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ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES DEVELOPMENT BUDGET; CUTS SUBSIDIES

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet approved today a development budget of between 195,000,000 pounds and 200,000,000 pounds, Pinchas Saphir, director general of the Treasury announced. He told newsmen that the total of the regular and development budgets will not exceed the 571,000,000 pound ceiling set by Parliament several months ago.

In an attempt to cover the development budget completely, Mr. Saphir added, the government has decided to reduce by half the subsidy for bread and to eliminate completely subsidies for sugar and tea. In addition, it has decided to initiate a compulsory "loan" which it estimates will bring in 12,000,000 pounds. The loan would be repaid in 15 years.

The development budget will be devoted to projects in the field of agriculture, irrigation, industry, communications, transport, and building projects to provide 11,000 housing units. The development budget is also expected to provide work for the unemployed on the basis of a minimum of 12 days of work a month.

JEWISH AGENCY TO SEEK 103,000,000 POUNDS FOR COMING YEAR

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency budget for the coming year will be about 103,000,000 Israeli pounds, Dr. G. Josephthal, treasurer, reported today to the plenary session of the Agency. The major part of this sum must be allocated for strengthening new colonization work in Israel, he said.

The plenary session today also heard a report on immigration. Z. Shragai, head of the Agency's immigration department, estimated that 22,000 immigrants will probably enter the country during the coming year. However, he warned that there might also be "hurried immigration" to Israel from several countries. He said that 5,978 immigrants arrived in Israel during the first nine months of the Jewish year and that 2,894 left the country during the same period.

POPE PIUS HOPES FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

ROME, July 14. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII, receiving Jordan King Hussein in a private audience today, voiced the hope that a peaceful and equitable solution will soon be found for the Arab-Israel situation, and that such a solution will have favorable effects on the Holy Places and on Palestine.

Meanwhile, the Vatican's official paper, Osservatore Romano, published today a frontpage editorial calling for internationalization of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. "The only solution guaranteeing preservation of Jerusalem and the Holy Places is the complete internationalization of the Holy City and its surroundings," the newspaper declared.

ORGAN OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY SAYS U.S. POLICY IS ANTI-ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- The Democratic National Committee, through its official publication, today characterized the Republican Administration's policy in the Near East as anti-Israel and as a failure.

The "Democratic Digest," organ of the Democratic Party, charged in an appraisal of the Administration's policy of "impartiality" that it has not only failed to win friends for America but has made Arab-Israel peace prospects even more remote than they were in 1952. The reason for Republican failure, it was held, could be found in appeasement of Arab intransigence.

Questioning the decision to grant free munitions to Iraq, it was pointed out that "there is no evidence that the United States has obtained any assurances that the arms will not be used against the Israelis". It was also emphasized that the granting of such arms "may be taken by the extreme nationalists as a tacit blessing on their turning the guns against Israel", and that the U.S. has no assurance that these weapons will be used on our side in the event of an East-West showdown."

The Democrats maintained that while the United States cannot "impose peace" in the Near East "we ought not to make peace more difficult by letting it appear that we have relinquished hopes of its attainment. We ought not to encourage any side in the delusion that we condone continued conflict. We should not arm one side."

Secretary Of State John Foster Dulles' "impartiality" speech of June 1, 1953, it was charged, "fitted in with the thinking of Arab leaders who have always accused America of preferring Israel." The Arab states have been encouraged by the slogan to increase their pressure for concessions at Israel's expense, the article says. The inevitable result of the new policy has been a sharp increase in Arab-Israel tension, marked by a series of violent border incidents," the organ of the Democratic Party charges.

The article stresses the fact that the new Republican policy "has not brought peace to the region; it has not improved relations between Israel and the Arab states. And it has not helped the United States itself for it has won us the friendship of neither side." It comes to the following conclusion:

"Until the beginning of the new Administration, American policy actively advocated direct negotiations in an effort to work out a peace treaty between Israel and the Arab states which are now technically at war. But under Mr. Dulles, our Department of State changed its position. Today, we have a limited objective in the Near East. It is to reduce tension. But tension refuses to be reduced. On the contrary, tension has steadily risen. Is so-called impartiality an adequate substitute for friendship? Is a slogan hiding a disruptive change in U.S. policy?"

CONSTRUCTION OF \$10,000,000 MEDICAL CENTER STARTED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- Actual construction work on the new \$10,000,000 Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center began today as bulldozers started clearing a site for the erection of a nurses school, the first building to go up.

The second and third buildings to be erected will be an Outpatient Clinic and a Cancer Institute. The construction work was held up for the past seven months by a dispute between medical center officials and farmers from the nearby village of Katra who used part of the site for the growing of grapes and who originally refused to agree to the construction of a road through the grove.

FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER RELEASES NAZI WAR PRISONERS

BONN, July 14. (JTA) -- The French High Commissioner in Germany announced today the release of 13 German war prisoners held by the French authorities and a reduction of the sentences of five other Nazi prisoners. The commutations were announced in honor of Bastille Day.

This leaves only 46 German war criminals still in French custody in Germany. The commutation and reduction of sentences were based on recommendations of a mixed French-German clemency board. The names of the prisoners involved were not made public.

GERMAN COURT GRANTS RETRIAL TO RABBI CONVICTED IN AUERBACH CASE

MUNICH, July 14. (JTA) -- The German Supreme Court in Karlsruhe has referred back to a court here for retrial the case of Dr. Aron Ohrenstein, former Chief Rabbi of Bavaria, who was sentenced to a year in jail and a \$2,400 fine in 1952 on charges of fraudulent certification of signatures.

The case, which reached the Supreme Court on an appeal by Dr. Ohrenstein, was sent back to the court of original jurisdiction because of two legal technicalities that may affect the length of the jail sentence and the amount of the fine. The Supreme Court expressly noted, however, that it entertained no substantial doubts about the verdict of "guilty" as such.

Dr. Ohrenstein was one of the three co-defendants in the trial directed primarily against the late Dr. Philip Auerbach. According to the findings of the Munich court two years ago, he was one of the key figures in a scheme to obtain compensation payments in the name of Jewish displaced persons who either did not exist or had already left Germany, but whose forged signatures he authenticated by claiming to have administered the "rabbinical oath" to them in person.

Since his conviction Dr. Ohrenstein, who is on leave from his rabbinical post, has lived in a home he owns on the shores of Lake Starnberg.

GERMAN WOMAN SENTENCED IN FRANKFURT FOR ANTI-JEWISH SLANDER

FRANKFURT, July 14. (JTA) -- In one of the few cases in which a German court has enforced postwar regulations prohibiting public anti-Jewish slander, a Frankfurt court has given a German landlady a three-month suspended sentence for Jew-baiting one of her tenants.

The defendant was also fined the equivalent of \$150 and placed on four years' probation. The complaint was brought by a non-Jewish widow of a Jewish doctor who, together with a Jewish visitor, was the victim of her landlady's attack.

JEWISH CEMETERIES DESECRATED IN NINE GERMAN TOWNSHIPS

FRANKFURT, July 14. (JTA) -- Nine desecrations of outlying Jewish cemeteries were discovered by Max Gruenfeld, chairman of the community at nearby Mainz, in the course of an inspection tour of surrounding small towns where no Jews now live.

Mr. Gruenfeld found desecrations at Appenheim, Bodenheim, Dromersheim, Ebersheim, Essenheim, Gau-Odernheim, Gensingen, Heidenheim and Soergenloch. While it is difficult to determine with certainty the dates on which the vandals committed the desecrations, various clues indicate they could not have been long ago in any of the nine cases.

At Ebersheim sixteen gravestones were torn from their sockets and defaced. Prior to visiting that cemetery, Mr. Gruenfeld called on the local mayor. The official knew of the anti-Jewish act, but had not bothered to report it either to the police or to the Jewish community.

U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITIES PROVIDE WIDER RANGE OF LOCAL SERVICES

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds released today a report showing that greater integration of community planning and resources marked the efforts of Jewish communities in 1953 to provide a wider range of local health and welfare services.

These services, the report stresses, included integrated programs for the Jewish aged and chronic ill, specialized care for seriously disturbed children, greater and improved facilities for medical care, and a shift in emphasis of family service agencies to provide counselling on marital and parent-child problems. Some of the highlights of the report establish the following facts:

1. A gain of more than 4 percent in the number of beds in hospitals and in homes for the aged. A similar gain has been noted in the number of people served--hospitals, 5 percent, homes for the aged, 4 percent.
2. A substantial and continuing decrease in the number of immigrants being aided by family service agencies has resulted in a shift of emphasis to serving native-born, middle class families. Despite the decrease in the number of immigrants being helped, the total number of cases in 1953 was about 45,000, slightly more than the previous year.
3. An 8 percent decline in the number of children accepted for care by children's agencies in 1953. The number of children cared for in shelters and other institutional facilities still remains about one-third of the 7,000 children under care, about the same as in 1952. The others are cared for in foster homes or in their own homes. There is also a continuing trend towards providing specialized services for the more seriously disturbed Jewish children.

Care for Jewish Aged is Focal Point in Planning

"Care for the aged continues to be the focal point in community planning as the proportion of people over 65 years of age continues to rise", the report says. "There are two approaches to this problem. The first is to increase the facilities for the chronic ill and the aged through building of annexes and by new construction. The second method is the development of programs for the well aged, those who do not require institutional care."

For the latter group community planning has evolved programs utilizing the services of homes for the aged, Jewish centers, family service agencies and other community facilities to provide the aged with an integrated program meeting their physical, recreational and emotional needs. Sixty-four homes for the aged, caring for the bulk of the nation's aged in Jewish institutions, served more than 10,400 elderly people in 1953.

Every index of medical care offered by hospitals under Jewish auspices went up in 1953, according to the report. Information supplied to the CJFWF by 37 general Jewish hospitals showed more than 3,800,000 days care given by these hospitals to approximately 440,000 patients, an increase of 4 percent over the previous year. Also 600,000 of the days care were on a free basis.

Immigration Aid Shrinks; Emphasis Shifted to Middle Class Needs

Previously planned expansion continued to show results in 1953. In Detroit, for the first time, a hospital was opened up under Jewish auspices. In Toronto and Providence new institutions were erected in 1953 to replace old, inadequate facilities. In other major cities, services were increased by adding new wings or other facilities to existing institutions or by remodelling old ones.

With the continued decline of immigrant caseloads, as a result of shrinking immigration, Jewish family agencies have been shifting their emphasis to meet



moderate income, middle class needs. These center mainly on marital problems, parent-child relations and other areas of emotional stress where trained counselors can help root out problems and overcome difficulties.

Statistics of 67 family agencies, reporting for both 1952 and 1953, show that approximately 45,000 cases were served in 1953, a slight increase over the previous year. There was a continued decrease reported in financial assistance given by family service agencies. This was due largely to the diminishing numbers of refugees being cared for and the changing nature of the caseloads.

While the decline was almost 5 percent, it still amounted to approximately \$1,500,000. In addition to this, the New York Association for New Americans gave out approximately \$665,000 in financial aid, a figure which was less than half of the previous year's expenditures.

The number of admissions to Jewish child care agencies in 1953 resumed the downward trend which has been the experience in the post-war period. This downward trend was interrupted only in 1952 when a sharp rise took place. Some 52 agencies reporting for both 1953 and 1952, indicated a drop of approximately 8 percent in the number of admissions in 1953.

The total number of children under care of these agencies during 1953 was over 7,000. More than two-fifths of these children were cared for in foster homes, another one-third in institutions and the remainder in the homes of parents or relatives. While admissions had dropped in 1953 by 8 percent, the total number of children under care the same year decreased by only 4 percent, the CJFWF report says.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE ASKS U.S. TO WITHHOLD ARMS FROM ARABS

BATON ROUGE, La., July 14. (JTA) -- For the second time in six years the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has called on the State Department to take action to bring about peace between Israel and the Arab states.

In a joint resolution adopted by both houses of the Legislature, the State Department was asked to withhold arms shipments to either party until peace is declared. The resolution, sponsored by the New Orleans Zionist District, also urges the State Department to use its good offices to bring the parties together for peace negotiations.

In 1948, when the Arab invasion of Israel was still in progress, the Louisiana Legislature also appealed to the State Department to act to bring about peace in the Middle East. A copy of the current resolution has been forwarded to the State Department and to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

SIMON KUPER RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SO. AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION

JOHANNESBURG, July 14. (JTA) -- Simon Kuper was re-elected chairman of the Zionist Federation of South Africa last night as the 24th biennial national convention of the organization closed here.

Also re-elected were vice-chairmen Joseph Daleski and Israel Dunsky, while Harry Trope was named honorary treasurer. Most of the members of the executive were also re-named. Membership on the executive was decided on a basis proportional to the strength of each political faction within the federation.

JOHANNESBURG'S MAYOR ORGANIZES FRIENDS OF ISRAEL COMMITTEE

JOHANNESBURG, July 14. (JTA) -- A "Friends of Israel" committee, comprising several leading Christians, has been formed here by the Mayor of Johannesburg, C. J. H. Patmore, following his return from his visit to Israel. Addressing a luncheon given in his honor by the Johannesburg Zionist Association here, he said he had taken steps upon his return to initiate this committee as a gesture of goodwill.