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### RESTORATION OF U.S. GRANT AID TO ISRAEL REQUESTED AT WASHINGTON HEARING

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- Requests that the United States Government resume direct grant aid to Israel, under its special assistance program to countries abroad, were voiced here today at the House Foreign Affairs Committee in testimony on the Administration's Mutual Security Program. Elimination of Israel from the list of countries receiving such aid was announced by the Administration earlier this month.

Rep. James G. Fulton, Pennsylvania Republican, proposed that the U.S. Government match the United Jewish Appeal in earmarking funds for the resettlement of Jewish refugees in Israel. He told the Foreign Affairs Committee that he is preparing legislation providing at least \$50,000,000 for refugee relief, to be distributed on the basis of a new formula under which the United States would match funds contributed through foundations like the United Jewish Appeal.

Rep. Edna Kelly, New York Democrat, announced that she would join in supporting the Fulton refugee measure. Rep. Fulton pointed out that Israel is aiding to relieve the world refugee burden, and should be aided by the United States. He outlined a plan similar to the one under which the United States provides an amount to match funds of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Rep. Fulton said that matching funds would be provided to an organization like the UJA, possibly on a basis of the United States matching every two dollars raised by the UJA with one dollar from the U.S. Government. The same arrangement would be available to private or Arab Government undertakings to relieve Arab refugees. It would pertain to refugees of many lands, and would be linked to American participation in World Refugee Year which will start July 1.

Pointing out that fiscal year 1960 overlaps the 1960 calendar year by six months, Rep. Fulton argued that a provision might be added to the foreign aid bill now before the committee. He said the plan would provide incentive for private contributions, and would help solve the world refugee problem. By adopting his proposal now, Rep. Fulton said, the United States would anticipate participation in the refugee year observance.

### American Jewish Concern Expressed; Israel's Needs Cited

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, testifying for the Synagogue Council of America, told the committee of Jewish concern over the elimination of direct grant aid to Israel and urged continuation of such aid. He said that, while aid might flow through other channels, there was nevertheless concern over the elimination of direct aid, because Israel's plight was becoming more serious, rather than improving.

Israel, he pointed out, was at a difficult juncture--forced to spend its own funds on military needs, and receiving no military assistance from the United States. He attributed a portion of Israel's economic difficulty to Arab hostility. Dr. Eisendrath testified on behalf of the Synagogue Council of America which is the national coordinating agency for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and the United Synagogue of America.

Rabbi Eisendrath told the committee of Israel's foreign exchange deficit, the eventual termination of German reparations, and the maturing of Israel Development Bonds. In his view, Israel's economy would worsen rather than improve in the near future. In viewing cessation of direct aid to Israel, as announced by the Administration, the rabbi pointed out that Israel should be considered a "bastion of democracy" whose viability was in the national security interest of the United States and the free world.

Robert R. Nathan, economic consultant to the State of Israel, told the committee that the United States, in addition to providing development loans and surplus commodities sales, should continue direct grant aid to Israel under the special assistance program.

Mr. Nathan said that, while Israel has made "phenomenal progress," the Jewish State is not yet at the "take-off" point economically to permit termination of grant aid. He pointed out that Israel is not yet at the "edge" of self-support. He told the Committee that Israel

faces a tremendous problem in the resettlement of immigrants from Eastern Europe, described Israel's needs as larger than previous requirements, and stressed that grant aid should be continued in support of Israel's efforts to achieve self-sufficiency.

He pointed out that the Development Loan Fund "had less than a million dollars available for loans at the end of March, against the total screened applications of something like \$1,500,000,000. Mr. Nathan added that, even in the unlikely eventuality that the Administration obtains the full \$225,000,000 requested for deficiency appropriations for the development loan fund, "this will leave the excess of screened applications over available funds at almost \$1,300,000,000."

Meanwhile, Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, has protested to the U.S. International Cooperation Administration against the severance of grant aid to Israel, and requested an explanation of the Administration's decision. He wrote to Leonard J. Saccio, acting ICA director, saying he was "considerably perturbed by this decision because, while the economic growth of Israel has been gratifying, it still is faced with difficult times and an unfavorable balance of payments situation."

Rep. Halpern added that he was "disturbed in attempting to correlate a cut-off of economic grant assistance to Israel with the continuation of military aid to Saudi Arabia, particularly at a time when Israel is beginning to play more of a role as a connecting link between the Atlantic community and the underdeveloped nations."

#### BEN GURION CASTIGATES ISRAELIS WHO SCOFF AT THE BIBLE

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- So-called "modernists" and "progressives" who snub the Bible as "passe" were castigated here by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today. He voiced his attacks against detractors of biblical lore, when he addressed the opening of a four-day biblical research convention which started here this morning.

Regardless of skeptics and cynics, Mr. Ben-Gurion stated, "the immortal values of the Book of Books" remain unchanged today. Several hundred delegates from all parts of Israel are attending the convention. The sessions will be devoted entirely to the Books of Isaiah and Ezekiel, and will feature presentations by leading scholars of learned papers dealing with the eras when these two prophets lived.

#### TRANS-ATLANTIC SHIPPING LINE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY TURKEY AND ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Establishment of a new Turco-Israeli trans-Atlantic shipping line, which may start operations this summer, is under consideration by Turkish and Israeli shipping lines, according to an announcement here today.

According to the proposal, the joint company would operate Turkish ships running from Istanbul to Haifa, and Israeli vessels from Haifa to New York. At present, Turkish shipping firms have no trans-Atlantic line but operate under agreements with other shipping lines, that bring trans-Atlantic passengers to Turkey via Naples, Italy.

#### JAPANESE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO DISCUSS TRADE EXPANSION

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- The possibility of expansion of Israeli trade with Japan was discussed at a conference held here today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and a four-member delegation of top-ranking economic experts from Tokyo.

The Japanese, who arrived last night for this purpose, are the director of the Japanese Manufacturers Association, the head of the Japanese Export-Import Bank, the vice-president of the Japanese Agricultural Imports Society, and the head of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's Middle East department.

#### ISRAELI EXPORTS INCREASING; GAIN IN FOREIGN CURRENCY REPORTED

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Israeli exports are increasing in dollar volume. Figures announced today show that, during the first quarter of 1959, January-March inclusive, exports totalled a value of \$62,000,000, compared with \$59,300,000 for the same period a year ago.

The oil refineries here, taken over by Israel from British owners last February 1, have increased production by ten percent in the last year, figures issued here today disclosed. The figures showed that, of a total of 860 employees at the refineries, 100 are Arabs.

#### SPAIN HAS NO INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL, JORDAN ENVOY REPORTS

PARIS, April 13. (JTA) -- Jordan's Ambassador in Madrid has been assured by the Spanish Foreign Ministry that Spain will not recognize Israel and that Spain has no intention of establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

Press dispatches which brought this report here today from Amman, Jordan, stated also that Spain has promised Madrid's "full support" to any Arab state that might be "the victim of Israeli aggression."

## ADENAUER'S SUCCESSOR TO FOLLOW POLICY OF FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM

BONN, April 13. (JTA) -- Political circles here expressed the belief today that Dr. Konrad Adenauer's determined opposition to resurgent Nazism and anti-Semitism in West Germany will be continued by his successor in the Chancellery, which Dr. Adenauer will leave this Summer.

Christian Democratic Party leaders also voiced confidence that Dr. Adenauer's strong stand on reparations and indemnification of the victims of Nazism will be maintained by the new West German Chancellor, whoever he may be.

Dr. Adenauer's decision to resign as Chancellor and seek the Presidency of the West German Federal Republic is expected to involve a complete cabinet reshuffle. One possibility seen here is the participation of the Free Democratic Party in a coalition with the dominant Christian Democratic Union, which Dr. Adenauer heads, and the elimination from the government of the right-wing Deutsches Partei. In this event, two of the present Christian Democratic Union members of the cabinet and the one representative of the Deutsches Partei, all three of whom are regarded as allegedly having had Nazi affiliations, would be dropped from the cabinet.

## GERMANY TO COMPENSATE FOR HOUSEHOLD ASSETS SEIZED BY NAZIS IN FRANCE

BONN, April 13. (JTA) -- Negotiations between the West German Republic and French organizations of Nazi victims, involving restitution for household assets mainly of French Jews confiscated in France by German occupation troops, will be concluded soon, a spokesman for the West German Ministry of Finance declared today.

Similar negotiations with Belgian organizations will begin in a few weeks, he said. The claims are based on the Federal Indemnification Law and are independent of indemnification claims of the Governments of France and Belgium for compensation for their nationals who suffered in Nazi concentration camps.

A year of negotiations between the Bonn Finance Ministry and an organization of Dutch Nazi victims ended last week with an agreement for payment of 300,000,000 marks in compensation. It has been estimated that the restitution for household property seized in various European countries by German troops in World War II will cost the Bonn Republic about 1,500,000,000 marks.

## GERMAN JEWISH LEADER STRESSES NEED TO REMIND GERMANS OF NAZI CRIMES

MUNICH, April 13. (JTA) -- Because there is "an attempt to wipe out all memory and to falsify history," it is incumbent upon all to continue reminding Germany "of the horrible crimes committed by the Nazis," Dr. H.G. Van Dam, secretary general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, declared yesterday at a commemorative ritual conducted at the site of the wartime Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Prayers for the dead, Christian as well as Jewish, exterminated at Bergen-Belsen, were recited by Christian and Jewish clergymen. Heinrich Kopf, Deputy Minister President of Lower Saxony, officially represented the State Government, paying tribute to the memory of "those who gave their lives in the struggle against Nazi tyranny."

## JEWISH "GHETTOS" REPORTED DISAPPEARING IN LARGE CITIES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish "ghettos" in the big cities in this country, where large numbers of Jews have concentrated, are breaking up, as more and more Jews move to the suburbs, the Zionist Federation of Great Britain was told at its conference here today by its honorary president, Israel Sieff.

Stressing the education of Jewish youth, Mr. Sieff told the conference that Jews no longer live in many areas formerly thickly populated by them in Leeds, Manchester and other cities. Jews are also moving out of London's East End--all going to the suburbs.

Five Jewish Day Schools opened in England during recent years, and a sixth school of that type to be opened soon, "will be copied everywhere in the Western world," Mr. Sieff declared. "The Jewish child trained in a Jewish Day School is going to be the invincible core of the Zionist movement that is to come."

Emigration from England to Israel, he continued, is "a mere trickle, because even Zionists are not yet able to make that sacrifice in order to go to live in Israel and build their lives there." The main task ahead for British Zionists, Mr. Sieff stated, "is to build up Jewish communities permeated, through and through, with Jewish consciousness and the will to live."

## NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED IN CANADA TO FIGHT FOR STOPPAGE OF IMMIGRATION

MONTREAL, April 13. (JTA) -- A new organization, which announced that its principal aim is to "fight the great danger of immigration," has been formed in this Province of Quebec. The group's platform declares that "immigration should be stopped," because immigrants allegedly "accept lower working conditions and lower wages."

# CANADIAN GOVERNMENT EXPERTS TERM SHECHITAH AS "ABSOLUTELY HUMANE"

OTTAWA, April 13. (JTA) -- Jewish ritual slaughter was upheld as "absolutely humane" in expert testimony here before a parliamentary committee which is continuing to gather evidence in regard to a proposal for adoption of humane slaughter legislation. More testimony will be given this week, with a representative of the Canadian Jewish Congress scheduled to be on the stand Tuesday.

The testimony favoring Shechitah was given before Parliament's Agricultural Committee--which is holding the hearings--by Dr. K. E. Wells, director general of the Agriculture Department's meat division, and by R. G. Gwatkin, departmental research officer.

After they had testified, Leon Creshtohl, Jewish member of Parliament, said their testimony "established firmly that Shechitah is the most humane method of slaughter in the world." Another member of Parliament, A. D. Hales, told the committee he would recommend that the kosher method of slaughter be used by all. He said he had found all who practice the Jewish method of slaughter as "eminently qualified."

# ELIZABETH TAYLOR CONTRIBUTES \$68,750 FOR CHAMBER THEATRE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 13. (JTA) -- Elizabeth Taylor, Hollywood film star who recently announced her conversion to Judaism, has contributed 125,000 Israeli pounds (\$68,750) to defray the cost of completing the main auditorium of the new Chamber Theatre here. The 1,000-seat auditorium will be named after Miss Taylor's late husband, Michael Todd.

Announcement of the gift was made here last night by Meyer Weisgal, chairman of the public subscription committee on behalf of the Chamber Theatre. Miss Taylor's contribution in memoriam to her late husband, he said, represents proceeds from Todd's last film hit, "Around the World in Eighty Days." Mr. Weisgal said Miss Taylor informed him she would come here to participate in the inauguration of the new Michael Todd Auditorium, when it is ready for opening next year.

# JOSEPH KESSEL, FRENCH-JEWISH AUTHOR, WINS PRINCE RAINIER LITERARY PRIZE

PARIS, April 13. (JTA) -- Joseph E. Kessel, well-known French author and son of immigrant Jewish parents, was awarded today the coveted Prince Rainier literary prize for 1959. The prize, carrying an award of 1,000,000 francs, is given each year to a French-language writer for the outstanding quality of his total work.

The jury that voted the prize to Mr. Kessel consisted of a group of French literary notables, including Georges Duhamel, Andre Maurois and Marcel Pagnol. M. Kessel is 61. He came to France in 1914 and has lived here since, except for the World War II years, attaining prominence as journalist and author.

# J. D. C. HELPS ORTHODOX GROUP TO MAINTAIN 32 SCHOOLS WITH 7,000 PUPILS

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Ozar Hatorah, with the help of the Joint Distribution Committee, maintains 32 schools for 7,000 Jewish children, Dr. Mordechai Hachohen, director general of the Orthodox group, reported today on his return from a two-month tour of the organization's facilities in Europe and North Africa.

He said that Ozar Hatorah also provides education, food, clothing and medical care to 19,000 children in the Middle East and North Africa. Two-thirds of the organization's budget is provided by the JDC, he emphasized.

# MRS. ROSE JACOBS, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH, HONORED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Jacobs, honorary president of Hadassah, who is now visiting Israel, was honored here today with the establishment of a seminary for Youth Aliyah leaders carrying her name.

The dedication ceremony of the seminary was presided over by Moshe Kol, world head of the Youth Aliyah movement, who paid tribute to Mrs. Jacobs for her pioneering activities on behalf of the Hadassah movement and of Zionism. He welcomed her arrival to Israel where she expects to remain for several months.

# PROF. LOWDERMILK TAKEN ILL IN ISRAEL; REMOVED TO HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, famous American soil conservation expert, who came to Israel last week to attend the International Farmers Convention, was taken ill last night and was removed to a hospital. Dr. Lowdermilk's illness was diagnosed as double pneumonia. A medical bulletin this morning reported that he was "progressing."

Dr. Lowdermilk was the originator of the Jordan River Valley project for use of the Jordan's waters. He headed the land reclamation projects in the Jordan valley in Israel, and founded the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering at the Haifa Technion.