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FOUR BUENOS AIRES JEWS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN ARGENTINE ELECTIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Four Jews were elected to the Argentine Parliament yesterday from the Province of Buenos Aires, it was learned here today. All four ran on the same ticket on which left-wing Arturo Frondizi was elected the new President of Argentina.

One of the four Jews named to Parliament was Isaac Breyter. Until recently secretary of the Argentine Zionist Federation, Sr. Breyter resigned to be able to devote all his energies to electioneering.

ISRAELIS DISTURBED OVER BRITISH AND U.S. STAND ON EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN UNION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Informed political observers in Israel are disturbed by what seems to be the determination of Britain, and to some extent the United States too, to convince themselves of the "beneficial consequences" of the Egyptian-Syrian union and to overrate the value of the Iraqi-Jordan merger.

These same sources point to the fact that Nasser's actions are according to the book-- a specific book, his volume on the Egyptian revolution. In it he noted that he would use the West's dependence on Middle East oil supplies for blackmail purposes.

In addition, with control of the Suez Canal and the Syrian pipelines, the President of the New Arab Republic can squeeze Iraq most of whose oil travels by one or the other of these routes. Moreover, the fact that King Saud has not joined his fellow monarchs in the Iraqi-Jordan axis permits Nasser to first apply pressure on the Western European countries which own most of the Iraqi oil wells and then proceed against the American-owned Saudi Arabian wells. This divide and conquer plan reduces the possibility of an energetic Western reaction.

Observers here feel that the only way the West can avoid this trap is to undertake an immediate political and economic counter-offensive including the building of alternate pipelines through Israel and Turkey and to launch large-scale development projects in those Middle East countries which are still pro-Western.

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES IN PARIS; DISCUSSES ARAB MERGERS

PARIS, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Israel has always regarded the entry of an Iraqi Army into Jordan as a danger to her own security and will continue to so view it, regardless of the Iraqi-Jordan union, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister, told a press conference here today.

Mrs. Meir, who arrived here today for a short visit before undertaking a West African goodwill tour, conferred for 40 minutes today with Foreign Minister Christian Pineau of France. She met separately with H. T. Boijny, Minister of Public Health, in connection with problems which will arise during her African trip.

Also today, Mrs. Meir presided over a meeting of Israeli envoys to half a dozen European countries who were summoned to Paris to meet with their chief.

The Israeli Foreign Minister told newsmen that Israel's reaction to the Arab mergers would be dictated by Israeli security considerations. She underlined the fact that Israel is prepared for peaceful relations with all her neighbors, as individual states or as federations, and hopes to develop technical cooperation programs with the Arab states in the future.

Replying to questions, she indicated again that Israel is still ready to negotiate peace or non-aggression pacts with any or all of the Arab states. She stated that Israel will at all times defend her borders and would not accept any reduction of her territory, adding that she hoped all the Big Powers would respect Israel's existing borders.

(In Cairo, President Nasser yesterday told thousands of Egyptians, who crowded into the Koubbeh Palace gardens to congratulate him on his near unanimous election as president of the new United Arab Republic, that formation of the new state spelled the start of the "complete liberation" of the Arab world. He specifically included Israel in this area.)

MIXED ARMISTICE BODY ASKS ISRAEL TO MOVE ARTILLERY TRAINING RANGE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, with the Israeli delegation absent, decided today to ask Israel to move an artillery training range from an area close to the Jordanian border.

The action came after a Jordanian complaint that some of the Israeli shells sailed across the demarcation line and landed in Jordan-held territory. The wide firings, which were characterized a breach of the armistice pact, were alleged to have occurred on February 16.

ISRAEL READY TO DEFEND ITS INDEPENDENCE, MILITARY COMMANDER DECLARES

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- General Meir Amit, commander-in-chief of the Israel Army Central Command, declared tonight at a Purim Salute to Israel's Tenth Anniversary in Town Hall, which opened the 1958 New York campaign to raise Israel bond investment funds, that "the people of Israel are prepared, if necessary, to fight and die" for the right to develop their homeland.

The Israeli military leader, who planned operations in the Sinai campaign of 1956, told a capacity audience of 1,400 persons that "we are a peaceful people whose aim it is to develop our economy and make a home for all Jews who wish to live within Israel's borders. But we are prepared, if necessary, to fight and die for our freedom and our right to live in security in our homeland."

General Amit, in his report on Israel's accomplishments during the past decade, said: "The State of Israel, which has been able to defend itself against all its enemies in its first ten years of existence, will maintain its security and independence during the next decade as well. In order for us to maintain our security, we must be economically strong. This is why Israel bond dollars are of such vital importance to Israel."

NASSER'S VISIT TO ITALY NOT DETRIMENTAL TO ISRAEL, FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

ROME, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Italy's invitation to President Nasser of the United Arab Republic was defended here today by Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Pella in the face of adverse criticism from political leaders and newspapers of every political shade except the Communist and Fascist extremes.

In a public statement, Sgr. Pella denied that President Nasser's visit to Italy would be "detrimental to Israel" in any fashion. He asserted, too, that the visit would not drive a wedge into Western solidarity and insisted that Italy's policy of friendship for Egypt, "where thousands of Italians reside," is not imperialistic.

U.S. AIR FORCE CONCLUDES RESEARCH CONTRACTS WITH WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The U.S. Air Force has concluded contracts for research, projects to be undertaken at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth Israel, it is announced by Theodore R. Racoosin, chairman of the executive committee of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute.

The four Weizmann scientists who will head the U.S. Air Force projects are: Dr. Yigal Talmi and Dr. Gideon Yekutieli of the Nuclear Physics Department; Dr. Samuel Meiboom of the Applied Mathematics Department; and Dr. Joseph H. Jaffe, head of the Infrared Spectroscopy Section. These are the first projects for outside groups which the scientists of the nuclear physics department at the Weizmann Institute have undertaken.

The young physicists, none of whom is over 32 years of age, came into prominence at last year's International Conference on Nuclear Structure where they presented a number of papers which attested to the originality of their work in the field of nuclear energy, cosmic rays and nuclear magnetic resonance.

FIRST SUN-POWERED REFRIGERATOR PATENTED BY ISRAELI SCIENTIST

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A patent for what is believed to be the first sun-powered refrigerator was granted today to Dr. Kurt Doron-Ofner, a member of the faculty of the Haifa Technical Institute.

Including a freezer section and working on the same temperature ranges as the familiar electric refrigerators, the solar refrigerator will cost virtually nothing to operate. Its value is immense for Israel and other underdeveloped countries where even in winter there is a considerable amount of sunlight and where electric power is relatively expensive.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT GRANTS LOANS TO ARAB FARMERS; HELPS THEM TILL HARVEST

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- In line with Premier David Ben Gurion's promises to Arab deputies, the government has granted over 50,000 pounds to tide over the next half year some 1,000 Arab farmers who needed loans until the next harvest, the Ministry of Agriculture has announced. In addition, the Ministry has made available 300,000 pounds more for short term loans to Arab villagers.

BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY PRESIDENT PROTESTS ANTI-RESTITUTION PROPAGANDA

BERLIN, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Heinz Galinski, head of the Berlin Jewish community, took to the air waves today to voice a protest against the continuing propaganda in Germany aimed at undercutting the restitution payment program to victims of the Nazis. Dr. Galinski noted that there had been no protest from these same sources against the payment of "colossal sums" in pensions to former Nazi officials and even SS men.

The Jewish weekly Juedische Allgemeine Zeitung revealed today that since the public charge by Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer that compensation payments to Nazi victims threatened the stability of the mark the newspaper has received hundreds of anti-Semitic crank letters. Letters from all parts of Germany have expressed regrets that the Nazis failed to "bring a final solution" of the Jewish problem.

The Social Democratic Party, using official West German Government statistics, has taken up the cudgels against Minister of Justice Fritz Schaeffer's charges that compensation payments to victims of the Nazis threaten the stability of the mark. The Social Democratic Press Agency published today a list of government obligations "inherited from the Third Reich" which, it pointed out, demonstrates that compensation is only a fraction of the total bill Germany is currently paying on the Nazi account.

Bonn payments to Germans who lost homes, jobs and businesses in the war, who were uprooted and became refugees in Germany and who receive prisoner of war bonuses will amount to 3,950,000,000 marks this year; pensions to civil servants and soldiers of the Nazi regime will add up to 1,300,000,000 marks, while the Federal bill for compensation to direct victims of the Nazis will only total 945,000,000 marks and a similar sum by the various states.

JEWS WHO LOST PROPERTY TO NAZIS IN HOLLAND URGED TO REGISTER CLAIMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- All owners of movable property confiscated in Holland by the Nazis during World War II were advised by the World Jewish Congress here today to register claims at once with the Jokos Foundation in Amsterdam.

The West German Federal Restitution Law of 1957 may provide, particularly on the basis of negotiations now in progress, compensation for Jewish movable assets seized by the Germans, the World Jewish Congress stated. To assist the owners of such assets, the Dutch Jewish community has established the special Jokos Foundation, which accepts applications from former persecutees and their heirs and tries to secure substantiating evidence. A fee of 15 Dutch florins (\$3.75) should be sent with each application to cover expenses.

Since the present deadline under the German law is March 31, 1958, the Jokos Foundation had established a cut-off date of February 15, 1958. As it is expected that Germany will extend the deadline, the Dutch agency will continue to accept applications which should, however, be filed with the least possible delay. Applicants should give their last residence in Holland and describe the property concerned and the place where it was seized. The World Jewish Congress stressed that the efforts of the foundation represent only an attempt to secure restitution and there is no guarantee that the matter will be successfully concluded.

FORMATION OF WORLD JEWISH BODY IN ROME LAUDED BY DR. GOLDSTEIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish public opinion throughout the world is reacting favorably to the attempt to establish a united Jewish world body, Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the American Jewish Congress, told a meeting in New York today. Dr. Goldstein was reporting on recent sessions in Rome during which a new body, the Conference on Jewish organizations, was established.

The Rome meetings, in which Jewish organizations from all parts of the world participated were, Dr. Goldstein declared, "a hopeful sign of a united Jewish concern for the problems affecting the Jewish people." He said that the main resolutions of the meeting expressed support of Israel, and urged upon the Soviet Union the extension of the same rights to its Jewish community as are accorded other religious, cultural and ethnic groups to establish country-wide federations, and to have contact with kindred groups in other parts of the world, and asked that Jews have the right to go to Israel. All the resolutions had been unanimously adopted, he emphasized.

Commenting that the Rome meetings had been "only the beginning of an attempt to establish a Jewish world body to deal with Jewish affairs of interest and concern to the Jewish people," Dr. Goldstein said it was too early to judge the organization's chances of success.

"It was impressive, however, to see the unanimity which obtains on fundamental questions," Dr. Goldstein declared, adding "It is also encouraging to note the reaction of Jewish public opinion in all parts of the world which seems to be gratified with the attempt and is hopeful of its continuation."

SETTLEMENT OF RETIRED AMERICAN JEWS IN ISRAEL PLANNED BY HISTADRUT

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A plan that will enable retired American Jews to spend their "golden years" in pleasant surroundings in Israel has been brought to the United States by Zev Winer, director of Mishan, the mutual aid fund of Histadrut. Based on the principle that men and women in the over-65 age group still have the capacity to live meaningful lives, the Mishan program already covers 300 veteran Israelis. It is being expanded to accommodate about 800 elderly men and women by the end of 1958.

Situated in Jerusalem, Haifa and Holon, a suburb of Tel Aviv, Mishan's three existing Homes of the Elders are model communities where senior citizens live in dignity amid modern physical and psychological surroundings, at a pace suited to their status. Among the residents are some of the foremost pioneers of Israel, who have given their prime years to the development of the country.

A handful of retired Americans already dwell in these homes, and places will be available to new applicants. It has been found that an American can live quite comfortably on his social security income, after payment of the modest entrance fee of \$1,000, or \$2,000 if accompanied by his wife.

The communities are run in two different styles. The Jerusalem set-up is more individualistic, with housekeeping units for single persons or couples available at \$30 per month per person. In the cooperative style, such as at Holon or Haifa, five meals are provided daily, as well as laundry service and other amenities, at a fee of \$75 monthly.

ORT STARTS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR DEAF-MUTE CHILDREN IN NO. AFRICA

GENEVA, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The World ORT Union disclosed today it had started a program among Jewish deaf-mute children in the North African ghettos to give them a primary education and vocational training.

M.A. Braude, director general of the world organization, said that more than 100 such children would benefit from the program designed to free them from their "cage of silence." The boys and girls taking part in the program in Casablanca are all under 14, he reported.

ISRAELIS FLOCK TO SEE FILM OF FIRST AMERICAN SPACE SATELLITE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Thousands of Israelis flocked yesterday to ZOA House here to see films of the launching of the first American space satellite, "The Explorer." The film was released by the United States Embassy. The crowd was so great that it was necessary to present six consecutive shows to satisfy the entire demand. Stormy applause greeted the ascent of the satellite every time it appeared on the screen.

Officials of ZOA House here announced plans today to honor the memory of two American officials who served in Israel, Dr. Thomas McGrail, former American attaché here, and Dr. Lincoln Hale, former director of the U.S. Operations Mission in Israel. Plaques will be posted in the ZOA House for the two. Dr. Hale died in New York City recently while lecturing on Israel. Dr. McGrail died in an airline crash.

DR. FINE NAMED DEAN OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Benjamin Fine, education editor of the The New York Times since 1941, was named today dean of Yeshiva University's new Graduate School of Education. He will assume his academic post March 1, the date of his resignation from The Times becomes effective.

The Graduate School of Education, a co-educational, non-sectarian unit, is one of 17 schools and divisions comprising Yeshiva University. Since last summer it has featured the Teaching Fellowship Program, a highly experimental teacher training program launched with the aid of a \$500,000 grant by the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education. Designed to attract top-quality liberal arts graduates into the teaching profession, the program provides graduates with the opportunity to earn while they learn.

ZIONIST CENTER OPENED IN JOHANNESBURG; WILL HOUSE MANY ORGANIZATIONS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A new 500,000 pound Zionist Center was opened here yesterday at a ceremony heavily attended by South African Zionists of all political colorations.

The building, which occupies half a block, houses the offices of the Zionist Federation of South Africa, the Board of Jewish Education and other Jewish organizations. It contains one of the largest and most modern auditoriums in the city as well as a large number of smaller meeting rooms and committee chambers.

FRIENDS OF ALLIANCE ISRAELITE UNIVERSELLE FORM ORGANIZATION IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Justice Harry Batshaw of the Superior Court of Canada was elected president of the newly constituted organization of Canadian Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, it was announced here today.