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PROGRAM TO ATTRACT FOREIGN CURRENCY ANNOUNCED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today continued debate on the government's bill to raise 45,000,000 pounds by a tax on real property. The measure, a counterpart of the 10 percent compulsory "loan" on bank balances and cash introduced last year, was submitted to Parliament last night and is expected to be passed tonight.

The proceeds of the measure are intended for developmental purposes. The measure provides that all property owners lend the government 10 percent of the value of their property for a period of 15 years. The loan will bear two and one-half percent interest. However, the property owner may elect to pay a capital levy of half of what the loan would amount to.

A Treasury spokesman today announced a series of measures approved by a special Ministerial Council on Economic Affairs to attract foreign investment and foreign currency. The program provides for:

1. Abolition of the present system under which exporters are permitted to set aside a portion of the foreign currency their products earn for import purposes. The foreign exchange thus saved will be turned over to the Ministry of Commerce which will allot foreign currency for necessary spare parts.
2. Restriction of imports which are not essential for re-export purposes.
3. Payment of premiums in the form of a more favorable exchange rate for visible and invisible exports and for the transfer of capital to Israel.
4. Premiums to encourage tourists by offering a more favorable exchange rate than at present.
5. Offer more favorable exchange rates for foreign investors who build industrial plants in Israel.
6. Payment of a more favorable exchange rate for family remittances to Israel residents from relatives abroad.
7. Payment of a more favorable exchange rate to immigrants bringing foreign exchange into the country.
8. Foreign citizens will be permitted to buy building sites in Israel and stocks listed on the Tel Aviv exchange for Israel currency.

The Treasury spokesman expressed the hope that the new measures outlined by the Economic Council will bring additional millions of pounds in foreign currency into the Treasury.

GOLDA MYERSON ATTACKS CZECH ANTI-ZIONIST ALLEGATIONS AT U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 24. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel's Minister of Labor, who came to New York specially to head the Israel delegation at the United Nations during the debate that may arise on Soviet anti-Semitism, today made her first attack at the session of the U. N. Political Committee. She took issue sharply with the allegations made yesterday by Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Vaclav David who said that Zionists were linked with the sabotage movement in his country.

Declaring that these allegations were "as absurd as they are slanderous," Mrs. Myerson noted that Mr. David had made only passing references in "most limited and most discreet terms" to the Slansky trial and to the alleged Zionist implication. She pointed out that the representative of Czechoslovakia had made charges here that there was "an international conspiracy aimed at the destruction of his country by means of espionage and sabotage," and that similar charges had been made by the Soviet Union and rejected by the General Assembly.

But this time, Mrs. Myerson said, a new element had been added by the inclusion of Zionists among those accused of trying to subvert and destroy the Government of Czechoslovakia as well as other states associated with it. The Zionist movement was "the liberation movement of the Jewish people" and as such had long received the recognition of "the enlightened world," she stressed.

However, Mrs. Myerson continued, the full meaning of the Czechoslovak charges could only be understood in the context of a wider background. The representative of Czechoslovakia had referred only in a limited way to "the recent proceedings in Prague which have engaged the attention of the entire world" being apparently unwilling "to expose that macabre show" to the judgment of this forum of international opinion, she asserted.

The Czechoslovak Foreign Minister had made only passing references to the Slansky trial and to Zionists as "elements in a conspiracy," Mrs. Myerson stated, but at home the Czechoslovak Government had been "less timid" and had made "flamboyant" charges of "an international Jewish conspiracy involving the Zionist organization, Jewish relief agencies, prominent Jews in various countries and even the State of Israel itself."

Mrs. Myerson recalled that earlier in the session the Israel delegation had stated its intention to raise "issues of deep gravity affecting friendly relations among nations." At that time, she said, Israel would present to the Assembly "the record of the policies of anti-Jewish incitement adopted by the Governments of Czechoslovakia, the USSR and other states allied with them, of which the Slansky trial is but one manifestation."

Mrs. Myerson is expected to appear again this week at the U. N. Political Committee to deal with the item of Soviet anti-Semitism. She will return to Israel to resume her Cabinet duties immediately after the session is over. Ambassador Abba Eban, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, is continuing with this responsibility in addition to his work as Israel Ambassador to the United States.

WISE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- George S. Wise, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, was today named chairman of the University's Board of Governors, which is currently meeting here. Members of the Board of Governors from various countries are attending the session at which various problems of Jerusalem's institution of higher learning are being decided upon.

POLAND ATTACKS ISRAEL, ZIONISTS AND J. D. C. AT UNITED NATIONS DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 24. (JTA) -- Zionist organizations, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Israel delegation at the United Nations were severely attacked today at a session of the U. N. Political Committee by Dr. Julius Katz-Suchy, Polish delegate, in the course of a long speech in which he charged the United States with organizing and financing espionage activities in Poland.

The United States, always seeking "new paths, and new people to replace agents already compromised," had used for espionage purposes all possible organizations and associations which, because of their international character, had been able to penetrate the peoples' democracies, said Dr. Katz-Suchy. "The recent trial of traitors to the Czechoslovak nation in Prague, as well as other similar incidents, have exposed new channels of criminal activities of the American intelligence service," he went on.

"They consisted of Zionist organizations, among them the most active being the American Joint Distribution Committee. The loss of this channel provoked a new campaign of lies and slanders against the countries of the popular democracies and against the Soviet Union. Those slanders have as their aim to smokescreen a new defeat suffered by American intelligence.

"The speech of the Israeli delegate belongs right in this campaign," he continued, referring to the speech delivered this morning by Golda Myerson. (See Page 2). "Thus also the delegate of Israel without any justification repeated the malicious American slanders. It has to be noted that the Israeli delegation is already for the second time announcing the intention to come out with sensational revelations. It can therefore be concluded that those announcements serve only one purpose, the purpose of advertising such future pronouncements.

"I declare on behalf of my delegation that we have the intention to answer in full and with great emphasis those future but already several times advertised statements of the Israeli delegation," he warned.

EBAN CONFERS WITH VICE-PRESIDENT NIXON ON U.S. - ISRAEL PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, March 24. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban met today with Vice-President Richard M. Nixon at the Senate for a discussion of American-Israel relations and the situation in the Middle East. The details of the conversation were not disclosed.

Earlier today Mr. Eban, accompanied by Peretz Bernstein, Israel Minister of Trade and Industry, called on Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson. A discussion of Israel's food and supply problems took place. At the conclusion of the meeting with Sec. Benson, Dr. Bernstein expressed appreciation for the Secretary's attitude which he characterized as "cordial and helpful."

Minister Bernstein also paid a courtesy call on Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, on which he was accompanied by Israel Minister David Goitein. Topics of mutual interest were covered during a friendly conversation.

\$1,500,000 OF GERMAN REPARATIONS GO TO BUILD HAIFA DRYDOCK

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- German reparations goods worth \$1,500,000 will be allocated on a top priority basis to the construction of the Haifa drydock, Minister of Communications Joseph Saphir told the Israel Parliament last night. The German reparations pact is expected to take effect this week after the exchange of ratification instruments through the United Nations Secretary General.

JEWISH REFUGEES IN GERMAN CAMP APPEAL TO EISENHOWER FOR VISAS

MUNICH, March 24. (JTA) -- Several hundred Jewish refugees in the Fochrenwald camp here have appealed to President Eisenhower for visas to enable them to enter the United States. The appeal recalled that when Gen. Eisenhower was Supreme Commander of the Allied forces, he visited the camp during the Yom Kippur holiday.

TITO RECEIVES JEWISH LEADER; EXPRESSES FRIENDSHIP FOR JEWS

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia expressed friendship for the Jewish people and pledged that his government would continue its policy of "freedom and equality for all citizens" before he left Britain this week-end, the World Jewish Congress announced here today.

The WJC revealed that during the Marshal's visit to London, A. L. Easterman, political director of the WJC, was received by the Yugoslav leader. At that time Mr. Easterman expressed appreciation of the Belgrade Government's understanding attitude toward the Jews, particularly of its granting full permission to Yugoslav Jews to migrate to Israel if they chose. Marshal Tito said he was pleased to learn of the Jewish people's friendship for Yugoslavia.

The WJC also made public today a letter from British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd to Mr. Easterman stating that British immigration authorities will "continue to deal sympathetically with applications by Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe to come to this country." The note came in reply to a Congress request that the British Government give "generous consideration to applications by Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe, who may wish to join friends or relatives here."

BANKRUPT JEWISH BANK IN GERMANY ABLE TO MEET ITS DEBTS

FRANKFURT, March 24. (JTA) -- A German bankruptcy referee, appointed by a German court, has testified that a Jewish restitution bank whose officials are on trial here has "in all probability" more than sufficient assets to cover its liabilities without loss to depositors.

The five Jewish bank officials are charged with violating foreign currency regulations and entering into fraudulent bankruptcy. In the summer of 1950 the Hesse authorities opened bankruptcy proceedings against the bank amid a flood of publicity alleging embezzlement on the part of the defendants. The German referee today testified that the bank had assets in excess of 1,000,000 deutschemarks (approximately \$250,000).

Joseph Klibansky, Germany's best-known Jewish lawyer and one of the defendants in the government case against the Jewish restitution bank, was fined \$500 by a German judge for saying that he "would regret it if the court were to extend its protection to the acts of the Third Reich."

POLICE PRESENT CARD SIGNED BY DR. HERZL TO VIENNA COMMUNITY

VIENNA, March 24. (JTA) -- The Austrian police authorities have handed over to the Jewish Community for transmission to Israel a police registration card filled out and signed by Theodor Herzl, it was learned today.

The card, dated May 15, 1901, was found by police chief Karl Holoubek in a file of old police records. He handed the document to Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, who turned it over to Israel consul Arieh Eshel. Mr. Eshel will send it to Israel where it will be placed in the Herzl Museum.

JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS SCORE COMMUNIST ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

HARTFORD, Conn., March 24. (JTA) -- A resolution scoring "the accusations and vilifications of the Communist dominated countries of Europe against the Jews in those countries, against the Jews in Israel and against Jews everywhere," was adopted here at the closing session of the two-day annual conference of the New England Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The conference was attended by 200 Jewish leaders representing 26 communities.

Another resolution warned that Israel must be strengthened to be ready for any situation arising from potential danger areas. It urged American Jewry to continue its support of overseas programs of rescue and rehabilitation, and the building of Israel. "Jews in the United States must continue to mobilize their energies and resources in defense of their brothers overseas and in Israel and thereby help to preserve freedom and democracy of people everywhere," the resolution declared.

The conference called upon all free nations, through the United Nations, and particularly the United States, "to voice unqualified condemnation of Soviet anti-Semitism" and to "provide the military and economic assistance so essential if Israel is to make a decisive contribution to the defense of freedom." It called for a halt to arms shipments to the Arab states and urged the United States to induce the Arab states to end their blockade against Israel and enter into peaceful negotiations looking toward peace.

Call for Greater Efforts in Fund-Raising

Other resolutions passed by the conference called for greater efforts in 1953 fund raising campaigns to meet local, national, and overseas Jewish needs, revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act, and asked that intensive public promotions of the redemption campaign of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel be suspended during the peak period of Spring welfare fund campaigns of communities for UJA and other "free dollars" for Israel.

In the resolution on the McCarran-Walter Act, the delegates commended President Eisenhower for his stand on the need to make changes in the law and called upon Congress to take prompt action to effect those changes. The resolution declared that the Act contains "restrictive and discriminatory provisions which are contradictory to the best interests of the United States."

Bernard H. Trager, president of the Region, summarized developments and problems facing the community welfare funds in the past five years. He called for more critical evaluation of local, national, overseas and Israel programs, and for "more judicious" budgeting to achieve the best possible results from community funds. This, he said, would lead to better community organization and a clearer understanding of community objectives, "all of which helps us to build a stronger Jewish community at home, and because of this strength, fortifies us to do a better job for our brethren overseas."

Mr. Trager was re-elected president of the Region. Elected vice-presidents were: Louis Feinmark of New Haven; Hon. Saul Seidman of Hartford; Joseph W. Bess of Providence; and Samuel Mag of New Britain. Other officers elected were: Dewey D. Stone of Brockton, finance chairman; Oscar Mintzer of Waterbury, secretary; Milton Kahn of Boston, regional representative to the United Jewish Appeal; and Joseph Sherman of Stamford, representative to the United Israel Appeal. The conference heard reports from Harry L. Lurie, executive director of the CJFWF; Bernard L. Gottlieb of Hartford; Sidney S. Cohen of Boston; and Norman B. Dockman of New Haven.

REP. CELLER DISCUSSES NEW IMMIGRATION BILL WITH EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, March 24. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York today called at the White House to discuss a bill to be introduced next week by a bi-partisan group of Representatives and Senators to revise the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

After talking with the President, Rep. Celler said that Mr. Eisenhower expressed support for "some changes" but that he would go no further than that. Mr. Celler outlined to the President the legislation to be introduced next week, legislation which would implement the President's request as outlined in his State of the Union message.

If enacted, the new bill would make "drastic changes in administrative features" of the present Act, increase the annual overall immigration quota from 150,000 to 250,000, and provide temporary relief for victims of overcrowding in Western Europe and escapees from Communism.

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE ASKS HALTING OF ARMS TO ARAB STATES

SEATTLE, Washington, March 24. (JTA) -- The Legislature of the State of Washington, in a joint memorial of both houses, has asked President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to prevent the flow of arms and war materials to the Arab states. The memorial also asked Mr. Eisenhower and Sec. Dulles to use the influence of their offices to the "accomplishment of a speedy and honorable era of peace between Israel and the Arab states."

\$600,000 RAISED FOR U. J. A. AT SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

ATLANTA, March 24. (JTA) -- A total of \$600,000 was contributed to the United Jewish Appeal last night at the conclusion here of a conference of the Southeast Region of the UJA. The parley, attended by 600 Jewish community leaders from Alabama, Northern Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee, was the largest ever held in the South for the UJA.

BEN TOUSTER RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HIAS; WOMAN OFFICER NAMED

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- Ben Touster has been re-elected president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the organization announced here last night. Vice-presidents Murray I. Gurfein, Joseph Pulvermacher and Hugo E. Rogers were also re-elected, while Mrs. Herman J. Leffert was named vice-president, becoming the first woman in the history of HIAS to serve as an officer.

MONTREAL MAYOR NAMES ALDERMAN TO REPRESENT HIM AT ISRAEL FETE

MONTREAL, March 24. (JTA) -- Max Seigler, member of the Montreal City Council for the past 23 years, has been named by Mayor Camillien Houde to represent him at the celebration of Israel's fifth Independence Day next month. Mr. Seigler will sail tomorrow for Europe, travelling to Italy by rail and flying from there to Israel, where he will arrive on April 17, three days before the celebration.

MEIR HARTGLASS, POLISH ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 70

TEL AVIV, March 24. (JTA) -- Meir Hartglass, former president of the Polish Zionist Federation and one-time member of the pre-war Polish Parliament, died here yesterday of a heart attack. Mr. Hartglass, former director general of the Israel Ministry of Interior, was 70.