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## ISRAEL WEIGHS NEW COMPULSORY LOAN TO MEET COSTS OF IMMIGRANT SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Israeli authorities were studying today the possibility of levying a compulsory loan of 30,000,000 pounds (\$16,667,000) to help finance the costs of receiving and settling the mass immigration from Eastern Europe expected here this year. The compulsory loan would be in addition to a voluntary loan issue of 20 million pounds (\$11,112,000) which has already been launched here.

Absorption of the newcomers in 1959 will require a total expenditure here of about 200,000,000 pounds (\$111,112,000), it is estimated. Of this total, some 130,000,000 pounds (\$61,112,000) is expected from abroad, leaving a balance of 70 million pounds (\$38,890,000) which will have to come from Israel itself.

The Israeli participation, would come through the voluntary loan of twenty million, an increase of 20 million in the loan being raised for immigrant housing, making it 70 million instead of 50 million, and the proposed new compulsory loan of 30 million.

A special tax to raise 30 million has been discussed in place of the proposed compulsory loan, it is understood, but the majority of the experts were reported to favor a compulsory loan, which would ultimately be repaid to the subscribers.

## NINE TRANSIT CAMPS REOPENED IN ISRAEL TO SHELTER NEW IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency disclosed today that it had reopened nine maabarot (transit camps) to house newly-arrived immigrants from Eastern Europe. The number of immigrants already arrived here now exceeds the permanent housing made ready for the immigrant flood in a speeded-up construction program.

Figures published today on the vocational composition of the new immigration indicated that Israel stands to profit by acquisition of professional skills. In the five months since large-scale immigration was renewed from Eastern Europe, about 500 professional men and women have arrived here. Their number included 162 medical doctors, 100 engineers and 90 economists and accountants.

## MOSCOW SAYS WEST GROOMS ISRAEL FOR ROLE IN NEW MID-EAST TROUBLES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union predicted that "further highly dramatic situations" will develop in the Middle East in 1959, and charged that the West was grooming Israel for a place "in the foreground" of the new Middle East troubles.

The accusations were made in "New Times," a weekly journal published in Moscow in nine languages. Copies of the journal, containing an article entitled "Middle East: Imperialist Comeback Plans," were circulated here by the Soviet delegation to the United Nations today.

"New Times" summarized the Soviet view of last year's developments in the Middle East. The journal declared that the Middle East policy developed by United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "has tumbled in ruins about his head." Then the publication continued:

"Once again Israel is being pushed into the forefront. Britain and the U.S. have resumed arms deliveries to her and France has substantially increased their amount. The Tel Aviv rulers have taken heart again and intensified the war of nerves against the Arab nations, as evidenced by the numerous frontier incidents staged by Israeli troops this month."

The latest Kremlin anti-Israel attack was likened here to the pro-Arab attitude taken at last week's Security Council meeting by the Soviet spokesman, Georgy P. Arkadev. Mr. Arkadev then accused Israel of committing "border violations" through overflights over Egyptian territory. Referring to the murder of several Israeli shepherds Mr. Arkadev said: "We regret the loss of human life, but we cannot refrain from mentioning the fact that the shepherds are not following their flocks with the idyllic shepherd's staff, but with automatic machine guns which are capable of destroying themselves."

## ISRAELI DIPLOMAT DEFINES CONDITIONS BASIC TO ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Developments within the next few weeks will tell whether recent clashes on the Israel-Syrian border were isolated incidents or "a part of a pattern of aggression" by Syria, Yaakov Herzog, Israel Minister in Washington, said tonight, addressing the mid-winter conference dinner of Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization.

The Israeli diplomat told the assemblage that if international tensions in the Middle East were abated, "the Israel-Arab problem might be capable of settlement far more easily than is generally imagined." He noted that "in the measure that the possibility of eliminating Israel by force will recede, the mental climate towards a settlement will develop. Hatred will cease when its futility becomes totally apparent. Greater revolutions than this have taken place in national and international attitudes."

Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national chairman for Zionist affairs, reviewing Middle East developments, called for a strong United States policy of strengthening the Middle Eastern countries which have consistently supported Western interests. She identified them as Israel and Iran. American foreign policy, she said, must not look to Nasser of Egypt as champion of Western interests in the area.

The conference adopted a resolution supporting the Administration's request for a supplemental appropriation for the Development Loan Fund for foreign aid. The request is now awaiting action in Congress.

The parley also voted to set up a special endowment fund for future expansion and emergency needs, the fund to be based on a special life insurance plan under which individual members of Hadassah would take out \$1,000 life insurance policies with Hadassah named as "irrevocable beneficiary." The premiums, based on the age of the individual, would be tax-deductible and the policies would be issued without medical examination. Hadassah would be able to make loans against the cash value of the policies in the event of emergency. Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president, announced that the plan will be initiated immediately on the West Coast.

## JEWISH FAMILY'S PROPERTY IS REPORTED SNAG IN ANGLO-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Sir Denis Ricketts, member of the British delegation which negotiated an as yet unsigned financial pact between Britain and the United Arab Republic, returned here today after a flying visit to Washington where he conferred with Eugene Black, head of the World Bank. Mr. Black has agreed to act again as mediator between Cairo and London to resolve a dispute which has held up signing of the Anglo-UAR pact.

According to informed sources, the major obstacle to the signature is the claim of a family of Jewish refugees who are British subjects and have lived in Egypt for several decades. According to these sources, an "oversight" by the British negotiators and "bad faith" by the Egyptians resulted in an under-valuation of land owned by the Smouha family. The Smouhas, a 55-member family most of whose members fled Egypt after the Sinai-Suez campaign and are now living in Britain and Western Europe, own a large parcel of land in Alexandria.

The land, site of a racetrack, a golf course and a vast business and residential development known as Smouha City, is worth about 20,000 pounds (\$56,000) an acre. The Egyptians, listing it as farm land, valued it at 300 pounds an acre, a difference of about 16,000,000 pounds (\$44,800,000).

The Smouha fortune was founded by Joseph Smouha, who came from Manchester, England, to Egypt in 1917. Seven years later he bought 700 acres of marshy land on the outskirts of Alexandria and began reclaiming and developing it. Eventually, it became Alexandria's flashiest suburb. Now, the 55 members of the Smouha family are organized into 16 separate branches, each of which is claiming over a million pounds from the Nasser regime. Thus far, the family--once the richest British Jewish family in Egypt--has received 80,000 pounds in loans from the British Government.

## TURKISH AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE ARAB ATTACK ON ISRAELI STUDENT

ISTANBUL, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Two Arab students at the University of Istanbul who attacked Isaac Catalan, only Israel student at the University, were released on bail today as a University disciplinary committee started an investigation into the attack.

The student, who contended he had been harassed by Arab students ever since he enrolled in the University's medical school, has recovered from head wounds and is again attending courses. He told University authorities he was enticed from the University by one Arab student and attacked by 20 other Arab students outside.

The United Arab Republic consulate here has filed a complaint against Catalan, charging him with conducting anti-Arab propaganda at the University.

## JEWS AND AUTHORITIES ACT TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITISM IN WEST GERMANY

DUSSELDORF, Germany, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany announced today that it would create a bureau to register and investigate all anti-Semitic developments reported in West Germany.

The recent anti-Semitic wave, the Council said, had not brought about any basic changes in the general situation. The political factors involved in the situation had repeatedly been pointed out by the Council, the Council noted. To overcome these factors, it continued, would require not only additional legislation by an educational program in schools, universities and in the press and on the radio. Both children and adults must be made aware of the facts of Nazi persecution of the Jews, it stressed.

The Minister of the Interior of North Rhine-Westphalia, Dr. W. Dufhues, announced today that he had set up a special police unit to study anti-Jewish excesses. He added that provincial Ministers of the Interior were unanimous in demanding strong measures to suppress anti-Semitic outbursts.

However, Dr. Dufhues denied that the anti-Semitism of the postwar era was in any sense organized. He said some of it was very likely the work of right-wing ultra-nationalist groups, but they were relatively unimportant. Noting that the chief suspect in the recent desecration of the Dusseldorf synagogue was a member of the Communist Party, he said that it was possible "certain forces are trying to discredit the West German Republic abroad by stirring up anti-Semitism here."

### London Paper Warns of "Dangerous Influences" At Work in Germany

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The London Daily Mail, in a full-page report on anti-Semitism in Germany, concluded that hooliganism aside, there is growing uneasiness, self-criticism and heart searchings in government circles that the moral rehabilitation program has still not affected a small, hard-core of entirely unrepentant Nazis within Germany; that the vigilance of the courts in pursuing such cases of anti-Semitism that have come before them is not entirely above suspicion; and that an underground route exists by which war criminals and rabid anti-Semites awaiting trial have succeeded in reaching Cairo from Germany.

The newspaper reported that "dangerous influences are at work" in Germany. It described them as incorrigible Nazis working from a base in the United Arab Republic, and Communist agent provocateurs believed behind recent acts of anti-Semitism such as the daubing of swastikas on the Dusseldorf synagogue.

## FRENCH AMNESTY DECREE BARS COLLABORATORS WHO ABETTED DEPORTATIONS

PARIS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A decree returning to wartime collaborators their civil rights if they have completed sentences for working with the Germans in the Hitler period does not include those who "knowingly exposed or tried to expose anyone to torture, deportation or death," it was pointed out today.

The French Government published the decree in its official Journal yesterday. The decree, while giving such collaborators such rights as that of voting, specifically excluded them from the right to public employment.

## MOATTI, ACTIVE IN FRENCH JEWISH CAUSES, ELECTED TO KEY ASSEMBLY POST

PARIS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Rene Moatti, President of the Paris Municipal Council (Mayor) in 1952-53, has been elected to the key post of chairman of the Constitutional, Law, Legislation and General Administration of the Republic Commission of the French National Assembly.

M. Moatti has long been active in Jewish communal affairs in France and in North Africa and has been affiliated with several Jewish organizations here. He was one of the Jewish candidates elected to Parliament on Deputy Premier Jacques Soustelle's Union for the New Republic slate.

## REWARD POSTED FOR ARREST OF DESECRATORS OF FREIBURG SYNAGOGUE

FREIBURG, Germany, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A reward of 1,000 marks was posted here today for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the desecration of the local Jewish cemetery last week-end.

A number of headstones were painted over with Nazi and S.S. symbols and slogans. Since the wall surrounding the cemetery is quite tall, only adults are believed to have been involved.

## AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HONORS VIENNA JEWISH LEADER

VIENNA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- President Adolf Schaefer announced today the designation of Wilhelm Krell, executive director of the Vienna Jewish community, as a member of the Austrian Privy Council. Herr Krell played a leading role in obtaining concessions from the Austrian Government in the indemnification of the Jews of Austria for losses they suffered under the Nazi regime.

# ENGEL SAYS HIGH OFFICIALS CONDONE WASHINGTON ANTI-JEWISH HOUSING BARS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee charged here today that Jews are excluded by overt or covert means from renting or owning dwellings in at least 15 separate residential areas in the nation's capital. All these sections in Washington, D. C., are in the "desirable North West quadrant, within a three to five-mile radius of the White House."

The charges were made by Irving M. Engel, the Committee's president, in testimony before the United States Commission on Civil Rights which held two days of hearings here on housing discrimination.

He stressed concern that "high government office-holders of both political parties, knowingly or unwittingly continue to inhabit these exclusionary areas, and by their silence appear to condone such practices."

Mr. Engel noted that "as office-holders in our government, they are trustees of an important and precious tradition, namely, that equality of opportunity should exist in all departments of American life, regardless of religion."

"It is, we think, vital that a principle so hard won should also be protected by officials of our government. Living in a community which is the very seat of our government constitutes an action that should be exemplary to the rest of the nation; also, Washington, being our national capital, is the mirror of our nation exposed to world public view."

## Lists Devices Used to Exclude Jews

Mr. Engel said that three major devices were used to carry out the exclusionary policies: "Compliance with ancient restrictive covenants; 'gentlemen's agreements' against the acquisition of homes by Jews, and a variety of 'devious methods' to avoid exhibiting available dwellings to prospective Jewish purchasers in areas from which Jews have been excluded. He deplored the 'mischievous meddling of real estate brokers in the District of Columbia and its environs in perpetuating a pattern of residential discrimination against American Jews."

Dealing with the national scene, Mr. Engel said that "in almost every major American city or its suburbs, neighborhoods exist in which restrictive devices are used to prevent minority groups from buying homes or renting apartments." He stated that this discrimination "falls most heavily on the people who are not white."

## STATE COMMISSION IS ASKED TO RECONSIDER BIAS CHARGES AGAINST ARAMCO

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Reconsideration of charges that the Arabian American Oil Company is discriminating against Jewish applicants for jobs in violation of the State FEPC was recommended yesterday by Charles Abrams, retiring head of the State Commission Against Discrimination. The recommendation returns the complaint, filed by the American Jewish Congress, to the Commission member who dismissed the AJC action originally, Elmer A. Carter.

ARAMCO has never denied that it screens out Jews for jobs at its Saudi Arabian installations, pointing out that Saudi Arabia refuses to allow Jews--American or otherwise--into the country. Mr. Carter, who will himself succeed Mr. Abrams, after consultations with the State Department held that considerations of national security outweighed violation of the state law. Mr. Carter also noted, with supporting statements from the State Department, that there was no effective way ARAMCO could employ Jews in Saudi Arabia in view of the Arabian Government's ban.

## NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS STATE STUDY OF HATE LITERATURE ISSUE

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A proposal that the New York State Legislature study the question of "hate literature" within its general function of surveying obscene and otherwise offensive material, has been submitted to it by State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, he disclosed today.

In a letter to the New York Times, Mr. Lefkowitz revealed his move and said he understood that a resolution broadening the scope of the appropriate Legislative committee was under consideration. The Attorney General noted that action in this field impinged on the field of free speech and free press, but insisted that these basic rights "may not be used as a shield behind which violence and breaches of the peace may be incited."

## YEHUDA GLASMAN, FORMER DAIA OFFICIAL, DIES IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Yehuda Julio Glasman, veteran Labor Zionist leader and one-time secretary general of the DAIA, representative of Argentine Jewry, died here yesterday at the age of 62. Mr. Glasman came to Argentina from the United States in 1918.