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NEW YORK U. J. A. GETS \$30, 000, 000 LOAN; TO HELP RUMANIAN EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York today completed arrangements for a credit of \$30, 000, 000 from seven local banks. Samuel D. Leidesdorf, New York UJA treasurer, made the announcement following formal signing of the loan agreement by officers of the UJA and participating banks.

The credit exceeds by \$9, 000, 000 the amount of the biggest previous financing of this kind undertaken by the United Jewish Appeal of New York. It will be used to help speed the resettlement in Israel this year of an anticipated 100, 000 or more immigrants from Eastern Europe, principally Rumania. Mr. Leidesdorf said that borrowing of such unusual proportions has been made necessary by the great volume of the current immigration to Israel of thousands of Jews leaving Rumania each month.

Banks participating in the loan are the Manufacturers Trust Company, First National City Bank of New York, the Bankers Trust Company, Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, Hanover Bank, Chase Manhattan Bank and Marine Midland Trust Company.

Representatives of the United Jewish Appeal in negotiations for the credit included Mr. Leidesdorf; Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the Jewish Agency, the UJA beneficiary responsible for transportation and resettlement of immigrants to Israel; and Henry C. Bernstein, executive vice-president of the UJA of Greater New York.

Mr. Leidesdorf explained that the \$30, 000, 000 credit is being undertaken in line with UJA's policy of seeking to keep down the long-run cost of resettlement and welfare programs it supports by providing as soon as required the funds for lasting solutions to the needs of the refugees aided. "Our experience has shown that delay in making funds available leads to unnecessary suffering among the people we are trying to help and tends to increase the cost of helping them," he said.

He reported that many contributors have indicated in advance of the 1959 New York UJA campaign, which is now getting under way, that they will greatly increase their gifts this year, with some doubling and more than doubling their 1958 contributions. He warned that this upward trend in giving must be continued to assure that the bank credit will fulfill the purpose for which it has been arranged.

ISRAEL ABSORBED 360, 000 JEWS FROM COMMUNIST STATES; 5, 700 FROM RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Some 5, 700 Jews have arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union, among an overall total of 360, 000 from the Communist states of Eastern Europe. Premier David Ben-Gurion last night told a meeting of the Histadrut's council in preparation for the labor movement's ninth national convention of Histadrut.

Foreign Minister Golda Meir, who addressed the Histadrut session this morning, called on Israel's Jewry to take the lead in absorbing the present group of immigrants and the waves coming in the future. She asked that the people of this country take the lead so that, on her forthcoming tour of the United States, she could tell "our American brethren what we do here and bring them to make greater efforts, as they did during the War of Liberation."

Giving an impetus to the impression already widely held here that the current immigration wave from Rumania would soon widen into a flood augmented by Soviet Jewry, Mrs. Meir said that "in spite of all logic and arguments, we are convinced in the hope that immigration (from the USSR) would come as well. We may not even find an explanation for such a move from official authorities, but still it may come tomorrow." Mrs. Meir will emplane Thursday for her trip to the United States.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, commenting in his speech on the international scene, accused the Soviet Union of heading those forces which "practice incitement against us in the international arena." He charged that the USSR had even set up a special "peace movement" for that purpose.

He also criticized the "false neutrality" of "important and influential personalities on the international scene who proclaim their allegiance to neutrality and peace, but are not neutral or peace-loving towards Israel."

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDES HOSTEL FOR RUMANIAN JEWS IN TRANSIT

VIENNA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government, in response to a request from the Jewish Agency, agreed today to make available a hostel for Rumanian Jews in transit to Israel. The hostel is the Kaiserebersdorf near Vienna which will house 500 persons.

The request was made to the Ministry of the Interior in anticipation of mass transports anticipated in the next few days. More groups continue to arrive here daily with stopovers of several days until transports to Naples could be completed. On a typical day 200 Rumanian Jews, mostly skilled workers and many children, left Vienna for Naples.

ESHKOL HINTS HIGHER TAXES FOR ISRAELIS TO HELP SETTLE IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The prospect of higher rates for Israel's taxpayers to help finance the absorption of the anticipated mass immigration this year was indicated last night by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol.

He said that a 200,000,000 pound supplementary budget for that purpose, augmenting the current 1,336,000,000 pound draft budget for the next fiscal year, will be presented to the Knesset after the first reading of the draft.

About half of the supplementary budget, he stated, would have to come from taxpayers in the form of a special immigration levy and higher rates in taxes and excises. He said many millions of dollars were also expected from world Jewry. Debate on the regular budget has already started but the fact that the supplementary budget has not yet been included makes the debate somewhat academic, it was pointed out.

EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES TO HELP EMIGRATION FROM RUMANIA

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- "There is a strong determination on the part of Jewish communities of Western Europe to help large numbers of Jews from Rumania and other East European countries to reach Israel," Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, said today upon his return from Europe.

Dr. Schwartz announced that a program had been worked out for the participation of the Jewish communities of Western Europe in a new \$300,000,000 Israel bond issue, which will be officially inaugurated in the United States early next month. The launching of the issue, to be floated by the Government of Israel in the United States, will take place at a national inaugural conference at Miami during the first week-end in March, he said.

In addition to conferring with European leaders, Dr. Schwartz also visited Vienna to witness the arrival of Jews coming out of Eastern Europe on their way to Israel. "The expected influx of 100,000 new immigrants into Israel from Eastern European countries this year," he declared, "has placed heavy financial burdens on the Government of Israel, and for that reason, Israel bond funds will be vitally needed to provide for the employment and housing of the newcomers."

KNESSET GETS BILL TO EXEMPT YOUNG WOMEN FROM MILITARY SERVICE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A bill to exempt young women from military service in the Israeli armed forces was introduced in Parliament today by Dr. Zorach Warhaftig and Moshe Unna, deputies of the National Religious Party.

The measure proposes that instead of the present two years of service in military formations, unmarried women between the ages of 18 and 26 be required to give national service in the fields of health and education.

The measure is expected to touch off a heated controversy when it is debated at the end of the month, with Premier David Ben Gurion undoubtedly leading off the attack. The problem of military service for young women has been a touchy one in the past, when, because the religious bloc was in the governing coalition, a compromise was effected permitting religious women to substitute service in religious settlements for military duties.

YEMENITE CONSIDERED AS CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER OF ISRAEL PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The presidium of the Knesset decided today that the election to choose a successor to the late Joseph Sprinzak as Speaker would be held March 2 amid speculation that the new Speaker might be the first Yemenite to hold that post.

The date was set following the final refusal of Moshe Sharett, former Foreign Minister and Prime Minister, to accept the position. The most frequently mentioned alternative among Mapai leaders was the Yemenite Deputy Speaker, Yishayahu Sharabi.

ISRAEL CANNOT APPEAL AGAINST MOSCOW'S RUPTURE OF OIL SUPPLY PACT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The rejection by the Moscow Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Tribunal of Israel's claim for compensation in the rupture of an oil supply agreement was final and cannot be appealed, Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir told Parliament today.

She said there was no possibility of an appeal to the International Court of Justice at The Hague on this matter. On the other hand, she announced that the world court at The Hague will start hearings next month on Israel's claim against Bulgaria for the shooting down of an El Al passenger plane in 1955. The Soviet export agency abruptly cancelled the oil supply agreement with Israel immediately after the start of the Sinai campaign.

WORLD COURT TO START HEARINGS ON ISRAEL'S CLAIM AGAINST BULGARIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Hearings before the International Court of Justice at The Hague on Israel's claim against Bulgaria for shooting down an El Al plane and killing 58 passengers, will start on March 16, it was reported today by U. S. Government sources.

The United States has watched the issue with interest because a number of American citizens were among the 58 persons killed. The first hearing on the case will deal with preliminary Bulgarian objections to the jurisdiction of the world court.

Proceedings were instituted by Israel Government against Bulgaria in October, 1957. Israel told the world court that damages equivalent to \$7,462,803 had been claimed. Israel reserved the legal right to claim moral and material reparation at a later stage in the case.

The State Department is on record as having denounced Bulgaria and urged its government to settle claims arising from the incident. Cases filed by the United States and United Kingdom against Bulgaria are pending at the world court.

The United States filed a brief and evidence on behalf of six American citizens who left American next-of-kin. America also sought through its action to protect freedom of the air. The United States position is that even if a plane accidentally strays from its flight plan over a national boundary there is no justification for shooting it down without warning and killing its passengers.

Bulgaria at first promised to make a financial settlement. But this was before Bulgaria gained admission to the United Nations. Once the Communist state was admitted to the United Nations, it arbitrarily refused to admit responsibility, holding that El Al was entirely to blame.

BRITAIN AND ISRAEL NEGOTIATE RENEWAL OF AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Negotiations have been underway for a week here between Israel and Britain on a renewal of the air transport agreement between the two countries which is now deadlocked, it was reported today.

Unresolved issues include a proposal by Israel to increase the number of London stopovers by El Al planes on flights to and from the United States. Britain seeks to increase the percentage of passengers not travelling the entire Tel Aviv-London route and also to introduce Britannia planes and later Comet jets on the London-Tel Aviv route.

It was also announced here today that plans have been drafted here and in Paris for Israeli and French tourists to travel between Israeli and French Mediterranean ports and the Black Sea, via Zim luxury liners. Before the cruises can be scheduled, however, agreement must be obtained from the Soviet and Bulgarian Governments to permit the excursion vessels to call at their ports.

MUNICIPALITY OF TUNISIA CONVERTS JEWISH CEMETERY INTO PLAYGROUND

TUNISIA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Though the municipality of Tunisia and the local Jewish community are still involved in litigation to clear the title to a Jewish cemetery here, work has already begun on the construction of a playground which the city is building on the site of the cemetery.

Work has progressed to such a point that Premier Habib Bourguiba paid a ceremonial visit of inspection to the site last week. However, both ownership and future status of the tract is still in dispute. The case is before a Tunisian court.

ISRAEL GOVT. AGREES TO NAMING OF OGDEN REID AS UNITED STATES ENVOY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has agreed to the appointment of Ogden Reid, former publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, as the new United States Ambassador to Israel, it was announced here today. Mr. Reid will succeed Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, who came to Israel in November, 1954.

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY NOT AUTHORIZED TO RAISE FUNDS IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A spokesman of the Jewish Agency declared today that the Agency's Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns has not authorized the Tel Aviv University to engage in any fund-raising activities in the United States.

The Committee, consisting of representatives of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the United Jewish Appeal as well as the Jewish Agency, each year releases a list of authorized public fund-raising campaigns for Israel.

ESSEX COUNCIL ADOPTS FORMULA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF U. J. A. FUNDS

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 11. (JTA) -- In a move designed to provide the utmost possible funds to meet the crisis in immigration overseas and to prevent further cuts in local communal services, the board of trustees of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County voted to adopt a formula for the distribution of 1959 United Jewish Appeal funds. The formula provides that:

1. Of the net funds available for distribution of the first \$2,000,000 gross raised in the 1959 UJA campaign--the same amount as that raised in 1958--Israeli and other overseas agencies will receive \$899,000 (national UJA will receive \$828,085 of this amount); local agencies, including refugee care services, will receive \$716,000; and national service, cultural and community relations agencies, \$81,145.

2. Of all funds raised beyond \$2,000,000, national UJA is to be allocated 75 percent, and local and other needs 25 percent.

The formula, which was presented to the board for adoption by Leo Yanoff, president of the Jewish Community Council, was arrived at a discussion between representatives of the Council and the national United Jewish Appeal. "This formula for distribution of funds provides a challenge to the contributors of our community to go beyond the \$2,000,000 raised last year and give more to meet the pressing needs of 1959," Mr. Yanoff said.

"The most urgent of these needs are the emigration this year of 100,000 Rumanian Jews to Israel, and the safeguarding--and hopefully, the restoration--of essential services vitally needed by the Jewish people of Essex County," he stated. He stressed the point that "this formula will enable us to do better for all the agencies of our campaign--local, national, Israeli and overseas."

JEWISH WOMAN NAMED JUSTICE OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT

BOSTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Judge Jennie L. Barron of Brookline, Mass., who in 1937 became the first woman to be named a full-time municipal judge in Massachusetts, has been named an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Judge Barron thus became the first woman to sit on the state's Superior Court bench.

Long active in Jewish communal affairs, Judge Barron has distinguished herself in public service on the state, national and international levels. A former assistant attorney general of Massachusetts, she was named by the State Department in 1955 to serve on the U. S. delegation to the first United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime which was held in Geneva.

Mrs. Barron was the first president of the Women's Division in New England of the American Jewish Congress. The AJC law library at its national headquarters is named in her honor.

B'NAI B'RITH DISPLAYS LINCOLN DOCUMENT EXPLAINING STAND TOWARD JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- An original Lincoln letter, in which the Civil War president denied any associations with the "know-nothings" of his day, was presented to B'nai B'rith yesterday by Sen. John S. Cooper, Kentucky Republican.

The letter was presented to Maurice Bisgyer, B'nai B'rith executive vice-president, for display at the organization's Abraham Lincoln and the Jews exhibit. The July 21, 1860 letter is on loan from the Library of Congress. It is part of the collection at the B'nai B'rith museum of original documents dealing with the role of Jews in Lincoln's personal and political life in commemoration of his birthday.

DR. EINSTEIN AWARDED PRIZE BY AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Albert Einstein, son of the late Albert Einstein, was awarded a research prize by the American Society of Civil Engineers yesterday for his contribution to "knowledge of transportation of sediment in flowing water."

Dr. Einstein, a member of the staff of the University of California, was one of four engineers honored at the annual convention of the Society.