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U. S. AND ISRAEL EXCHANGE LETTERS ON AMERICAN AID TO JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, May 2. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Harold Stassen, director of the U. S. Foreign Operations Administration, made known today that they have exchanged letters containing agreements on an additional \$9,700,000 in economic aid made available by the Foreign Operations Administration to Israel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

This brings expenditures of the Foreign Operations Administration for projects and commodities in Israel to a total of \$40,000,000 for the fiscal year. In a letter to Mr. Stassen, Ambassador Eban expressed the Israel Government's appreciation "of this renewed evidence of friendship and confidence on the part of the government of the United States."

Ambassador Eban also signed an agreement with U. S. officials that would make available \$9,400,000 in surplus agricultural supplies to Israel. Repayment will be in Israel currency. The agreement covers wheat, rice, and other commodities. After placing his signature to the instrument, Mr. Eban said:

"The agreement which we have just signed has a double significance. It brings valuable aid to Israel's economy by creating a basic reserve of vital commodities. And it is an illustration of a helpful and friendly approach by the government of the U. S. to some of Israel's most important problems and needs.

"The signature of this agreement covering a sum of \$9,400,000 marks another act of close cooperation in economic and supply questions between our two governments. I have written to the Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson expressing gratification at the successful conclusion of these negotiations in which he has taken such a close personal interest at every stage."

U. S. DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 2. (JTA) -- Information on American military and economic aid plans for the Near East in the new fiscal year have been revealed here by Rep. Alvin M. Bentley, Michigan Republican, who is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Rep. Bentley said, in a speech prepared for delivery before the Jewish Community Council of Detroit, that "the Administration program for fiscal 1956, which begins next July 1, contemplates direct military assistance to only one country in this particular area, and that is Iraq. The reason for this is based entirely upon recent defense developments between Iraq and some of her non-Arabic neighbors. No direct military assistance is contemplated either to Israel or to the other Arab states."

He said that although details of the Administration's request for continuing military and economic aid have not been officially presented he could give certain "unclassified" information. For the entire region of the Near East and Africa, he said "The Administration is requesting an authorization of \$73 million, some of which is to be on a loan and some on a grant basis. This does not include an authorization requested for our contribution to the United Nations Agency which is concerned with the refugee problem in this area."

Rep. Bentley made known that "for direct technical cooperation assistance to Israel, the Administration is asking for an authorization of \$2 million, which represents an approximate increase of \$600,000 over the current fiscal year. All other forms of economic assistance, including the sales of surplus agricultural commodities, are included in the figure of \$73 million which I previously mentioned and which has not yet been broken down on a country basis," he said.

Reduction of U. S. Financial Aid to Israel in 1956 Predicted

Rep. Bentley made known a general narrative statement for the new Israel program as prepared by the Foreign Operations Administration and which will be presented in the future before the Foreign Affairs Committee. The statement said: "While a precise and final determination of the level of aid to Israel in fiscal year 1956 cannot be made at this time, it is clear that Israel's continued economic progress will permit the level of aid to be further reduced. It is planned that half of the development assistance funds will be made available on terms of repayment and that about half of the assistance will be in the form of surplus agricultural commodities."

ISRAEL WORKERS HOLD MAY DAY PARADES; CLASH WITH COMMUNISTS IN HAIFA

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA) - Mass May Day Parades were held in this city, Haifa, Jerusalem and Tiberias and smaller demonstrations were held in a number of smaller cities and towns yesterday as Israel workers celebrated the traditional first of May holiday.

Some 30,000 workers and youth group members paraded on foot and in trucks in a three-hour parade in which marching groups were set off by hundreds of floats demonstrating various Histadrut and cooperative achievements in industry and agriculture. In Haifa some 45,000 persons marched. Labor attaches of the American and British Embassies viewed the Tel Aviv parade from the reviewing stand on which Labor Minister Golda Myerson and Histadrut chief Mordecai Namir stood.

In both Tel Aviv and Haifa Communists joined the line of march. In Haifa when the Communists carried signs not approved by the sponsoring committee and shouted anti-government slogans they were put out of the line of march by Mapai guards. This caused a major street clash. In Tel Aviv the Communists were allowed to remain, but shouts of "down with the Communists" were heard from the sidelines where 250,000 persons watched.

NO A-I-POLIO INOCULATIONS FOR ISRAEL CHILDREN THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA) - Israel's children will not be inoculated with anti-polio vaccine this year because of the embargo on the shipment of vaccine from the United States, a Ministry of Health spokesman said today. Since there is no hope that the vaccine will arrive in time for this season, he said, the entire program will be delayed until next February.

Meanwhile, Israel scientists are attempting to manufacture anti-polio vaccine according to the formula discovered by Dr. Jonas Salk. However, most experts in Israel, while of the opinion that Israel has the technical facilities to produce the vaccine, believe that it would be much cheaper to import it.

U. N. COMMISSION GETS REPORT ON ISRAEL'S WELFARE ACTIVITIES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 2 (JTA) - Israel's concentration on the absorption of immigrants, and the country's dependence on foreign loans, voluntary collections abroad and other such means for the financing of social welfare development programs, have made it impossible for the Jewish State thus far to plan educational and health services on an overall basis.

These views were presented in a survey today to the Social Commission, a unit of the United Nations Social and Economic Council, which started its three-week session here this afternoon. The survey deals with programs of social development around the world. Israel is one of the 18 member nations of the Commission and is represented at the present session by G. G. Lotan, of the Israel Labor Ministry.

The survey reviews Israel's social development plans and stresses Israel's absorption of tens of thousands of immigrants. It points out that social science organizations in Israel conduct surveys relating to specific problems, such as immigration and absorption of immigrants, housing, delinquency, youth matters and employment. In general, however, the report asserts, in Israel, as is usually the case in pioneering countries, research related to physical planning gets priority over social research.

\$3,000,000 TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY ARGENTINA AND ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, May 2 (JTA) - Israel and Argentina signed a new trade agreement here calling for a three million dollar exchange of goods. The agreement was signed by Israel Ambassador Arieh Kubovy and Argentine Foreign Minister Dr. Jeronimo Remorino, in the presence of the Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and four Argentine economic advisors. Under the terms of the new accord, Israel will make all payments in goods; under the former Israel-Argentine trade pact, she paid 75 percent of her bill in hard cash.

Mr. Eshkol, who left for Uruguay conferred here with Argentine Zionist leaders prior to his departure and expressed his hope that 50,000 Latin American Jewish families would migrate to Israel within the next decade. He attended a reception tendered by the General Zionists to Rabbi Irving Miller and James G. MacDonald who arrived here from the United States to participate in various functions for Israel causes.

NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS OPEN EMIGRATION CONFERENCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 2 (JTA) - Non-governmental organizations interested in migration opened today their fifth international conference here to discuss problems concerning non-discrimination in immigration policies and the needs of migrants for more adequate legal assistance. Sixty voluntary agencies from various countries, including Jewish agencies engaged in migration work, are attending the conference. The conference is expected to recommend to the governments of the world that they ease the admission of immigrants.

U. J. A. TO HOLD NATIONAL TWO-DAY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal today set in motion a 60-day nationwide cash mobilization to offset the growing danger of a return by Israel to tent camps for its mounting influx of refugee newcomers from Tunisia and Morocco. William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, signalled opening of the emergency 60-day drive with a special message to all campaign affiliates that warned of "tragic consequences in Israel and North Africa unless the cash need is met promptly and in full."

At the same time, Mr. Rosenwald announced that the UJA will hold a National Cash Conference June 4 and 5 at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, to assess the dollar drive at its half-way mark and to set the stage for a multi-million dollar finish. The two-month cash drive, which will come within the framework of the Appeal's year-long campaign, will involve a total of 3,300 communities.

Mr. Rosenwald, in opening the cash drive, told campaign leaders in his coast-to-coast message: "Israel's tremendous progress of recent years can be washed away if there are insufficient dollars for the reception, settlement and absorption of the present large tide of impoverished newcomers from North Africa. A shortage of funds at this time, would mean the collapse of the recently introduced and eminently successful ship-to-settlement program under which the newly-arriving immigrants have been going to specially-prepared agricultural colonies within hours after their debarkation."

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE CONVENTION OPPOSES GROUP LIBEL LAWS

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- A resolution opposing Congressional proposals for group libel laws that would outlaw publication or dissemination of material defaming racial or religious groups, was adopted here last night at the closing session of the four-day 42nd annual convention of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. The resolution warned that "unless carefully drawn with Constitutional safeguards for the protection of free speech and a free press, would boomerang and do more harm than good."

Henry Edward Schultz was reelected national chairman of the ADL for a fourth term. On a telecast of the ADL convention, Mr. Schultz awarded the organization's America's Democratic Legacy Award for this year to representatives of the Carnegie Corporation and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations for their "indispensable role in promoting the welfare of the people."

U. S. LABOR ZIONISTS FORM SUPREME BODY; CONCLUDE TWO-DAY ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA) -- The Labor Zionist Assembly will serve as the supreme body of the American Labor Zionist movement until the next World Zionist Congress meets in Jerusalem next year, it was decided here last night at the concluding session of the first such assembly held in this country. The Assembly, which was called to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Labor Zionism in this country, elected Baruch Zucker man, member of the Jewish Agency in New York, its chairman and named an executive of 29 men and women and a 100-member council.

The 800 delegates created an "immigration to Israel" department of the Assembly to recruit immigrants for Israel from the United States. The immediate objective of the department will be the recruitment of 1,000 American settlers in the next few years, to match the 1,000 Labor Zionists who migrated to Israel between 1948 and now. The department will canvass thousands of organizations and individuals throughout the country to ascertain the immigration potential.

The Assembly also backed a special educational conference called by the Labor Zionist organizations and the Jewish Folk Schools for this summer to consider principles, programs and organizational problems involved in Labor Zionist education. The delegates stressed their determination to intensify Zionist education of Jewish youth and stressed that a thorough re-examination of Labor Zionist education is needed.

In a resolution hailing the calling of the Assembly, the delegates noted that there were four lines of action indicated for the movement-wide organization: conducting the sheket campaign in advance of the next world congress; celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Labor Zionist movement; political action in Israel's behalf; and recruitment of immigrants for Israel. The first two were visualized as immediate short-term tasks and the latter two as long-term, major programs.

Louis Lipsky, veteran Zionist and pastime president of the Zionist Organization of America, speaking of the beginnings of the Labor Zionist movement, declared: "Many of us -- not of their party -- shared their hopes and their vision from the start. They were the intrepid beginners. We rejoiced in their strength and their courage and their loyalty to great Hebraic traditions; and their devotion to the Jewish people. We regarded ourselves the comrades of all who threw themselves into the task of redeeming the soul with their own hands, and laying the foundations of the state in harmony with Jewish social ideals and the vision of the prophets of Israel."

The Assembly was also addressed by Avraham Harman, Israel Consul-General in New York. Messages of greetings were read from Mayor Robert F. Wagner, former President Harry S. Truman; Adlai E. Stevenson; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and CIO president Walter P. Reuther.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OPENS; CONSULTATION AMONG RABBIS URGED

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill., May 2. (JTA) -- The suggestion that "instruments of consultation" be established among the three wings of religious Judaism in the United States was made here today at the opening session of the four-day 55th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, association of 600 Conservative rabbis. Rabbi Aaron H. Blumenthal, vice-president of the assembly, told the 300 rabbis at the convention that "it would be highly desirable to establish the instruments of consultation between ourselves and our colleagues to the right and left of us. Heretofore our policy has been to consider only those projects concerning which all three groups might agree."

Rabbi Harry Halpern, president of the assembly, in his annual report to the convention called for revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and charged that the dismissal of State Department immigration aide Edward J. Corsi was motivated by the "desire to keep foreigners from our shores." Rabbi Halpern termed a "tragic error" the United States encouragement of "sabre-rattling" by the Arab states in their relations with Israel. He called for a re-assessment of the U.S. policy towards Israel.

Addressing the same session, Rabbi Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, expressed the belief that "in society generally, insofar as religion is concerned, the less authority that is exercised, the greater the chance that true religion has to flourish." He saw the assembly as an organization which must strive to "enhance influence rather than authority." To the extent that is within "the power of conscious human effort and purpose to mold the future, to that extent the future of American Jewry and Judaism is in the hands of its rabbis. Only a dedicated rabbinate of great moral and intellectual stature can hope to give us a dedicated laity," he asserted.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE TO BUILD \$1,000,000 INSTITUTION IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- The American Friends of the Alliance Israelite announced today that the Alliance will build a \$1,000,000 combination high school and junior college in Tel Aviv. The announcement was made at the annual meeting of the organization by Marcel Franco, president. The French Government, the Israel Government and the Tel Aviv municipality have promised their cooperation, he reported.

Mr. Franco, who was re-elected president at the meeting, also reported that additional schools were recently opened by the Alliance in North Africa. The total number of students in the Alliance school network in both North Africa and Israel is 52,376. Count Jean de Lagarde, Consul General of France, who attended the meeting, presented the Croix de la Legion d'Honneur to Mr. Franco on behalf of his government. Israel Consul General Abraham Harman was one of the speakers at the meeting, at which Alan M. Strook was re-elected chairman of the board of directors of the American Friends.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ESTABLISH CHAIR IN HONOR OF DR. SALK

HARRISBURG, Penna., May 2. (JTA) -- The State of Pennsylvania plans to establish a Chair of Preventive Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh in honor of Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the successful anti-polio vaccine. Gov. George M. Leader announced this week-end. The Governor revealed that on May 10, at a ceremony at which the bill establishing the chair would be signed, he would also award Pennsylvania's Medal of Meritorious Service, the state's highest honor, to Dr. Salk.

The chair, which will be set up in the University's Medical School, will be supported with an annual contribution of \$25,000 from the state to pay the salaries of Dr. Salk, a secretary and some incidental expenses. Dr. Salk, the Governor said, will be the first holder of the chair and "we hope he will be there for a long time." Dr. Salk developed the vaccine at the University of Pittsburgh, with which he has been associated since 1947.

KLUTZNICK PRESENTED WITH \$100,000 FOR B'NAI B'RITH BUILDING

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- Over \$100,000 in checks and pledges for the new B'nai B'rith building was handed to Philip M. Klutznick, president of the organization, at a homecoming reception held for him in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here. The new building is being erected in Washington at a cost of more than one million dollars.

More than 300 B'nai B'rith men and women officers from all parts of the country, who participated in a special four-week building fund drive for this gift, were on hand to witness the presentation and to welcome home their chief officer. Mr. Klutznick has just come back from a six-week tour of Europe and Israel, where he conferred with B'nai B'rith leaders and inspected projects in Israel sponsored by the B'nai B'rith. The building fund drive was under the overall direction of Maurice Bisgyer, secretary of B'nai B'rith.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PRESENTS WORLD BROTHERHOOD AWARDS

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- "World Brotherhood" awards were presented to George Meany, AFL president, Robert Sherwood, the author, and Rabbi Leo Baeck, former Chief Rabbi of Berlin, last night at a dinner of the Jewish Theological Seminary.