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## ISRAEL GETS \$15,000,000 LOAN FROM U. S. ; TO BE REPAID IN FORTY YEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A loan of \$15,000,000 to be repaid in Israel currency over a period of 40 years, was announced here today by the Foreign Operations Administration. This is the first American loan to a foreign government under the Mutual Security Act of 1954.

Israel will use the loan to buy surplus agricultural commodities, primarily wheat, cotton and corn. The loan was granted on a technicality in the Mutual Security Act, permitting loans for the purchase of surplus agricultural commodities and requiring that a percentage of grant aid be in the form of long term loans.

An agreement on the loan was signed here yesterday by Ambassador Abba Eban and Gen. Glen Edgerton, chairman of the board of directors of the Export-Import Bank which is acting as the agent for the FOA. The terms of the agreement provide that Israel is to pay four percent interest.

The loan is part of the larger FOA program for this fiscal year now being discussed with Israel. Counting the sum loaned, a total of \$30,300,000 in aid for the fiscal year 1955 has been allotted to Israel. Although Israel will get some further aid, informed sources said the bulk has already been allotted in the \$30,300,000 sum. A maximum figure for the year has been discussed by Israel with the United States and that figure has been communicated to Israel, but has not been made public.

In 1949 the Export-Import Bank granted a loan of \$100,000,000 to Israel. Another \$35,000,000 was extended by the Export-Import Bank in 1951, bringing the total to \$135,000,000. Some of the amount extended from this source has already been repaid by Israel.

The State Department announced today that Walter Clay Lowdermilk, consultant to the United Nations on economic development, has been awarded a supplemental grant under the International Education Exchange Program of the State Department to enable him to accept an invitation to head the new Department of Agricultural Engineering at the Israel Institute of Technology and to serve as consultant to the Government of Israel for at least six months. He left on February 5 for Tel Aviv.

In his capacity as head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the Israel Institute of Technology, Dr. Lowdermilk will not only direct its activities but will also advise regarding the preparation of syllabi for soil and water conservation courses, train lecturers and provide guidance for a research program in addition to lecturing in these fields. As an adviser to the Government of Israel he will recommend and promulgate sound land and water use policies for the country.

**UNITED NATIONS ARMISTICE CHIEF SEES NO ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE SOON**

HAIFA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Peace between Israel and the Arab states cannot be achieved by "magic" nor within a short period, but only by creating a "psychological atmosphere" and changing the attitudes of the leaders of both sides, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations Chief of Staff of the truce organization, told the Haifa Rotary Club last night.

Stressing that a policy of revenge and retaliation should be avoided, Gen. Burns recommended the establishment of a system of cooperation in police action by Israel and Arab authorities to avoid infiltration. When a crime is committed in a border area, he suggested, officers on both sides should be informed and road blocks should be erected to apprehend the criminals.

The UN truce chief emphasized that Jordan has declared a policy of punishing infiltrators, and that the Egyptian authorities have sentenced Arab infiltrators whom they have caught to from one to five years in prison. He noted that both Israel and the Arab states have agreed to use only disciplined troops or police in border regions and that these troops are under orders not to fire without direct instructions from their officers.

He told his audience that the question of his signature to the proposed Israel-Jordan local commanders agreement would shortly be resolved. He also reported that an agreement had been reached between Israel and Jordan that members of each others armed forces who are captured shall be treated as prisoners of war, and that negotiations are under way to have each side release within 15 days any such personnel who were not engaged in hostile actions when apprehended.

Meanwhile, Israel has protested to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission the wounding of an Israel policeman by Syrian troops today. The policeman was on duty in a patrol boat on Lake Kinneret when Syrian troops on the east bank opened fire.

**TURKEY RECOGNIZES JEWS' FULL EQUALITY, ISTANBUL MAYOR SAYS**

ISTANBUL, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government considers the Jews of Turkey equal to all other citizens and will not permit any discriminatory action against them, Fahrettin K. Gokay, Mayor of Istanbul, declared at exercises dedicating the new rabbinical seminary opened at the nearby suburb of Haskoy.

Mayor Gokay, alluding to the discrimination suffered by the Jews and other minorities during the late war, said that those days were gone forever. He insisted that when the government referred to the Jews as a minority it meant to distinguish the Jews as a religious group and not as a separate segment of Turkish society. He asserted that a basic tenet of the present government is the granting of full religious liberty and the creation of an atmosphere of brotherhood among all citizens in Turkey and all nations in the world.

The ceremonies were attended by high government officials, headed by representatives of the Ministry of Public Education, representatives of the Christian churches in Turkey and some 300 leading Jews of this city. Chief Rabbi Raphael Saban recited a special prayer for the success of the seminary's activities.

**FAMOUS SOVIET JEWISH PHYSICIAN TREATS ISRAEL ENVOY IN MOSCOW**

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Shmuel Elyashiv, Israel Minister to the Soviet Union, is now under the treatment of Prof. M. S. Vofsi, famous Moscow Jewish doctor who was involved in the "doctors plot" several years ago when a number of Soviet physicians, most of them Jews, were falsely accused of plotting to kill Soviet leaders, it was reported here today. All the accused doctors were freed and their innocence established after the death of Stalin.

## J. D. C. AND WORLD OSE SIGN PACT IN PARIS; COOPERATION STRENGTHENED

PARIS, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- An agreement was signed here today between the Joint Distribution Committee and the World OSE Union, Jewish health organization, which will bring the two groups closer together and will strengthen the central committee of the OSE through financial support pledged by the JDC.

The agreement was signed by Abel Shaban, chairman of the executive committee of the World OSE Union, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the JDC. The pact grows out of a study undertaken by the two organizations of the OSE central organization and its branches in various countries. Today's agreement pledges the two parties to accept the findings and recommendations of the report and to work hand in hand to implement them.

The pact aims to strengthen the World OSE Union's central direction. The JDC pledges to provide moral and financial support for the OSE reorganization and promises to help enlist the support of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

In a statement issued by Mr. Shaban and Moses W. Beckelman, European director of the JDC, it is noted that the goal recommended by the study will have been achieved when the OSE Union is established as the central and controlling organization for Jewish health activities in a group of countries to be mutually agreed upon.

"There is a great need for a strong central Jewish health organization to supervise and carry through effective and healthy programs in many countries, the joint statement said. It revealed that it had been agreed that the JDC will make a global grant to the OSE only after the functional and organizational changes recommended in the report are put into effect.

At present, the JDC subsidizes the medical program of OSE branches in France, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Tangiers. The statement pointed out that there is a long history of cooperation between the OSE and the JDC dating to the time when the JDC came into Europe after World War I. The OSE, organized in Russia in 1912, was disorganized by the first World War and was reorganized in Berlin in 1923 with the help of the JDC.

## "ARYANIZERS" SEEK COMPENSATION FOR RETURNED JEWISH PROPERTY

BADEN-BADEN, Germany, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The central organization of those German "Aryanizers" who were compelled to return Jewish property they acquired during the Nazi regime has decided to change its name, to establish an office in Bonn and to go "underground" with its magazine.

At its annual meeting here, the "Association for Loyal Restitution," as it has been known for the past six years, resolved to adopt the name of "Federal Union of Restitution Victims." The organization intends to concentrate henceforth on Parliamentary lobbying, mainly to obtain from the Federal Treasury compensation for those who took over Jewish property "in good faith" and had to give it back on the basis of Allied restitution legislation.

For the past five years the organization has published a monthly magazine, "Die Restitution," which was available to any interested party. This periodical will now be discontinued, it was decided at the annual meeting. In its stead, an "internal information bulletin" is to be issued, but only for enrolled and dues-paying members of the "Federal Union of Restitution Victims." Membership applications will be screened.

## 25 DEPUTIES IN EAST GERMAN PARLIAMENT ARE EX-NAZIS, U.S. FINDS

BERLIN, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- At least 25 deputies of East Germany's Parliament, all of whom were in effect appointed by the Communist regime, are former members of the Nazi Party, it was stated by the U.S. High Commissioner here. The records of five former members of the Nazi Party were made public.

### U. A. H. C. OPENS FOUR-DAY NATIONAL CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The 43rd biennial national convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central synagogue organization of the Reform movement, will open here this week-end. Some 2,000 delegates representing 500 Reform synagogues in every state of the Union, Canada, Curacao and Hawaii, will attend the four-day gathering.

During the proceedings 66 congregations which have been in existence more than 100 years, will be honored at a special Tercentenary celebration. Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson issued a special proclamation hailing the UAHC, which is meeting in Los Angeles for the first time in the organization's history.

At the same time, 1,000 women representing sisterhoods affiliated with the 500 Reform Synagogues, will confer here at the 20th biennial convention of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. There are some 100,000 members affiliated with the sisterhood movement in seven countries. Another Reform group which is meeting at the same time is the National Association of Temple Secretaries.

With a "Three-E" theme of Ethics, Education and Exaltation, the convention will dedicate itself to consideration of many issues within the framework of American Jewish life, as well as of synagogue activity and administration. It will evaluate the Reform movement since its inception in the United States in 1825 to the present, and to map out programs for the future.

### MARYLAND COURT ASKED TO HALT DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES IN SCHOOLS

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A petition for a permanent injunction to restrain the Carroll County, Maryland, School Board from distributing copies of the New Testament in the public schools of the county has been requested in an action brought by John A. O'Donnell of Finksburg, Md., in the Circuit Court.

The action brought in Mr. O'Donnell's behalf by the law firm of Sachs and Sachs, charged that the school authorities are cooperating with a "religious organization or group" in distributing, causing or permitting to be distributed "copies of religious scripture, sectarian in nature." Harry M. Sachs of the plaintiff's counsel said that the New Testaments are being distributed to fifth grade students in the public schools and that protests by Mr. O'Donnell had failed to halt the distribution.

### CALIFORNIA COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The California District Court has ruled that the town of Piedmont, Calif., may not forbid the erection of parochial schools in residential areas.

The case involved a suit by a Roman Catholic group which sought to build a parochial school but was denied a permit by Piedmont officials. The American Jewish Congress filed a "friend of the court" brief, arguing that the Constitution guaranteed parents the right to send their children to parochial schools rather than public schools, if their religious convictions so dictate.

### MEXICO TO SEND DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO ISRAEL, PRESIDENT SAYS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Mexican President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines today received Dr. Moshe Tov, head of the Israel Foreign Ministry's Latin American Department, who is currently on a goodwill tour of Latin American countries.

During the audience, the Mexican President informed Dr. Tov that Mexico would shortly send a diplomatic mission to Jerusalem. Dr. Tov was accompanied by Joseph Kessary, Israel Minister to Mexico. Later, Dr. Tov was received by Foreign Minister Luis Padilla Nervo and other high government officials.

450 JEWS EMIGRATED FROM ARGENTINE TO ISRAEL DURING 1954

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Some 450 Jews emigrated from Argentina to Israel in 1954, Mordecai Koifman, director of the Zionist Central Council here, announced today. Mr. Koifman added that he expects emigration for 1955 to exceed this figure.

The largest group among the 450 were 185 chalutzim who received their agricultural training in Argentina before they left. Seventy others were parents of pioneers who had earlier settled in Israel, and most of whom were leaving to join their children. Among the remainder were professionals, youths and middle class families going to settle in a special Argentine village near Ram

Mr. Koifman revealed that his office, which represents the Jewish Agency in Argentina, also made arrangements for the emigration of 25 Bolivian Jews who left for Israel.

Argentine Foreign Minister Dr. Jeronimo Remorino received Israel Minister Dr. Arich Kubovi today for a discussion of a number of problems of mutual interest to Israel and Argentina. During the interview, Dr. Kubovi thanked the Foreign Minister and President Peron for their intervention in behalf of the two Jews executed in Cairo.

U. S. AIR CADETS TO GO TO ISRAEL UNDER CIVIL AIR PATROL PLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Five American cadets will go to Israel in June as part of a Civil Air Patrol exchange in which five Israel members of Gadna Avir, airwing of the pre-military youth organization, will be guests in the United States. The Israelis will remain here two or three weeks.

The Civil Air Patrol has invited leaders of Israel aviation to attend an international meeting in Lisbon on April 25. Invitations have been extended to the officers commanding the Israel Air Force, Gadna Avir, and the Civil Aviation Department. The U. S. air attache at the American Embassy in Israel will make available his plane for the Israelis to fly to Lisbon. After the Lisbon meeting, Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, U. S. National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol, will fly to Israel for a visit.

SIXTY-SIX TOURS TO ISRAEL ARRANGED FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- "Sixty-six organized student tours will leave for Israel this year, marking a three-fold increase over last year's student tours," Joseph Han, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office, reported today. "In addition, the first teen-age camp for Americans will open in Israel this summer."

The camp in Israel for American boys and girls of 14 to 17 years of age, Camp Kait, is located near the modern Ramat Aviv Hotel on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. The hotel can accommodate the parents, giving them freedom to travel and the opportunity to be near their children. Under the supervision of eminent American and Israel educators and of the Education Department of the Municipality of Tel Aviv, the camp offers the customary variety of sport and camping activities plus an educational tour of the country.

"HERZL SABBATH" TO BE OBSERVED IN SYNAGOGUES THROUGHOUT U. S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- "Herzl Sabbath" will be observed in synagogues throughout the United States this Saturday in tribute to the memory of Theodor Herzl who founded the Zionist movement, which led to the establishment of the State of Israel. The occasion is one of the highlights marking the world-wide observance of the 50th Herzl Commemorative Year which will continue until July 20, 1955.