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## BONN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO GUARANTEE \$50,000,000 CREDIT TO EGYPT

BONN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A \$50,000,000 export credit guarantee is under consideration by the West German Republic for work by several West German firms on the first stage of the Aswan high dam projects in Egypt, a Bonn Foreign Ministry spokesman declared last night.

The spokesman said that the firms had offered help to the United Arab Republic in capital, goods and services and that a decision on the credit guarantee was expected in a few days.

The firms were listed as the Hochtief AG of Essen, Siemens and the Dortmunder Union-Brucknenbau. The UAR Embassy in Bonn distributed yesterday a statement saying that participation in the first part of the project was still open to Western countries.

### U. S. Government Reported Approving Planned German Credits to Nasser

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The plan for West German Republic guarantees for work by a group of West German firms on the first stages of the Aswan high dam project in Egypt has the approval of the United States, it was reported today by the British daily press.

According to these reports, United States approval was a result of the conferences between Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree and President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

The reports also indicated that final United States approval was contingent on three conditions. These were that the UAR must agree with Sudan on the joint use of the Nile head waters, that there must be no joint enterprises with the Russians and that all farms and townsfolk displaced by the dam project should be adequately compensated.

The press reported also that no specific political conditions were attached to the project by the German firms. Businessmen from Japan, Switzerland and Italy were reported considering joining the West Germans in financing the loan for the construction of the dam.

The background of the new UAR-Western readiness to cooperate on such projects was seen by diplomats in London as stemming from the steady increase of Soviet influence in Iran and Iraq. The observers were reported as convinced that East-West completion in helping Col. Nasser would increase steadily.

It was confirmed yesterday, for example, that the United States was ready to lease a very large U.S. Army dredge, Essayons, to the UAR for work on the Mediterranean approaches to the Suez Canal. The agreement to lease the dredge was part of a program to permit passage of vessels of deeper draft through the canal. The contract was awarded to three American firms at very favorable terms to the United Arab Republic.

### Soviet Russia to Build Five New Air Fields in Egypt; Agreement Signed

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A further extension of Soviet influence in the United Arab Republic was seen here today in an agreement signed in Cairo yesterday under which the Russians will construct five new air fields in Egypt.

The agreement also provided for Russian building of a thermal power station at Suez and an undisclosed and unspecified number of "new enterprises." The agreement followed talks between A. Nikitin, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Soviet Council of Ministers, and Abbas Aziz Sidky, Central Minister of Industry for the UAR. All of the new construction is slated for Egypt.

The new UAR-Soviet agreement followed President Nasser's announcement over Cairo Radio last month that the UAR would launch a five-year plan in 1959 for the industrialization of the UAR at a cost of 256,000,000 pounds sterling.

The first shipment of Russian equipment under the industrial credits agreement with the United Arab Republic arrived at Alexandria earlier this month. It included 3,200 tons of industrial machinery.

## NASSER THREATENS ISRAEL; SAYS HE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT JEWISH STATE

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Col. Nasser, President of the United Arab Republic, today told a cheering audience of Egyptians in Port Said that he intends to continue his fight against Israel and that he considers "the Zionists, Israelis and reactionaries" the worst enemies of the Arab people. "We fought Israel and reactionary powers in the past and we will do it in the future," he said.

Meanwhile, a number of influential Conservative members of the British Parliament were seen here today apparently following the lead of most British Labor party leaders vociferously clamoring for an "understanding" with the "West's best friend in the Middle East--President Nasser."

Most observers here felt this did not imply that Britain would drop her comprehension of Israel's problems, although it was felt that Britain might begin to help the United Arab Republic both economically and financially.

## MOSCOW CONTINUES TO ATTACK ISRAEL; URGES READING OF ANTI-ISRAEL BOOK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A Moscow broadcast in the Russian language, monitored here today, alleged that "both in London and in Washington special concern is shown for the strengthening of Israel as a military forward post."

The broadcast said that "deliveries of arms to Israel are proceeding apace" and that Britain is sending Israel heavy tanks, armored vehicles, guns, radar and installations, helicopters, jet planes and submarines. "The broadcaster, Georgy Verbitsky, predicted that Britain will supply arms to Israel to the total value of about 150 million dollars.

"The United States does not lag behind Britain," he continued. "She is also sending new consignments of arms. Talks on equipping the Israeli army with U.S. rocket installations are in progress. Intensive military construction work is in progress on Israeli territory in areas bordering the Arab countries.

"Such a policy of the Western Powers only heats up and inflames the expansionist and aggressive aims of the ruling circles of Israel, who do not disguise their enmity toward the neighboring Arab countries," the Soviet broadcast told the Russians. "This is not the first time that Israel has brandished its weapons. We all know the role that Israel played during the period of aggression against Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan."

The Soviet broadcast urged the Russians to read the anti-Israel book by Ivanov and Sheinis, published weekly by the State Publishing House for Political Literature, entitled "The State of Israel, its Position and Policy." It emphasized that "the book provides many facts demonstrating that on questions of foreign policy the State of Israel has placed itself in a position of a country which was compelled wholly to follow in the wake of the policy of the imperialist and colonial powers. Of special interest are the pages of the book which reveal the roots of the foreign policy of the State of Israel. They find themselves mainly in its economic dependence on the largest British and U.S. monopolies," the Moscow broadcast asserted.

## AGREEMENT ON SALE OF HAIFA OIL REFINERIES TO BE SIGNED IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The agreement for the sale of the Haifa refineries by British oil companies to a firm controlled by British financier Isaac Wolfson will probably be signed here within a few days, it was reported today. Signatories will be the Shell Oil Company and British Petroleum, the seller, and Paz Corporation, Mr. Wolfson's concern.

The purchase price has not been disclosed, but is reportedly between one and one and a half million pounds sterling (\$2,800,000 and \$4,200,000). Informed sources said that British technicians would remain in Israel a short time longer to train Israelis and to help them during the period of transition.

## NORWEGIAN SHIP FAILS TO ARRIVE AT ELATH; FEAR EGYPT'S INTERFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Norwegian freighter, S.S. Sylbac, failed to arrive today as scheduled at Elath, giving rise to fears at the Negev port that the ship might have been stopped at Suez.

Officials said no wireless contact could be made with the freighter which had been scheduled to pass through the Suez Canal. The ship was carrying 2,000 tons of sulphur from France which was slated for use in the copper mines of Timnah.

## PRESIDENT AND PREMIER OF ISRAEL CABLE CONGRATULATIONS TO DE GAULLE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- President Isaac Ben Zvi and Premier David Ben Gurion today cabled their congratulations to Gen. Charles de Gaulle on his election as President of the French Republic. President Ben Zvi wished Gen. de Gaulle success in safeguarding their "common moral heritage" and their "common civilization."

## ISRAELI JOURNALISTS PARTIALLY LIFT THEIR BOYCOTT OF KNESSET SESSIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Israeli newsmen partially lifted their boycott today of the reporting of Parliamentary sessions. Meanwhile, their representatives met with members of the Knesset House Committee to negotiate for removal of restrictive regulations against which the newsmen are protesting.

Among the restrictions which newsmen found objectionable--and which they assert will interfere with the performance of their newsgathering function--is a ban on newsmen using the Knesset restaurant, lounges, buffets and corridors. Newsmen also demand removal of a bullet-proof glass partition between the House floor and the press galleries.

## UPPER HOUSE IN GERMAN PARLIAMENT VOTES TO EXTEND DEADLINE ON CLAIMS

BONN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Upper House of the German Parliament voted today to extend the deadline for filing individual claims for restitution by victims of the Nazis. The new deadline is March 31, 1959; the former cut-off date was December 31, 1958.

The Lower House passed the measure last week. Upon its publication in the Bonn Government's Official Gazette, the measure will become law.

## THIRTEEN GERMANS INDICTED FOR ATTACKING JEWISH FAMILY IN SMALL TOWN

FRANKFURT, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Thirteen citizens of the mountain town of Koppeln in Hesse have been indicted here on charges of disturbing the peace following attacks on a Jewish baker, Kurt Sumpf, and his family.

The incident began when Sumpf and the son of a former Nazi hoodlum became embroiled in an argument. Shortly afterwards a shot was fired into a tavern, narrowly missing Sumpf. Several men publicly stated "the Jew should be shot" and afterwards three men beat the baker. Several policemen stood and looked on during the attack. His eight-year-old son has become the butt of anti-Semitic taunts by schoolmates.

## GERMAN PARTY SEEKS ACTION ON JUDGES WHO SERVED IN NAZI COURTS

MAINZ, Germany, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Free Democratic Party has asked the Rhineland-Pfalz provincial government to explain its failure to act against judges and prosecutors in this province who once served as members of Nazi courts.

It was pointed out that the Bavarian Government had already launched an inquiry into the former Nazi jurists, who were listed by an association of Nazi victims. The list contained the names of 13 former Nazi judges today prominent in the Rhineland-Pfalz juridical system.

The same association of Nazi victims has also pointed out that most of the perpetrators of "crystal night," the night of Nov. 9-10, 1938, when storm troop gangs roamed German cities, towns and villages smashing Jewish homes, belongings and businesses and burning synagogues, are still unpunished. Citing specific trials, other procedures and "amnesties," the association noted that most of the hoodlums who destroyed property and life that night have escaped scot free.

## POLE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR KILLING JEWS FOUND HIDING IN WARSAW

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Marian Machniak, a Pole convicted and sentenced to death by a Polish court in 1950 for murdering Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland, has been found hiding in Warsaw by the Polish police, it was reported here today. Machniak broke jail just before he was sentenced.

## ATLANTA GRAND JURY RE-INDICTS FOUR MEN ACCUSED OF TEMPLE BOMBING

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Fulton County, Georgia, Grand Jury today re-indicted George Bright and three other defendants on charges of having blasted the Reform Temple here last October 12.

The jury added a new count that could bring a lesser sentence than the original indictment under which five defendants faced a possible death sentence under Georgia law.

Bright's trial, the first of the series, ended in a mistrial December 10. Not indicted this time was Robert Bowling, one of the original five defendants. All have been associated with an anti-Semitic organization.

## FIRST JEWISH SECONDARY SCHOOL OPENS IN IZMIR; TALMUD TORAH OPERATING

ISTANBUL, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A Jewish high school has been opened in Izmir, site of the second largest Jewish community in Turkey. The institution, the only Jewish secondary school in the city, is an extension of Izmir's Talmud Torah which already operates an elementary school.

## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION CHANGES SHEKEL SYSTEM, U.S. ZIONISTS TO BENEFIT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Representation at the next World Zionist Congress will no longer be based on the shekel system, Zvi Lurie, member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, announced at a press conference here today.

Discussing proposals for changing the "double shekel" system which gave Israel twice as much representation for each membership token sold to a Zionist party member, Mr. Lurie said that in the future Israel's representation will be held down to 40 percent of the total, while the American Zionist movement's delegation will increase from 23 to about 30 percent.

Mr. Lurie further announced that delegates from 14 Zionist federations in Europe and North Africa would meet in Amsterdam January 31, 1959. For the first time, observers representing Zionists in Spain and Portugal would be present.

## FRENCH DIPLOMATS BARRED BY JORDAN FROM BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS SERVICE

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- French diplomats in Israel appear to be the only non-Israeli Christians in that country who will not be allowed to cross into Jordan territory Christmas, to participate in the traditional services in Bethlehem, it was revealed here today.

A dispatch from Jordan-held Jerusalem said the Amman Government had drafted a list of 2,000 Christians stationed in Israel who will be permitted to cross the lines. It includes all diplomatic and consular personnel, except the French.

## J. W. B. ANNOUNCES NATIONAL MERIT FELLOWSHIP IN JEWISH SOCIAL WORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The first national merit fellowship in the field of social work was announced here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The JWB fellowship, worth \$3,000, will be spread over two years to permit graduate social work education for a person seeking a career in Jewish community center or YMHA work.

The fellowship is sponsored by the JWB Presidents Club, an organization of present and past Jewish community center presidents. Deadline for applications, available to college graduates interested in social work, is March 15.

The fellowship was made possible by contributions from Hyman Rogal, president of the club; Morris Cafritz, of Washington; Philip Dimond, of Paterson, New Jersey; and Aaron Brenner, of Memphis, Tenn.

## YARON, FORMER ISRAELI COUNCIL IN CHICAGO, NAMED ENVOY TO HUNGARY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Yerichmiel Yaron, former Israeli consul in Chicago, was today named Minister to Hungary.

The 49-year-old diplomat, born in Vienna, served in the Palestine Mandatory police administration for 15 years. After Israel's independence was established, he served in consular posts in Cyprus and Chicago and as first secretary of the Israel Legation in Mexico City.

## LION FEUCHTWANGER, WORLD FAMOUS NOVELIST, DIES IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Lion Feuchtwanger, world famous novelist, died here yesterday at the age of 74. Born in Germany, he came to the United States in 1941. He died in Mt. Sinai Hospital here following an operation.

A confirmed pacifist whose anti-war poems were published in Germany as early as 1914, Mr. Feuchtwanger was honored by being on the first list of intellectuals to be deprived of German citizenship when the Nazis came to power. He left Germany and settled in France but was forced to flee again when the French Republic fell, going to Lisbon and then the United States.

Among his best known works are "Jew Süss"--subsequently distorted by Nazi film-makers who converted it into a vehicle of anti-Semitic propaganda; "The Oppermanns"; "Success" and "Josephus." He also wrote many critical articles, poetic dramas and translated Aristophanes plays from the Greek.

## ISRAEL TO ISSUE POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING SHOLEM ALEICHEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Post Office announced today it would issue a special stamp to commemorate the one hundredth birthday next year of Sholem Aleichem.

## \$250,000 SYNAGOGUE TO BE BUILT AT NEW YORK'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Plans for the building of a \$250,000 synagogue at the International Airport here for the use of travelers to and from the United States, was announced last night. The synagogue is expected to be completed and in use by the end of 1959.