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NEGOTIATIONS IN CAIRO SEEN FOR EGYPT'S PURCHASE OF BRITISH ARMS

LONDON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Egyptians can negotiate with the British Ambassador in Cairo for whatever arms they want to purchase from Britain, a spokesman for the Ministry of Defense stated today in reply to questions arising from the announcement by the Foreign Office yesterday that the three-year-old embargo on the shipment of war materiel to Egypt had been lifted.

It is expected here that the first order the Egyptians will place is for the 16 Centurian heavy tanks they had on order when the ban went into effect in October, 1951. Jet planes, motor vehicles, artillery and ammunition are also known to be on the Egyptian priority lists. The Defense Ministry spokesman said that most of the weapons the Egyptians might want are in stock and that Centurian tanks would be available "quite quickly."

Commentators in today's London press were quick to underline the fact that Egypt has 30,000,000 pounds sterling in its current balance in Britain and has more than 100,000,000 pounds in frozen sterling accounts which Britain is releasing in small annual installments. The Daily Herald reported today that it is expected that the Anglo-Egyptian treaty providing for British evacuation from the Suez Canal zone is expected to be ready for signature by the end of September.

LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AND STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS DISCUSS ARMS GRANTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The question of American arms grants to Arab League military forces was discussed today, among other topics, in an 80-minute conversation involving Lebanese Ambassador Charles Malik and State Department officials including Deputy Assistant Secretary of State John D. Jernegan.

Mr. Malik made known that the Arab attitude toward Israel was explained in the course of the meeting, which pertained mainly to U.S. defense plans in the Near East.

The matters pursued today will be discussed on a higher level Thursday when Mr. Malik meets with Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith. Subsequently, Ambassador Malik will leave for Lebanon to consult with his government and leaders of the Arab League.

It was understood that today's meeting had to do with State Department plans to extend to other Arab League states the sort of arms grant arrangement negotiated with Iraq and now under discussion with Egypt.

(The Arab states should seize every opportunity to obtain arms, Lebanese Premier al-Yafi declared in Bagdad. He made the statement at a press conference in the Iraqi capital when he was asked to comment on American military aid to the Arab states.)

STRONGER TIES WITH BRITAIN URGED IN ISRAEL PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Government was advised to consider strengthening its ties with Britain instead of putting all its hopes on the United States, as the Israel Parliament today began an eight-hour foreign policy debate following last night's lengthy analysis of Israel's position in reference to the Arab states and the Western Powers by Premier and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

The suggestion that Israel might do well to place greater reliance on the British came from Meir Argov, Mapai Party leader and chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, one of Israel's major foreign policy-makers. Mr. Argov also declared that if there were territorial changes in the neighboring Arab countries Israel would "feel free" to protect Israel's interests. In an obvious thrust at the American plan for regional development of the Jordan River's resources, Mr. Argov declared that Israel's water resources are its own wealth and that only Israelis are entitled to distribute this wealth in accordance with the country's development needs.

Menahem Beigin, Herut leader, stormed at the government and at the United States. "Shame on America for arming the murderers of our sons, daughters and children," he cried. He reiterated earlier demands for armed action by Israel to "prevent a war." He insisted that Israel must recapture the lands which were within the original historical borders of the Jewish State.

I. Riftin, Mapam deputy, chided the Sharett Government for its "one-sided policy, its reliance only on Western capitalism," and its failure to attempt to achieve "real ties with the popular democracies."

ISRAEL COTTON CROP SEEN AS FUTURE FOREIGN CURRENCY SAVER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- A yield of over a ton of cotton per acre has been picked on the experimental cotton plantation of Havath Shmuel, in the Beisan Valley, it was revealed here today.

Ford Milam, chief assistant of the agricultural division of the United States Foreign Aid Operations Mission in Israel, congratulated the management of Havath Shmuel--named for Californian Sam Hamburg--upon the crop, declaring that, in his opinion, such yields would eventually save Israel large sums in foreign currency. Last year's cotton imports to this country totalled \$5,000,000.

An additional 62,000 acres of arid land, in the northern sections of the Negev, will be under irrigation by the Fall of 1955, according to an announcement here today by Efraim Ben Artzi, director of the Mekoroth Water Company. The water will come from the Yarkon Springs, and will be carried in a new pipeline being laid now, the water expert declared. The pipeline will have a capacity of 100,000,000 cubic meters per year, he said.

EGYPTIANS PUBLISH HISTORY OF ZIONISM; PREMIER NASSER WRITES FOREWORD

LONDON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- A condensed version of the "History of Zionism," by the veteran British Zionist Israel Cohen, has been published in Egypt with a foreword by Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser.

According to a report received here, Col. Nasser says that the reason for publishing this history of Zionism is to enable Egyptians to understand Zionism from the viewpoint of a Zionist. Col. Nasser also says that the significance of Zionist history is that the Jews were able to create a nationalist movement out of a religion.

ISRAEL CABINET RATIFIES TREATY RESTORING PROPERTY TO ITALIANS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet has ratified a treaty with Italy providing for the return to Italy of the property of Italian citizens seized by the Palestine Mandatory Government during World War II and maintained by the Custodian of Enemy Property since the British evacuation of Palestine, it was announced here today.

The treaty also provides for Italian reimbursement to Israeli citizens whose property was lost or stolen in Italian ports during the war and the immediate pre-war years. The total amount involved in these transactions is estimated to exceed 320,000 pounds. The Italian Parliament must still ratify the pact to make it effective.

ISRAEL DELEGATION ACTIVE IN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION DISCUSSIONS

VIENNA, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Israeli delegation to the current session here of the Inter-Parliamentary Union congress has been active in various aspects of the assembly's deliberations and on several committees. Rabbi Mordecai Nurok has been re-appointed a vice-president of the IPU, and Israeli deputies attending the session have been assigned to the political-judicial commission and to the economic-finance commission.

As usually occurs at international congresses, the Arab states have made a public attack on Israel. This time the Lebanese delegate took the floor, hitting at the United Nations for supporting Israel while Israel allegedly refused to comply with decisions of the UN. Israel delegate Jacob Klebanow, replying, noted that the Arab states had taken up arms in an attempt to upset the UN partition of Palestine and that all subsequent Arab-Israel conflicts sprang from this Arab aggression.

ISRAEL HONORS FRENCHMAN WHO AIDED VISALESS JEWISH IMMIGRANTS

PARIS, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Francois Collaveri, police prefect of the Ain Department, sailed today from Marseilles for Israel where he will be an official guest of the Israel Government for two weeks. The invitation was extended to M. Collaveri in gratitude for his services to visaless Jewish immigrants in the port of Marseilles before the formation of the State of Israel and for activities during the war in behalf of Jews, which earned him the enmity of the Gestapo.

When the "hell ship" Exodus was in Marseilles harbor during the postwar period, loaded to the gunwales with visaless Jews whom the British were attempting to keep out of Palestine, M. Collaveri organized supply and other services for the 4,500 Jews on the vessel. With the assistance of the Joint Distribution Committee, this supply system fed the immigrants during their entire stay in the harbor.

NEW BRITISH REGULATIONS HAILED AS AID TO IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency office here hailed the new government regulations easing the transfer of currency abroad by emigrants as a boon to Jews desiring to settle in Israel. The Agency said that the move will enable the majority of potential immigrants from Britain to Israel to take all their savings and capital with them.

The new regulations, announced last night, permit emigrants to take with them a maximum of 5,000 pounds sterling when they leave for settlement in countries outside the sterling bloc. Previously, emigrants were permitted to transfer abroad a maximum of 2,000 pounds per family in instalments stretching over a period of four years.

AMERICAN JEWISH TERCENTENARY PLANS ANNOUNCED BY SAMUEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- With 250 cities and many of the leading states in this country participating formally, and with virtually every local and national Jewish organization cooperating, complete plans for celebration of the American Jewish Tercentenary, whose observance will continue for eight and a half months, were announced here today by Ralph E. Samuel, chairman of the National Tercentenary Committee of Three Hundred.

Officially, the Tercentenary celebrations will open Sunday, September 12, at Congregation Shearith Israel, the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue in this city, which was founded in 1654 by the first band of Jewish immigrants in North America. The group consisted of 23 Spanish-Portuguese Jews who had first emigrated from The Netherlands to Brazil, then sought refuge in Nieuw Amsterdam, now New York.

Included among the plans, which were two-and-a-half years in the making, are many formal meetings of state legislatures and city councils, 20 national network television programs, 14 network radio programs, and many other events of scholarly and artistic nature.

Among the scholarly and academic events will be special conferences and meetings, all geared to the Tercentenary's theme: "Man's Opportunities and Responsibilities Under Freedom." Among the conferences will be meetings by the American Jewish Historical Society, Columbia University's New York School of Social Work, Conference on Jewish Relations, National Council of Jewish Women, many Jewish centers, YMHA's, and similar organizations.

There will be special art and historical exhibits - in New York, in many other cities around the country, and at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. Special symphonic concerts have been scheduled, with works by Leonard Bernstein and David Diamond; the latter has written a special symphonic work for the Tercentenary. Among scholarly works, there will be a 10-volume history of the Jews in the United States, and histories of local Jewish communities in many centers in the United States.

Civic celebrations will include observances in many state capitals, including the capitals of New York, Colorado, Rhode Island, Missouri, Connecticut, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's Gov. Kohler Issues Proclamation

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 31. (JTA)-- Leaders of Jewish communities from the entire State of Wisconsin will converge on the capital here on Friday, September 10, for elaborate plans announced today for formal State participation in the American Jewish Tercentenary.

A special assembly will be held in the assembly chamber of the State Capitol. Gov. Walter J. Kohler will issue a special proclamation, setting the week of September 10-17 as the State's official "American Jewish Tercentenary Week."

State of Michigan, City of Detroit, Mark Observance

DETROIT, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Both the State of Michigan, and this city have officially taken cognizance of the American Jewish Tercentenary, resolutions to that effect having been passed by the State Legislature and by the Detroit City Common Council. Gov. G. Mennen Williams had already, by formal proclamation, declared the State's devotion to the principles of the Tercentenary.

BUENOS AIRES JEWISH COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Buenos Aires Jewish Community today began a series of celebrations to mark its 60th anniversary. The celebrations will include such events as lectures, receptions, concerts and exhibitions.

As part of the celebration schedule, the community has proclaimed "Jewish Book Month." Another event was the inauguration yesterday of a new building of the Yiddishe Folksbank here.

MORALE IN ISRAEL HIGH, VENEZKY REPORTS AFTER VISIT

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The morale of the people of Israel is "sturdier than ever before," Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee of the Israel Bond Organization, stated here today on his return from a ten-day visit to Israel. Mr. Venezky, a frequent visitor to Israel, added: "Never have I left Israel more encouraged and more proud than now. The landscape is changing. The economy is improving. The machinery of statehood is functioning smoothly and effectively."

Together with Henry Montor, chief executive officer of the Israel bond drive, Mr. Venezky conferred on Israel's economic situation and plans for the Fall, 1954 phase of the Israel Development Bond drive with Premier Moshe Sharett, and Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. They also met with other Cabinet members and top officials of the Jewish Agency.

One of his first tasks in this country, Mr. Venezky indicated, will be the presentation of a full report on his visit to Israel to the National Leadership Conference for Israel Bonds, which will be held September 11 and 12.

WRITERS, SCHOLARS CONTRIBUTE TO U.S. - ISRAEL CULTURAL EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The writings, in Hebrew translation, of American scholars, educators, statesmen and men of letters - including Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, Thomas Jefferson and Walt Whitman - are making a profound impact in Israel as part of America's "cultural Point Four," Prof. Moshe Davis, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary here, reported today.

Prof. Davis, who has just returned from Israel, where he went under the joint auspices of the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee, urged in his report, made to the Jewish Agency executive, for still greater cultural interchange between this country and the Jewish State.

He also asked in his report for extension of U.S. - Israel relations in the field of Jewish spiritual activities. "Until American Jewry is adequately represented in Israel by its spiritual and cultural leadership," he declared, "there can be no real contribution to Israeli cultural life on the part of American Jewry." He predicted that the time will come "when every American rabbi will receive a portion of his training in the Holy Land."

ISRAEL PRESIDENT HONORS MEMORY OF VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The memory of Vladimir Jabotinsky, late leader of the Zionists Revisionists, "will remain in Zionist history because of his great contribution to Israel's independence," President Itzhak Ben Zvi declared after visiting the Jabotinsky Museum here. "It is only regrettable," the President added, "that Jabotinsky died prior to the establishment of the State."

Present at the Museum on the occasion of the President's visit were Herut Party members of Parliament. The Museum contains documents relating to Jabotinsky's activities, including records of various underground groups that fought for Israeli independence since the founding of the first of such organizations, "Hashomer."

JEWISH POPULATION STATISTICIAN DIES IN GERMAN HOSPITAL

STUTTGART, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Bruno Blau, well-known expert in the field of Jewish population statistics and demography, died suddenly today at a clinic at Freiburg. He was 74. Dr. Blau, a native of West Prussia, spent most of the war years in the Jewish Hospital in Berlin. He went to the United States in 1947 but returned here early this year.