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U. S. AND ISRAEL SIGN "ATOMS FOR PEACE" AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 12. (JTA) -- The United States and Israel formally concluded today the atoms for peace agreement under which uranium is to be leased to Israel for research and development programs for humanitarian uses of atomic energy.

Israel's formal signing of the initialed agreement with the U.S. marked an historic event since Israel is among the first nations to have completed negotiations. Signatories to the initialed agreement included George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, and Admiral Lewis Strauss, chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Ambassador Eban expressed his appreciation to the many officials of the State Department and the Atomic Energy Commission who have enabled Israel to be "amongst the first beneficiaries of this constructive and farsighted program." He said that Israel being the second country to sign the agreement indicates that it will not be lagging far behind the rest of the world in utilizing the benefits of the program. The Government of Turkey on June 10 was the first country to complete negotiations with the United States.

TURKEY ASSURES ISRAEL; IT CONTEMPLATES NO CHANGE IN RELATIONS

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- No changes in Turkish-Israeli relationships are contemplated, according to a Turkish reply received today by the Israeli Government. The reply came following a note sent to the Turkish Government immediately after the conclusion of the Turco-Iraqi pact. The Turkish answer was handed to Israel's Ambassador in Ankara this week.

Reports reaching Turkey indicate that in Syria and Lebanon there is a movement among leading Arabs to end the hostility against Israel and to seek a way to reach peace with Israel. The visit of Ambassador Eric Johnston to the Middle East at the end of this month may pave the way for such action, it is believed here.

The Turkish Government, which is the major partner in the Turkish-Iraqi defense treaty, is anxious to see conciliation between Israel and the Arab countries. It is felt here that Israel would be ready to join a Middle East defense pact immediately after concluding peace with the Arab countries. It is also believed here that the admission of Israel into a general Middle East defense pact would greatly strengthen the defense of the area, in which Turkey has so far taken the lead.

AUSTRIAN CABINET DECIDES TO AID NAZI VICTIMS RESIDING ABROAD

VIENNA, July 12. (JTA) -- In a communique following today's meeting of the Austrian Cabinet the government announced its intention to introduce, at the beginning of the Fall session of Parliament, a bill appropriating monies for a special Fund which will be established to aid persecutees permanently residing abroad.

This decision followed a report by Finance Minister Reinhardt Kamitz concerning the recent discussions with the representatives of Jewish organizations. Herr Kamitz referred to the fact that for persons currently resident in Austria who were persecuted between March 1933 and April 1945 there are in force in Austria numerous measures providing assistance in the field of employment and support for the aged and indigent.

The Minister stated that there are, however, many persons abroad who require aid because of the persecution which they suffered. He pointed out that the measures in force within Austria at the present time can only be applied for the benefit of persons residing abroad to a very limited extent. It will therefore be necessary to establish a special Fund for this group of persecutees. The Fund will make grants based on priorities based upon the need of claimants.

The Cabinet also approved a draft of a "Fourth Amendment to the Social Insurance Transitory Law" which will first of all eliminate certain discriminatory provisions in the field of social insurance against persons who emigrated from Austria because of political and racial persecution.

ISRAEL NAMES DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL ATOM ENERGY PARLEY

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Government named today the Israel delegation which will participate in the International Conference for Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, which opens in Geneva August 8. The delegation includes:

Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Foreign Ministry; Prof. Ernst Bergman, head of research and planning in the Defense Ministry and a member of the staff of the Hebrew University; Prof. Israel Dostrovsky and Dr. Amos de Shalit, both of the Weizmann Institute of Science; Prof. Joel Racah and Dr. Shlomo Cohen, both of the Hebrew University; Chaim Katz, chief statistician of the Israeli Electric Company, and Dr. Menahem Kahany, Israel's permanent delegate at the European office of the United Nations in Geneva.

ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE CONSIDERED BY NASSER AS "MENACE" TO EGYPT

LONDON, July 12. (JTA) -- The existence of Israel constitutes a "menace" to Egypt, the Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser declared in a statement broadcast today over the Cairo radio "Israel, which is armed by its friends and by those who created her, is a sword pointed at us, our freedom, and our dignity. It even menaces our land and people as it did Palestine and its people," the Egyptian dictator said.

Reports reaching here today from Bagdad reveal that the Arab countries are in contact with each other on a plan to persuade Thailand to abandon its recognition of Israel. The Arab states may also ask the Indonesian Government to use its influence with Thailand for the same purpose, the reports indicate.

Agreement in principle was reached on July 9 between Egypt and Czechoslovakia to conclude a trade and payments agreement between the two countries during the week. According to the agreement the two countries will exchange goods worth seven million pounds sterling. Egypt will export to Czechoslovakia cotton and certain mineral raw materials and will import from it iron and certain machinery.

AGUDAS ISRAEL SEEKS CONTACT WITH JEWS BEHIND "IRON CURTAIN"

PARIS, June 12. (JTA) -- A message of goodwill to the Jewish religious communities of Hungary, Poland, Rumania and East Germany was sent today by the European executive of the Agudas Israel World Organization at the conclusion of a meeting here yesterday.

At the session H. A. Goodman, chairman of the European executive, told the body that it was "imperative" that some form of co-existence should be found between the Jewish religious and communal bodies of Western and Eastern Europe, adding that he was aware "from personal knowledge" that such a development would be welcomed by the large Jewish communities of Eastern Europe. "It would be incredible," he asserted, "that the heads of governments should meet in Geneva for the purpose of discovering a peaceful solution of their differences, while the Jews of the West still remain separated from their brethren in the East."

Mr. Goodman warned against introducing secular and political problems into such discussions. "We are bound together with the Jews of the East by our common faith, our common history and our common hope in the Jewish future, irrespective of different political ideologies."

LEADING JEWS WHO ESCAPED FROM NAZI REGIME HONORED IN GERMANY

MUNICH, July 12. (JTA) -- Prof. Moritz Julius Bonn, a Jewish refugee from Nazism, who now lives in London, was honored here today at a ceremony marking the anniversary of his receiving his Ph. D degree from Munich University 60 years ago.

Prof. Bonn, who is 83 years old, is a well-known author and economist. He was adviser to the German Government and rector of Berlin's Commercial College prior to Hitler's advent. He lectured at the London School of Economics from 1933 to 1939 and served as a visiting professor in California and at Harvard University.

A Jewish industrialist most in the German public eye, director Siegfried Seelig of the United Steel Works trust in Dusseldorf was awarded the "honorary presidency" of the German Scrap Metal Federation on his 60th birthday at a reception attended by some 200 prominent guests, by Y. Dagan, departmental head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany, and by Dr. H. G. van Dam, Secretary-General of the Central Jewish Council.

He returned to Germany at the end of the war, having lived "underground" in Belgium after escaping from a detention camp in Southern France. In a toast at the reception, the chairman of the Association of Jewish Communities in North Rhine province, Julius Dreifuss, praised his steadfast loyalty to Judaism and the effective support he has given to the Israel reparations program.

NAZI JOURNALISM SCHOOL HEAD MANAGES GERMAN NEWS AGENCY GROUP

HAMBURG, July 12. (JTA) -- The newly-formed Association of German Press Services has appointed Wolf Meyer-Christian as its executive manager. During the Nazi regime, he was in charge of the "Reich Journalism Training School," a favorite project of Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels.

U.S. RABBIS APPLY FOR SOVIET PERMIT TO VISIT JEWS IN U.S.S.R.

FALLSBURG, N. Y., July 12. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox group which is holding its annual convention here, today announced that it has made a formal application to the Soviet Embassy in Washington to allow a delegation of rabbis to visit the Jews of the Soviet Union.

The announcement was made by Rabbi David Hollander, president of the Council. He told the convention that the Soviet Embassy has asked for full details on the "nature and purpose" of the visit. "We are hopefully awaiting an affirmative response from the Soviet Government," he stated.

Noting that the "forthcoming meeting at the summit of the heads of the Four Powers holds out the distinct possibility for the lessening of international tensions," Rabbi Hollander stressed that "our request, if granted, will foster the growing spirit of understanding between the East and the West which appears to be emerging on our world horizons." He added: "We seek only to visit our co-religionists in order to re-establish our spiritual ties which will enhance and strengthen the bond between our peoples."

Rabbi Hollander declared that "the granting of our request will have far-reaching effects not only for Jews but for a waiting world eager to see increasing signs of trust and friendship among the peoples of the world. We firmly believe that such acts of sympathetic understanding gradually build the firm foundation on which can be securely rested the structure of peace and amity among nations."

Eisenhower Greet's Rabbinical Parley; Chaplains Honored

Meanwhile, a message from President Eisenhower to the convention expressed the hope that the Rabbinical Council's endeavors in the communities "will continue to heighten in Americans of every faith an awareness of the spiritual and moral heritage which all of us share."

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Council's chaplaincy committee, presented 30 Orders of Merit to members of the Rabbinical Council "who have served with outstanding distinction in the Armed Forces since the outbreak of the Korean conflict." In making the presentation, Rabbi Miller paid tribute to the "sacrificed efforts of the entire Chaplain Corps ministering to the spiritual needs of the men and women serving our country." A total of 95 Orthodox Rabbis have served as chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces since World War II.

Rabbi Israel Klavan, executive secretary of the Rabbinical Council, in his annual report, outlined the Council's program for the coming years, which featured the establishment of a national Beth Din (religious court). He said "the court's stature is such that its authority will be recognized by the entire Jewish community in religious matters."

At the same time, Rabbi Klavan announced the formation of a revolving fund to aid in the development of new synagogues and religious institutions in the newly-formed suburban centers of populations. He announced the Council's program includes the formation of a commission "that will begin a sociological study of the character and trends of the American Jewish community."

Proposal for Admitting Women to Rabbinate Scored

In his presidential statement, Rabbi Hollander, referring to the forthcoming meeting at the summit, paid high tribute to President Eisenhower "for his persistent quest for peace, undaunted by external frustrations and internal skepticism." The president of the Rabbinical Council urged that the United States "with its great prestige and power, should enter into a security pact with Israel and thus remove the festering threat of war in an area where the forces of democracy must win the battle for the minds of the people."

Taking up the recent proposal that women serve as rabbis, Rabbi Henry R. Gold, a practicing psychoanalyst, scored "this agitation in certain non-traditional Jewish circles" as stemming from the "excesses of hyper-feminism which threatens the whole fabric of American society." He said: "It is preposterous to think that women's happiness should depend on their occupying 50 percent of all jobs as taxi drivers, engineers and ministers. Those who seek to sell women on such goals are substituting the 'ersatz' of self-inflation for the dignity of self-acceptance."

Dr. Gold elaborated on this theme by pointing out that the "classic rabbinic law never regarded the mate as the king of the family or its benevolent despot, but considered him at least as the president of the family, ever subject to emotional re-election. This attitude was transferred to the organized religious life in the synagogue and home. It was a system of distribution of function. To be sure this system did not always work ideally but it gave the Jewish family much of its stability."

BOOK BY ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, July 12. (JTA) -- The Spanish translation of a book, "The Lost Tribes," by Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi, has been published here. The translation is by Miss Bertha Sendery, and the book is published by Candelabro Publishing House, which is owned and directed by Dr. Abraham Mibashan. The first copy of the book was presented at the Israel Embassy here, where the Embassy's first secretary, Dr. Benjamin Eliav, spoke of the literary and scientific merit of the work.

PROTESTANT SUPPORT VOICED FOR JEWISH ADOPTION OF CATHOLIC CHILD

BOSTON, July 12. (JTA) -- Support for Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Ellis in their fight to keep their foster daughter Hildy in the face of a court order to surrender the child because her natural mother is a Catholic and her foster parents are Jewish came today from two Protestant sources.

While the Ellises continue to hide from a warrant and their attorney continues his legal move, the New England annual conference of the Methodist Church condemned the Massachusetts law under which adoptions may be denied and foster families broken up. "Particularly do we protest," said the Methodist conference, "against the policy of uprooting a child already secure in a foster home because of a difference in religious background between his foster parents and his natural parents."

The Christian Science Monitor, respected national newspaper published by the Christian Science Church, declared editorially: "Some revision seems needed in a law that can wrench a four-year-old child from the only parents it has ever known. Any legal system structured to permit a case to run on for years while ties of child to adoptive parents constantly strengthen, violates both reason and feeling, and is open to severe censure."

(In New York today a case somewhat similar to that of the Ellises was revealed with the filing of a suit to halt the adoption of a five-month boy by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gluckman. The child's unwed mother, of the Greek Orthodox faith and a resident of Chicago, charges that she did not know when she agreed to his adoption that the Gluckmans were Jewish. The foster father says that the entire matter was thoroughly discussed with the mother. The suit was filed barely a week before the adoption became final.

FIRST GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Jose Gorge Granados, Guatemala's first Ambassador to Israel, presented his credentials today to Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi. Accepting the documents, the President recalled Dr. Granados' important contributions to the United Nations decision to establish the Jewish State.

Dr. Granados, who formerly served his country as chief delegate to the UN, expressed his great pleasure with the tremendous strides made by Israel in the seven years of its existence. He told the President that Guatemalans were deeply interested in Israel's development. Later, at a press conference, Dr. Granados said that while his country was chiefly interested in cultural ties with Israel, he would also attempt to establish "some symbolic trade relations."

Meanwhile, Guatemala has accepted Eric Heineman as Israel Charge d'Affaires in Guatemala City. The Ambassador, Dr. Joseph Kessary, will reside in Mexico City.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF JEWISH PUBLISHER OBSERVED IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, July 12. (JTA) -- The fourth anniversary of the death of Matyas Stoliar, founder and publisher of the Di Yiddish Zeitung, largest Jewish daily newspaper in Latin America, was observed here today at a ceremony during which his widow, Mrs. Gitel Stoliar, presented two awards of 5,000 pesos each for the best literary work written in Yiddish during the last year. The winners of the awards are Abraham Zack and I. Hirshoit.

Representatives of all major Jewish organizations and institutions attended the ceremony, which was preceded by a visit to the grave of the late publisher. Thanking those who were present, Mrs. Stoliar said that the life-long work of her husband in promoting Jewish cultural work is being continued in a way he would have approved. Other speakers included Mark Turkow, representative of the World Jewish Congress and leading members of the editorial staff of the Yiddish Zeitung.

HEBREW "TALKING BOOKS" RECORDED IN U.S. SENT TO ISRAEL BLIND

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- Publication and shipment of nine Hebrew "Talking Books," the second set of long-playing recordings of full-length Hebrew books ever recorded, was announced here today by Mrs. Shoshana Shochett, blind executive director of the American Committee for the Central Library for the Blind in Israel.

"This has been made possible only through the humanitarian understanding and generosity of Solomon Petchers, president, and Sol Ash, vice-president of the American Committee," Mrs. Shochett said. Five Hebrew Braille books and 20 record players specially built for Israel's electrical system were also shipped with the recordings.

Mrs. Shochett said that the success of last year's experimental recording of the first six Hebrew "Talking Books" "so greatly exceeded expectations" that the American Committee immediately began to record the second group of nine books. "The books are designed to meet a vital need of the more than one thousand Israeli blind," Mrs. Shochett said.

The titles, in editions of 10 to 20 copies each, are: "The Twelve Prophets" and "First Samuel" and "Second Samuel" of the Hebrew Scriptures; "Israeli Children's Stories;" "The Downward Slope," by David Shacham; "Anthology of Israeli Poems;" "Hebrew Story Anthology;" "A Thousand and One Nights," translated by J. J. Rivlin;" "The Conflicts of Man" by Judah Burla, and "The Travels of Benjamin the Third," by Mendeley Mocher Sforim.