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U. S. GOVERNMENT DISMISSES ISRAEL COMPLAINT ON ARMS TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The United States Government has decided to dismiss Israel's complaints against the supply of Western arms to the Arab states. This was learned today from government sources who revealed that the State Department has decided that it has no objection to a British plan to sell large quantities of jet aircraft to the Arabs.

The American view is that the projected sale of jets would not necessarily lead to a Middle East arms race nor would it jeopardize the truce between Israel and the Arab states. Earlier this week, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban asked Secretary of State Dean Acheson to consider that the Arab states claim a state of war to be in existence, refuse to negotiate peace, and maintain a blockade against Israel.

The State Department, after considering Mr. Eban's views, found that it does not share Israel's alarm and will do nothing to block the sale of arms. In fact, government sources said munitions shipments to the Arabs are viewed as desirable in order to advance Western relations with the Arabs to strengthen the Arab world against Communism.

The British Government has held informal discussions with the United States on the subject of Israel's objections. This was done because N.A. T. O. obligations require mutual agreement before arms shipments may be sent out of the N.A. T. O. area.

Rep. Emanuel Celler today protested to Secretary Acheson that shipments of American arms to the Arabs might set off renewed aggression against Israel. Mr. Celler wrote Sec. Acheson that supporters of Israel have been informed that "the United States intends to ship arms and planes to Egypt and to other Arab states." He warned the Secretary that "the evidence of Egypt's hostility towards Israel is a danger spark which we cannot afford to overlook."

President Truman, in Message to Congress, Cites Israel

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- President Truman, in his State of the Union message, today named Israel among countries that bear "testimony to the sweep of the great force which is changing the face of half the world." He pointed out that Israel was among the states to emerge since he became President.

On the domestic scene, Mr. Truman warned against fear that might create prejudice. He emphasized that fear may destroy "the very way of life we are so anxious to protect." To beat back fear, he said, "we must renew our confidence in one another, our tolerance, our sense of being neighbors, fellow citizens. We must take our stand on the Bill of Rights. The inquisition, the star chamber, have no place in a free society." A more optimistic note was sounded by the President on attempts by the Administration to promote equality for minority groups. He said "there has been a great awakening of the American conscience on the issue of civil rights."

SOVIET GERMANY ISSUES ORDER SEIZING JEWISH PROPERTY

BONN, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- An order seizing all property of Jewish families who have not returned to the Soviet-held part of Germany was issued by the Communist authorities there, it was reported here today. The report says that Jewish property worth several hundred million dollars will now formally pass into the hands of the East German Communist administration.

The German press today features news of the escape from East Germany to West Berlin of Dr. Leo Zuckerman, former assistant to East German President Wilhelm Pieck. Dr. Zuckerman was branded a "Zionist spy" by the East German Communist Party in a public statement last Sunday. Dr. Zuckerman, a Jew, fled to West Berlin together with his wife and his two children.

Until recently, Dr. Zuckerman was chief of the President's Chancellery, which made him in effect Assistant President. The Communist Party statement last Sunday said that he had tried to force Soviet-zone Jews to band together in a Jewish community to receive aid from the Joint Distribution Committee, which the Communist statement said was "an American espionage agency."

(In New York, the headquarters of the J. D. C. denied any knowledge of Dr. Zuckerman. It was emphasized that no official of the organization in this country or Europe ever met him.)

COMMUNIST ATTACKS ON JEWS AND ZIONISM DENOUNCED IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- An overflow audience last night heard various newspapermen and political figures denounce the attacks on Zionism and Jews at the Prague trial, at a meeting sponsored here by the British section of the World Jewish Congress.

Among the speakers who denounced the trials as anti-Semitic were David Floyd, East European expert of the Daily Telegraph, Stanley Evans, vice-chairman of the British-Soviet Friendship Society, and Konni Zilliacus, former M. P. who was himself accused of complicity in anti-Czech conspiracies at the Prague trial. Sidney Silverman, M. P. and vice-president of the W. J. C., stressed the need for caution, since the fate of millions of East European Jews was in the balance. "If the Czechs have become anti-Semitic it is important that we should know it; if not, it is important that we should not say it," he declared.

The Daily Mail, in a lengthy editorial entitled "Adolf Stalin" blames the Soviet Union for the developments in Communist countries which "send shivers down Jewish spines and make all other decent people despair." The editorial charges that this action is dictated by the fact that the "Communists wish to ingratiate themselves with the Arab countries and stir up trouble in the Middle East."

Mapam Kibbutz Movement Expels Supporters of Prague Trial

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Members of the Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz Yad Hanna have been expelled from the Mapam kibbutz movement for supporting the Prague trial, it was revealed here today. These expellees have joined the Communist movement. Other members of the kibbutz, who opposed the trial, have left the settlement.

RENE MAYER, SON OF RABBI, VOTED NEW PREMIER OF FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Rene Mayer, son of a former Chief Rabbi of Paris and a descendant of the famous Rothschild family, was today confirmed as the new Premier of France by the National Assembly. The vote of 389 to 205, which ended the 15-day French government crisis, came after a session which lasted until 3 A.M.

Mr. Mayer, who served as Finance Minister in 1948, is a financial expert and leader of the Radical Socialist Party, a conservative group. M. Mayer once before was asked to become Premier - in October 1949. Although he obtained the National Assembly's approval at that time, he was unable to complete a Cabinet and was obliged to resign.

Born in 1895, M. Mayer distinguished himself in World I and received a number of decorations for bravery. In 1937 he was charged with the reorganization of the railroad companies in France. During World War II he was sent to London as head of the Ministry of Munitions and director of the Inter-Allied Executive Committee for Munitions and Raw Materials. In 1943 he served as Secretary of Communications in the provisional government set up by General Henry Giraud.

AMERICAN EXPERT URGES RADICAL RE-STUDY OF ISRAEL'S IRRIGATION

HAIFA, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Suggestions for radical re-study of the whole question of irrigation in Israel were offered here by Prof. Philip W. Manson, American soil and water conservation expert, who is at present serving with the Technion as special advisor in the setting up of the Institute's newly planned Department of Agricultural Engineering.

Prof. Manson declared that no adequate study had been made of the relative value to Israel of flood irrigation as against the overhead sprinkler system, and he believed that such a study might reveal startling information.

No established facts are yet available, he said, to determine which irrigation method was best for Israel. He questioned whether the sprinkler system was economical in the use of water, pointing out that under temperature and humidity conditions in Israel possibly as much as 25 percent of the spray never reached the ground.

The American expert, who heads the Soil and Water Conservation Department at the University of Minnesota, declared that in his opinion the Technion should be enabled to undertake such a study as part of its significant work in the field of engineering generally, in Israel. At the same time, he expressed surprise at the progress made in other areas of agricultural development here. Some of the hillside terracing he had seen in the Jerusalem Corridor and in Galilee were engineering feats of the first magnitude, he said.

TRUMAN RECEIVES MRS. WEIZMANN; SAYS HE EXPECTS TO VISIT ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- President and Mrs. Truman today welcomed Mrs. Chaim Weizmann as a visitor to the White House and Mrs. Weizmann later told newsmen that "the President said he looked forward to coming to Israel and that he takes great interest in the young republic."

Mrs. Weizmann was accompanied to the White House today by Ambassador Abba Eban. Mr. Eban said the President told Mrs. Weizmann that he considered Dr. Weizmann to have been one of the wisest men he ever met. The discussion at today's meeting included the development of Israel and the mineral resources of the Negev.

Describing the meeting as "very friendly," Mrs. Weizmann said the President "continued to have the same interest in Israel." Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann were guests of the Trumans at Blair House for luncheon served in their honor in 1949.

ISRAEL'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES NOT GRAVE, MINISTER SAYS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Reports of the grave financial difficulties facing the Israel Government have been exaggerated, although the normal government budget shows a deficit of 12,500,000 pounds at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year, Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, told a press conference here late yesterday.

Mr. Eshkol also stressed that while unemployed workers have reached 16,500, two plans have already been worked out to offer the unemployed constructive work in agriculture. The government has discharged 1,500 civil service workers recently, he reported.

The government must make new cuts in civil service in order to balance the budget and improve the efficiency of the government administration, he said. It must also make further reductions in the general economy of the country, but hopes that these can be made without forcing up the price of various commodities.

Pointing out that the government usually obtains greater revenues at the end of the fiscal year, the Finance Minister expressed confidence that such receipts, swelled by recent new excise taxes, would enable the government to cover its deficit. He estimated that the cost of living index had increased only 0.8 percent as a result of the government's fiscal policies--particularly the devaluation of the pound in relation to the dollar.

As an example of his point, the Minister cited the rise in the price of bread after the new fiscal policies were put into effect. Nevertheless, he pointed out, the price of bread in Israel is lower than in most European countries. The same can be said of fuel oils, Mr. Eshkol declared, asserting that the price of fuel was so much cheaper in Israel than in the neighboring states that it paid for smugglers to transport great quantities of fuel from Israel to the Arab states, especially Jordan.

He revealed that no funds had been shifted from the 115,000,000 pound development budget to cover the needs of the normal administrative and defense budget. Despite the fact that none of the expected German reparations payments had been made yet, the Finance Minister reported, 50,000,000 pounds had been spent on development projects. However, the commitment of this sum would work a hardship in finding funds for a new development budget for next year, he admitted.

BRITISH JEWRY ANNOUNCES \$5,600,000 JOINT PALESTINE APPEAL

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- British Jewry will be asked to raise 2,000,000 pounds (\$5,600,000) for Israel needs in 1953 through the Joint Palestine Appeal, it was announced here today by the organization.

The campaign will be launched by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, at a dinner at Grosvenor House February 21. The more than 1,000 guests at the dinner are expected to subscribe one-quarter of the total goal. Dr. Goldmann will also inaugurate local J. P. A. drives in various major cities throughout Britain.

The goal for next year will be the same as in 1952, although only 1,200,000 pounds were raised in 1952. An official J. P. A. announcement today revealed that less than six percent of the amount collected last year was used for administrative purposes.

SHARETT OUTLINES ISRAEL'S STAND ON ASIA AT BURMA CONFERENCE

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, addressing the opening session of the first Asian Socialist Conference last night, said that the people of Israel felt they were returning to Asian identity after a long exile.

Israel Premier Ben Gurion, in a message of greetings to the conference, stressed the great mission of the Socialist movement in helping in the human struggle in Asia. He emphasized that Asia is the birthplace of Confucious, Buddah, Jesus and Mo-hammed.

Mr. Sharett, greeting the conference on behalf of Israeli Socialists, said that the people of Israel seek to merge the best of what they had imbibed from the rest of the world with Asian concepts. Israel is among the nine delegations enjoying full voting rights at the conference.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TO HEAD U.N. MISSION TO TURKEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Leo Picard, professor of geology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has been chosen by the United Nations to head a UNESCO technical assistance mission to Turkey, it was announced today by Dr. George S. Wise, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Prof. Picard, who is Israel's foremost geologist, is the first Israeli scientist ever to receive such an assignment.

The technical team, which will be responsible for both instruction and research in hydrogeology, will organize and develop teaching and research at the Technical University in Istanbul. Actual field work in the location of underground water supplies will be planned by Dr. Picard when he arrives in Turkey.

The UNESCO assignment is not Prof. Picard's first contribution to the material benefit of countries other than Israel. In 1945 he undertook a trip to Argentina at the request of the Argentine Government to conduct a country-wide survey of water, oil and mineral resources. Prof. Picard, who was born in Germany, was educated at the Universities of Frieberg, Berlin, Bonn and London. He was serving in the department of geology at the University of Florence in 1924, when he came to Palestine as consulting geologist to the Zionist Executive. He has devoted his attention to the country's underground resources ever since.

U.S. STUDENT-TEACHERS COMPLETE TRAINING SEMINAR IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Sixteen American student-teachers who have just completed a six-month training seminar in Israel, sailed for home this week and will arrive in New York January 20th, it was reported today by the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization which conducted the seminar. Seven other members of the group remained in Israel and will return at a later date.

The students were the first recipients of fellowships awarded by the World Zionist Organization as part of an annual project under which leading American Hebrew teachers colleges select their outstanding senior students for six months' training in Israel which counts as academic credit toward graduation. In addition to their studies, the group made extensive tours of the country. A farewell reception in their honor last week was attended by Prime Minister Ben Gurion, who praised this "cultural link" between Israel and America.

U. S. JEWRY SPENT \$1,000,000,000 ON AID DURING LAST TWENTY YEARS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The 27th annual conference of YIVO, Yiddish Scientific Institute, concluded here last night with reports on Jewish life in the United States and Israel. B. Sherman, leading member of the Institute, reported that American Jewry has spent one billion dollars during the last 20 years on aiding Jews in various countries. This does not include private aid given by individual Jews. Nachman Tamir, educational director of the Histsdruth in Tel Aviv, spoke of the problems of cultural absorption of immigrants in Israel.

Dr. Arthur T. Buch of Patterson, N. J., was presented with a \$200 award for his study "The History of the Jews in Scranton, Pennsylvania." A \$100 prize was awarded to Egal Feldman of New York for his "Influence of the American Revolution on the Jewish Community in the United States."

HADASSAH LEADERS HEAR REPORT ON AID TO IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- No country exists "where such comprehensive assistance is given to new immigrants as in Israel," Mrs. Zena Harman, member of the United Nations Israel delegation, last night told 300 Hadassah representatives at the Henry Hudson Hotel. She described the changes in the immigration picture since the establishment of the Jewish State, and pointed out that of \$129,000,000 expended on housing up to March 1951, \$125,000,000 went for immigrant housing.

Mrs. Harman paid tribute to the contributions being made to Israel by the various categories of Oriental Jews. Among the so-called "primitive Jews," she cited the Yemenites, whom she characterized as "romantic, beautiful, charming and perhaps the best loved of any of the new immigrants." She said that they had a tremendous faith, and a true love of Zion representing perhaps the purest form of Zionism. The immigrants from Iraq also can be an important factor in the population, Mrs. Harman predicted. More than 8 percent are professionals, including doctors, teachers and lawyers, she noted.

Regarding the North Africans, Mrs. Harman said that many of the French-speaking North African immigrants were closer to the European Jews than any of the Orientals in the Israel population. In absorbing new immigrants "we need an attitude of humility," Mrs. Harman said. She particularly emphasized the need to pay more attention to social problems.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN REFORM JUDAISM CELEBRATED

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The 80th anniversary of American Reform Judaism--introduced in 1873 by the late Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise--was commemorated tonight at a dinner of American Jewish leaders from all sections of the United States held at the Waldorf Astoria.

Speakers at the dinner emphasized the role which the Reform movement plays in American Jewish life. They pointed out that 450 temples are now affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and that the Hebrew Union College is the oldest Jewish seminary in the United States. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to the children and other descendants of Rabbi Wise, including Mrs. Albert J. May, Mrs. Arthur Hays Sulzberger and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, of the Central Synagogue.

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ISRAEL PRESENTS NOTE TO BRITAIN AGAINST SENDING JETS TO EGYPT

LONDON, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy in Britain yesterday delivered a note to the Foreign Office asking the British Government to reconsider its policy of supplying jet planes and other arms to the Arab states unless these states demonstrate a readiness to negotiate peace with Israel, the Embassy announced here this morning. Copies of the note are being delivered to the United States and French Embassies in Israel, the announcement added. (See Washington story on Page 2.)

The Israeli note pointed out that the Arab states continue to carry out hostile and war-like acts against Israel, demonstrate little prospect of overcoming their internal weaknesses and have indicated no willingness to undertake regional defense responsibilities. It insisted that under such circumstances the supply of arms to the Arabs aggravates the threat to Israel security.

The note also emphasized that the supply of arms to the Arabs at this point cannot be reconciled with the tri-partite pledge of May, 1950. In that declaration the United States, Britain and France pledged to guarantee the status quo in the Middle East and to prevent aggression against any of the states in the region.

The Manchester Guardian this morning criticized the British Government for supplying jet planes to the countries of the Middle East at a time when the Arab states are directing "bellicose pronouncements" at both Britain and Israel. The newspaper adds that none of the Arab states "can really afford the luxury of rearmament" and suggests that instead they "should be persuaded to seek strength by cooperation and the settlement of their quarrel with the Jews."

Harold Beeley, advisor on Palestine affairs to the late Ernest Bevin when the latter was Foreign Secretary from 1945-1949, has been appointed head of the British Information Services in Washington, the Jewish Observer reported here today. The publication points out that Mr. Beeley was the organizer and counsellor of the Arab opposition to the United Nations partition proposal of 1947.

HEAVY CROP LOSS IN NEGEV REPORTED; DAMAGE ESTIMATED IN MILLIONS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Some 200,000 dunams (50,000 acres) of wheat planted in the Negev are being written off as a loss by the Israel Ministry of Agriculture following a lengthy dry spell, it was learned here today. (In London, it was reported that the crop losses in the Negev would run as high as 4,000,000 pounds.)

The situation in northern Israel is not yet as bad, it was stated, but prospects for a bumper crop have faded. In an attempt to salvage some portion of the crop in the Negev, the authorities are preparing to turn livestock into the fields to use the shrunken grain for fodder.

ISRAEL GETS REASSURANCE FROM U. S. ON ARMS POLICY TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Embassy of Israel said today that Israel has been given to understand that its concern over arms shipments to Arab states claiming belligerency against Israel was fully understandable and that the U.S. arms policy would be guided strictly by the United States-United Kingdom-French declaration of May 25, 1950 guaranteeing the borders of all Middle East states against aggression.

This was reassuring, the spokesman said, as far as American arms are concerned. With regard to the supply of British jet aircraft to Near Eastern states, Israel has been given to understand that this is a unilateral action, said the Israel spokesman.

The Israel announcement was made today, the Embassy spokesman said, in the light of reports that the State Department views munitions shipments to the Arabs as desirable and implying approval of the British plan. The spokesman said the reports were not in accord with the impression received by the Israelis from their talks with the Department.

NATURALIZATION DIFFICULTIES FORESEEN IN TRUMAN'S BUDGET MESSAGE

(Attention editors: This report not to be released before 12:15 P. M. Friday.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Intensive proceedings against aliens and naturalized citizens next year are indicated by a breakdown of the estimated workload and expenditures of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for the fiscal year of 1954 as outlined in the President's budget message.

A new condemnation of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act was included in the budget message by the President who said he continued to think the act "unwise, unfair, and incompatible with our foreign policy objectives." The budget, however, contained an Executive Department request for funds to implement the new act to cover detention, denaturalization, deportation and similar operative costs. Appropriations for the Immigration Service, because of the act, were increased by \$8,300,000.

Significant estimates contained in the budget showed that the Immigration Service expects to make about 86,000 more arrests in the coming fiscal year than it did in 1952. Also, citizenship and naturalization investigations will jump from 17,202 in 1952 to 124,100 per year according to the published estimate. Court appearances would be increased from 90,586 in 1952 to 160,000 for the approaching fiscal year.

The figure for aliens arrested would jump from 55,540 in 1952 to 89,100. While \$5,896,844 was spent in 1952 to investigate aliens this item is increased to \$8,864,700. The most marked increase is shown in the estimated number of investigations of aliens status dealing with deportation, violation of immigration laws, admission and naturalization. These individual probes will number 106,798 more than the previous year.

President Truman's message on the budget contains indications that economic and technical assistance for Israel will be continued for the fiscal year 1954. The exact amount of aid envisioned for Israel is withheld for security reasons although the overall foreign assistance program estimate for 1954 is expected to be increased.

ARAB LEAGUE TO DISCUSS BONN PROPOSAL ON REPARATIONS TO ISRAEL

BONN, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The Bonn Government's latest proposals to Egypt and the Arab states to counteract their opposition to the German-Israel reparations agreement will be presented to a meeting of the Arab League January 13 by Egyptian Premier Mohammed Naguib, it was reported here today.

(The New York Times reported from Bonn today that Chancellor Adenauer's government has queried both Israel and Egypt on a proposal to invite the United Nations to supervise and enforce the German-Israel reparations pact. Bonn is reported to see this as a means of eliminating Arab opposition to the pact.)

Meanwhile, a new Egyptian delegation arrived here to work out trade arrangements with German industrialists. A spokesman for the three-man group emphasized that its presence had nothing to do with the threatened boycott of German goods by the Arab states. The spokesman said that the delegation will also confer with British, French and Spanish businessmen and will attempt to attract foreign investments in Egyptian agriculture.

The group consists of: Col. Moyaev, personal aide of Gen. Naguib; Mohammed Calail, Gen. Naguib's personal advisor; and Dr. Wilhelm Voss, German military advisory to the Egyptian Government. Dr. Voss was head of the Skoda armament works during World War II.

JEWS IN COMMUNIST GERMANY FORBIDDEN TO JOIN POLICE SERVICE

BERLIN, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- An order prohibiting Jews from joining the Communist people's police is the latest anti-Jewish move in the Soviet-held part of Germany where a drive has been going on to purge Jews from public offices and positions of influence, it was reported here today.

The purging of Jews from state positions in Communist East Germany started soon after the conclusion of the Prague "purge" trial which was marked by strong anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist propaganda. Jews holding positions in the Communist Party and in the state administration were questioned regarding their feelings on religion and various aspects of Communism.

NEEDY JEWS IN WEST GERMANY TO RECEIVE GOVERNMENT RELIEF

BONN, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish communities in West Germany will receive about 2,000,000 marks, for the relief of needy Jews, from the West German Government's budget for the fiscal year 1953-54, the Minister of the Interior announced here today. Last year the Jewish communities received about one-quarter of this sum for similar purposes.

Victims of Nazi persecution now living in Israel have received the first payments for indemnification for illegal imprisonment and material losses suffered under the Nazi regime, it was reported here. The recipients are members of the Organization of Former Inmates of Concentration Camps, which numbers 6,500 members in Israel.

J.D.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS TOMORROW TO PLAN AID TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Problems concerning American Jewish aid for needy Jews abroad will be discussed at the 38th annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee Saturday evening at the Hotel Astor. Highlighting the conference will be first-hand reports on the present situation of distressed Jews in Europe and Moslem lands and on aid now being provided by J. D. C. for "hard core" cases in Israel.

MOSCOW SEEKS BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL; OFFERS TO SELL POULTRY FEED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- A Soviet Government has offered to sell Israel poultry feed, it was reported here today. The offer was made through the Israel Committee for the Encouragement of International Trade which was formed at the recent Moscow economic conference. It was transmitted to the Israel Government, which is studying it.

Meanwhile, major quantities of chicken are arriving in Tel Aviv markets as chicken farmers attempt to sell their products before the government reimposes controls on fowl. The reason the farmers fear new controls is that the price of fowl tripled immediately after controls were lifted.

MAPAI AND MAPAM MEMBERS CLASH IN ISRAEL SETTLEMENT; TWO INJURED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- A new clash between Mapai and Mapam members of the Ein Harod settlement, which was recently split up physically along party lines, occurred yesterday.

In the clash, which appears to have developed over claims of ownership of a tool, two persons were injured seriously enough to require hospitalization, and two elderly men suffered heart attacks after the incident. The police eventually broke up the melee, in which even women and young girls participated.

The Jewish Agency settlement department announced today that it had established 11 new settlements in various parts of the country during the last three months.

ISRAEL OPENS NEW ROAD FOR TRANSPORTATION OF DEAD SEA MINERALS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The last rocky barrier in a new road from Beer-sheba to Sodom was blasted through yesterday, opening the way for the transportation of minerals from the Dead Sea potash works at Sodom.

The blasting operations were completed well in advance of all schedules set by the road's engineers. Truck traffic will be able to use the road immediately, but vehicles carrying minerals to the coast will not be able to use the road until it is asphalted and formally opened in April. In preparation for that time, the potash extraction works will be reopened shortly.

8,000 ARAB REFUGEES RECEIVED AID FROM ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Government supplied aid to some 8,000 Arab refugees within its territory during November and December of last year, the Ministry of Welfare announced today. The Ministry took over responsibility for Arab refugees in Israel when the United Nations Relief and Works Agency ceased operations in Israel last October.

NEW ISRAEL MINISTER ARRIVES IN ITALY; HAILS FRIENDLY RELATIONS

ROME, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Eliahu Sasson, the new Israeli Minister to Italy, arrived here today to take up his post. The former Minister to Turkey spoke of the friendly relations existing between Rome and Israel and expressed the hope that these ties would be strengthened during his stay.

ISRAEL SENDS HIGH OFFICIAL OF FINANCE MINISTRY TO UNITED STATES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Ehud Avriel, director general of Israel's Ministry of Finance, is leaving tomorrow by plane for the United States to coordinate the activities of Israel Treasury agencies there, it was announced here today. He will remain in the United States for two weeks, the announcement said.

JERUSALEM STONE ARRIVES IN NEW YORK; ISRAEL'S GIFT TO U.N.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- A shipment of 14 tons of Jerusalem stone which will be presented as Israel's gift to the United Nations has arrived in this country, it was announced here today by the Israeli Office of Information. The stone, a variety found only in the hills of Judea, will be presented formally to the U. N., probably on January 15, for use in its garden.

A shipment of Hebrew language typewriters manufactured by the Swiss-Hermes company and assembled in Israel have just arrived in this country to be sold through Hermes agencies, it was announced. The portable machines are the first of their type in the Hebrew language to come to this country. They are assembled in Israel by a private firm which has obtained world market rights for this model from the Hermes company.

AMERICAN FUND FOR ISRAEL INSTITUTIONS HONORS HUROK

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 guests, each paying \$100 a plate, tonight attended a dinner-concert arranged by the American Fund for Israel Institutions for S. Hurök, America's leading impresario, in recognition of his "devoted efforts to the Fund and the development of music, culture and education in Israel."

The affair climaxed the 1952 campaign of the American Fund for Israel Institutions for \$1,934,000. Mr. Hurök sponsored the Habimah Theatre in an appearance in the United States in 1926 and managed the American tour of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the auspices of the Fund in 1951. He was presented at the dinner with a silver Bible, designed and printed in Israel and with a copper plate mounted with the shields of the 12 tribes of Israel, in a modern design.

The functions of the American Fund for Israel Institutions were explained at the dinner by Edward A. Norman, president. Other speakers included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, who stressed the need of the people of Israel for the "unifying influence of cultural activities." A message of congratulations to the Fund and to Mr. Hurök from Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion was read at the dinner. The concert, played by the Philadelphia Orchestra, was conducted by Leonard Bernstein.

SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS WILL START IN CANADA NEXT MONTH

MONTREAL, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The first Israel bonds in Canada will go on sale in Montreal February 1, it was announced here last night at a meeting of the United Zionist Council of Canada. The goal of the sales campaign in the Dominion is \$7,000,000.

Hyman Grover, national vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Organization, will head the bond drive in Montreal. National co-chairmen of the drive are Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Edward E. Gelber, president of the Canadian Zionist Council.

CANADA SENDS EXPERT TO ISRAEL TO ADVISE ON CIVIL SERVICE

OTTAWA, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. O. E. Ault, a top civil service personnel officer, has been loaned Israel to help organize the Israeli civil service, according to an announcement by the External Affairs Department.

Dr. Ault, director of personnel selection for the Civil Service Commission, left for Israel last week, the announcement said. His services were requested by the United Nations technical administration. He will act as advisor to the Government of Israel on the organization of the Israeli civil service and on setting up a training center for public employees.

ISRAEL MINISTER TO BRITAIN ARRIVES IN IRELAND ON VISIT

DUBLIN, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, Israel Minister to Britain, arrived here for a five-day stay during which he will see the President of Eire and several Cabinet Ministers, including the Ministers for Trade and External Affairs. On his arrival, Minister Elath said his country would welcome the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and Eire as well as an increase in trade between the two.

Commenting on Mr. Elath's statement, a spokesman for the Ministry of External Affairs said that relations were "very cordial" and that there are no political obstacles in the way of fuller diplomatic relations. However, he said, Eire is a small country which cannot afford to have diplomatic representatives in countries where there were few Irish residents, therefore it was not likely that an Irish envoy would be sent to Israel in the near future.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT PLANTS TREE IN HONOR OF TURKISH PRESIDENT

HAIFA, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- President Ben Zvi yesterday planted the first tree in a wood to be established on Mt. Carmel in honor of Kemal Attaturk, first President of the Turkish Republic. The wood, which will eventually contain 30,000 trees, is situated on a 75-acre plot near a settlement of recent immigrants from Turkey.

Mr. Ben Zvi, who addressed the dedication ceremony, recalled his student days in Turkey. The Turkish Minister spoke of the friendly relations existing between the two countries.

OBSERVANCE PLANNED OF 750TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAIMONIDES' DEATH

TIBERIAS, Israel, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Plans for world-wide observance of the 750th anniversary of the death of Moses Maimonides--the great Jewish philosopher, Talmudist and physician, who died in 1204 and is buried in Tiberias--were mapped out here today by a committee headed by Dr. S. Kahane, director of the Ministry for Religious Affairs.

The preliminary plans include a mass pilgrimage to the grave, the establishment of a huge library named after the Jewish philosopher, and the collection of rare manuscripts by Jewish scholars to be placed in that library. A call will be issued to Jewish groups throughout the world to participate in the anniversary.

J. D. C. OPENS NEW LOAN INSTITUTION FOR JEWISH SURVIVORS IN ITALY

ROME, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee opened a new loan institution here for Jewish survivors of the war and the Nazi regime. The institution will provide low interest loans to Jewish merchants, workers and professionals.