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EBAN CONFERS IN WASHINGTON ON NEW LOAN FOR ISRAEL; SEEKS \$18,000,000

WASHINGTON, March 11. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today conferred on the question of a new loan and economic aid for the current fiscal year with C. Douglas Dillon, Deputy Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Israel is seeking a loan of \$18,000,000 for power development from the U.S. development loan funds, according to authoritative sources. Mr. Eban did not specify the amount sought. He said no difficulties existed and that in today's meeting the situation was clarified.

Mr. Eban said today's meeting covered "certain outstanding elements" in American-Israel agreements for the current fiscal year. Last week the U.S. Export-Import Bank announced a \$24,200,000 loan to Israel in response to Israel's application for \$75,000,000. All aspects of the \$24,200,000 loan have now been worked out.

ISRAEL RADIO WARNS NASSER AGAINST ANNEXING GAZA; NO DANGER SEEN

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- A stern warning to the United Arab Republic against any attempt to present the world with a fait accompli by annexing the Gaza Strip was voiced today on Israel's Arab-language radio broadcast.

Answering a query from an Israeli Arab listener, the announcer on the official station said that the Israeli army handed over the Gaza Strip to the United Nations Emergency Force when it pulled out, not to Egypt. If President Nasser is seriously considering a Gaza coup, the announcer continued, he could easily have a repeat performance of his "glorious victory--the retreat from Gaza."

On the other hand, it was indicated here today that nothing has actually happened in relation to the United Arab Republic's plans to annex the Gaza Strip which would require action by the Israel Army. Observers believe that there is no direct danger to Israel in such plans, but rather to the Iraq-Jordan federation. President Nasser's aim, apparently, is the creation of a local government in Gaza to strengthen anti-government forces among the Palestine Arab refugees in Jordan.

France Opposes Inclusion of Gaza in Nasser's Republic

PARIS, March 11. (JTA) -- The French Government is opposed to the inclusion of any Palestine Arab State in the United Arab Republic, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman stated here today. He noted that such opposition was part of a general policy rather than a decision against something which has not occurred. The spokesman expressed confidence that France's allies would also oppose such a move by the Egyptian-Syrian federation.

Meanwhile Radio Paris broadcast a prediction that Gaza would be annexed into the UAR this week and that a "Palestine Arab Government" would claim jurisdiction over the territory designated for this state in 1947 under the UN partition plan.

Former French Premier Guy Mollet said in an interview today that his French Socialist Party expresses solidarity with the people of Israel in their fight for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. He expressed the hope that he could get away long enough to visit Israel during the tenth anniversary celebrations next month.

U.N. BELIEVES ISRAEL-SYRIAN ARMISTICE BODY WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 11. (JTA) -- Legal circles in the United Nations today interpreted a statement by the United Arab Republic to mean that although Syria has merged with Egypt, the Syrian-Israel armistice commission will continue to function as a separate body as will the Egyptian-Israel armistice commission. This interpretation was based on the fact that the statement stresses that international agreements concluded by Egypt or Syria will remain valid within the "regional limits" prescribed within them.

The statement was submitted this week-end to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

ZIONIST WORLD PARLEY IN LONDON REAFFIRMS "NON-AFFILIATION" POLICY

LONDON, March 11, (JTA) -- The Reorganized World Confederation of General Zionists concluded its three-day meeting here last night in complete agreement on the future tasks of the body and with the election of a new executive headed by co-chairmen Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin.

The parley unanimously reaffirmed its policy of non-identification with any political party in Israel, asserting this was the only way to avoid strife over problems which are within the exclusive competence of Israel's citizens. However, it expressed the conviction that it was necessary for Israel to safeguard equality of rights for private, co-operative and collective capital in the expansion of the nation's economic resources.

The delegates also reasserted their belief that the World Zionist Organization was the most effective medium for carrying out the traditional Zionist tasks of Hebrew education, immigration and halutzit. They reaffirmed support for the Hanoar Hatzioni youth group and hailed its role in building Israel and pledged aid in the development of Zionist-oriented youth groups and day schools in countries outside Israel.

On the organizational level, the Confederation indicated a readiness to accept as members all groups in any country which are prepared to accept its principles and program. Each group joining the Confederation would retain full autonomy in local organizational problems, although regional bodies may be organized to facilitate unification within large geographic areas.

The main headquarters of the Confederation will continue in New York, with three regional offices to be located in Europe, Central America and the Caribbean countries, and South America. The highest authority will be a world conference of the Confederation which will deal with all activities of the body, including selection of candidates for the World Zionist executive, the Zionist Actions Committee and other bodies connected with the World Zionist Congress.

Provision has been made to adding to the Confederation's executive representatives of new groups joining it in the future. The American representatives on the new executive include: Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, Mrs. Judith Epstein and Judge Louis E. Levinthal. Dr. Fastlich will represent Mexican General Zionists; Dr. Bronfman, the Argentine centrists; and Barnett Janner and L. Bakstansky, the British General Zionists. The executive also includes a representative from the General Zionists in France.

SLOW DOWN ON HAIFA DOCKS AFFECTS EXPORT; STRIKE IS UNAUTHORIZED

TEL AVIV, March 11, (JTA) -- A slow down is in progress on the Haifa docks which has affected the rate of export of citrus fruits, Israel's greatest earner of foreign currency.

The stevedores are demanding a reduction of their income taxes. The strike is unauthorized and efforts by leaders of the union to get the men to call off their action have proven fruitless.

GHANA QUERIES JORDAN ON BANNING SHIPPING LINE BECAUSE OF ISRAEL

ACCRA, Ghana, March 11, (JTA) -- The Government of Ghana is still awaiting a reply to a query addressed to the Jordan Government through diplomatic channels about a report that Amman had blacklisted the Black Star Line, a Ghanaian shipping line, because of Israeli participation in the company.

This was revealed here today by the Minister of Information. A press association had reported that the Black Star Lines was under boycott by all the Arab states. Local representatives of the line deprecated the effect of such action, noting that the company confined its activities to ports in West Africa, Britain and Europe.

FRANCE EXPLAINS ARMS EMBARGO ON PLANE WHICH FLEW FROM ISRAEL

PARIS, March 11, (JTA) -- The arms cargo of a B-17 which landed at Bone, Algeria, en route from Israel to South America, remains under impoundment because a number of obscure points still remain to be cleared up, a spokesman for the French Foreign Office said today.

He added that the exact destination of the arms had not been ascertained and that the various crew members of the B-17 had made conflicting statements. He asserted that it was these factors, rather than fear of creating any kind of precedent in relation to arms shipments found in strife-torn Algeria, which decided the authorities on detaining the \$80,000 cargo.

STUDENTS PLAN TO COMBAT ARAB PROPAGANDA IN GERMAN UNIVERSITIES

LONDON, March 11, (JTA) -- Methods of combatting Arab propaganda at German universities will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the German section of the World Union of Jewish Students, a World Jewish Congress affiliate, it was announced here today. There have been a number of cases where Jewish student meetings at German institutions of higher learning have been disrupted by Arab students.

GERMANY SIGNS ANNUAL REPARATIONS PACT; WILL PAY \$62,500,000 TO ISRAEL

BONN, March 11. (JTA) -- A supplementary annual agreement for the type and quantities of German goods to be supplied to Israel in the next fiscal year under the terms of the Luxembourg Reparations Treaty was signed here yesterday. That pact provided for the Federal Government to pay Israel the equivalent of \$715,000,000 directly as reparations and another \$107,000,000 for the account of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims.

As in previous years, the Germans took advantage of an escape clause to pay the minimum annual amount--250,000,000 deutschemarks (approx. \$62,500,000). Again as in previous years, the Germans will pay Britain 75,000,000 marks in sterling equivalent for Israeli purchases, chiefly oil, from the British Commonwealth. Capital goods will make up about 55 percent of the products and raw materials and semi-finished items the remainder.

By the end of the current fiscal year, on March 31, Germany will have fulfilled half of its total commitments under the reparations pact. Among the capital projects shipped to Israel was the machinery and equipment needed to put the Timna copper mines--King Solomon's fabled mines--back into operation. Production will start this year. The first stage of Germany's shipbuilding program for Israel has already been completed.

Deliveries of German reparations goods last year amounted to 15 percent of Israel's imports. Goods purchased outside the framework of the pact amounted to another five percent of Israel's total 1957 imports. In the past two years Israel bought 120,000,000 marks worth of goods in this fashion, paying 75 percent of the purchases in foreign currency and the remainder in citrus products.

The Israel purchasing mission in Cologne sees this development as the gradual establishment of normal commercial relations between the two countries. When the reparations agreement is fulfilled, Israeli officials in Germany feel, Israel will still need to buy German products, especially replacement parts for technical installations being delivered under the reparations agreement.

SOVIET LEADERS REPORTED BECOMING AWARE OF JEWISH PROBLEM IN RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, March 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, speaking in his capacity as president of the World Jewish Congress, told a conference here that as a result of various efforts, there seems to be a growing awareness among Soviet leaders that a Jewish problem exists in the Soviet Union and that this problem was not entirely equal to that of the manifold nationalities in Russia.

Dr. Goldmann also reviewed the situation of the Jews in other countries. In North Africa, he said, the Jews of Tunis and Morocco enjoy full citizenship rights and the governments of the two countries are interested in their Jewish communities, regarding them as important factors in the building of their countries. He added that "certain tendencies even exist among the Jews to assimilate" in the North African states "since they see great economic and social possibilities for themselves in their 'old-new' fatherland."

With regard to Algeria, Dr. Goldmann stated that in view of the complicated political situation there the Jewish position is "most delicate." He denied categorically allegations that the World Jewish Congress had ties with the Algerian nationalists.

Commenting on the recent meeting in Rome of a number of major Jewish organizations from various countries, he hailed the meeting as a show of unity on the problems facing Jews in the USSR, Israel and North Africa. He called the Rome meeting "historic" and stressed the WJC role in bringing it about. Finally, he announced that he would propose an organizational set-up for the new body at the next meeting which is scheduled to be held in May.

STRASBOURG TO HAVE ONE OF LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS IN EUROPE

PARIS, March 11. (JTA) -- One of the largest Jewish community centers in Western Europe is scheduled to be opened at Strasbourg this month. Construction was made possible through funds donated by the French Government, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and local Jewish contributors.

The center will house a new synagogue, a large assembly hall, meeting rooms and a kosher restaurant. Strasbourg boasts a lectureship in modern Hebrew and the language is taught in the city's high schools.

BELGIAN POLICE RAID ANTI-SEMITIC PRO-NAZI MEETING; 100 GERMANS DEPORTED

PARIS, March 11. (JTA) -- Belgian police raided a meeting of former Nazis held at Jand, a small Belgian town on the German border, and broke up a meeting where anti-Semitic slogans and speeches were the order of the evening. Several people were arrested and over 100 Germans were marched back to the border and expelled.

THREE-DAY PARLEY ON YIDDISH CULTURE TO BE HELD AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- A three-day conference devoted to the scholarly study of Yiddish language, literature, and folklore will open on the campus of Columbia University on April 7, it was announced here today. Participants from the United States as well as from Israel, England, Holland, Switzerland, and Argentina will present papers on various aspects of Yiddish studies at the sessions.

The conference, in preparation for two years, is being co-sponsored by Columbia, the City College of New York, the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, and the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research. The purpose of the conference is to enable the participating scholars to share the results of their recent work and jointly to map plans for their future research.

Among the scholars joining in the event are Prof. Roman Jakobson of Harvard University, Prof. Irving Howe of Brandeis University, Prof. Dov Sedan of the Hebrew University, and Profs. Sol Liptzin and Max Weinreich of City College. An exhibition dealing with stages in the rise of the Yiddish language is being prepared by the Yivo Institute.

The range of subjects dealt with in the conference papers is a wide one. Several talks will be devoted to recent developments in Yiddish poetry. The language of Bialik, a writer of distinction in both Yiddish and Hebrew, will be the subject of two analyses. A folklorist will discuss the treatment of international motifs in Yiddish narrative lore. The pronunciation of Yiddish on the radio, based on sample recordings, is among the subjects of scheduled papers. Many additional topics concerned with Yiddish language and literature from the Middle Ages to this day are on the agenda.

250 PREPARATORY SCHOOLS IN U.S. WELCOME JEWS; 500 MUM ON THIS SUBJECT

WASHINGTON, March 11. (JTA) -- Of nearly 750 preparatory schools in the United States, only 250 welcome Jewish students. College preparatory schools that affirm they are open to Jewish applicants are listed in a new "Prep School Guide for Jewish Youth" released here today by the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service.

Robert Shostack, author of the guide, is national director of research for the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service. He sent questionnaires to all prep schools in the country for a detailed compilation. Of the total, about 250 returned completed forms and gave permission for a listing indicating that students of Jewish faith would be acceptable.

MRS. HALPRIN HONORED BY HADASSAH; LAUDED BY BEN GURION FOR ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Special tribute was paid here by 800 leading members of Hadassah to Mrs. Rose Halprin, former national Hadassah president and acting chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, prior to her departure for Israel to participate in the forthcoming meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee. A \$10,000 check for Youth Aliyah was presented to her in behalf of the New York chapter of Hadassah, it was reported today by the headquarters of the organization.

Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion, in a message to the gathering, said: "I have had the privilege of knowing and cooperating with my dear friend Rose Halprin many years before the rise of Israel and during its first decade. I have often had arguments with her and debate is perhaps not over. But I have always considered her a noble example of the Jewish woman who has absorbed the best of both the Jewish and American heritage and devoted her strong will, abundant energy, brilliant intellect and capacity for leadership to the great Hadassah movement and the revival movement in Israel. She will undoubtedly take her place in the honorable line of great Jewish women. I wish her many years of fruitful and beneficial work and hope she will be an example to all Hadassah women in the way she has learned Hebrew herself and taught it to her children."

Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir, in her message of greeting, lauded Mrs. Halprin as "the woman born and bred in America who has truly dedicated her life to Jewish affairs and set a splendid example of identification with the cause of Israel."

AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY AWARDED TO ARAB STUDENT

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- A 24-year-old Arab honor student has been awarded the third annual Judah L. Magnes scholarship, donated by an American foundation at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, it was announced here today by James Marshall, president of the Judah L. Magnes Foundation, Inc., and chairman of the board of directors of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Mr. Marshall disclosed that the award for 1957-58 had gone to Butrus Najeeb Dally, a native of Kfar Yussuf, Israel. Mr. Dally plans to pursue a career as a teacher. He matriculated in 1954 in the Hebrew University's Faculty of Humanities where he majored in history, English and physics. He subsequently transferred his interest to Oriental Studies and decided to qualify for a Bachelor's degree in the School of Education.