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FINAL VOTE OF CONGRESS ON AID TO ISRAEL EXPECTED TODAY

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- Final Congressional agreement on the amount of aid to be given by the United States to Israel and the Arab countries is expected to be reached tomorrow, as conferees of the Senate and the House were meeting here today to iron out differences between the Senate and House versions of the Mutual Security Bill which includes an estimated amount of between \$60,000,000 and \$70,000,000 in economic aid for Israel.

The House version provides \$120,000,000 for the Arab-Israel area. Presumably the Arabs and Israelis would share about equally in benefits. The Senate version approved early today included the amount of \$140,000,000 for the same area.

The House provided \$50,000,000 in military assistance potentially available, at the discretion of the Executive Branch, to Israel and the Arab states. This amount was cut in the Senate to \$30,000,000 with the difference added to the figure for economic assistance. The argument used in the Senate Appropriations Committee in favor of reducing military rather than economic aid was that tension in the Near East would be more likely reduced by economic assistance than through the shipment of large quantities of guns and other munitions.

Today's conference unit to put the bill in final form was constituted by 11 representatives and nine Senators. The group will seek to compromise differences between the Senate and House version, but may retain the Senate idea of cutting the \$20,000,000 which must be slashed off the Near Eastern total from military rather than economic funds. Proponents of this idea are pointing out how it might advance hopes of Near Eastern peace.

If the Senate view prevails, Israel will share in an estimated half of the \$140,000,000 which will become available for the Arab-Israel area. An exact specification of how much Israel is slated to receive in the breakdown of the total for the area has not been released for "security reasons." However, State Department officials have indicated Israel will get about the same amount as she received in the last two years and that the Jewish State would share about equally with the Arabs in available funds.

Israel Watches Washington Aid Discussions with Interest

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- Official circles here are following with great interest the developments in the Senate and House in connection with the Mutual Security Aid bill from which Israel expects to receive about \$70,000,000.

Israel has been receiving economic aid from the United States for several years, but has never received military aid. An Israel application for military aid has not been acted upon by Washington although it was submitted a year ago.

CRITICISM OF FOREIGN MINISTRY SHIFT

(A) -- The Israel Government cannot understand how a letter from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem could have come as a surprise since the Israel Government's views on the matter were stated by State John Foster Dulles when he visited here this week, the spokesman said last night.

The spokesman criticized Dulles' remarks earlier this week to the effect that the Israeli transfer and fears that the action will "enrich" the UN which is charged with finding a solution of the problem. Dulles must be aware of the fact that "New Jerusalem" is the effective capital for the last three and one-half

years. The internationalization of the city had been given up as a long-standing consensus of international opinion. "On this point," the spokesman asserted, "there has been for a long time a close cooperation between Israel and the United States."

The spokesman said the only practical way in which the international community could protect its interest in Jerusalem is by the institution of UN supervision over the Holy Places, most of which are in Jerusalem, the spokesman insisted. Such an arrangement would require the consent of the Israeli Government, he pointed out, and the presence of the UN in Jerusalem, "far from being an impediment, is likely to be of great help to the Foreign Ministry to insure the government's cooperation with any UN supervisory organ."

The spokesman continued, "a Foreign Ministry which is a mere appendage to the main body of the government is not worth its name." The Israel Government, he said, is such an "anomalous, unparalleled and deleterious institution." The years of waiting proved to be in vain, that the UN has not found anything workable for its original inherently contradictory resolution.

The Israel Government will continue to strive to cooperate with the United States and all other friendly powers,"

GOVERNMENT TO SIGN EXTRADITION TREATIES

(A) -- The Knesset yesterday passed the first reading of a bill which would give the government the power to sign extradition treaties with various

countries. Government spokesmen pointed out that each case involving extradition should be decided on its own merits and consideration would be given to cases of contravention of laws abroad were committed out of necessity. Various speakers pointed out that Jews now living in Israel were "crimes" as forging documents in order to survive. They also mentioned other Nazi or Fascist "laws," and that such persons should be prosecuted.

REPORT THAT ITS OFFICE IN IRAN IS CLOSED

-- Reports that the Jewish Agency office in Teheran was closed today in a statement issued by the London office. The report, originally published in the Iranian capital, has been widely reported.

ISRAEL POLICE ARREST ARABS NEAR LEBANESE FRONTIER; SEEK RAIDS

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- Israeli police authorities today carried out a series of raids and arrested many Arabs living in northern Israel near the Lebanese border, following attacks in that area last Tuesday night. According to the police, the tracks of the fleeing marauders always lead to these villages where the raiders apparently receive shelter.

HISTADRUT HAS 10,000 ARAB MEMBERS; DOORS OPEN TO ARAB WORKERS

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- Some 10,000 Arab workers have joined the Histadrut since the labor federation opened its rolls to Arabs, the organization reported here today.

Included among these are some 400 Arabs from the Communist-sponsored Workers Congress of Nazareth. The Congress, a weak union, dissolved itself last week-end, after eight years of existence, in the face of a continuing drain of members to the Histadrut.

RELIGIOUS JEWS DEMONSTRATE AT ISRAEL CONSULATE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- More than 200 religious Jews today demonstrated in front of the Israel Consulate here in protest against the bill passed in a recent reading by the Israel Parliament to draft young women for non-military service if they claim exemption from military service on religious grounds.

A delegation of the demonstrators was received by Avraham Harman, Consul General, to whom they presented their arguments against the Israel bill. Placards denouncing the bill were carried by some of the demonstrators who surrounded the Consulate. Police guarded the building and there were no incidents.

EMPLOYEES OF JEWISH FIRMS HIT BY NAZIS CANNOT CLAIM COMPENSATION

MUNICH, July 30. (JTA) -- A local district court has ruled that Jews injured by Nazi action directed at their Jewish employers may not claim compensation for damages which they suffered.

The court's ruling upset a decision of the local restitution office which granted the claim of a Jewish worker who had lost his job after his employer's business was "Aryanized." The court ruled that only the man who lost the business was entitled to compensation.

It added that it was up to the new owners to decide whether or not to rehire old employees. The fact that the new owners did not rehire the Jewish employees did not constitute persecution, the court insisted.

FRENCH PRESIDENT ASKED TO SEEK RETURN OF FINALY BOYS TO FRANCE

PARIS, July 30. (JTA) -- Mlle. Antoinette Brun, the woman who had saved the boys baptized as Catholics when they were five and seven years old, and who spirited them out of the country when the French courts awarded the orphanage to their aunt, today called at the summer residence of President Vincent Auriol to ask his intervention to have the children returned from Israel to France. Brun said that she had saved the children from certain death at the hands of the Nazis.

MISSION TALKS WITH SO. AMERICAN COUNTRIES

A) -- "Resettlement opportunities will soon become a reality for Jewish refugees seeking to leave Europe for new homes," was predicted here today by Louis D. Horwitz, Joint Distribution Committee director in Europe.

Mr. Horwitz is on his way to South America to explore the possibility of Jewish immigration. He was extremely hopeful of an increase in the number of Jewish immigrants to South American countries during the coming months. He is currently in Uruguay and other lands. On his mission Mr. Horwitz is accompanied by Julius Lomnitz, JDC's permanent representative in South America.

Mr. Horwitz said that the countries of South America will open their gates again to Jewish displaced persons who--eight years after V-E Day--are still waiting for a place of their own in a Europe which they feel they can never be returned to.

Mr. Horwitz said that JDC, through its cooperating committees in South America, is making special efforts to convince these governments that Jewish immigration is to their own advantage as well as a humanitarian duty. JDC's various emigration offices in Europe now contain over 100,000 applicants who have registered for resettlement. At this figure is taken from the "active, current file" of the JDC's emigration aid.

Helping Refugees to Leave Europe Last Year

Mr. Horwitz said that emigration opportunities, including expiration of the visas, last year helped only 5,200 Jewish refugees to leave Europe. This total, while accounting for three-fourths of all Jewish emigrants from the continent, was the lowest since the end of World War II. In 1952, the JDC aided an average of more than 15,000 Jewish refugees from Europe to countries other than Israel. The great majority of these were helped by the JDC's resettlement committee which helped resettle more than 25,000 persons.

Mr. Horwitz said that the situation in Camp Foehrenwald, where thousands of survivors of Nazi persecution still live, is "very bleak." Many of these survivors are "hard core" to emigrate, he added, but many families in the camp are barred from normal resettlement channels because they are "hard core." This grim and cheerless DP center, Mr. Horwitz said, is the result of the "hard core" group accounts for a large number of the "hard core" cases.

Mr. Horwitz said that the JDC's efforts on finding a permanent solution to the plight of the "hard core" are through special emigration and other projects. Mr. Horwitz said that the JDC's program are special resettlement schemes under negotiation with specific countries to accept "hard core" cases.

GRANT TO JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

A) -- As a contribution towards the new synagogue for the Jewish Community Center here last year, the City of Stuttgart has now made a grant to the Berg Jewish Congregation. Most of the cost of the new synagogue which was financed largely with Wuerttemberg-Baden funds has now been met.

SCOTTISH MILL STARTS PRODUCING PAPER FROM ISRAEL JUNCUS WEED

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- A Scottish paper mill has succeeded in producing three different types of paper from the juncus weed which grows abundantly in Israel's Negev area, it was reported here.

The papers produced from the weed, which has a cellulose content varying between 47 and 58 percent, have good bulking and handling properties and allow finishes which are likely to be suitable for lithograph printing, the report said.

The plant can be converted to paper with existing machinery used by British mills and Israeli experts believe that as a raw material for paper production the weed can compete successfully on the British market. It grows in the desert and can be watered with saline water, of which there is far too much in the land and which can be used by few other plants.

SO. AFRICAN MINISTER ATTENDS CELEBRATION OF SYNAGOGUE JUBILEE

JOHANNESBURG, July 30. (JTA) -- The drive of the Jewish and Afrikaans people "toward freedom" was compared here by South African Minister of Interior Doriges at a reception held in Worcester Cape to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Worcester Hebrew Congregation.

Referring to the establishment of the State of Israel, Minister Doriges said both Jews and non-Jews in this country wish Israel "all the best for the future." He expressed the hope that this "great national experiment" would contribute to world peace and added that world Jewry has already made many contributions to this cause.

NATIONAL JEWISH PICTURE MAGAZINE TO APPEAR IN UNITED STATES

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., July 30. (JTA) -- A national Jewish picture magazine entitled "Wisdom," and modeled after Life Magazine, will be launched here in December, it was announced today by Leon Gutterman, president of the corporation which will publish the monthly. Mr. Gutterman will also be the editor and publisher of the magazine.

Emphasizing that the magazine will be "completely independent," Mr. Gutterman in a statement issued here today, said: "Each month Wisdom magazine will tell the story of American Jewry in pictures and words to the widest possible audience of Jews and Christians alike. It will bring to both young and old the whole picture of the day world of American Jewish life in its people, its culture, its creative talents and its achievements.

"Wisdom magazine will be a powerful and constructive force toward the enlightenment of America and the elimination of ignorance and misunderstanding. It will give the Jew a better understanding of himself, and it will be a strong medium for bringing this understanding into the minds and hearts of non-Jews. It will reflect the spiritual and cultural values and integrity of American Jewry and will stand as a testimonial to Jewry's faith in wisdom and the belief that democracy is achieved through education, knowledge and understanding."

FIRST ARGENTINE NAVAL VESSEL VISITS ISRAEL; RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT

HAIFA, July 30. (JTA) -- The Argentine naval vessel "Bahia Testis," the first Argentine Navy ship to visit Israel, dropped anchor in the port of Haifa last night. The vessel was greeted by representatives of the Israel Foreign Ministry and the Argentine legation. The commander of the "Bahia Testis" today visited the President of Haifa. Then he went to Jerusalem where he was received by the President