America in the interests of the Israel bond drive. "Israel's progress towards agricultural self-sufficiency and the versatile range of its industrial development carry a clear assurance of economic stability after a brief transition period," he stated. He added that the entire economic problem confronting Israel could be summarized in the one word, productivity.

## JEWISH AGENCY ACTS ON MAJOR ISSUES; ADOPTS DRAFT OF STATUS

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, today reported to the Agency plenary session here the progress made in the conference he held yesterday with Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion and Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan on plans for the coordination of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel bond sales campaigns, a communique issued by the Agency tonight declared.

It added that all efforts will be made to arrange such coordination in the near future. "The Agency reiterates its opinion that normalization of relations between the United Jewish Appeal and the bond drive requires the establishment of a supreme body in the United States for coordination and decision," the communique stated.

The session also approved a ruling by the directorate of the Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the Agency, on the conduct of drives and the allocation of funds derived from such campaigns. The four major points of this ruling are:

1. An effort must be made to see to it that drives for Israeli needs are not coupled with campaigns for general Jewish needs. However, this decision will not refer to the United States, Canada or South Africa.
2. Allocations for purposes other than those of the organizations and purposes supported by the Keren Hayesod should be reduced to a minimum.
3. Separate drives should be arranged with the headquarters of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal. They will be carried out on the basis of agreements on schedule and slogans.
4. All allocations for institutions and parties should be made only with the approval of the headquarters of the Keren Hayesod-U. I. A. in Jerusalem and, in important cases, with the approval of the Jewish Agency branch in Jerusalem. Allocations for U.S. institutions should be made after the approval of the Agency offices in Jerusalem and New York.

The plenary session also decided to undertake, in cooperation with the Israel Government and housing companies, a program to provide housing for experts and professionals from abroad who come to Israel by special invitation.

While the general lines of the Agency's immigration policy remain intact, several amendments have been introduced. The amendments will increase the number of immigrants in the current year. Itzhak Raphael, head of the Agency's immigration department, expressed the hope that 100,000 new immigrants will arrive in the Jewish state in 1952.

The session adopted several decisions regarding the transfer of certain tasks and authority to certain Zionist federations in order to strengthen the World Zionist movement.

The communique states that the plenary session adopted a draft of the status which the Jewish Agency seeks from the Israel Government. The draft will be submitted to the Government for its consent. If adopted by the Israel Cabinet, it will then be presented to the Israel Parliament.

Immediately after the closing of today's meeting, Dr. Goldmann and Berl Locker, co-chairmen of the Agency executive, visited Premier David Ben Gurion and submitted to him the draft adopted by the Agency session. Dr. Goldmann is leaving Israel by plane tomorrow to meet Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in Europe. The plenary session of the Agency executive is expected to close on Monday.

NOTED ISRAELI POET FINED FOR PARTICIPATING IN ILLEGAL DEMONSTRATION

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- Abraham Shlonsky, well known Hebrew poet, was fined three Israeli pounds today after being found guilty of participating in an illegal demonstration. Mr. Shlonsky took part in a Mapam demonstration held in favor of striking Israeli seamen last December.

MORE THAN 7,000 JEWS LEFT ISRAEL FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN 1951

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- More than 7,000 persons emigrated from Israel last year, it is revealed in a report published here by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The report shows that 7,317 Jews and 330 non-Jews left the country in 1951 for Canada, United States, Turkey, France and other countries.

The majority of the emigrants were newcomers who found it difficult to adjust themselves to the present conditions of life in the Jewish state. Others included Jews who came to Israel in the hope of securing a visa from there to the United States.

EILATH INHABITANTS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S PORT

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- The third anniversary of Israel's Army reaching the shores of the Red Sea was observed today in Eilath, Israel's southern port which lies at the mouth of the Red Sea.

Representatives of the military units which took part in occupation, as well as all the inhabitants of Eilath, participated in the celebration. Members of the Israel Cabinet and high army officers were among the guests present.

The celebration included an "achievement parade" which showed the steady development of Eilath. Most interesting items exhibited were greenish copper stones and white manganese stones which proved the existence of these minerals in the Negev. A message of greetings from Premier David Ben Gution was read during the celebration.

UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL BOARD HEARS REPORT ON ISRAEL'S NEEDS

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- A report on Israel's urgent needs was presented here today to the board of directors of the United Israel Appeal by its president Rudolf G. Sonneborn.

Mr. Sonneborn reported that Israel is emerging from "the most desperate winter season in its history" with at least 25 percent of the population ill-housed and the whole population "dangerously underfed" due to the drastic shortage of funds. He emphasized that U. I. A. constituent bodies had spent \$27,720,000 this winter for the immigration and resettlement program, and said that more than \$40,000,000 would be required for the next four months.

"The coming spring, as a time of planting and building, opens a new season of hope for the beleaguered people of Israel who are daily undergoing heroic sacrifices so that their program of life-saving and life-building can continue," Mr. Sonneborn said. "American Jews must help make this spring a time of re-birth by helping to provide the seed-capital, through the United Jewish Appeal, which can aid in the rescue of Israel from the despair and depression of this past winter."

**U.S. ZIONIST GROUPS WARNED TO INSTITUTE PROJECTS IN ISRAEL**

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- A statement predicting that American Zionist groups which are not tied to projects in Israel will face "a difficult period," was issued here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress and member of the Jewish Agency executive, prior to his leaving for London to participate in discussions on Jewish claims against Germany.

Dr. Goldstein, who attended the plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive here, said that the question of coordinating the activities between the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond drive in the United States is "on the way toward a solution" and that this is also the case with the question of the special status which the Jewish Agency is seeking from the Israel Government.

He urged that the Israel Government should consult the Agency before arranging with other Jewish organizations to work in Israel. The Agency, he added, is ready to broaden its executive by the inclusion of representatives of such organizations as the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, Board of Jewish Deputies of Britain and Australia, Agudas Israel, Pioneer Women and other groups. However, he declared, the Agency must first be granted its status then it can begin negotiations for broadening its base.

This must be done on the initiative of the Zionist organization and not imposed as a condition for the granting of a status to the Agency in Israel, he urged. He expressed the opinion that the forthcoming meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, policy-making body of the Zionist movement between world congresses, will consider the issue of broadening the representation on the Jewish Agency.

Referring to the U. J. A. -bond drive situation, Dr. Goldstein said that the Israel Government must cooperate with the Agency in the establishment of a committee with authority to settle problems of timing and method of fund-raising of the two organizations. "It would be hurtful to Israel if the U. J. A. leaders were to feel that their work is being unnecessarily hampered," he warned, adding that the Jewish State cannot hope to meet its needs without both fund-raising organizations.

**CREATION OF AN AMERICAN ZIONIST CONGRESS SUGGESTED; REASONS GIVEN**

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- A statement calling for the creation of an American Zionist Congress similar to the World Zionist Congress was issued here today by Louis Segal, leader of the Labor Zionist movement in this country.

Mr. Segal asserted that "the only solution to the chaos existing on the American Jewish scene today is the establishment of a democratically based central body for the conduct of mutual activities for Zionism, Jewry and Israel." This, he said, is the responsibility not of one Zionist group, but of all Zionist groups in this country.

"An American Zionist Congress should be convened once every two or three years," Mr. Segal suggested, "which should consist of delegates from every Zionist party and faction. Such a body, similar to the World Zionist Congress, would be able to decide on the various problems which confront American Zionists. Such a body will, to a great extent, raise the prestige of the entire Zionist movement and will certainly help cement Zionist forces in American Jewish life."

FORMER SECRETARY OF BAVARIAN RESTITUTION COMMISSIONER ARRESTED

MUNICH, March 13. (JTA) -- Lita Schliewen, former secretary to Dr. Philip Auerbach, ex-head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, has been arrested on charges of complicity in the bribery and corruption with which Dr. Auerbach is charged. Meanwhile, the opening of Dr. Auerbach's trial has been postponed again, this time to April 7.

JEWS CHARGE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WITH INACTION ON RESTITUTION LAW

VIENNA, March 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish newspaper Die Stimme has charged the Austrian Government with delaying implementation of the restitution law and legislation providing indemnification payments for imprisonment by the Nazis.

The newspaper says that while the Jews of Austria are still fighting to put into effect laws which were passed for their relief, "large sums have been paid in Germany" and "reparations are taking shape there." It adds that "it looks as though the intention (of the government) is to consider least those who suffered most."

ECUADOR ORDERS CHECK OF OCCUPATIONS OF ALIENS; JEWS AFFECTED

QUITO, Ecuador, March 13. (JTA) -- A new decree by the Ecuadorean Government requires all foreigners resident in the country to report to the authorities within 90 days to prove that they are following the occupation for the practice of which they were admitted to the country.

After his examination, each foreigner will receive a certificate stating the occupation he is permitted to practice. Among those affected by the decree are some 3,000 Jews of foreign nationality. The measure followed a scandal involving a refugee who was admitted as an agricultural worker and became a banker.

OMNIBUS IMMIGRATION BILL DELAYED; WILL REACH CONGRESS NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, March 13. (JTA) -- The Omnibus Immigration Bill which was scheduled to be presented to the House of Representatives today did not get to the floor and will be delayed until next Thursday. The measure is opposed by the major national Jewish organizations who have expressed the fear that it will endanger civil rights.

N. Y. LEGISLATURE KILLS BILL BANNING SCHOOL GIFTS BY RACISTS

ALBANY, March 13. (JTA) -- A bill making it unlawful for educational institutions chartered by the New York State Board of Regents to accept gifts or endowments that require the teaching of doctrines of racial supremacy was defeated in the State Senate today by three votes, after having achieved unanimous passage in the lower house of the Legislature.

The measure was killed after the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee had complained that it was an "insult" to the educational institutions of the state since it indicates that they might be willing to accept such gifts. The bill had been prepared by the Association of Colleges and Universities in cooperation with the State Education Department.

HERUT LEADER CRITICIZES ISRAEL FOR REPARATIONS TALKS WITH GERMANY

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Government was severely criticized at a press conference here today by Haim Landau, Herut member of the Israel Parliament, for initiating discussions with Germany on reparations. Mr. Landau, a former Lt. Commander of the Irgun, also criticized Israel's new economic policy. The conference was arranged by the United Zionist-Revisionists of America.

**ZIONIST GROUP NAMES REDELHEIM AS CANDIDATE FOR Z. O. A. PRESIDENCY**

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- Abraham Redelheim, chairman of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, was proposed for the presidency of the Z. O. A. at a meeting of the Bronx Zionist Region of the organization, it was announced here today.

The announcement said that of the 40 leaders of the Zionist districts in the Bronx who attended the meeting, only one voted against the nomination of Mr. Redelheim. The election of a Z. O. A. president will take place at the forthcoming convention of the organization scheduled to open in New York on June 13.

**DR. GRANADOS RETURNS FROM VISIT TO ISRAEL; WILL TOUR FOR U. J. A.**

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Jorge Garcia-Granados, former Guatemalan Ambassador to the United States and until recently the head of his country's delegation to the United Nations, arrived at New York International Airport from Israel yesterday to confer with leaders of the United Jewish Appeal on measures to be taken by the U. J. A. in meeting the severe economic crisis in the Jewish State.

Dr. Granados, who visited Israel at the invitation of the Israel Government, will undertake a tour of a select group of major American cities to confer in each with Jewish community leaders and to help spur a special drive launched earlier this week to raise \$50,000,000 in cash by June 30 as a first installment by American Jews on the Appeal's 1952 goal of \$151,500,000.

Speaking to representatives of the press, Dr. Granados said: "Israel has made progress that I would never have conceived could have been accomplished in so short a time. Where there were villages there are now cities. Small cities have become large cities. The whole landscape of the country has changed."

**HADASSAH GETS \$170,000 LASKER GIFT ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- A gift of \$170,000 from the estate of the late Florina Lasker, civic and social worker, was made today to Hadassah to mark the 40th anniversary of Hadassah's founding. The presentation was made to Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, national president of Hadassah, at a celebration attended by the organization's National Board at its headquarters here. Mrs. Rosensohn is a sister of Miss Lasker, who died in 1949.

Reviewing Hadassah's 40-year history Mrs. Rosensohn said: "It was good to realize that the structure Hadassah had erected during these stirring decades was worthy of the firm foundations laid by Henrietta Szold and her co-workers. Their criteria were always the needs of the country at a given time, a keen desire to pioneer in new and unknown fields, a flexibility of program and a willingness to turn over a going project to the community, at such time as the local organizations could carry on and develop the work."

**DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN GOES TO ISRAEL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS**

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will leave next month for Israel, Alan M. Stroock, chairman of the board of directors of the Seminary, announced today. Dr. Finkelstein is expected to remain in Israel for several months. While there, he will confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature upon Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

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