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ISRAEL GETS \$30,000,000 LOAN IN U.S.; REPAYABLE IN TWO YEARS

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has received \$30,000,000 loan from the Bank of America in San Francisco, a bank which has previously made smaller loans to the Israel Treasury and the Jewish National Fund, it was reported here today.

The loan was negotiated recently by Pinchas Sapir, director of the Israel Treasury, who is currently in Mexico, but will return to the U.S. before the end of this week. The terms of the loan include four percent interest and repayment over a period of two years. The loan will be used for capital investment and to finance the importation of important goods.

BRITAIN ASKED TO CHALLENGE EGYPT'S BLOCKADE; DEBATE IN COMMONS

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- Egypt has not yet replied to the British note of protest against the shelling of the freighter Anshun at the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba, Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan told the House of Commons today in reply to questions by Laborites.

The Foreign Secretary revealed that the note, addressed to the Cairo regime July 6, held that the British vessel had the right of "innocent passage" regardless of the fact that the entrance to the gulf was through Egyptian territorial waters. He said that Britain had demanded that the Egyptian shore batteries be instructed not to fire again against British ships, and that Britain had reserved the right to compensation for damage to the Anshun.

Herbert Morrison, deputy leader of the Labor opposition and former Foreign Secretary, called upon the government to halt arms shipments to Egypt and to challenge the Egyptian blockade. Barnett Janner, Labor, asked whether, if the Egyptian reply were unsatisfactory, the government would not take the case to the United Nations Security Council and would cut off arms shipments to Egypt. Mr. Macmillan suggested that it would be better to see the Egyptian reply before planning further steps.

ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN TALKS AT GAZA ENTER INTO THIRD PHASE TODAY

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- The second phase of the Gaza talks designed to end tension along the Israel-Egyptian border was completed at today's meeting of delegates of the two states under the chairmanship of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief.

The meeting will be continued tomorrow, the sixth day in three weeks, at Kilo-metre 95, a point on the Gaza strip frontier where Israelis and Egyptians meet to discuss armistice commission violations as well as for these latest talks. The parties met for two successive days two weeks ago, for two more days last week and then recessed until today so that the delegations could discuss questions raised at the talks with their respective governments.

JORDAN REJECTS U.N. PROPOSAL ON ARAB PROPERTY IN ISRAEL

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The Jordanian government has received a note from the United Nations Conciliation Commission suggesting the establishment of an office in the Old City of Jerusalem to discuss Arab property in Israel, and to become acquainted with the opinions of owners of such property with regard to compensation.

Arab circles have shown interest in this note, it is reported here today from Beirut, but the Jordan government rejected it because it considered the proposal a "violation of the U.N. resolutions which provide for the return of refugees or compensation for those not wishing to return." Arab league circles say that the first step which the commission should take is to hold a plebiscite among the refugees to learn their attitude in this respect, the report from Beirut says.

GERMANY EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR FILING INDEMNIFICATION CLAIMS

BONN, July 13. (JTA) -- The Bundestag has approved a law extending the deadline for individual victims of Nazism to file claims for indemnification for another year, until September 30, 1956. The measure must still receive the consent of the Federal Council, upper house of the German Parliament, but no opposition is expected from that quarter.

SOVIET EMBASSY FORWARDS AMERICAN RABBINICAL REQUEST FOR VISAS

WASHINGTON, July 13. (JTA) -- The Soviet Embassy in Washington today announced that the request made by the Rabbinical Council of America for permission to send a delegation of rabbis to visit Jews in Russia was forwarded to Moscow yesterday for consideration.

A spokesman for the Soviet Embassy acknowledged that the formal application reached the Washington Embassy Monday. But no further comments were made on the possible response of the Soviet Government.

Rabbi David B. Hollander, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, visited the Soviet Embassy here last Thursday and made known that the Orthodox leaders, in seeking a visit to Russia, wish only to re-establish religious ties with the Russian Jews. It is understood the Council hopes to send a delegation of three to five rabbis.

SYNAGOGUES IN RUSSIA ARE CROWDED, SOVIET CHURCH DELEGATION REPORTS

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The synagogues of the Soviet Union are filled to capacity on the Sabbath and the crowds are so great on festivals and holidays that special arrangements have to be made to handle them, a group of Russian church leaders currently visiting Britain told a Jewish delegation here today.

At the request of the Jewish delegation, the Russian clergymen agreed to take back to Soviet Jewry the greetings of the Jewish community of Britain. The British Jewish delegation consisted of Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, A. G. Brotman, secretary of the Board, and Doyen Dr. M. Lew.

SHARETT REVEALS NAZI WAR-TIME TERMS FOR LIVES OF HUNGARIAN JEWRY

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- Details of a Nazi offer to trade the lives of the Jews in Hungary for 10,000 trucks to strengthen Hitler's defenses during the last year of the war were revealed here today by Prime Minister Moshe Sharett in a statement to the press.

The offer was made to the Jewish Agency by a special agent of the Gestapo section in charge of the annihilation of Jews. It was immediately brought to the attention of the United States and Britain--who were the only countries that could supply that many trucks--and was rejected by them. The proposal was presented by the Nazi emissary in Aleppo to Mr. Sharett, who at that time was the head of the political department of the Jewish Agency.

The Jewish Agency, Premier Sharett disclosed in his statement, kept the Nazi "satanic suggestion of goods for blood" secret in an attempt to win time and secure postponement of the threatened deportation of Hungarian Jewry to the gas chambers. At the same time, it alerted world Jewry and the democratic governments to the fate of the Jews in Hungary. Mr. Sharett himself flew to London a few days after he received the Nazi offer and appealed to the Allies to send a paratroop force into Hungary in an attempt to forestall the Nazi plan to deport the Jews to extermination camps.

CROP OF HYDROPONIC EXPERIMENTAL STATION HARVESTED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Eugene Sosskin, noted Israel agronomist and pioneer exponent of intensive farming in the Jewish State, harvested his first crop at his hydroponic experimental station in the center of Jerusalem.

The 82-year-old agriculturalist told newsmen that the crop he harvested from a score of small tanks was sufficient to feed five families with vegetables for a year. He insisted that growing vegetables in water was vital to Israel not only in the event a war cut the Jewish State off from food supplies from abroad, but also because Israel can only cultivate some 6,000,000 dunams (1,500,000 acres) of a total of 20,000,000 dunams.

The decisive factor in the growth of vegetables by this method, which can increase Israel's output eight times, is the strength of the sun over this land, Dr. Sosskin said.

DUTCH PARLIAMENT ACCEPTS INVITATION TO SEND DELEGATION TO ISRAEL

AMSTERDAM, July 13. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Parliament accepted today an invitation to send a parliamentary delegation to Israel. The invitation was extended by Josef Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM GRANTED CHARTER FOR PHILANTHROPIC FUND

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA)-- The American Council for Judaism, an anti-Zionist organization, announced today that it has been granted a charter for its Philanthropic Fund, the establishment of which was authorized at the annual conference of the organization last year.

The announcement was made by Harry Snellenburg, Jr., treasurer of the Fund, who said that so far only two of the Fund's officers have been designated, the second one being Mrs. William Illich, of Washington, who has been named secretary. "It is expected that a president and vice-president will shortly be chosen, along with additional members of the Fund's board of directors," Mr. Snellenburg said. He emphasized that it took a year of legal preparation before the American Council for Judaism Philanthropic Fund obtained its charter.

"Among organizations whose needs and eligibility in terms of the Fund's principles are being studied are domestic Jewish and non-Jewish charitable agencies and foreign welfare organizations including selected institutions, in Israel, and elsewhere abroad, which receive little or no governmental support," Mr. Snellenburg declared. "Until this task is completed, it will not be possible to indicate with certainty which organizations will be approved to receive grants from the Fund."

In the interim, however, the Fund has made a grant of \$2,000 to the Bayerisches Hilfswerk, the organization which administers welfare activities for Jewish displaced persons in Camp Föhrenwald, near Munich. Late in 1954, it was announced that, even though the Fund's charter had not yet been granted, gifts could be made to the Fund through the American Council for Judaism and the money would be held in escrow until the new corporation had been formed.

The Fund's primary purpose, Mr. Snellenburg explained, is the relief of poverty and distress. In addition, as a secondary purpose, the Fund may receive contributions earmarked for religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes designated by the contributor. Mr. Snellenburg indicated, however, that it was hoped this secondary purpose would constitute a relatively minor part of the Fund's operations.

"It is anticipated that the great preponderance of monies given the Fund will be in the form of general contributions which may then be allocated to a wide variety of charitable enterprises and institutions," he said. "As time goes on these will comprise an ever-growing list of beneficiaries. All contributors will be kept fully and currently advised as eligible beneficiaries are approved by the Fund's officers and directors."

"We intend to move slowly and cautiously, but positively and in a dignified manner," Mr. Snellenburg declared. "We know that if we go quietly about the business of collecting funds and distributing them wisely, we cannot help but be successful in achieving the constructive purposes for which the Philanthropic Fund has been created."

ETHIOPIAN JEWS IN U.S. START OWN PUBLICATION; FIRST IN HISTORY

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- The first issue of the "African Israelite," organ of the Union of Ethiopian Hebrew Congregations and Rabbis in the United States, made its appearance here today.

A statement explaining the purpose of the publication, says: "Meager though it is, we of the UEHCR are happy to say Colored Jewry finally has a publication of its own for the first time in history. The African Israelite shall be educational as well as being the voice of Falasha Jewry on the Jewish scene."

A directory of Falasha congregations and rabbis will shortly be published by the Union, the publication announced. A census of Negro American Jewry will also be taken. Meanwhile, the Union carries an appeal in its organ for a building fund to house its headquarters.

The publication reports on the stand taken by the Ethiopian Jewish community in Harlem--where the Falasha Jews reside--against an anti-Semitic and pro-Arab group there. It reports that there are today about 50,000 Falasha Jews in Ethiopia and a "good number" of Yemenite Jews as well as Jews from Salonika. It wonders why the United Jewish Appeal and the Alliance Israelite of France fail to help the Jews in Ethiopia at a time when they give aid to Jews in Arab countries, and it says that emigration from Ethiopia to Israel will begin on a large scale soon.

330 STUDENTS FROM U.S., BRITAIN, SWITZERLAND ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 13. (JTA) -- A party of 330 Jewish students from the United States, Britain and Switzerland arrived in Israel yesterday to attend the seventh annual Summer Seminary sponsored by the Jewish Agency. Earlier, a party of 49 American students arrived.

Eventually some 900 students from many countries will attend the study-work courses. They will live and work in Israel's settlements and urban areas for seven weeks this summer. All of them are affiliated with Jewish organizations in their own countries.

PRIMACY OF JEWISH EDUCATION RECOGNIZED BY ALL JEWS IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- The primacy of Jewish education is recognized by all elements of American Jewry, a study published today by the Institute for Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress, establishes.

The study shows that over 200 Jewish school buildings have been erected during the past few years. Enrollment in Jewish schools has risen to 350,000, as contrasted with only 240,000 in 1947. The number of all-day schools reached approximately 170 during 1954, with a total enrollment of over 30,000 students. As of October, 1954, Hebrew was included in the language program of 71 secondary schools in 12 American cities.

In Mexico, which has the finest Jewish educational system qualitatively and quantitatively of all Latin American countries, the Jewish School of Mexico City celebrated its 30th anniversary in 1954 by introducing several progressive innovations, the study reports. There was no perceptible growth in Jewish education in European countries during 1954, but significant gains were recorded in New Zealand and South Africa, it points out.

An important development in Jewish education in the United States during the past year, the survey indicates, is the application of audio-visual aids to Jewish education, both on the juvenile and adult level. The production of film and tape recordings increased considerably during 1954.

Turning to literature, scholarship and publications, the study notes that Hebrew literature has its natural center in Israel, and the demand for Hebrew books in 1954 was greater than ever before. Israel now has about 60 publishing houses. Of the books being published, approximately 60 percent are translations from foreign languages, and the balance are original works.

Commenting on developments in the realm of Yiddish literature, the report declares that output was "quite good with regard to quantity; however, the number of books of great literary value was rather small." The Yiddish theatre continued its decline not only in the United States, but also in Argentina, Brazil and Europe.

ADOLPH HELD REPORTS ON ISRAEL'S PROGRESS; HAILS IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Comparing a visit to Israel in 1949 with his recent trip there, Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, told a meeting of the organization's administrative committee tonight that "there have been tremendous strides made within a short span of time. What were sand dunes in the Negev in 1949 were fertile farmlands, nourished by a network of water-pipes, in June of 1955."

He recalled his visit to Beersheba in 1949, then a small town of 5,000 persons to a thriving community in 1955 with a population of 20,000 with its own theatre and hospital. "There are hundreds of new homes," he said, "where I recall desolate area in 1949. It is now the capital of the Negev. Haifa is now a modern port, with well-paved roads and a bustle of activity that is unmatched in comparable ports of other nations. Thousands of homes dot the horizon as far as the eye can see."

Mr. Held paid tribute to the orderly regulation with which Jewish refugees are met as they arrive in Israel. "These refugees are taken from their ships, sent to camps and do not remain long because they are immediately given jobs and homes. This is truly a remarkable transition that the visitor can see for himself."

BILL SEEKS TO PERMIT JEWISH FAMILY TO KEEP ADOPTED CATHOLIC CHILD

BOSTON, July 13. (JTA) -- Two members of the Massachusetts Legislature introduced a bill yesterday to permit Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Ellis to keep their foster daughter, four-year-old Hildy McCoy, whom they have been ordered by a court to surrender. The Ellises have defied the court and are hiding out.

The bill introduced yesterday by Reps. Abraham H. Kahalas and Alvin Tamkin would make certain changes in a state law banning interfaith adoptions. It would exempt from the provisions of the adoption law children placed with families before 1954. Hildy has been with the Ellises since 1951.

Meanwhile, the doctor who delivered the child, Dr. Herman C. Sands of Salem, Mass., declared that he told the natural mother that the couple that was willing to take the child for adoption was Jewish. He added that the mother, Mrs. Marjorie McCoy Doherty, who was unwed at the time of the child's birth, said that it did not matter to her that the Ellises were Jewish. She now seeks recovery of the child in order to turn her over to a Catholic agency for placement with Catholic foster parents.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION OATH REQUIRED BY LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, July 13. (JTA) -- All applicants for employment or promotion working for the city will be required to sign an anti-discrimination oath in the future, it was announced here. This is the result of a regulation unanimously adopted by the city's civil service commission.