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ISRAEL TO REHABILITATE REPATRIATED ARABS; WILL SPEND 10,000,000 POUNDS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- An Israel Government interdepartmental committee recommended today the expenditure of 10,000,000 pounds over the next three to four years to achieve the economic rehabilitation of Arab refugees who returned to this country.

Some 20,000 Arabs, most of them repatriated after the war of 1948, will receive compensation for lost or abandoned lands in the form of cash or land. Housing mortgages, grants and loans for agricultural development projects and for vocational training will be another form in which aid will be provided. Where feasible, the refugees will be aided in projects linked with the improvement of villages into which they will be integrated.

The new program flows from a decision by the Israel Government last year to rehabilitate local Arab impoverished as a result of the war as well as repatriates readmitted in the reunion of families plan. Some 16,000 of the assistance recipients were removed from the rolls of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

U.S. TO GRANT NO FUNDS FOR ISRAEL CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A special appropriation made by the United States Government last year for the use of Israeli pounds for scientific, educational and cultural grants to Israel "will not recur" this year, it was made clear in the budget for the new fiscal year submitted by President Eisenhower to Congress today.

The grant last year of \$3,525,000 resulted in an issue of political patronage and criticism by members of Congress of the operations of Bernard Katzen, a New York lawyer, who was designated by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to recommend distribution of the money.

As a result of the furor, the operation from which Israel benefited--the Informational Media Guaranty Program--was placed in suspension for Israel. It underwent review in the State Department and U.S. Information Agency with the result that the new budget contains a commitment that the appropriation will not recur in the new fiscal year.

The \$3,25,000 in Israeli pounds had accrued to the account of the U.S. Treasury through the IMG operations in Israel. The IMG program made it possible for Israel to import American books and periodicals for Israeli pounds. The American exporters were given dollars for the Israeli currency under the IMG arrangement. Accumulated pounds remained in Israel credited to the United States.

The United States agreed to give the pounds to Israel for purposes "in the international interest" of the United States. It was decided this money should be used for "educational, scientific and cultural activities." Mr. Katzen drew Congressional fire on grounds that, as a Republican Party political personage, he sought political advantage through distribution of the money. The State Department and USIA later suspended the program for Israel to study the matter. The reference found in the new budget is the first official publication of their conclusion.

The budget also reported at length on operations and plans of the U.S. Export-Bank but gave no hint whatsoever of the fate of Israel's long-pending loan application for \$75,000,000 for irrigation development.

EBAN AND HAMMARSKJOLD DISCUSS MT. SCOPUS; REVIEW OTHER ISSUES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The Mt. Scopus issue was discussed here today by Israel representative Abba Eban and United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold in the course of a 70-minute meeting. Mr. Eban was accompanied by his deputy, Mordecai Kidron.

The conversation, the first between the two diplomats in a month, was of a general nature and covered both international and Middle Eastern developments, including the Egyptian seizure of the Israeli fishing trawler Doron and her crew of six, a matter on which Mr. Hammarskjold is still active. They did not discuss the possibility of a Security Council session on Jordan's complaint against Israel's afforestation project in no-man's land adjoining Jerusalem.

EISENHOWER ASKS RUSSIA NOT TO FOSTER TROUBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, in his 4,000 word letter to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin yesterday, expressed the hope that the USSR would abide by the provisions of the United Nations Charter in relation to the Middle East. Mr. Eisenhower added his personal assurances that the United States will. The President said:

"You suggest that we should agree to respect the independence of the countries of the Near and Middle East and renounce the use of force in the settlement to the Near and Middle East. But by the Charter of the United Nations we have already taken precisely those obligations as regards all countries, including those of the Near and Middle East. Our profound hope is that the Soviets feel themselves as bound by the provisions of the Charter as, I assure you, we feel bound."

VATICAN RESUMES CAMPAIGN FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

ROME, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The Vatican resumed today its campaign for the internationalization of Jerusalem and the Holy Places in Palestine.

Osservatore Romano, the Vatican's newspaper, prominently displayed a statement by Dr. Gaspare Ambrosini, well known Italian jurist, that the world was disregarding Christian interest in the Holy Places while it concentrated its attention on the Arab-Israel conflict. He asserted that even the United Nation's advocacy of the internationalization of Jerusalem had been disregarded.

Judge Ambrosini called for a solution only of the question of the Holy Places, expressing the hope that such action might help reunify the Christian churches.

ISRAEL INAUGURATES ARAB-LANGUAGE RADIO STATION FOR MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Israel inaugurated today a powerful new Arabic-language radio station which can be heard in every country of the Middle East and Moslem North Africa and promptly dedicated the new facility to the promotion of friendship with the Arab people.

Staffed entirely by Arabs, some of whom are recent arrivals from the neighboring Arab countries, the station is independent of the Israel Government Kol Israel radio network. Although the station will be critical at times of certain Arab regimes the announcer said, it will always defend the interests of the Arab people. He stated Israel's firm position in favor of the unity of the Arab people and its opposition to the penetration of the Middle East by elements from without.

ISRAEL ASSIGNS OBSERVERS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY PARLEY IN FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Israel will be represented by a three-member observer delegation at the forthcoming meeting in Strasbourg of the Council of Europe, it was revealed here today. The Council, representing the Parliaments of the Western European countries, will convene next week.

It is not expected that Israel will make a formal request for more active status in relation to the Council, in the near future. The three men, who are already here, are: Ambassador Maurice Fisher, M. Lipshitz, representing the Mapai Party, and Dr. Peretz Bernstein, General Zionist leader.

Christian Pineau, French Foreign Minister, and British Foreign officials will probably discuss a common Middle East policy when the French diplomat visits London January 17, diplomatic sources here said today. These sources said it was likely that Pineau would advocate a more subtle policy toward the Egyptian-Syrian bloc.

ISRAEL NATIONAL BANK TO OFFER SHARES IN U.S.; OPENS DOLLAR ACCOUNTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Shares in the Bank Leumi, Israel's central bank, will be offered to the American public, Dr. Y.H. Foerder, chairman of the bank's board, announced at a reception tendered to him at the Israeli Consulate here. He revealed that the bank planned to expand its capital. Israel Consul General Simcha Pratt introduced Dr. Foerder at the reception to a distinguished audience which included leaders from all walks of Jewish life in this country.

The head of Israel's national bank, who completed a month's tour of banks in the major American cities, announced that the Bank Leumi will open special accounts for dollar deposits on which it will pay five percent interest. Dr. Foerder said that relations between the Israeli institution and financial houses in the United States were excellent and that the Bank Leumi was held in high esteem in this country. He was able to arrange for the expansion of credit channels between American banks and his institution, he revealed.

GOLDA MEIR TO VISIT WEST AFRICA; GOES TO GHANA, LIBERIA, NIGERIA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, will leave on a West African tour February 22, it was announced here today. During her three-week swing through Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and the French African territories, Mrs. Meir will attend celebrations in Ghana marking the first anniversary of that state's independence.

JEWS IN HUNGARY RATIFY AFFILIATION PACT WITH WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

LONDON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- An agreement of affiliation with the World Jewish Congress was unanimously ratified yesterday by the Central Board of Hungarian Jews, the WJC announced here today.

The action of the Central Board represents the completion of the first agreement by the representative body of an Eastern European Jewish community to reestablish formal relations with the Congress since 1949 when the Jewish communities of the Soviet bloc nations "lost touch" with the WJC. A message from Dr. Endre Sos, chairman of the board, Dr. Jenoe Laszlo, secretary, and Chief Rabbi M. Benoschofsky, a member of the executive, extended "greetings, devotion and respect" to the WJC.

23,000 JEWS IMMIGRATED TO AMERICAN LANDS IN TWO YEARS; 12,000 TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- About 23,000 Jews immigrated to the Western Hemisphere in the past two years, according to a report issued here today by the World Jewish Congress. The Hungarian revolt and Egyptian persecution motivated the migration of about one-third of the 23,000, the report said.

The migrants included 5,263 from Hungary, 1,010 from Germany, 869 from France, 185 from Italy, 358 from Austria, 2,054 from Egypt and 608 from North African countries. In the main, the WJC survey notes, they settled in five countries: Argentina, 480; Brazil, 3,450; Canada, 5,600; Uruguay, 355 and the United States, 12,000.

Migrating to the United States in 1956 were 1,066 from Hungary, 635 from France, 532 from Germany, 348 from Greece and lesser numbers from Austria, Belgium, Holland, Italy and Sweden. Canada attracted Jews from all parts of the British Commonwealth in 1956; 593 from Britain, and smaller numbers from the Union of South Africa, Australia and the British West Indies. In the same year Canada registered 558 arrivals from the United States.

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS CREDITED WITH CHECKING ASSIMILATION IN U.S.

DENVER, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations in the American universities have halted the process of assimilation among Jews in the United States, Rabbi Harry Kaplan, Hillel director at the Ohio State University declared here.

Speaking at a public meeting, he contrasted the atmosphere among Jewish collegians in the 1920's and the middle 1950's. Over 30 years ago, when Hillel was organized at Illinois University to stem the tide of assimilation, indifference and ignorance about Judaism among Jewish students, first-generation young American Jews were asking: "Why remain Jews?" Many saw assimilation as the way out for their problems of adjustment in the so-called "melting pot."

Today, second and third generation Jewish college students talk and think differently, Rabbi Kaplan asserted. While they may rush to Hillel activities in numbers satisfying their elders, nevertheless they don't ask the assimilationist questions pressed by their parents in another age. Today's collegians take their Jewishness for granted. They accept their Hebraic heritage and their kinship to the Jewish people as normally as their loyalty to America. They show an ease about their religion, and while much still must be done to overcome ignorance and indifference even in today's religious revival, the potential is there for rich Jewish affiliation, the Hillel director asserted.

Rabbi Kaplan pointed out that in the past three decades, the Hillel Foundation, now providing Jewish study, discussion, social life and other activities on 200 U.S. campuses, has provided the stimulus for the development of many dedicated Jewish professional and lay leaders, including large numbers of rabbis, welfare fund and social service executive directors, officers of B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Council of Jewish Women, Zionist, synagogue, temple and Allied Campaign organizations throughout the country.

U.S. JEWS CONTRIBUTED 80 PERCENT OF \$70,000,000 RAISED BY U.I.A. IN 1957

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The United Israel Appeal raised a record \$70,000,000 throughout the world last year, with nearly 80 percent of it coming from the United States and the remainder from the British Commonwealth, Western Europe and Latin America, Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency executive, told a news conference here today. The United States contribution last year was \$54,500,000, he said.

During the nine and one-half years of Israel's existence, the United Israel Appeal and other sources have brought in \$1,100,000,000. Half this income came from the United Jewish Appeal and the remainder from a variety of sources including the Israel bond drive, Jewish National Fund and the Histadrut campaign.

Despite this record, Mr. Dobkin said, the UJA goal for this tenth anniversary year should be consolidation of existing settlements and completion of the absorption of the immigrants already in the country. With this out of the way, he said, it will be possible to accept and absorb another one-third of a million Jews in the near future. He estimated that 500,000 Jews in Central and Eastern Europe and a like number from North Africa are prepared to come to Israel, but because of the present immigration situation only 50,000 can come in each of the next three years.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION TO RAISE \$2,000,000 IN 1958

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- More than 1,500 persons, each paying \$125, tonight attended the annual dinner-concert of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, at which Henry Cabot Lodge, head of the American delegation to the United Nations, and Israel Ambassador Abba Eban were the guest speakers.

Samuel Rubin, who was reelected president of the organization, announced that the America-Israel Cultural Foundation will, in 1958, raise \$2,000,000--the largest sum in the organization's twenty-year history--to develop the cultural life of Israel and to promote intercultural exchange as a stabilizing factor in the Middle East. This fund will benefit the Arab as well as the Jewish population of Israel and provide scholarships for students from other Near Eastern lands to study in Israel and abroad.

Two engraved silver goblets made in the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Jerusalem, one of 40 cultural institutions in Israel supported by the Foundation, were presented to Mr. Lodge by Mr. Rubin because "as head of the American delegation to the United Nations, he has given expression to the continuing friendship of the American people toward the State of Israel and to the common aspirations of both countries for a world at peace." A silver-bound Bible, printed in Jerusalem, was presented to Mr. Katzen who, as special consultant to the State Department, was in charge of the recent distribution of Informational Media Guaranty Funds in Israel.

The dinner was highlighted by a concert program in which Inbal, the Yemenite dance theatre of Israel, participated. The program featured seventy members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and Mischa Elman, eminent violinist, who was honored for his fifty years on the American concert stage.

U.S. GOVT. URGED TO ESTABLISH MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CLEVELAND, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, Zionist leader and president of the American Jewish Congress, last night called for the establishment by the United States of a Middle East Development Authority to plan and carry out a vast scheme of economic rehabilitation as part of a program of bringing peace to that strategic section of the world and stopping East-West rivalry. He spoke at the annual Jewish National Fund dinner, marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland.

Looking ahead, Dr. Goldstein predicted that the population of Israel will rise to four million by 1968 as contrasted with 65,000 Jews that were in Palestine in 1948, when the State of Israel was proclaimed. To aid in the absorption of this huge immigration, Dr. Goldstein urged American Jews to make it possible for the Jewish National Fund to increase its activities of land reclamation and land development in Israel.

Pointing to the achievements of the Jewish National Fund in the course of the last ten years since the establishment of the State of Israel, Dr. Goldstein stated that the Jewish National Fund has increased its land holdings from a quarter of a million acres to one million acres; has established more than 500 rural settlements; has settled more than half a million immigrants on the land and has planted some 30,000 trees in all parts of the country. The latest exploit of the Jewish National Fund was the drainage of the Huleh swamp area in the North of Israel comprising 15,000 acres and supporting more than 10,000 settlers in an area which for thousands of years was known as the malarial post-hole of the Middle East.

CANADIAN MINISTER HOPES FOR INCREASED TRADE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

OTTAWA, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- An expression of hope that trade relations between Israel and Canada would increase to the benefit of both nations was made here today in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Gordon Churchill, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Israel's economic accomplishments to date are "impressive," the Minister noted, listing among them the doubling of the gross national product between 1949 and 1957 and the tripling of agricultural output in the same period. Of the nearly \$80,000,000 of Canadian exports to Israel since the Jewish State was created, half was in wheat and the remainder chiefly in canned meat, aluminum, asbestos, lumber, paper, chemicals and drugs. Canada purchased some \$90,000,000 worth of polished industrial diamonds, citrus products, plywood, olive oil and other Israeli products.

THREE-MAN YUGOSLAV MISSION STUDYING ISRAEL'S IRRIGATION METHODS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A three-man mission from Yugoslavia is currently touring Israel studying local irrigation methods and equipment with a view to applying Israeli know-how to similar problems in their country. During the two-week visit, the Yugoslavs will visit irrigation pipe and pump manufacturing plants and collective settlement and private farms to see how the apply the principles of irrigation.