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ISRAEL TO GET LESS FUNDS FROM U.S. UNDER REDUCED AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- Israel will get less American aid this year than last year it became clear today following a vote last night by the House to reduce foreign aid appropriations in general. Additional reductions in Mutual Security funds--including requested aid for Israel--may be made by the Senate Appropriations Committee, it was predicted today.

Although there was no exact amount voted for Israel, it was estimated today that the \$20,000,000 cut in economic funds for the Arab-Israel area voted by the House last night may cost Israel about \$10,000,000. On the technical assistance figure in the current Mutual Security Administration bill, the amount of \$1,500,000 for Israel was reduced by 45 percent. If no further cuts are made, Israel stands to receive about \$60,000,000, which will include both economic aid and technical assistance.

Included in the House bill was an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for military aid for the Arab states and Israel. It is expected in official circles that Israel will be considered eligible for no more than 20 percent of this sum--or about \$10,000,000 worth of munitions. However, the arms are not automatically granted by the bill. Transfer must be specifically recommended by the executive branch of the Government in line with the development of foreign policy.

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that agriculturists of the Department of Interior will establish a grazing land management program in Israel sponsored by the Technical Cooperation Administration. John R. Killough will leave the United States July 30 to join Alben D. Molohon, who recently left to become chief of the Branch of Grazing and Woodland Development in the agriculture division of the Technical Cooperation Mission. They will spend two years in Israel, consulting on types of seed and fertilizer to be used in developing grassland areas.

American Armed Forces in Europe Order Goods from Israel

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- Israel is making a determined effort to obtain orders for goods needed by the American forces in Europe and has recently shipped about \$100,000 worth of goods ordered on an experimental basis by United States off-shore procurement officials, it was announced here today by Iser Pep, head of the Israel Government bureau in charge of exporting goods to the American armed services.

Mr. Pep revealed that an American mission recently visited a specially-arranged exhibition and ordered samples of some 700 different items for the U.S. forces. Orders resulting from these experimental purchases are expected to be placed shortly with Israeli firms. Israeli businessmen have also been asked to submit samples of various textile items, shoes and camp and personal equipment needed by American soldiers.

KNESSET APPROVES SERVICE BILL FOR WOMEN BY A 59 TO 6 VOTE

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament last night gave approval to the first reading of the government bill to draft religious young women for national non-military service. The measure was passed by a vote of 59 to 6, with eight abstentions.

The Agudah and Labor Agudah deputies, joined by the Communists, cast the dissenting votes, while the Mizrachi and Herut parties abstained. The deputies of the Labor Mizrachi, who had been expected to support the government coalition of which they are members, cast no ballots at all. The bill was referred to the Labor Committee.

An attempt to delay debate on the bill until after the Knesset's summer recess, proposed by a Poale Mizrachi deputy, was beaten after Meir Argov, leading Mapai deputy, appealed for an early vote on the measure in order "not to prolong this wild incitement against the state which the religious elements are conducting." The Communist deputies joined the religious members, but the government won overwhelmingly.

When the debate started, Agudah leader L.M. Lewin declared: "A couple of thousand girls will not solve the manpower problem." He was interrupted by a storm of indignation when he asserted that "it is an open secret that girls who join the army do not return the same as when they left." Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak had a hard time restoring order.

Rabbi Lewin threatened that if the measure is passed, religious Jewry will organize "quiet demonstrations and will go to the people to explain why they oppose having their daughters join any form of compulsory service." (In New York, The Rabbinical Council of America sent a protest to the Israel Government against the bill.)

ISRAEL POLICE DENY MALTREATING YOUTHS CHARGED WITH TERRORISM

SARAFAND, Israel, July 23. (JTA) -- The trial of 15 youths charged with membership in an illegal underground organization conducting political terrorism was resumed today, after recess for Tishah B'Av, with the prosecution attempting to prove that confessions signed by several of the defendants were not obtained by force.

Police officials brought to court a lie detector and dictaphone records on which were recorded what had occurred during the interrogation of the prisoners. Police officials explained the methods they used in obtaining the confessions, and denied using force or in any way maltreating the defendants.

ARABS ATTACK THREE ISRAEL VILLAGES NEAR JORDAN BORDER

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- Arab infiltrators last night attacked three Israeli villages situated near the Jordan border, an Israeli military spokesman announced today.

The spokesman said one Arab was wounded and captured during the attacks and the others were driven off. No Israelis were hurt. The spokesman revealed that on July 17 an Israeli police patrol came upon an Arab gang in the southern Negev and chased them out of Israel territory, inflicting four casualties.

"IRON CURTAIN" JEWS URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

GENEVA, July 23. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in countries behind the Iron Curtain were urged here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann to renew their relations with the World Jewish Congress which starts its session here on August 4. In a statement issued in his capacity as acting president of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Goldmann said:

"I am very gratified by the resumption of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Soviet Union. The re-establishment of these relations is of importance to Israel and the Jewish people as a whole. We all hope that this act means a definite end to all attempts which have been made in the past to create a Jewish issue in some of the East European states and to the unfounded anti-Jewish allegations which at a certain stage seemed to imply a matter of policy.

"The importance of the resumption of the relations would still be greater if it were also to re-open the way for more cooperation between Jewish communities in Soviet Russia and Eastern Europe and the rest of the Jewish people. The World Jewish Congress has always striven to have Jewish communities in all parts of the world participate in its program and in its work. Unfortunately, the participation of the Jewish communities in Eastern Europe which were affiliated with the W. J. C. has practically ceased."

Pointing out that the forthcoming plenary session of the W. J. C. would welcome such participation, Dr. Goldmann emphasized that "nothing would be more desirable" than for the Jewish communities behind the Iron Curtain to renew their relations with the World Jewish Congress.

GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY BODY REACHES COMPROMISE ON INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, July 23. (JTA) -- A committee composed of members of both houses of the West German Parliament today unanimously recommended a compromise formula designed to bring about the adoption of the government-sponsored bill to indemnify individual victims of Nazism, the majority of whom are Jews.

The bill was presented by the Government in accordance with the agreement reached with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The formula which was agreed upon today by the joint committee of both houses is expected to be acceptable to the Bundestag as well as to the Bundesrat, the Lower and Upper Houses of the Parliament. It will be considered by them some time next week.

While the Bundestag passed the bill on July 2nd, the Bundesrat last week urged three separate changes, most important of which sought to allot a much larger part of the indemnification cost to the federal treasury and the smaller share to individual constituent states of the German Federal Republic.

The compromise worked out today by the joint committee provides that compensation for certain disputed items will be advanced by the state and later reimbursed by the federal treasury, with the bulk of the cost continuing to devolve upon the states. The compromise proposal will be voted on by the full Bundestag, the Lower House, next Wednesday. If the indemnification bill is to become a law, the version which the Bundestag will adopt must thereafter be approved by the Bundesrat, the Upper House, on Friday. The Bundestag, which has been sitting for four years, will be dissolved this month.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT ASKS FOR LIQUIDATION OF LAST JEWISH DP CAMP

MUNICH, July 23. (JTA) -- The Bavarian provincial parliament has asked the government to take measures to liquidate the Foehrenwald camp, the last remaining Jewish DP camp in Germany. It also instructed the government to keep "illegals" immigrants--Jews who went to Israel then returned here--out of Foehrenwald and to set up a separate camp for those who cannot be prevented from entering the country.

Before parliament acted, Dr. Theodor Oberlaender, Bavarian Secretary for Refugees, told the deputies that the 600 "illegals" were interfering with the liquidation of Foehrenwald camp. He said that Israel had agreed to the readmission of these immigrants, but until arrangements were completed they would have to be kept in a separate camp.

He added that the "legal" camp inmates wanted 3,000 marks each for transportation costs to Israel. He favored payment, asserting that it would be cheaper for Bavaria in the long run to pay the costs of those who agree to go to Israel.

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF AUSBURG WINS CLAIM ON COMMUNAL PROPERTY

MUNICH, July 23. (JTA) -- A local district court today ruled that the present Jewish community of Augsburg was the legal successor of the pre-war Augsburg Jewish community which was dissolved by the Nazis, and ordered that the property of the former community be handed to the present institution.

In so doing, the court ruled against the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, which claimed the property of the former community in line with its rights as successor of helpless persons or institutions which were no longer in existence. The court said that the United States zonal regulation which spelled out the IRSO's legal position were not applicable in this case.

BERLIN AND FRANKFURT UNIVERSITIES ELECT JEWS AS PRESIDENTS

BERLIN, July 23. (JTA) -- Prof. Ernst Hirsch and Prof. Oscar Gans, two noted Jewish scholars, were elected president of the West Berlin Free University and Frankfurt University, respectively, for the customary one-year term by secret ballot of the faculty members.

Professor Hirsch, who holds the chair for Civil and Commercial Law at West Berlin's Free University, was born a son of a storekeeper in the ancient Jewish community of Friedberg, near Frankfurt, 51 years ago. He was appointed a lecturer at Frankfurt University in 1929. After Hitler's advent to power he fled first to Holland and then to Turkey, where he taught law and the philosophy of law at the universities of Istanbul and Ankara until his return to Germany in 1949.

The new rector of Frankfurt University, Prof. Gans, a well-known dermatologist, is 65 years of age. He is of Jewish birth but not associated with the Jewish community. He taught at Heidelberg University from the first World War until 1930 and at Frankfurt University for the four years thereafter. From 1934 to 1949 he lived in Bombay, India, as a practicing physician and leprosy researcher. He succeeds Prof. Max Horkheimer, the sociologist of international repute who is an American citizen and a devoted Jew. Prof. Horkheimer will serve as deputy rector of Frankfurt University during the forthcoming academic year.

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE APPROVES ADMISSION OF 240,000 ALIENS

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- The House Judiciary Committee today voted to approve emergency legislation requested by President Eisenhower to admit 240,000 additional immigrants in the next two years. The vote was 17 to 12.

Provisions tentatively inserted by Rep. Francis E. Walter providing for the admission of Arabs, Japanese, and Chinese, were knocked out of the final version of the bill. It is expected to go to the House floor next week as a "must" item designated by the Administration for enactment before Congress adjourns.

The bill provides for admission of 60,000 Germans, 60,000 Italians, 35,000 refugees in Western Germany and Austria, 25,000 Greeks, 25,000 Dutch, 15,000 refugees in NATO countries, 8,000 DP's, 3,000 members of Gen. Wladyslaw Anders' Polish Army, 3,000 Europeans in China, and 2,000 Portuguese.

Meanwhile, Sen. Pat McCarran demanded that the Senate Judiciary Committee accept his compromise offer. He would agree to admission of 194,000 immigrants if guarantees were given against future changes in the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. Presumably this compromise was discussed when Sen. McCarran talked with President Eisenhower at the White House earlier today. The President had previously said that he considered the emergency legislation now before Congress and the revision of the McCarran-Walter act to be separate matters to be dealt with individually.

Chairman Arthur Watkins of the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee said he thought there was a possibility of compromise. Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson made known that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had written a special letter to urge Senate action on the bill to admit 240,000 persons. Secretary Dulles was quoted as saying that passage would demonstrate to persons behind the Iron Curtain that this country is in sympathy with persons resisting Communism.

MOST U.S. CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS OPPOSE INTERMARRIAGE WITH JEWS

NEW YORK, July 23. (JTA) -- An overwhelming majority of Catholics and Protestants polled in an independent survey, initiated by the magazine Catholic Digest in an attempt to find areas of conflict and guides to greater tolerance, is opposed to intermarriage with Jews, according to the results of the survey released to date. The figures released by the magazine show that 75 percent of the Protestants polled and 72 percent of the Catholics reached opposed intermarriage with Jews.

Nineteen percent of the Catholics queried and 33 percent of the Protestants were opposed to Jews as next door neighbors. A total of 21 percent of the Catholics and 25 percent of the Protestants admitted ill will against Jews, while 61 percent of the Protestants said they would not vote for a Jew for President.

In addition, 35 percent of the Protestants responding to the questionnaire and 33 percent of the Catholics believe that Jews are too ambitious for power. Another 48 percent of the Catholics and 46 percent of the Protestants think Jews are too clannish.

U.S. GROUPS FINANCE BUILDING OF MODERN HOSPITAL IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- The Histadruth's medical organization, Kupat Holim, today opened at Rehovoth a modern 220-bed hospital which was aided financially by American Jewish, labor and industry groups. Five pavilions compose the hospital, named in honor of the late Israeli Finance Minister, Eliezer Kaplan.

JEWISH GROUPS ASSAIL MCCARTHY FOR FALSE "ANTI-SEMITIC" ISSUE

NEW YORK, July 23. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee and the 34 other national and local Jewish organizations affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council today issued a joint statement assailing Senator Joseph R. McCarthy for charging with anti-Semitism those who criticize his Jewish investigators Roy M. Cohn and David Schine.

The statement pointed out that every American has the right to express his views regarding the statements and actions of public officials in the conduct of their official duties. The religion, race or nationality of the public official or his critics has no relevance or place in such discussions, it emphasized.

"Senator McCarthy's characterization of criticisms of Messrs. Cohn and Schine as anti-Semitism is an irresponsible attempt to thwart the legitimate right of criticism," the statement said. "The injection of religious considerations in areas where they have no pertinence is a favorite device of demagogues. It is sadly ironic that this standard stock in trade of Communists and other totalitarian societies should be employed by one who claims to be in the forefront of the fight to preserve democratic institutions.

"As responsible Jewish bodies, we have never hesitated to challenge and identify those who falsely inject religious or racial issues into a discussion of national affairs. We condemn such attempts to mislead the American people and denounce such fraudulent efforts to confuse and distort public opinion. We shall continue with equal vigor to expose anti-Semitism and false charges of anti-Semitism from whatever source they may emanate," the statement concluded.

The National Council of Jewish Women, in a telegram to Sen. McCarthy, said: "One of the inexcusable devices of demagoguery is to avoid meeting public criticism on an issue by charges unrelated to it." It added: "As American citizens, the Jews of the United States are accustomed to taking their chances in public life on the basis of merit and character. Nothing could be more inflammatory of anti-Semitism than the kind of irrelevant charge which you have made."

ALLIES ASKED TO RETAIN SUPERVISION OVER NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, today asked the United States, Great Britain and France to retain strict supervision over any Nazi war criminal who might be granted clemency or parole by the proposed review boards to be set up in the occupied zones of Germany. Statements to this effect were sent by Mr. Klutznick to U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and U.S. High Commissioner for Germany James B. Conant.

MAXIMO KAHN, AUTHOR AND FORMER AMBASSADOR, DIES IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, July 23. (JTA) -- Maximo Jose Kahn, one-time Republican Spanish Ambassador to various Balkan countries, died here yesterday at the age of 56. He was an author of importance in this country, writing in Spanish on many Jewish subjects.

Born in Germany, Sr. Kahn went to Spain at the age of 19, becoming almost immediately a figure in Spanish literary circles. After Franco's victory in Spain, he went to France, then to Mexico and finally to this country. Among his works was a Spanish translation of the works of Yehuda Halevy.