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BRITAIN REVOKES RESTRICTIONS ON CREDIT FOR EXPORTS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- The British Government has revoked restrictions on commercial credits to Israel importers, opening the possibility of large-scale exports to Israel from this country. Trading on a cash basis, which increased during the first three months of 1957 as compared with the previous year, has never been restricted. But credit deals between British firms and Israel importers have been suspended since Israel engaged in the Sinai campaign last fall.

Today, a spokesman for the government's Export Credits Guarantee Department told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "We confirm that, in addition to our cover-on-letter-of-credit business with Israel, which has been maintained throughout the recent Middle East disturbance, the Department is now prepared to cover business on appropriate credit terms." Each transaction, it is understood, will be dealt with on its own merits, but it is believed that the new credit guarantees will facilitate such large-scale Israeli purchases as the pending deal for four Bristol Britannia turbo prop aircraft, which will cost a total of about four million pounds sterling (approximately \$11,600,000).

British imports from Israel during the first quarter of this year rose to 6,460,000 pounds sterling (app. \$16,088,000) from last year's first quarter total of 5,315,000 pounds sterling (app. \$14,872,000). Exports from this country to Israel from January to March this year aggregated a value of 2,970,000 pounds sterling (app. \$8,316,000) as compared with the corresponding quarter in 1956 when exports to Israel totalled 2,866,000 pounds sterling (slightly over \$8,000,000).

Britain Seen Wooing Arab States with Economic Concessions

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Britain is attempting to regain economic initiative in the Middle East, and is again launched on a course of offering concessions to Arab states in an effort to woo those countries, according to diplomatic circles here.

Diplomats here believe the British will offer concessions to Egypt in order to bring about resumption of the talks suspended in Rome last week between representatives of the London and Cairo governments. The British are thought inclined to facilitate unfreezing Egyptian accounts frozen in the United States. They are also wooing Jordan, reportedly having initiated an offer of renewed economic aid to the Amman Government.

MAPAI EXPLAINS REASONS FOR ADHERENCE TO 'EISENHOWER DOCTRINE'

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- The Mapai Party, dominant group in Israel's coalition government, revealed in an inner-party document today four reasons why it had voted to endorse the Eisenhower Doctrine on the Middle East. The reasons are: 1. So that Israel would not be excluded from the framework of the Middle East region; 2. Israel's development needs direct and indirect economic aid from the United States; 3. "We were obliged to leave open any possible source for necessary arms"; 4. Endorsement of the Eisenhower Doctrine was in accordance with the sentiments of American Jewry.

The Mapai Party, with which leftist groups in the Cabinet have disagreed about endorsement of the Eisenhower Doctrine, made its position clear in a memorandum entitled "Directions for Lecturers" dealing with the party's position. According to the document: "Israel needed its declaration on the Eisenhower Doctrine more than the United States did."

Washington, according to the Mapai, was not "excessively" interested in Israeli endorsement of the Eisenhower Doctrine "from fear that such endorsement might hurt relations with the Arab states." Nevertheless, the Mapai Party maintains, "the very fact that the United States came to the conclusion that it is impossible to solve the Middle East problems without Israel participation represents a great political achievement for Israel."

ISRAEL TO COMPLAIN TO U.N. ON GAZA MINE INCIDENT

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Israel's delegation at the United Nations will be instructed to complain to the Security Council against "the latest Egyptian outrage," as a result of the death of one Israeli and the wounding of another who were riding a tractor that hit a land-mine early yesterday near Kissufim, about three miles from the Gaza Strip frontier.

ISRAEL EXPECTS 250,000 JEWS IN THREE YEARS, MINISTER REPORTS

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Israel expects 250,000 Jews to arrive between 1957 and 1959. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol told the Parliamentary Finance Committee yesterday.

Housing alone for these immigrants would cost half a billion pounds, he estimated. Mr. Eshkol reported that 3,000 housing units were going up each month. Explaining where the government hopes to obtain funds for housing the new immigrants, he said that 100 million pounds would come from internal loans, a like sum from government budgets and the remaining 60 percent from foreign loans. United Jewish Appeal receipts, Israel bond sales and housing investments from abroad. He laid particular stress on the importance of a group of American investors, headed by Philip M. Klutznick, in the housing field.

BEN GURION INVITES POLISH JEWISH YOUTH TO VISIT KIBBUTZIM

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- Poland's Minister of Agriculture, Edward Ochab, will be given a special message from Israel's Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, inviting Poland to send 30 youths to work and study in kibbutzim here. The invitation will be relayed by Boleslaw Drobner, dean of the Polish Sejm (Parliament), and chairman of the Polish Parliamentary delegation which today concluded its visit to this country.

Mr. Drobner, a Jew, and the members of his delegation, departed for Warsaw today. Before he left, Mr. Drobner and Mr. Ben Gurion had a long talk. In an address at a farewell function tendered by Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Mr. Drobner scored pro-Stalin regime in his country which was overturned by the Polish "October Revolution" which placed Wladyslaw Gomulka at the head of the Polish Communist Party. He could not have visited Israel before the Gomulka regime came to power. He called anti-Semitism in his country "an imported article."

One of Mr. Drobner's tasks while visiting this country was to contact Israelis who had emigrated from Cracow, Poland, to receive from them authentic information about the famous Old Synagogue in Cracow which had been all but destroyed during the Nazi occupation. The synagogue, which Nazi troops had used as a stable, will be rebuilt by the Polish Government and turned into a museum.

ISRAEL COMMUNIST PARTY MEETS; WOOED BY TITO, ORTHODOX LEFTISTS

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- The Israel Communist Party opened its 13th national convention here last night with an address by its general secretary, Shmuel Mikunis, who attacked the Israel Government for adhering to the Eisenhower Doctrine. Messages of greetings from Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and the Czechoslovak Communist Party, which follows an Orthodox Communist line, were read to the session. The delegates met in camera today.

AMERICAN JEWISH STOWAWAYS TO BE RETURNED BY ISRAEL AUTHORITIES

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- Two young New York Jews who arrived in Israel as stowaways Wednesday and claimed the right to remain under the Law of the Return will be sent back to the United States as soon as possible, police officials told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Yehuda Finkel, 21 and Barchi Bezler, 23, were returned to Haifa to await transportation back to New York, police said, adding it was impossible to permit them to stay in Israel. S.S. Israel crew members told police the two youths expressed a desire to participate in the manning of a test ship via the Suez Canal.

The youths smuggled themselves aboard the S.S. Israel and escaped from the ship while it was anchoring in Haifa. They were detained in Jerusalem while officials pondered their demand to be allowed to stay.

OPEN ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER WITH GIFT FROM LOS ANGELES COUPLE

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- A new \$250,000 medical center, named the Edward D. and Anna Mitchell Center, was officially dedicated here today by Kupat Holim, the Histradrut's medical network. The center was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Los Angeles, who had contributed the funds for the construction of the medical facility. It contains 30 rooms for patients, doctors' offices, a large electro-therapeutic department, a laboratory, pharmacy, a children's department and nurses' quarters.

COUNCIL FOR ARGENTINE-ISRAEL CULTURAL EXCHANGE ESTABLISHED

BUENOS AIRES, May 30. (JTA) -- A council dedicated to a cultural exchange between Israel and Argentina was founded at the Israel Embassy here today. Its members include the leading lights of Argentine literature, science and politics. Among its members is Dr. Alfredo Palacios, former Argentine Ambassador to Uruguay.

BONN APPROVES LAW TO INDEMNIFY JEWS FOR PROPERTY 'ARYANIZED' BY NAZIS

BONN, May 30. (JTA) -- The Bundestag, Lower House of the West German Federal Republic, approved today an amended law providing payments totalling \$357,000,000 in restitution for Jewish property confiscated by the Nazi Government. The measure, passed by the Bundestag once before, had been sent back to a committee at the request of the Federal Council, the Upper House, which raised some technical objections. Now it is expected the Council will approve the law in June, and the legislation will probably go into effect in July, ending a seven-year delay in the enactment of this legislation.

The law pertains only to Jewish property "Aryanized" by the former German State or the former Prussian state railways and state postal system in West Germany and in both parts of Berlin. It does not affect seizures of Jewish property in East Germany, in the Saar, or in former German areas now under Soviet or Polish administration.

Thousands of Jews have obtained judgments against the German Reich in pressing claims for "Aryanized" property, but have been unable to collect until now. Under the new legislation, restitution will be made for securities confiscated by the Nazis during the war as well as for a billion-mark "fine" imposed by the Nazis on Jews of Germany and Austria in 1938 after the assassination in Paris of Ernest von Rath, a German embassy attache.

The legislation sets up a schedule of payments, with the last of the payments due in 1962. Claims will have to be filed not later than April 1, 1958.

POLISH PARLIAMENT HEARS POLICE, COURTS WINK AT ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- Perhaps the boldest admissions as yet made public about anti-Semitism in Poland came to light today in official reports received here from Warsaw. The reports bring evidence given this week before the Polish Sejm (Parliament) Commission on Internal Affairs, showing that courts, prosecutors and police officials condone anti-Semitism, wink at discriminations practiced against Jews, shut their eyes to the dismissal of Jews from their jobs, and impose difficulties on Jews seeking the right to emigrate to Israel.

The evidence was given by Hersch Smoliar, chairman of the Association of Jewish Cultural Organizations; and Dr. David Sfar, executive secretary of the Association. Both pleaded with the members of the Sejm for tightening of laws which presumably forbid anti-Semitism, and for bringing practices into line with the laws.

"There are countless instances," Mr. Smoliar testified, "in which prosecutors, militia officials and police have failed to act promptly or with sufficient vigor against the anti-Semitic hooligans. The courts are too mild in their treatment of anti-Semites, and have created the impression that the Polish people need not observe the laws protecting all minorities in Poland."

Attacking the "limitless arrogance and impudence" of anti-Semites, Mr. Smoliar told of Jews losing their jobs and suffering many indignities as well as economic repressions.

Jewish Spokesman Asks Government to Form Cooperatives for Jobless Jews

He called upon Parliament to establish new cooperatives for the re-employment of jobless Jews, and for the formation of credit associations to help finance remodeling of homes for Jews in Poland recently repatriated by the Soviet Union.

Praising the government's "correct and humane policy" of permitting Jews to emigrate to Israel, Mr. Smoliar told the Parliamentary Commission that, often, customs and passport officials refuse to permit the repatriates to leave for Israel "where they wish to join relatives." Many of the repatriates, he declared, have found, upon coming to Poland, that their relatives had already departed for Israel, but they are being forced to stay on in Poland, although denied housing and robbed of opportunities to find work.

The chairman of the association also implied, in his testimony, that government subventions for the maintenance of Jewish shrines in Poland have been curtailed or cut off recently. He appealed to the Commission for special government funds to conserve the site of the Warsaw Ghetto and the Jewish cemetery in the capital.

Dr. Sfar complained to the Commission that "racism is being practiced" widely, and attacked sharply the practice of "polite anti-Semitism" by government officials "who cover their tracks by leaving no trace of illegal acts contrary to the laws of the land."

SPANISH FILM USES STAR OF DAVID AS DEVIL'S SYMBOL.

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Spanish film-makers equate the devil with the symbol for Jew. That was reported here in the latest issue of the show business trade paper, "Variety," out today. According to "Variety," the Spanish movie "Faustina," shown recently at the Cannes Film Festival in France, used the Star of David as the symbol for identifying the devil and his cohorts.

SAN FRANCISCO ACTS TO OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30. (JTA) -- San Francisco is on its way to the adoption of a city ordinance setting up a Fair Employment Practices Commission forbidding discrimination in employment on grounds of race, religion or national origin.

The city's Board of Supervisors is to discuss the ordinance again at next Monday's meeting, but has already approved the measure tentatively by a vote of 7 to 4. The fight for passage of an FEPC ordinance here has been before the Board of Supervisors for six years.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA STUDENTS SET UP ANTI-BIAS "WATCHDOG" UNIT

BERKELEY, Calif., May 30. (JTA) -- Formation of a "watchdog" committee to supervise practices of fraternities with regard to "discriminatory racial and religious clauses and written and under agreements" was recommended here today by the Associated Students of the University of California.

The committee is to be composed of fraternity representatives, the president of the ASUC, and representatives of the university administration. In its recommendation, the ASUC defined "discriminatory" clauses as those which are "directed against a particular ethnic group."

ORTHODOX RABBIS CHARGE CONSERVATIVES PLAN TO CHANGE MARRIAGE RITUAL

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada yesterday charged the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the association of Conservative rabbis, with plans "to change the Jewish marriage ritual."

A resolution unanimously approved by 400 delegates at a one-day conference of the Orthodox rabbis asserted that "Conservative rabbis do not have the knowledge or authority to issue decisions on matters of Jewish Law."

Rabbi Meyer Cohen, executive director of the UOR, said the resolution referred to a proposal approved at a recent conference of the Rabbinical Assembly. The proposal dealt with the problem of the "agunah," a term for Jewish women who under Jewish Law cannot obtain a religious divorce for several reasons.

Rabbi Aaron H. Blumenthal of Mount Vernon, N.Y., president of the Rabbinical Assembly, said that the Assembly only authorized a committee to restudy the problem.

2,500-MEMBER CLEVELAND REFORM CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW SYNAGOGUE

CLEVELAND, May 30. (JTA) -- Three days of ceremonies, beginning tomorrow, will be conducted here in dedication of the Fairmount Temple, this city's newest and most modern synagogue.

Known formerly as the Euclid Avenue Temple, the congregation is under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner. It is considered the largest Reform congregation in the country, with 2,500 members.

The main sanctuary of the new temple has seats for 800 worshippers. A specially designed Ark, made of solid marble from the hills of Galilee in Israel, dominates the Sanctuary.

DETROIT RABBI NAMED CHAIRMAN OF AUTO UNION PUBLIC REVIEW BOARD

DETROIT, May 30. (JTA) -- Rabbi Morris Adler, of this city, has been named chairman of the public review board established by the United Automobile Workers "to assure high moral and ethical standards in the union's administrative and operative practices."

DR. ABRAHAM COHEN, EX-HEAD OF BRITISH BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES, DIES

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Dr. Abraham Cohen, former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. He was 70.

Born in England, he entered the rabbinate and held a number of distinguished pulpits. For his services to the Birmingham Jewish community he was made a governor for life of Birmingham University.

Retiring a few years ago as Board of Deputies president, he continued his career in writing, which included a large number of books on Biblical topics. He was editor of Soncino Books, largest Jewish publishing organization in Britain.

MRS. THALHEIMER, ACTIVE IN BALTIMORE, JEWISH AND CIVIC WORK, DIES AT 62

BALTIMORE, May 30. (JTA) -- Mrs. Alvin Thalheimer, active worker in Jewish organizations and a leader in educational circles in Maryland, died here yesterday at the age of 62. Mrs. Thalheimer, a sister of Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, served 13 years on the Maryland State Board of Education and was associated with the Jewish Educational Alliance and the Associated Jewish Charities, both of Baltimore, as well as with the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Peabody Institute of Music.