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U. S. PLANS FOR AID TO ISRAEL OUTLINED; REDUCED SCALE PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration's proposals for the Mutual Security program for the fiscal year 1956 indicate that half of the development assistance funds for Israel will be made available on terms of repayment and that approximately half of the assistance will be in the form of surplus agricultural commodities. It is also proposed that technical cooperation projects be continued at the same levels and that a few new projects in industry and mining be undertaken.

The FOA report 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. In the peak year of 1953, aid to Israel under Mutual Security legislation totaled \$70.2 million for economic development and \$2.6 million for technical cooperation; in 1954 the totals were \$52 million and \$1.5 million respectively, in 1955 development assistance is programed at \$40 million of which \$20 million will be on a repayment basis, and \$1.4 million is programed for technical cooperation. It is proposed that the economic aid program be continued on a reduced scale during fiscal year 1956, with, however, some increase in technical cooperation."

The report stresses that Israel's economic progress has been "substantial" and that the success of the U.S. program to date can only be measured in terms of total Israel progress. The report indicates that Israel's agricultural output has increased nearly 18 percent and industrial production nearly 20 percent in 1954. The annual excess of imports over exports has been reduced by about \$130 million in the past three years. Exports increased by 35 percent in 1953 and by another 48 percent in 1954. The share of Israel's foreign exchange requirements which it earned itself rose in the past two budget years to 23 percent, then 32 percent, and may reach 40 percent in 1955, the report predicts.

"The key element in this program has been the U.S. development assistance program which has supplied an essential portion not only of the development goods but also of consumer requirements such as surplus agricultural commodities which in turn makes possible a total capital investment program at a level necessary for an approach to viability," the FOA report declares.

It adds that under the technical cooperation program, United States technicians have been instrumental in achieving a number of improvements in Israel. Among the improvements the report lists substantial shifts into kinds of crops most likely to contribute to early self-support, range management work making possible a new start of the livestock industry, mineral exploration and commercial exploitation and many more.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL DEFENSE PACT URGED; DULLES STATEMENT SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- The conclusion by the United States of a mutual defense agreement with Israel was urged here today by Attorney General Jacob K. Javits of New York State, a Republican leader, following his meeting earlier this morning at the White House with President Eisenhower for a private discussion of a number of matters including the Arab-Israel situation.

The suggestion that the U.S. Government should enter into a mutual defense arrangement with the Jewish State was voiced by Mr. Javits at a dinner of the United Jewish Appeal here. Such an arrangement, he said, would serve notice on the whole Near East that Israel is there to stay. Mr. Javits also urged a reaffirmation by the United States of the 1950 Tripartite Declaration guaranteeing the present Israel-Arab borders.

In his speech, the Attorney General reminded Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that he was expected to announce a reappraisal of the United States Near East policy soon after September of last year. "Such an announcement is urgently required," he said, "and the atmosphere for it is exactly right." He added that President Eisenhower has "a real capability for improving the Near East situation and our aim should be to encourage that capability to be utilized effectively."

Mr. Javits insisted that the U.S. economic development and technical assistance programs within the Near East, now pursued on a country-by-country basis, be progressively designed to become regional projects as soon as conditions permit. At the same time, he urged the American Jewish community to issue a declaration pledging itself to back Israel with financial support for ten years in the magnitude of \$100,000,000 per year.

TEEN-AGERS IN ISRAEL TO PERFORM "NATIONAL SERVICE" ON FRONTIERS

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- Some 400 teen-agers between 16 and 17 will see "national service" in Israel's frontier settlements, it was announced here today. The experiment, which calls for three weeks of compulsory service for all students in the eleventh grade--the equivalent of the junior year in high school--was organized jointly by the Ministry of Defense and headquarters of Gadna, the Israel paramilitary youth organization.

As announced by the Ministry of Education, the plan calls for the high school boys to work four hours at agriculture and other pursuits daily as well as two hours a day of drill. The remainder of their time will be spent on cultural activities.

The program, which was first proposed by Defense Minister David Ben Gurion, will, if successful, become a permanent program. The Defense Ministry visualizes this as a program under which Israel's youth would learn at first hand the security problems of the border regions and problems connected with immigrant absorption. It is also seen as a means of binding together the various elements in the population and, finally, of giving the youth training along the work-preparedness program of Gadna.

ISRAEL DENIES AMERICAN REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENT OF JORDAN WATERS

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Government denied today a report in the American press that Israel was prepared to concede most of the remaining difference between its and the Arab states' claims for water from the proposed "Jordan Valley Authority" plan.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said that an Israel delegation which discussed the Eric Johnston plan for regional development of the Jordan had confined its comments to technical aspects of the program. There were no decisions or conclusions reached on the principal issue and "there is no room for a statement of Israel having waived any rights," the spokesman said.

The American report also said that Ambassador Johnston was preparing to return to the Middle East early next month with good prospects of reaching final agreement with the parties.

ISRAEL AIR FORCE PLANE CRASHES IN GALILEE: PILOT KILLED

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- An Israel Air Force plane crashed in the Galilee yesterday, it was announced here today, and its pilot, Lt. Ira Shmueli, was killed.

The trial of Uri Galin, pilot of a Piper Cub which crashed into a crowd at Magan, in the Tiberias area, last July killing 17 persons, began in Haifa yesterday. The pilot pleaded "not guilty" to the charge of "unintentionally causing the death of 17 persons," but the court decided that he would have to stand trial. The small plane crashed into a crowd gathered to commemorate those Jews who had parachuted behind Nazi lines on Allied intelligence and rescue missions.

WORLD CALENDAR REFORM PROPOSAL DROPPED FOR A YEAR BY U. N. COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 16. (JTA) -- Consideration of the so called "world calendar reform," proposed by India and opposed by Jews throughout the world, was postponed today by the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and will not be taken up until next year. The proposal to defer discussion on the subject for a year was made at the opening session of the Council today by Dr. Arthur S. Lall, chief of India's delegation.

The resolution introduced by India more than a year ago urging the Council to consider the proposal for changes in the calendar is now considered virtually killed. It became apparent today that the resolution would be defeated if discussed and voted upon at the present session of the Council. Expressions of opinion on the subject from governments throughout the world solicited in preparation for today's meeting by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold showed that 23 countries opposed revision of the calendar; nine countries favored further study of the idea but refused to endorse it at the present time; and only two of the respondents--from Thailand and from the Principality of Monaco--favored it outright.

Israel was among the nations protesting vigorously against the movement. Jewish organizations had representatives here today ready to argue against India's proposal. Israel's views were summarized in four points: A change in the calendar would break the continuity of the seven-day week which is "deeply rooted in the religious consciousness and tradition of great sections of the world. The Sabbath is a fundamental element of Judaism. The proposed plan, by dislocating the present harmony between the Jewish and the Gregorian calendar will react adversely on the commerce and State of Israel. The introduction of blank days negates ancient cultural and historical values and is not likely to promote relationships of tolerance between different nations, communities and creeds."

CHANGE IN ISRAEL BOND DRIVE EFFECTIVE; DR. SCHWARTZ TAKES OVER

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- A new organization, with Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, as its vice president and directing head, assumed responsibility today for the sale of Israel Bonds in the United States and other parts of the free world.

In accordance with an agreement with the Government of the State of Israel, the bond sales organization was officially transferred today to a newly created agency known as the Development Corporation for Israel. The prospectus of the Development Corporation, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is dated May 15, the day the agreement was consummated with the State of Israel to make the D.C.I. sole underwriter of the Israel Bonds.

A foremost leader in the field of large-scale rescue and resettlement of Jews in Israel and elsewhere during the past decade and a half, Dr. Schwartz succeeds Henry Montor as chief executive officer of the Israel bond campaign. Since May, 1951, the campaign which was carried on during the past four years under the aegis of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, sold a total of more than \$190,000,000 in Israel bonds.

Outlining the purposes of the Israel bond campaign, Dr. Schwartz said: "Economic power is the keystone of Israel's progress and its military as well as social security. Therefore the continued sale of Israel bonds on the widest possible scale represents an indispensable factor in its program to achieve peace and strengthen its democratic institutions.

"Because Israel bonds have become a major instrument in the economic development of Israel, and because they have proved themselves to be a sound investment whose results are evident in the growth of many vital industrial and agricultural enterprises, it is our immediate objective to enlist all elements in the Jewish communities of the United States in active participation in the Israel bond campaign. On the basis of past experience, we are also confident that non-Jews will continue to invest in Israel bonds in increasing numbers.

"I believe that the people of Israel are within reach of their goal of economic self-sufficiency. To the extent that we help them achieve this goal in the near future, we shall be hastening the realization of the basic ideals of an independent, dignified and progressive democracy of Israel."

New Board to Discuss Blueprint for Campaign Program

Dr. Schwartz announced that the blueprint for the campaign program will be discussed at the first meeting of the new executive committee and the Board of Governors of the new bond organization which will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Sunday, May 22nd. Discussing the immediate activities of the drive, he declared:

"Although this is the first day of operation for the new bond sales organization, we anticipate no delays in getting under way. As a result of the cooperation of all concerned, there has been no disruption in the campaign. The smooth changeover assures an uninterrupted functioning of our campaign machinery not only at national headquarters but in most of the country.

Since January, 1951, Dr. Schwartz has directed the operations of the United Jewish Appeal as its executive vice chairman. He led the UJA in raising more than \$365,000,000 in nation-wide campaigns during that period. For twelve years prior to 1951, Dr. Schwartz served in wartime and post-war Europe as head of the vast relief and rehabilitation operations of the American Joint Distribution Committee. As chairman first of the JDC's European Executive Council and then director general of the agency's far-flung operations abroad, as well as UJA leader, he helped shape one of the greatest mass migration movements in all Jewish history. Under his direction, close to a million men, women and children from distressed areas in European and Arab lands were transferred to Israel, the United States and other democratic countries.

U. J. A. TO PRESENT HUMANITARIAN AWARDS FOR AIDING NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal announced today that in commemoration of the Allied victory in Europe ten years ago it will honor a select group of military and civilian figures who in the post-war years helped tens of thousands of Hitler's victims to survive, recover their health and resume new lives in Israel, the United States and other democratic lands.

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, said that citation of this select group will take the form of a special Humanitarian Award to each to be made at a national conference in Washington, June 4 and 5. The two-day conference, Mr. Rosenwald added, will also commemorate the UJA's decade of post-war accomplishments in behalf of World War II displaced persons, Iron Curtain escapees and distressed Jews in Moslem countries. In addition to these commemorative ceremonies, the conference will signal the half-way mark in a current 60-day effort by the Appeal for the raising of an urgently needed multi-million dollar cash fund.

NEW YORK CONGRESSMEN CRITICIZE EISENHOWER FOR REFUGEE ACT FAILURE

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Sixteen New York Democratic Congressmen charged today in a joint statement submitted to a Senate subcommittee that President Eisenhower must bear "some blame" for the operational failure of the 1953 Refugee Relief Act. The statement called for revision of the legislation and dismissal of State Department security chief Scott McLeod as administrator of the act.

"We cannot refrain," said the group, "from attaching some blame to the President for this state of affairs. The President has expressed dissatisfaction with the operation of the act, but has shown no leadership in converting his words into deeds."

The Democrats urged committees of the House and Senate having jurisdiction over the act to "proceed with all dispatch to amend the delaying provisions and strictures." They refuted the Administration's excuse that the lack of assurances is "entirely to blame for the slow issuance of visas." The Congressmen said "the number of visas issued lags far behind the number the assurances cover."

Signatories of the joint statement were: Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Victor L. Anfuso, Charles A. Buckley, Irwin D. Davidson, James J. Delaney, Isidore Dollinger, James G. Donovan, Sidney A. Fine, Lester Holtzman, Edna F. Kelly, Eugene J. Keogh, Arthur G. Klein, Abraham J. Multer, Leo W. O'Brien, Adam Clayton Powell Jr. and Herbert Zeienko.

PUBLISHERS DECIDE TO ESTABLISH SEMINAR ON JEWISH JOURNALISM

WALTHAM, Mass., May 16. (JTA) -- A decision to establish a seminar on Jewish journalism, with presidents and publicity directors of all national Jewish organizations invited to participate in discussions of the place of the English-Jewish press in American Jewish life, was adopted here at the 13th annual convention of the American Association of English-Jewish newspapers, at which Jacques Back, editor and publisher of the Jewish Observer of Nashville, Tenn., was elected president.

The publishers and editors adopted a warm resolution commending the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for its progressive efforts to advance the standards of Jewish journalism. Victor Bienstock, general manager, and Boris Smolar, editor, of JTA, were warmly applauded for their efforts to extend news coverage of the agency and to improve its feature service.

The delegates "pledged anew their sympathetic support to Israel, to the end that the young state should win the peace and grow from strength to strength," and protested against the arming of the Arab states to Israel's detriment. Other resolutions expressed the association's appreciation to Brandeis University for its hospitality. Dr. A. L. Sachar, president of the University, was host to the visiting editors and publishers at a luncheon at which the election of officers of the Association took place.

The convention also adopted a decision to institute annual awards to English-Jewish newspapers adjudged: a. publishing the best written non-syndicated news story of the year; b. the paper publishing the editorial adjudged the best written of the year, and c. the papers adjudged the best of the year typographically in tabloid, full-sized and magazine formats.

Other officers elected include: vice presidents, Leo H. Frisch, Minneapolis, Arthur Wayne, Philadelphia; Joseph Weisberg, Boston; secretary, Adolph Rosenberg, Atlanta; treasurer, Abe Slabot, New Orleans; members of the executive board, Elias Jacobs, Buffalo; Morris Janoff, Jersey City, Meyer Keleman, Los Angeles, Sam Neusner, Hartford; Sam Schmidt, Cincinnati; Fred Shochet, Miami; Philip Slomovitz, Detroit; Albert Golomb, Pittsburgh; Jack Fishbein, Chicago; Sarah Singer, Atlantic City.

CRATER ON THE MOON TO BE NAMED AFTER THE LATE PROF. EINSTEIN

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- A 28-mile-wide crater on the moon will be named for the late Dr. Albert Einstein on the suggestion of the Washington Naval Observatory. It was revealed this week-end.

The observatory asked Dr. H. B. Wilkins, director of the British Astronomical Association's lunar section to choose a crater. Dr. Wilkins' nomination was "Simplicius D," a crater near one named for Sir Isaac Newton.

A memorial meeting in honor of the late Prof. Albert Einstein was held in Israel tonight at the Weizmann Institute of Science. Speakers included Meyer Weisgal, of New York, and well known members of the Institute faculties.

BEN ZVI ARRIVES AT MARSEILLES ON MEDITERRANEAN VOYAGE

MARSEILLES, France, May 16. (JTA) -- Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi arrived here this morning aboard the vessel Negbah. The President and his wife who are on a vacation voyage will remain aboard during the Negbah's stay in port. The vessel will turn about for Haifa shortly.