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## AUSTRIAN-JEWISH TALKS RESULT IN \$22,000,000 INDEMNIFICATION PACT

VIENNA, July 19. (JTA) -- Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab today announced that as a result of the agreement which he reached yesterday with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the joint executive board of the Jewish Committee for Claims on Austria, the Austrian Government will establish a fund of 550 million shillings -- approximately 22 million dollars -- to be distributed within ten years among people who were persecuted by the Nazis in Austria and who now reside abroad.

Chancellor Raab reported the details of his meeting with Dr. Goldmann to a session of the Cabinet today. He said that Dr. Goldmann, on behalf of the Jewish Claims Committee had presented him with a letter in which note was taken of the Austrian Government plan to include the cost of the fund in the national budget. The payments from this fund, the Chancellor emphasized, will be made to the victims in lump sum -- to be decided upon in each case in accordance with the degree of need of the applicant.

The Austrian Cabinet will next consider the composition of the board of trustees of the fund. It is understood that the Jewish Claims Committee will be consulted on the nominees.

Meanwhile, the city of Vienna and the Vienna Jewish Community concluded an agreement today under which the city will return to Jewish control certain communal property taken by the Nazis from the Jews and now in the hands of the city. Included in this property are three cemeteries and the Jewish section of the main Vienna cemetery.

## MOSLEM ATTACKS ON JEWS CONTINUE IN CASABLANCA; ALL STORES CLOSED

CASABLANCA, Morocco, July 19. (JTA) -- Jews in Casablanca were deeply concerned today as nationalist Moslem mobs turned to beating Jews and destroying their property in the Old Medina (native quarter) of this city for the second successive day. All Jewish stores in the Old Medina were closed today.

For the first time, veiled Moslem women joined the mobs in attacking Jews. Both Jewish men and women were stripped and beaten by the nationalists. Police came to the assistance of the Jews and managed to beat off the mobs. In addition, when small groups of Jews had to go into the streets they were accompanied by young Jewish guards.

Observers touring the Old Medina late yesterday found many Jewish shops and stalls burned down and some still smoking. The debris from sacked Jewish stores was scattered all about. The interpretation of the observers was that the Moslem mobs turned on the Jews because they identify the Jews with the French.

## ISRAEL INAUGURATES YARKON-NEGEV PIPELINE AMID GREAT FESTIVITIES

TEL AVIV, July 19. (JTA) -- The Yarkon-Negev pipeline -- Israel's greatest irrigation project which costs more than \$30,000,000, most of which was supplied by the Jewish Agency from funds received from the United Jewish Appeal in the United States -- was inaugurated here at an impressive ceremony attended by the leaders of the Israel Government, New York Governor W. Averill Harriman, representatives of 17 Jewish communities in the United States, and many Israel dignitaries. The pipeline is 66 miles long.

The event was marked by a colorful mass performance of the "Hymn to Water," in which actors from all Israel theatres, assisted by choirs and dancing groups, participated. The festive ceremony took place at the source of the Yarkon River, near Rosh Hayin. The highpoint of the festivity was reached when Abraham Harzfeld, veteran Israel farmer who devoted most of his life to the development of Jewish agriculture in this country, was given the honor of pressing the button which activated the pumping stations and permitted the waters of the Yarkon to flow into the pipeline.

The new pipeline will provide water for about 200 settlements. It constitutes the first half of a 135-mile pipeline from the north of Tel Aviv, along the coastal

area, to the arid Negev. When the whole pipeline is completed, in 1957, it will bring under irrigation about 100,000 acres of land. The first half of the pipeline already provides 50,000 acres with water for irrigation. Exploitation of the newly-irrigated area will yield crops estimated at \$25,000,000 a year.

Delivering close to three billion gallons of water annually to the centuries-long abandoned Negev desert, the pipeline will also open the way to the settlement of thousands of immigrants seeking a haven in Israel. It will increase Israel's irrigated lands by fully one-fourth.

#### Role of U.S. Jewry in Financing the Project Stressed by Sharett

Sixty-five percent of the total cost of the Yarkon-Negev line was assumed by the Jewish Agency and was covered from UJA funds. Most of the balance was furnished by the Israel Government with funds secured by the Israel bond drive. This was acknowledged in a speech delivered by Premier Moshe Sharett at the ceremony. He expressed "heartfelt thanks from the Government and the people of Israel" to the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond organization for making possible "this great event in our history." He also expressed confidence that American Jewry "will continue and increase its vital contribution to the integration of immigrants, thus advancing Israel's economic independence."

The pumping equipment and the giant American diesel generators in underground pumping stations which drive the water from the Yarkon River through three reservoirs and two more pumping stations until they reach their destination 63 miles away, were purchased by the Jewish Agency offices in New York from the Worthington Corporation of Harrison, N. J. The contract with the American corporation, for \$2,100,000 was signed in New York in July 1952 by Pinchas Sapir, managing director of the Mekorot Water Company of Israel, which is in charge of construction, and Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the Jewish Agency.

Today's ceremony at Rosh Hayin was witnessed by thousands of people. The guests were seated on a giant stage erected over the pumping station. The Hebrew blessing "Shechyanu" was intoned as the pumps began working. Featured singers, narrators and dancers in colorful costumes portrayed the story of Israel's parched lands and the greatest engineering feat now accomplished for the first time in 2,000 years.

#### Leaders of U.S. Jewry Hail Israel's opening of Giant Pipeline

NEW YORK, July 19. (JTA) -- Leaders of American Jewry sent messages of congratulations to the Israel Government on the occasion of the opening of the giant Yarkon-Negev water pipeline.

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said in a cable to Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi: "This magnificent achievement will serve to bring life-giving water to redeem thousands of additional acres from the barrenness of centuries. The United Jewish Appeal is proud it has served as an instrument through which millions of Americans in all parts of the United States have provided a major share of funds for this irrigation project. The UJA pledges continued maximum effort to advance the work of making the desert bloom and to open new lands and new lives for immigrant Jews who have found a haven of liberty in Israel and the thousands still to come."

Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, said in a statement: "Today is a great occasion for the people of Israel and their friends throughout the world. The first half of the project harnessing water resources from an area beginning north of Tel Aviv and bringing them down to the Negev desert has been completed and is today being inaugurated. This is a great engineering feat by all standards. It is a demonstration of the imagination, ingenuity, determination and energy of which the people of Israel are capable. When the whole project is completed, sometime in 1958, tens of thousands of additional farm families will be making their living from the soil of the Negev."

"The Israel Government and its people are to be congratulated on this important date in the development of their country. The Jewish Agency is modestly, and justly, proud of its contribution, for some 65 percent of all the funds that made the project possible have come from the Jewish Agency, and most of these funds have come from the United Jewish Appeal. The philanthropic dollar of the United Jewish Appeal, the bond investment dollar, and the U.S. Government's grants-in-aid have all contributed towards the achievement of a glorious victory of man over nature," Mrs. Halprin emphasized.

# \$6,000,000 PAID BY ISRAEL TO ARAB REFUGEES; VALUABLES RETURNED

JERUSALEM, July 19. (JTA) -- Israel has paid out nearly \$6,000,000 to Palestine Arab refugees whose bank accounts were frozen in Israel banks, it was learned here today. It was also revealed that valuables and documents in safe deposit boxes in the banks have been returned to many Arab owners, through the medium of the United Nations and a British bank acting as agents for the Israel Government.

The frozen accounts were returned mostly to Arabs now residing in Jordan. Less than \$3,000,000 in frozen bank deposits plus the contents of some boxes still remain to be returned. The Israel unilateral agreement to return these assets was worked out with the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission. Jordan's role in the return of assets was agreeing to permit the refugees to apply for and receive their property. For a time even this role was fulfilled grudgingly, with Jordan objecting to the wording of the application forms.

It was reported that Barclays Bank -- the Israel agent -- has begun negotiations with the Egyptian authorities for the return of property of Arab refugees now living in the Gaza strip. The arrangements discussed with Egypt are similar to those agreed to by Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, which are hosts to some refugees, are said to be interested in such an arrangement.

The contents of safe deposit boxes are opened in the presence of UN officials, Israel officials and bank representatives nominated by Israel and the Arab owners. The contents are listed then resealed and delivered by the bank, safeguarded by UN personnel, to the Arabs.

## BRITAIN DISSATISFIED WITH EGYPT'S REPLY ON SELLING OF SHIP

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- The British Government considers an "interim" verbal reply by the Egyptian Government on the shelling of the British freighter Anshun inadequate and demands an apology, a spokesman for the British Government declared in Commons today.

At the same time, the government spokesman rejected Laborite demands that the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal and surrounding waters be brought before the United Nations and that arms shipments to Egypt be halted until it changes its belligerent attitude. He said the demands were premature.

Replying to questions by Labor M. P. Ernest Davies, Foreign Under Secretary R. H. Burton said that the Egyptian reply, given the British Charge d'Affaires in Cairo yesterday by the Acting Foreign Minister of Egypt, said that a written answer to the British protest was not yet ready owing to the fact that information concerning the incident -- the shelling of the freighter in the Straits of Akaba two weeks ago -- was still being received and studied by the Egyptian authorities.

The Egyptians also said that there was a possibility that there might have been some confusion in signals between the ship and the shore batteries and added that the Egyptians were studying their signal procedure to avoid similar situations. The Egyptian Minister said the shots were not meant to hit the vessel, and if it had been damaged the Egyptian Government deplored it.

Mr. Turton then stated that the British Government does not regard this reply "as adequate and will continue to press for a full and proper answer." It has also "reserved the right to claim compensation, and considers that an apology is asked for." The Egyptian Government has been informed that "incidents of this sort can only damage relations between the two governments," Mr. Turton told Commons.

At his point, Mr. Davies drew laughter from the House by asking whether the government did "not agree that it would be a very good policy to ban the export of arms to Egypt until they can learn to point them in the proper direction and fire them with their eyes open knowing at what they are aiming?" It was Mr. Davies too who asked for British Government action at the UN against the Egyptian blockade.

## GOV. HARRIMAN VISITS JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY; OPPOSES ARMING ARABS

JERUSALEM, July 19, (JTA) -- Gov. W. Averill Harriman of New York declared his opposition today to the arming of the Arab states as long as there is no peace in the Middle East. The visiting Governor made his statement to newsmen upon his return from a brief visit to the Old City of Jerusalem, in Jordan territory.

Gov. Harriman called on the United States Government to do everything possible to bring about peace between Israel and the Arab states and expressed the hope that the current American-Israeli-Arab negotiations on the Johnston plan for development of the Jordan River would be successful. He met today with Defense Minister David Ben Gurion. Last night he was received by President Ben Zvi.

### JESUIT ORGAN LAUDS U.S. JEWS FOR SEEKING LIBERAL IMMIGRATION LAW

ROME, July 19. (JTA) -- The role of American Jews in pressing for liberalization of American immigration legislation was praised here today by "Civiltà Cattolica," official publication of the Jesuit Society. The publication called on American Catholics and Protestants to emulate the Jews in seeking a just immigration policy in the United States.

"It must be recognized that Jewish members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have been solidly in the lead 'whenever the necessity for a just and generous immigration policy had to be pointed out in Congress,'" the Jesuit publication said. It added that this is "understandable" since the Jews have suffered exile and homelessness through the centuries.

### COLLEGE WEIGHS BEQUEST DENYING FELLOWSHIPS TO JEWS AND NEGROES

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- The authorities of St. Johns College of Cambridge were today deliberating whether to accept a bequest of 50,000 pounds for medical fellowships which was conditioned upon a denial of the fellowships to Jews or Negroes.

The bequest, left in the will of Mrs. Margaret Pauline Meres of Torquay, stipulated that the fellowships established with these funds be held only by men of "pure" Scottish, Irish or English parentage. "It is particularly desired that no colored person or Jew be allowed to participate," the will stated.

A spokesman for the college said that the restrictions were "very unusual" and the college would have to go into them very carefully before deciding whether or not to accept the bequest.

### HABIMAH INVITATION TO SHAKESPEARE PRODUCER STIRS DISCUSSION IN CANADA

MONTREAL, July 19. (JTA) -- The Habimah Theatre of Israel has invited Dr. Tyrone Guthrie, producer of the "Merchant of Venice" and other Shakespearean plays at Stratford, Ontario, to come to Israel to produce the "Merchant of Venice."

The invitation has provoked discussion here since there is a sharp division of opinion among critics in the United States and Canada on the Stratford group's performance of the "Merchant of Venice." The controversy rages about the character of Shylock, with some American and Canadian critics welcoming the play as one about anti-Semitism and lack of Christian charity in Renaissance Italy while equally well known critics deplore the staging of the play which they characterize as an anti-Semitic tract.

### HOUSING PROJECT NAMED FOR CHICAGO LEADER INAUGURATED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 19. (JTA) -- A housing project "Givat Mordecai" named for Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Abbell of Chicago, and which will accommodate 2,500 Israelis, was inaugurated in a new Jerusalem suburb in the presence of a large group of government dignitaries and civic leaders. The speakers lauded Mr. Abbell's manifold contributions to Zionism and to Judaism.

The housing project was made possible by Mr. Abbell, noted communal leader of Chicago, who made available \$120,000 to the Jewish National Fund of America for the acquisition of the site. Under the terms of the agreement, housing facilities are to be accorded to Sabbath observers, with members of the Hapoel Hamizrachi having priority. After the signing of the inauguration scroll, Rabbi A. Kahana of the Ministry of Religion, presented Mr. Abbell with a stone from Mount Zion to serve as a cornerstone for a synagogue to be named Ohel Moshe Eliahu, in memory of Mr. Abbell's father. In his reply, Mr. Abbell, pointed to two influences which led him to this occasion--his Hebrew teacher and his parents, in whose home there was always a picture of Dr. Herzl and a blue-white box of the Jewish National Fund.

### ARGENTINE STATE RADIO BROADCASTS ISRAEL MUSIC

BUENOS AIRES, July 19. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Arie L. Kubovi inaugurated the Argentine state broadcasting system's fortnightly half-hour Israel music series last night. The broadcast series, which will have its counterpart in broadcasts of Argentine music in Israel, is one of the features of the 1953 Israel-Argentine cultural exchange treaty.

### JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM REOPENED IN AMSTERDAM BY DUTCH PREMIER

AMSTERDAM, July 19. (JTA) -- Premier Willem Drees formally re-opened the Jewish Historical Museum here at a ceremony today. The museum, which was pillaged by the Germans during the occupation of Holland, stands within the area of the former Jewish quarter of Amsterdam.