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## SENATE BODY RESTORES U. S. ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL AND ARABS

WASHINGTON, July 26. (JTA) -- The Senate Appropriations Committee last night restored \$20,000,000 in economic assistance to Israel, the Arab states and Iran, which was slashed by the House last week. This action brought the total economic aid for the Near East area to \$140,000,000, as had been requested by the Administration.

At the same time, the Senate unit cut military aid for the Arab states and Israel from \$50,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Testimony in the Senate committee disclosed that some Senators had manifested a concern about arms going into the Middle East area in advance of peace.

Finally, the Senate body restored nearly \$20,000,000 which had been taken from Point Four funds by the House. This will mean that Israel will receive the full \$1,500,000 requested by the Administration for this purpose--if the committee action is finally upheld by the Senate and by the Conference committee of the House and the Senate.

A spokesman for the American Zionist Council here welcomed the action of the Senate Appropriations Committee and expressed the hope that it would be sustained on the Senate floor and later in the conference committee.

The Senate group also restored half of the \$8,500,000 slashed from the U. S. contribution to the United Nations technical assistance program for 1954 and restored the full \$4,500,000 pledged for 1953 which had not yet been paid out and which had been rescinded by the House. It also ordered restored \$9,000,000 cut from the UN Children's International Fund and the sum of \$4,800,000 for 1953 which had been rescinded.

## ISRAEL TO CONTINUE TALKS WITH U. S. FOR A \$75,000,000 LOAN

JERUSALEM, July 26. (JTA) -- Negotiations between Israel and the United States for a long-term American loan of \$75,000,000 to consolidate a number of short term obligations will continue on a Cabinet level, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry stated today, commenting on a Washington report that the State Department had turned down such a request.

The Israeli spokesman said that the loan talks will be held simultaneously in Washington and Israel. He explained that in the past, under similar circumstances, such allocations had been made by the U. S. Government.

(In Washington, meanwhile, it was stated that the State Department had notified the Israel Government of the U. S. negative decision. A ruling was made by the Department of State, the Treasury, the Mutual Security Agency, in cooperation with the U. S. Export-Import Bank to the effect that no American agency has the authority to lend funds for the purposes Israel has in mind.)

## TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION

(TA) -- Israel will start shortly trade negotiations with the Soviet mission will visit Moscow as soon as the Israeli legation in Moscow, it was reported here today by Haboker, newspaper, whose leader, Dr. Peretz Bernstein, is Minister for

er report, several Israeli ministries are busy compiling. It added that Israel is also interested in revising a number of Communist countries which were not fully implemented plans.

leader imprisoned by Czech authorities two years ago on his return sent two letters to his family here, the newspaper Maariv reported. Oren is in satisfactory health and hopes to see

## ORPHANS IN ISRAEL; WILL LIVE IN GEDERA SETTLEMENT

(A) -- Robert and Gerald Finaly, the two brothers whose parents were killed in France brought them into the limelight of the international press last half year, arrived at their new home in Israel today. They were greeted by relatives and neighbors who turned out to give the two orphans

Mrs. Hedwig Rosner, who was declared their legal guardian, arrived at Lydda airport at 10 A. M. and were quickly taken to their home in Gedera, one of the oldest settlements in Israel. Mrs. Rosner were accompanied by Miss G. Wolf, a teacher to supervise the boys' education, and Mr. Rosner, their

new home, Robert, 12, and Gerald, 10, met their mother, Miriam Rosner, 19. A number of other relatives and friends of the family were also on hand to greet the orphans and their mother after a long period of weeks in France waiting for the children's arrival. A uniformed unit of the Maccabi, a sports organization, also came to present them with flowers.

They spent a while becoming familiar with their new home and their own garden. Then, they rode their new bicycles. Newsmen who saw the children said that they looked much better from Israel's hot weather.

They will not be starting school in Israel for another two months. They will spend the next months to learn Hebrew. They will also receive a French education and learn about the Jewish religion of their dead parents.

An agreement with the French Catholic authorities, which was reached, Mrs. Rosner will not apply pressure on them to convert into the Catholicism into which they were baptized five years ago when they were in France. When they are older they will choose their own religion.

The children were taken from a French municipal orphanage by their German refugee mother, who was killed when they were seized and murdered by the Nazis. They were taken to the orphanage by Binette Brun, a Catholic social worker at the orphanage. In consideration of the possible wishes of their dead mother, the children were formally awarded the Finaly children to their aunt, Mlle. Rosner, and priests, spirited the children across the

ISRAEL AND EGYPT SIGN PACT ON RELEASE OF NON-MILITARY VESSELS

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- Israel and Egypt this week-end signed a pact under which vessels of either country that enter the territorial waters of another nation because of engine trouble, storms or any other uncontrollable cause will be given shelter and will be permitted to continue to their destination. The agreement covers non-military vessels carrying non-military cargoes. Similar agreements were recently concluded between Israel and Syria and Israel and Jordan.

ISRAEL VILLAGES ATTACKED BY ARABS IN CENTRAL PART OF COUNTRY

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- A series of armed attacks on Israeli villages in the central part of the country were carried out Thursday night, it was announced here by a military spokesman, who said that all of the raids--which he described as a "military technique of a strategic operation"--were repulsed by Israeli security forces.

The spokesman emphasized that the attacks "must have been carried out after extensive preparations." A large quantity of ammunition and explosives were used after the Arabs withdrew, and it is believed that the raiders planned to destroy a number of buildings. Israel has called for an emergency meeting of the Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

Last night, Arab infiltrators from Jordan attacked the Tirat Yehudah settlement near the town of Petah Tikvah. Heavy fire was directed at settlers' homes and the raiders tried to throw hand grenades into the buildings. Israel security forces forced the attackers to retreat.

CORNERSTONE FOR AMERICAN-SPONSORED UNIVERSITY LAID IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- A block of granite carved from Mount Zion in Jerusalem was laid as the cornerstone of the Bar-Ilan University in a ceremony at the university site at Ramat-Gan, a Tel Aviv suburb. The ceremony was attended by several thousand persons. Construction of the first five buildings of the university is scheduled to begin before the end of the month and the new institution is to be ready for student admission at the start of the 1954-1955 academic year.

The Bar-Ilan University is being built in Israel under the auspices of the World Mizrahi movement as the first American-sponsored, American-financed university in Israel. President Isaac Ben Zvi was among the many dignitaries attending today's ceremony. Also attending were the Chief Rabbi of Israel, representatives of the American and Israeli Governments, officials of Ramat Gan and of Tel Aviv, and leaders of both the World Mizrahi Organization and the American Mizrahi Organization.

Leon Gellman of Jerusalem, chairman of the World Mizrahi executive committee, led the delegation of the world movement, which included religious-Zionist men from the Israel Cabinet and Parliament. Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the American Mizrahi movement, headed a delegation of 150 American friends of the university. Louis Schleiffer, Brooklyn realtor and philanthropist, laid the cornerstone. Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Dean of the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University in New York and president-designate of the university, delivered the keynote address at the ceremony.

LOWER HOUSE OF DUTCH PARLIAMENT

(TA) -- The Lower House of the Netherlands Parliament will authorize the treasury to set aside 26,000,000 for the settlement of outstanding restitution claims. The

"IRON CURTAIN" COMMUNITIES TO W. J. C. OPPOSED

(TA) -- Opposition to admission into the World Jewish Communities from the "Iron Curtain" countries "until it has been established that representatives will be free to speak on behalf of their communities and not forced to serve as transmission belts for the propaganda expressed in a statement issued here today by Shadrach Polier, executive committee of the American Jewish Congress.

Polier's statement prior to his departure for Geneva to attend the opening of the W. J. C. which opens there on August 4. Last week, Shadrach Polier, president of the World Jewish Congress, expressed the hope for the improvement of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Soviet Union and the renewal of relations between the Jewish communities of the world at the World Jewish Congress.

Mr. Polier stated, "that the Jews of these lands will not be able to establish their communal life, to maintain relationship with their parents, or to emigrate to Israel. Under present circumstances the Jewish communities in these countries are severely circumscribed in all these respects. It is a great disservice to them and to the Jewish people everywhere to have them represented in a world assembly through spokesmen free only of their government and unable to voice the genuine aspirations which they would be claiming to speak."

BY ISRAEL OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

(TA) -- The West German Government has indicated that it will lift the ban by Israel of all travel restrictions between the two countries from today. The Israel Government, however, recently has prohibited entry of individuals from Israel to Germany, in an attempt to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons in connection with the reparations being made by West Germany.

What arrangements German technicians will enter the country to repair machinery and assemble plants sent here as reparations goods. In the interim, in an occupation status, the British consulate in Israel will handle the entry of technicians for Germany.

The American consulate in Cologne has taken over the consular functions of the German consulate accredited to the American occupation authorities in Cologne, which now numbers 40 persons will gradually be

PUBLISHING HOUSE CHANGES NAME

-- The Ludendorff Publishing House here, which publishes anti-Semitic propaganda issued in Germany today, has changed its name to "Mondial Publishing House." Observers believe that the change is an effort to forestall measures which the Bavarian Government is preparing so as to curb the Jew-baiting excesses of the Ludendorff Publishing House.

IMMIGRATION BILL COMES UP IN SENATE TODAY; PASSAGE EXPECT

WASHINGTON, July 26. (JTA) -- The Administration bill to admit so European refugees and immigrants from over-populated countries above quotas will be called up for action in the Senate today and is expected to be a matter of a few hours as a result of a behind-the-scenes agreement between the bill's foes and Administration leaders.

The agreement to move the bill through the Senate without a threatened amendment by Sen. Pat McCarran was reached at the expense of a number of concessions by McCarran, including assurances that there will be no changes in the unpopularity of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, it was learned.

The President asked for the admission of 240,000 immigrants in two years, an entirely new figure, involving 209,000 special above-quota admissions over the next three years, figured in the settlement informally worked out between the Administration and its opponents. Sen. McCarran will continue to oppose the bill and vote against it.

A tacit promise was made to Sen. McCarran by President Eisenhower's Administration leaders to do all in their power to ward off any riders amending the McCarran Act which has been opposed as discriminatory by all major Jewish organizations. A guarantee was given Sen. McCarran that a formal assurance would be given by Mr. Eisenhower against any further emergency immigration legislation.

NORWAY WELCOMES GROUP OF JEWISH DP'S AS PERMANENT SETTLEMENT

OSLO, July 26. (JTA) -- Norway today welcomed as permanent settlement of 53 Jewish "hard core" cases from the DP camps of Germany and Austria. The refugees, all of them concentration camp survivors and members of their families, consisted of tuberculosis and post-TB cases. They arrived here after a trip from Munich under a special emigration scheme sponsored by the Norwegian Government and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Under this project Norway agreed to accept a group of Jewish "hard core" DP's--victims of Nazism whose scars are taking longest to heal--as permanent immigrants. JDC in turn met all costs in connection with the transfer of the group, including transportation costs and a lump sum payment for immigration to the Norwegian Government, which will be responsible for their care and maintenance.

Also helping to defray the expenses of the movement was a grant from the American Jewish Foundation, administered through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Most of the Jewish refugees who arrived today are healthy women, no longer in need of hospital care, for whom job and housing opportunities will be provided. However, nine of the DP's aboard the transport are acute cases who will be moved to Norwegian sanatoria for treatment.

JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST IN MEXICO BEQUEATHS PROPERTY TO J. I.

MEXICO CITY, July 26. (JTA) -- Oscar Cohen, a philanthropist and textile magnate in Lodz, Poland, who has resided at the Mexican resort of Cuernavaca, near here, for many years, has announced that he is giving his home there and other real estate to the Jewish National Fund as a "living legacy."

The parents of 16 Mexican chalutzim in the Hashomer Hatzair settlement of Magidu have formed a committee to aid in the reconstruction of the settlement which was damaged by fire recently. Dr. Adolfo Fastlicht, honorary Israel consul in Mexico, is chairman of the committee.