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WARNING OF DANGER FACING ISRAEL VOICED AT INTERNATIONAL BOND PARLEY

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The merger of Egypt and Syria into a unified state represents a "serious danger" to Israel, Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, stressed here today at the opening session of the three-day International Inaugural Conference for Israel Bonds. "Both Egypt and Syria have made no secret of their intention to use every means, including war, to destroy Israel," he pointed out.

Addressing more than 1,700 representatives of Jewish communities in the United States, Canada and Latin America who are participating in the conference, Mr. Feinberg emphasized that "under these circumstances our support for Israel bonds is extremely urgent in order to strengthen her economically against any eventuality." He also emphasized that "the survival of Israel is vital to the cause of democracy in the Middle East." (A similar warning on the danger to Israel emerging from the unification of Egypt and Syria was voiced today in New York by Senator Herbert Lehman--see page 3.)

General Meir Amit, head of the central command of Israel's Army, who came to this country especially for the conference, declared that economic strength is vital to the defense of Israel. "Israel bonds are of decisive importance to us," he said, "because Israel's ability to survive and grow as a democracy depends as much on economic development as on military defensive power. Economic development represents the backbone of our independence and future."

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, told the delegates that Israel's capacity to increase her population by 1,000,000 during the next decade depends in great measure of American economic aid. He explained why a drive to sell \$75,000,000 in Israel bonds during 1958 will be launched at this conference.

"The projected increase of 1,000,000 in Israel's population during the next ten years will bring the population of the country up to 3,000,000," Dr. Schwartz said. "This will require an expansion of every facet of Israel's economy: industry, agriculture, housing, mining and every other segment of economic activity." He stressed the decisive importance of the sale of Israel bonds in making possible the fulfillment of this program of economic growth.

Congressional Report Urges U.S. Assure Israel Against Attack

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, today urged in a report to the House Foreign Affairs Committee on his recent study mission in the Middle East the "strengthening of the Eisenhower Doctrine to assure Israel against attack by its neighbors."

Rep. Farbstein, a member of the Foreign Affairs body, said such strengthening of the Eisenhower Doctrine would "help to deter the danger of such an attack and to reduce the tension." He reported that Israel is "serving as an advance force for democracy in the new underdeveloped nations of Africa." He recommended that the United States "should help wherever possible to enable Israel to carry on and expand this program."

"Israel's ability to contribute to the technical development of other countries is demonstrated in a dramatic way in new African and Asian countries, where Israel missions have been able to establish working relations ahead of the advance experts of the Communist countries," he said.

Stressing the continued need for American aid to Israel, he told of the industrious work of the Israelis and their ability to fully utilize American assistance. He pointed out that Israel is handicapped by an unfavorable balance of trade because of increased immigration and other considerations.

Rep. Farbstein said Israel has adequate land on which to settle additional inhabitants. "Arab fears that Israel may be overrun by immigrants and be compelled to seek new territory are groundless," he reported. Rep. Farbstein visited Israel and other nations in the Mediterranean area.

ISRAEL TO ALLOW NO FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR SHELL OIL TRANSACTION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol pledged in the Knesset today that no foreign currency would be transferred outside the country for the acquisition of Shell Oil interests in this country.

He made his statement in reply to questions by Pinchas Saphir, General Zionist leader, who asked whether the Israel Government was planning to participate in the acquisition of Shell interests. Mr. Saphir indicated that this was a move of doubtful value to the Israel economy since it would, in his opinion, discourage investment from abroad.

ISRAEL'S EXPORT TO FRANCE EXPECTED TO INCREASE 300 PERCENT

PARIS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The continued growth of trade between France and Israel, expected this year to produce a 300 percent increase in Israel exports to France, will be aided by new forms of Franco-Israel economic cooperation, Moshe Galli, Israel Embassy economic counselor here, told a press conference today.

Galli said Israel hopes for a continued rise in exports to France were based on such plans as one for a new French-Israeli consortium for sharing public works in Israel, France and French overseas territories. A Solel Boneh delegation is expected in Paris next week to work out details of the plan, he said.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AUTOMOBILE ASSEMBLY PLANT PLANNED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Plans to establish another automobile assembly plant in Israel are currently under discussion in the Ministry of Transport, it was reported here today.

A proposal to set up such a plant has been made jointly by two companies, one of which now manufactures bus bodies and the other air conditioning and refrigeration equipment. If set up, the factory would assemble Swedish trucks, French buses and French passenger cars.

GHANA RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL REPORTED CLOSER THAN WITH ANY COUNTRY

NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Times of India, commenting on Ghana's foreign policy, said that "in relation to Israel, both the two countries are moving very close together, and it is doubtful if any other country has closer relations with Ghana today than Israel. The Israeli mission in Accra is said to be so influential as to be the envy of the entire diplomatic corps in the capital."

Commenting further, the paper wrote: "Cooperation between the two countries has sprung up in many fields. Ghana has decided to enter into business with the Zim shipping line of Israel. This partnership is intended to build up the Black Star Line of shipping for Ghana. Forty percent of the finance in this venture comes from the Israeli company. The Trade Union Congress of Ghana has given up the British pattern of labor organization and has decided to follow the model of Israel's General Federation of Labor. Negotiations are in progress with Israel for supplying about 100 technicians for water and electrical services in Ghana; and in this connection Israel's assistant director general of water planning has already arrived in Ghana to survey the prospects in this field.

Needless to say that this particular trend in the country's foreign policy is causing anger against Ghana among the Arab countries. President Nasser is known to have been writing long and frequent letters to Dr. Nkrumah on this subject. But this side of foreign relations is something which the Prime Minister of Ghana will no doubt attend to when the Pan-African Congress--in which all the Arab States in Africa are participating--meets in Accra in the course of the next few months. Dr. Nkrumah will probably point out to these Arab countries that of all the uncommitted and newly independent countries Israel is the only one which has a surplus of technicians, whom Ghana so badly needs," the Times of India stated.

GERMAN DIPLOMAT CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR MASS MURDER OF JEWS

GENEVA, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A German diplomat nominated by Bonn as its new Ambassador to Switzerland has come under heavy fire here as responsible for the deportation and death of thousands of Dutch Jews. The diplomat is Ernst Guntler Mohr, whose accreditation papers were received by the Swiss Foreign Ministry a few days ago. A Ministry spokesman said that the nomination has not yet been approved and that "we will conduct certain inquiries."

The demand for Mohr's rejection as "absolutely undesirable" was sparked by the National Zeitung of Basle, one of the most widely read and respected newspapers in the country. It charged that when Mohr was deputy chief of the German diplomatic mission in The Hague during the German occupation, he was responsible for the murder of thousands of Netherland Jews.

SEN. LEHMAN SEES WAR DANGER FOR ISRAEL IN MERGER OF ARAB STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The federation of Syria and Egypt was seen today by former Senator Herbert H. Lehman as "a measure of Soviet power in the Middle East, and of Soviet skill at manipulating forces there." Mr. Lehman made known his view at a press conference outlining the goals of the American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary, of which he is the general chairman.

Referring to the fact that another group of Arab states--the kingdoms of Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia--is planning its own federation, Mr. Lehman warned that there is danger to world peace in the "one element" common among all the Arab states, "hatred of Israel."

"The two blocs," he declared, "vie with each other in their hostility to Israel. Out of this snake-pit, danger for Israel, and for world peace, emerges like a cloud of smoke. And in this case, where there is smoke, there certainly may be fire--fire involving not only the United States but all of mankind."

Senator Lehman emphasized that "the peace of mankind and the preservation of freedom and civilization hangs on the forces at work and the events taking place in the Middle East. He challenged the Soviet Union to show her good faith in regard to world peace by "pooling its good offices and resources" with those of the United States "in a united and determined effort to bring peace and prosperity to the Middle East." At the same time he called upon the United States to make a public appeal to the USSR for such cooperation.

Such action by the USSR, said Mr. Lehman, would imply "a pledge of security to Israel as well as to the Arab States, and a clear definition of the fact that Israel is in the Middle East to stay" and "to form with the Arab States a region that will contribute to world stability rather than endanger it."

Expressing alarm over the new Pan-Arabic development, Senator Lehman denied that the Baghdad Pact "is a fundamental answer to the developing situation. It is a tactic, but neither a strategy nor a solution," he stated. Instead, he called for "an imaginative approach to the real problems" of the area, and proposed the creation of a Middle East Bank or Agency to develop the resources of the entire region. Through such an Agency, he stated, the world could tackle the Middle East's "real problems," which he defined as "hunger, poverty, disease and the lack of funds to develop natural resources."

Says Israel's Anniversary Marks A Decade of Democracy in Middle East

Of Israel, Senator Lehman said its tenth anniversary "marks a decade of growth and development for the forces of freedom and democracy in the Middle East. That is what this anniversary should mean to America and Americans." Affirming that neither he, nor the American Committee which he heads, is "interested in Israel alone," he asserted: "Peace, security and stability in the Near East are not only Israel's interest. They are also the interest of the Arab world. They are also the interest of the free world."

Senator Lehman then proposed the formation of the Middle East bank or agency for the development of the entire region's resources, and voiced this challenge: "I would suggest that we publicly appeal to the Soviet Union to show her good faith in the cause of world peace by joining us in a move to pool the joint good offices and resources of both countries--and all other countries--West and East--who support the cause of peace, in a united and determined effort to bring peace and prosperity to the Middle East."

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Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary, announced specific plans for the Israel birthday observance in the United States. The formal opening of the American counterpart of Israel's tenth anniversary celebration will begin with an impressive ceremony in Independence Hall in Philadelphia on April 24--the same day the birthday observance will be marked in Israel with a ceremony in Israel's Parliament at Jerusalem, Dr. Goldstein revealed. Former President Harry S. Truman, the first government head to recognize Israel's existence when it was formed in 1948, will participate in the ceremonies at Independence Hall.

NEW CHIEF RABBI APPOINTED IN IZMIR; POST WAS VACANT FOR MANY YEARS

IZMIR, Turkey, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The post of Chief Rabbi of Izmir, which has been vacant for many years, has been filled with the appointment of Rabbi Rahamim Moreno Sigura, 72. Izmir, Turkey's second largest center of Jewish population, now has only 6,000 Jews, most of Izmir's Jews having emigrated to Israel.

INDEPENDENT GENERAL ZIONIST PARTY FORMED IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- An independent General Zionist organization has just been set up in Belgium where previously there had only been a General Zionist party politically linked to the Israeli centrist party. The new group, whose orientation will be similar to that of the Progressives in Israel, was organized around a core of members of the Darkenu Club here.

ORT SETS UP OPERATIONS IN SEVEN CITIES IN POLAND; TRAINS 10, 000 JEWS

GENEVA, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Within six weeks of starting ORT operations in Poland, vocational assistance among an estimated 10,000 Jewish repatriates from Russia has been set up in seven cities, M.A. Braude, director general of the World ORT Union announced today. ORT--the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training--maintains an extensive program of technical assistance through vocational education.

"The first courses opened in Warsaw, Wroclaw, Stettin, Lignica, Swidnica, Dzierzow and Walbrzych, foreshadow a network of vocational training activities that is expected to reach at least 2,500 pupils during 1958 and spread to 14 cities," Mr. Braude said.

"The new program is for repatriates from the Soviet Union who are now at present permitted to emigrate. Other classes are projected for the Jewish day schools to combine manual training with general education. Technical assistance will also be provided to Jewish artisans. The program began in December and there are already 400 adults in 18 courses in the seven cities listed," he said.

Some 10 to 15,000 more Jewish repatriates from Russia are expected. The Jewish population of Poland is now estimated at 40,000.

BLAUSTEIN STRESSES ISRAEL'S NEED FOR PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Israel's need for capital investments from private sources was emphasized here today by Jacob Blaustein, American Jewish leader, in a statement issued upon his return to the United States. Mr. Blaustein spent ten days in Israel during which he toured the country and had three long talks with Premier David Ben Gurion.

"In my trips in the Negev area," he said, "I have seen the crying need for exploration of this area. I have become again aware of Israel's need for more capital investments from abroad. Much of this capital must come from private sources." Mr. Blaustein also expressed "admiration" for the "marvelous progress" Israel has made considering the short time "and the tremendous difficulties in the country's defense and in the integration of immigrants."

FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION LEAVES ISRAEL; MEMBERS IMPRESSED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A French Parliamentary delegation completed last night a ten-day tour of Israel and expressed confidence of the continued growth of Franco-Israel friendship and trade. The members of the delegation were visibly impressed with Israel's achievements.

At a press conference prior to leaving the country, one French MP, a representative from Madagascar, dwelt at length on the possibility of increased trade between the Jewish State and France's East African possessions. He suggested that African timber and meat could be shipped through the port of Elath and paid for in Israeli cement and fertilizers.

COCOA DRINK FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR POISONING ISRAEL SCHOOLCHILDREN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The food poisoning which last week felled 700 youngsters in Jerusalem schools was blamed today on a cocoa drink prepared in the central kitchen serving the public schools of the area. Researchers for the Health Ministry isolated microorganisms which had apparently gotten into the drink after it was mixed and before it was distributed to the various school lunchrooms.

JOSHUA GLASSER NAMED HEAD OF COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Joshua B. Glasser, prominent Chicago Jewish leader, has been named general chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Chicago for the second consecutive year.

Under his chairmanship last year, campaign contributions totaling \$6,225,000 were received to help finance local, national and overseas needs. The Combined Jewish Appeal is the central fund-raising organization of the Jewish community of Chicago.

CANADIAN JEWS ASK GOVERNMENT ACTION ON DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

MONTREAL, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The central region of the Canadian Jewish Congress participated in a joint delegation to provincial Premier Leslie M. Frost of Ontario on amending the FEPC law to cover discrimination in housing and to promote an educational program designed to publicize the primary purposes of the FEPC law. Included on the delegation were civil liberties groups, Christian church groups and labor union delegations.

REP. HEMPHILL REFUSES ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE HONORS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Rep. Robert W. Hemphill, South Carolina Democrat, today announced that he has asked to have his name omitted when the entire 85th Congress is honored next month by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for civil rights legislation. The Congressman made public a letter declining an invitation to attend an award meeting on March 3. He asked: "Please do not include me as a recipient of the award."