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\$135,000,000 PROVIDED FOR ISRAEL AND ARABS IN U.S. ECONOMIC AID

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Senate and House adoption of the final form of the Mutual Security Act--under which Israel and the Arab countries will get \$135,000,000 in economic aid--appeared today only a formality after conferees of both House agreed during the week-end on compromise appropriations. The bill is expected to be approved this week by President Eisenhower.

The \$135,000,000 represents an amount which is expected to be divided about equally between the Arab states and Israel. The final sum includes the restoration of \$15,000,000 of \$20,000,000 cut from the bill by the House. The sum for military aid for the area remained at the figure of \$30,000,000 as voted by the Senate. The military funds, however, will be disbursed only at the discretion of President Eisenhower.

BONN PARLIAMENT KEEPS PLEDGE TO JEWS; PASSES INDEMNIFICATION BILL

BONN, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Jews will constitute more than 50 percent of the persons who will benefit from the bill to indemnify individual victims of the Nazis which was passed unanimously this week-end by the Bundesrat, the Upper House of the West German Parliament, at its last session marking the end of its four-year legislative term.

The measure, which goes into effect October 1, was pledged in the reparations agreement between West Germany and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. It is estimated that if all payments are carried out in good faith, the total to be paid the Nazi victims will range between \$700,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 during the next ten years.

The law, previously passed by the Lower House, provides for direct payments to Nazi victims, or their surviving dependents who were illegally detained by the Nazis or who lost property or suffered physical injuries resulting in disabilities as a result of Nazi persecution. Former concentration camp inmates will receive approximately \$35 for each month that they were imprisoned.

Compensation legislation is already on the books in the German states, which so far have paid out about \$150,000,000 to Nazi victims. German Jews in the United States zone will be least affected by the new bill because it is modelled after restitution legislation in effect in that zone. Improvement will result for Jews in the French and British zones.

Bavaria Pays 5,100,000 Marks for Restitution to Nazi Victims

MUNICH, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Government's Restitution Office paid out 5,100,000 marks to the victims of Nazi persecution in the State of Bavaria during the month of June, it was reported here today. This is the highest monthly total of payments since the Restitution Office was opened.

SHIV AS MINISTER TO THE SOVIET UNION

A) -- The Israel Foreign Office today announced the shiv as Minister to the Soviet Union. The name of the announced within a few days. It is understood that the be re-opened within a few weeks.

PLACING BOMB IN SOVIET LEGATION IN TEL AVIV

-- Yaacov Herouti, the "number one" suspect among with underground terrorist activities, today denied all including the charge of placing a bomb in the building which resulted in the breaking off of diplomatic relations and Israel.

refused to participate in the court proceedings which ary tribunal, declared in court today that he did not which is dearest to me," and that he did not place any e told the judge, Col. Benjamin Levi, that even if e would not disclose his name.

e suspected terrorists, also denied in court today that nderground organization. She said that she was only o of members of the Revisionist youth party on sub- f Israel.

RESIGNATION OF ISRAEL-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

-- Dr. Moshe Sneh, dissident Mapam leader who broke ty over the Slansky affair, has been dismissed as Friendship League by the Mapam. He held the post am.

s the majority in the League--the Communists are ion--has also demanded new elections of the league's

r. Sneh's resignation characterized him as an "under- anti-democratic." It said it had no confidence in his

GUN FIRE; ARAB VILLAGE IN ISRAEL CHECKED

- Israeli military units today cordoned off and ah, near the Jordan border, after an Israeli plane the village.

lage were placed under a house curfew while the sol- ery person in the village and questioned them about ifted at 7 P. M.

civilian authorities to spray nearby fields. Earlier y Jordanian troops when it accidentally crossed the

TWO EX-NAZIS PUT ON TRIAL FOR DEPORTING JEWS FROM OFFENBACH

FRANKFURT, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Two former Gestapo officials, Johann Schmitz and Josef Hedderich, went on trial here yesterday on charges of "having been accessories, while exercising an official function, to aggravated deprivation of property and to the persecution of innocent people."

In 1943 the two were in charge of the Gestapo in Offenbach near Frankfurt. Although Jews living in mixed marriage were not yet subject to deportation at the time, Schmitz and Hedderich went beyond even the official Nazi instructions by deporting scores of such Jews from Offenbach country. Almost all of their victims perished.

Schmitz and Hedderich were indicted by the Darmstadt District Attorney several years ago. In an action, which observers consider significant for the way in which Germans feel about such cases, the Darmstadt court simply refused to arraign them. The District Attorney then appealed to the Superior Court, which has now ordered the trial to be held in Frankfurt.

TURKISH JEWS PERMITTED TO ATTEND WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY

ISTANBUL, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government has permitted the Jewish community here to send representatives to the Third Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, opening in Geneva on Aug. 4th, it was learned today. The first time that Turkish Jewry will be represented at an international Jewish conference.

The Jewish community of Turkey is not affiliated with the World Jewish Congress, due to a Turkish regulation forbidding local institutions and organizations to have links abroad. In past years, the Grand Rabbinate has twice applied to the Turkish authorities for permission to attend the WJC conferences. In both cases, the government's consent was communicated after the parleys ended, practically assuring that the reply was not favorable.

JEWS IN IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN SUFFER UNDER RESTRICTIONS, STUDY

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Jews in Iran and Afghanistan live under conditions and suffer from certain restrictions although in Iran they are "equal among equals" under the law and have not been subjected to outright official discrimination, a study released today by the World Jewish Congress establishes.

The study, which was prepared by Dr. Nehemia Robinson, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs, says that in Iran there are today about 80,000 Jews. Of these, one percent are wealthy, 10 percent are in the middle class and about 80 percent "eke out a precarious living." The remainder live far below the minimum subsistence levels of even the extremely low Iranian standards and "desperately need assistance." From the founding of the State of Israel through June 1, 1952, 25,000 Iranian Jews have emigrated there, the study shows.

In Afghanistan, conditions were even worse, according to the study. The Jewish population of about 5,000 live precariously, with many children never allowed to leave the courtyard of their houses. Nearly 2,000 Afghan Jews have reached Israel during the period from the lifting of the emigration ban in 1950 through May, 1952.

ANTS TO BE ADMITTED WITHIN THREE YEARS

TA) -- The Senate yesterday completed legislative Emergency Immigration Bill by passing the measure compromise version of the bill would admit 214,000 next three years.

an representatives issued a statement calling for the alter Immigration Act and urging that this task be session of Congress. The three were Jacob K. Javits retella and Albert P. Morano, both of Connecticut.

bill given final approval by the Senate yesterday a "first President Eisenhower's immigration program. They step" to carry out the President's declaration that "the law must be rewritten" early in the next session.

announced their intention to offer cooperation to the of legislation to liberalize immigration laws. They sole national origins quota system requires review in

ision to U.S. of Former Nazi Leader Delayed

TA) -- A special immigration bill to re-admit a former Bund who moved to Germany to assume Nazi citizen- er study by a House Judiciary Subcommittee as a. an is Alfred Theodor Ex, on whose behalf Chairman Judiciary Committee introduced the bill which was the Senate.

ittee recommended the bill despite a Justice Depart- Ex be excluded because of his pro-Hitler activities, disclosed that Mr. Ex was convicted by a summary Berlin of "knowingly making false statements to the department concluded that his re-admission would be it seemed to serve his purpose best, he renounced German nationality."

FOR \$320,000 CONTRIBUTION TO J. D. C.

oses Beckelman, head of the overseas program of the today paid high tribute to the Ford Foundation and er for Refugees G. J. Va. Heuven Goedhart for; e JDC's program for inmates of DP camps and for of the Nazi terror.

the Foundation was \$2,900,000 and specific alloca- nces through the Office of the High Commissioner. e grant will be used for projects which by the end of anent settlement of some 200 "hard core" DP cases

PANEL TO HELP U.S. INFORMATION PROGRAM

) -- Dr. Joshua L. Goldberg, chief U.S. Navy Jew- rincipal members of the Committee on Moral and nal Information Administration, it was announced to- e Committee is charged with helping the U.S. infor- ns the moral and spiritual side of the United States. Committee are: Right Reverend Knox Sherrill, Rev- t Reverend James H. Griffiths.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS JOIN IN MOURNING DEATH OF SENATOR TAFT

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council, representing the Zionist groups in the United States, today joined the American nation in mourning the death of Senator Robert A. Taft who was considered a great friend of the Zionist movement. A statement issued by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Council, said:

"Senator Taft was one of the early advocates of the restoration of Palestine as the Jewish National Home. He believed that he was loyal to American ideals favoring the creation of an era of freedom for the long-depressed Jewish people in the Promised Land. He never wavered from his faith in the justice of that cause."

"He believed that international covenants should be kept and therefore voiced protest against the Palestine White Paper of 1939, which he regarded as a betrayal of the Mandate and of the Balfour Declaration."

"He was one of the most faithful leaders in American political life in support of the Jewish cause after World War II, and greatly aided in the creation of the State of Israel and in support thereafter of all American efforts to aid Israel to absorb the tens of thousands of refugees coming from all parts of the world and in revitalizing the economy of the new State."

"The bi-partisan support of American policy on Israel was due in large measure to his consistent and courageous advocacy of fair dealing toward the State and its difficult problems. The Jewish people will long remember him as a friend and as a statesman of high integrity."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver said in a statement: "I shall forever be grateful for the privilege of having known him as a friend and for having received from him the wisest of counsel and the greatest of help in the work of establishing the State of Israel, a cause which appealed so greatly to his fine sense of historic justice. The Jewish People will forever treasure his memory. It is with profound sorrow we see the passing of a great and good man who will be sorely missed in these troubled times."

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO MARK ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Jewish Theological Seminary will be marked by a Conference on Moral Standards which will open on September 13 in the Seminary and will be attended by more than 100 scholars, it was announced here today.

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, who made the announcement, said that the scholars and experts at the conference will study moral standards in eight major fields--government, business and labor, education, science, art and expression, mass media, family and private behavior and religious institutions. Conferencees will be widely representative, he asserted.

Conference seminars, primarily designed to gather and evaluate information on urgent moral problems, will be under the general direction of Lyman Bryman, Professor Emeritus of Education at Columbia University's Teachers College. The seminars will emphasize discussion of papers, prepared and circulated among the participants for study in advance of the sessions. The experts are expected to review the papers, first in individual working sessions of the seminars, and then in three plenary sessions.