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TWO CONGRESSMEN URGE HOUSE TO RESTORE ISRAEL TO AID GRANT LIST

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- Two Congressmen took the House floor today to voice support for an amendment or special wording in the report of the Foreign Affairs Committee to restore Israel to the list of nations to receive direct United States grant assistance in the foreign aid program now before Congress.

Israel was stricken from the list of nations scheduled to receive grants-in-aid under the 1960 Mutual Assistance program on the grounds that the country had made so much economic progress the aid was no longer required. The grant-in-aid to Israel during 1959 was \$7,000,000.

Rep. Chester Bowles, Connecticut Democrat and former U. S. Ambassador to India, said that "the apparent cutback in aid to Israel under the Mutual Security program is disturbing to many of us." He added that "I know of no nation that more clearly fits the standards... for the allocation of economic assistance. Israel is a symbol of what a free people can achieve."

Rep. Bowles, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said "I am confident that this question will be fully explored in the Foreign Affairs Committee and consideration given to special language in the Committee report designed to correct this situation."

Rep. Emilio Q. Daddario, Connecticut Democrat, told the House: "I understand the intention this year is to withdraw from Israel the direct aid provisions of the program... and to confine assistance to the development loan fund... which is very much restricted in amount."

Rep. Daddario suggested that Israel be retained in the direct aid program. In his view, a program which had "achieved a marked degree of success should be continued to the point of certainty." He asked whether "in an area as volatile as that in which Israel finds itself, should we not be certain that we have reached a successful conclusion before withdrawing from the challenge which faces us?"

Rep. Bowles was asked by Mr. Daddario if he agreed "that an amendment should be included to provide that Israel be not withdrawn from participation in this particular area, but that we should include it, taking into consideration all of the problems in that area which call for direct aid as part of the Mutual Security program." Rep. Bowles expressed agreement.

Discussing the criteria for aid, Mr. Daddario said Israel was qualified in that the Jewish State had displayed willingness to make sacrifices "on its own behalf."

LEHMAN SEES ISRAEL AS EMISSARY OF WEST BEFRIENDING ASIA AND AFRICA

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- One of the greatest services Israel could render to the free world is to counter the "spurious Western doctrine of white supremacy," by befriending the emerging nations of Asia and Africa, former U. S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman said last night. Mr. Lehman spoke at a dinner given in his honor by the Israeli-American Friendship Society.

Israel could perform a vast service to the world, Mr. Lehman declared, by befriending the new Afro-Asian nations "not only in the name of Israel, but in the name of democracy and freedom."

Israel's appeal to the new nations, Mr. Lehman went on, "may be due to the fact that Israel is a country whose people understand the wounds that result from the cult of racial superiority and from the practices of racial discrimination."

Referring to Israel's progress and stability in the Middle East region, Mr. Lehman stated that it is only a year, "or less," since some of the Western governments came to a full awareness of Israel's importance as a factor of order, stability and freedom in the area.

Today, the Negev Research Institute at Beersheba dedicated the new Herbert Lehman Laboratory Building which Mr. Lehman, as guest of honor, called "an important human work." The laboratory, he said, will be devoted to making underdeveloped areas habitable as against the "unfortunately necessary research work going on in so many other laboratories in the world to find even more efficient ways of destroying mankind in war."

BEN ZVI DEDICATES MEMORIAL TO WAR HEROES IN LOWER GALILEE BATTLES

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- A huge, imposing memorial to the Israelis who fell in the battles in the Lower Galilee was dedicated today in the presence of President and Mrs. Itzhak Ben Zvi and thousands of relatives of the fallen. The memorial, a statue carved in basalt, stands at the junction of the Tiberias, Afula and Nazareth roads. The names of the fallen are inscribed on a white, triangular stone.

President Ben Zvi, whose own son fell in that area, told the assemblage that the monument was actually three-fold in that it represented the Hashomer, the first Jewish defense forces in Palestine, the Hagana, the Jewish underground army during the British mandate, and the Israel Army of Defense.

BENTOV SAYS NEGEV DEVELOPMENT WILL PERMIT POPULATION OF SIX MILLION

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Israel Minister of Development Mordechai Bentov said in New York last night that "Israel can hold a population of six million when the Negev is fully developed and settled."

In a press conference after completing a month's visit in this country, Mr. Bentov reported an agreement with the directors of the Muscle Shoals chemical and fertilizer plant for supply to Israel of information on the latest methods of producing phosphates.

He noted that Israel was one of the few countries with the basic ingredients of fertilizers and a wide variety of chemicals side by side and pointed out there was no similar supply between the Dead Sea and the West Coast of the United States. In this vast area, he said, there were hundreds of millions of small farmers who "must use more and more fertilizers--and Israel has an unlimited supply."

He said that, in 1959, Israel will produce 140,000 tons of potash, 250,000 tons of phosphates, and 2,000 tons of bromine. The King Solomon Copper Mines at Timna, after a breaking-in period, will, he said, begin producing shortly seven thousand tons of copper a year, most of it for export.

Last year, the Minister said, products of the plants under his Ministry exported \$7,000,000 of various chemicals and materials. This year, this export will reach \$10,000,000, and within 10 years it is expected to reach \$100,000,000 a year.

Mr. Bentov studied with the Bureau of Saline Water, in the Department of the Interior in Washington, progress made in desalination of sea water. He revealed negotiations with General Electric and Westinghouse for installation of a generating station in Elath, which would also sweeten water there at a cost of 60 cents to 80 cents per 1,000 gallons. This price, he said, was good for home and industrial use but not for agriculture, which must have cheaper water.

ISRAELI NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 21. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, head of Israel's delegation here, and his deputy, Joseph Tekoah, held a half-hour conference today with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and Andrew W. Cordier, his executive assistant. The subjects discussed included Egyptian confiscation of Israel-originated cargoes being carried in foreign ships through the Suez Canal; demarcation of the Israeli-Syrian border; and the issue of the Arab refugees.

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- Seventy-five leaders of the Israel bond drive in Toronto, led by Mayor Nathan Phillips, arrived here last night. The group will visit many parts of Israel, and will attend special holiday ceremonies at various settlements.

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- Sterling Cole, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, arrived here today for a three-day visit during which he will inspect the Atomic Energy Commission's research laboratories and other scientific installations in the country.

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- A delegation of aviation and communications experts, led by F. A. Tachie Menson, Ghana's deputy director of defense, arrived here today to study Israeli airforce operations.

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- Two Arabs, brothers and members of a prominent Israeli Arab family, were found guilty today after a trial here on espionage charges for "collecting information on behalf of the Jordanian intelligence." They were sentenced to four and a half years' imprisonment. The men are the sons of Djamil Khouri, who was a magistrate in Palestine under the British Mandatory power.

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- Lord Mayor J. E. Fitzsimon, of Manchester, England, accompanied by Manchester's Town Secretary, S. A. Marsh, arrived here today for a four-day visit. They are guests of the Tel Aviv municipality.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS URGE RETENTION OF UNIVERSITY 'CONSCIENCE CLAUSE'

JOHANNESBURG, April 21. (JTA) -- The South African Jewish Board of Deputies and Chief Rabbi Israel Abrahams of Capetown, called on the Government today, in separate petitions, to disapprove elimination of the "conscience clause" from the bill pending in Parliament to establish a university for the Bantu, the South African Negroes. The Bantu are not permitted to attend South African universities.

The "conscience clause" is the traditional provision in the charter of South African university charters against religious discrimination in appointment of faculty and admission of students. It was originally included in the Bantu University Bill but was subsequently dropped. Elimination of the clause, the Government has stated, should not concern Jewish and other groups since the proposed university would be restricted to Bantu and there were no Jewish Bantu.

The Board of Deputies, in its demarche to the Government today, said that elimination of the clause "must be a cause for disquiet not only to persons of the Jewish faith and other religious groups, but also to all concerned with safeguarding religious and academic freedom in the universities."

Rabbi Abrahams recalled that the late Premier and Nationalist leader, Dr. Daniel F. Malan, had strongly defended the "conscience clause" as Minister of the Interior, taking the position that it was necessary in the universities to safeguard "honesty and liberty of thought and inquiry."

LONDON POLICE SEEKING HOODLUMS WHO MARKED HITLER ANNIVERSARY

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- Special Branch (Scotland Yard) officers were called in today to seek to trace the hoodlums responsible for scratching Swastika signs on Jewish shop-windows in the East End of London yesterday--the 70th birthday of Adolf Hitler.

STATE GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY CRACKS DOWN ON NEO-NAZI ORGANIZATION

DUSSELDORF, April 21. (JTA) -- The Rhine-Westphalian Government cracked down today on a neo-Nazi organization and ordered dissolution of the so-called "Association of Persons Injured by Internment or de-Nazification." The State Ministry of the Interior charged that many of the organization's leaders were former high-ranking Nazis. It closed the organization's anti-Semitic publication.

In a statement today, the ministry said that "although there is no real danger of neo-Nazism in Germany," movements such as this must be nipped in the bud. The ministry accused the association of maintaining underground connections with Nazi and SS elements throughout Europe and North Africa, including one group known as "The Cairo Friends."

BRITAIN TO PRESS WEST GERMANY TO EXTEND COMPENSATION LAW BENEFITS

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- The British and West German Governments will open discussions soon on payment by West Germany of compensation to victims of Nazism who are not covered by the present German compensation law, the Earl of Dundee, Minister without portfolio, announced today in the House of Lords.

The Government spokesman said that in these talks, the claims of stateless persons and refugees would be "very much in the minds of the Government and will figure very prominently in the discussions which the German Government has offered to begin."

The issue was raised by Lord Russell of Liverpool, British war crimes prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials. He asked the Government whether it would make it clear to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that satisfactory amendment of the law to provide compensation for victims not at present entitled to it "would do much to improve relations between the British and German peoples and help to 'bury the memory of the war years.'"

In reply, the Earl of Dundee stressed that the British Government would make it clear that it did not regard the present German law as "going far enough to meet the requirements of the situation."

Convict Two for Publicly Approving Nazi Extermination of Jews

BONN, April 21. (JTA) -- A resident of Cuxhaven, arrested for having argued publicly that "not enough Jews were made into soap," was sentenced to four months' imprisonment after he defiantly told the court that "I was a Nazi and I will always be a Nazi."

In Hannover, the circuit court found a 23-year-old German guilty of public statements that "not enough Jews were gassed." His four-month sentence was suspended after he publicly expressed regret for the utterance, but was ordered to make a contribution of 1,000 marks (about \$250) to the German Red Cross.

CITY COUNCIL DROPS PROPOSAL TO NAME RIO STREET FOR ARAB REPUBLIC

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 21. (JTA) -- After protests from the local Lebanese and Syrian residents, the City Council today dropped a proposal to name a street after the United Arab Republic.

Recently, in honor of the Sholem Aleichem celebration, a Rio de Janeiro street was renamed "Avenida Sholom Aleichem." A councillor then introduced a motion to name another street "Avenida United Arab Republic."

BOARD UPHOLDS RIGHT OF ORTHODOX JEWS TO REFUSE WORK ON SABBATH

BOSTON, April 21. (JTA) -- In a precedent-making decision, the Board of Review of the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security has ruled in favor of an Orthodox Jewish woman who had been denied unemployment compensation because she had refused to work on the Sabbath.

The decision, handed down on the appeal of a bookkeeper, from a ruling last January denying her the right to collect compensation, because of her refusal to accept a job offered her which required some work on Saturdays, held that this refusal was reasonable, and did not destroy her availability for bookkeeping work in general.

Edward J. Barshak, attorney for the American Jewish Congress, who pressed the appeal, pointed out to the review board that the statutes made no provision for Sabbath observance, and asked the board to construe the statutes in the light of the constitutional requirement of religious liberty. He termed the decision a "victory for religious freedom."

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE VOTES BROAD ANTI-BIAS HOUSING BILL

BOSTON, April 21. (JTA) -- A bill outlawing discrimination in Massachusetts in the rental of all apartment buildings of three or more units, and in sales or rentals in housing developments of 10 units or more, regardless of how they were financed, awaited signature today by Gov. Foster Furculo.

The bill, drafted by the American Jewish Congress and supported by the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, cleared the State Senate last week. It is described as the broadest anti-bias legislation ever enacted by any state in the housing field, and has been likened to anti-bias housing legislation in New York City.

The measure, which went through the Legislature with bipartisan support, had been endorsed by Gov. Furculo.

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT RULE. VOIDS ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

MIAMI, Fla., April 21. (JTA) -- The Florida State Supreme Court, at Tallahassee, has handed down a verdict upsetting restrictions on the sale of property to Jews in the Miami area as unconstitutional and as a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. In its decision, the Supreme Court delivered a rebuke to a lower court which had upheld the anti-Jewish restrictions, and referred to the lower court's "total blindness to the compelling and controlling" aspects of United States Supreme Court rulings in similar cases.

The case was brought by B. J. Harris, wealthy Miami Jew, who had bought and occupied a home on Sunset Island here. The by-laws of the local association of home-owners provided that no member of the corporation would sell or lease any property in the area to any person "not of the Caucasian race, or who is not a Gentile, or who has been convicted of a felony." Harris bought property on the island, built a home, and sought and was denied membership in the association. The group then brought suit to have him moved from the island.

When the Dade County Circuit Court upheld the association, Harris appealed to the Supreme Court, which reversed the lower court and affirmed that "the original requirement of membership in the specific exclusion of Jews constituted an illegal an unenforceable restraint on these appellants at the time they acquired the property."

THREE CLEVELAND ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONS ANNOUNCE MERGER

CLEVELAND, April 21. (JTA) -- Three large Cleveland Orthodox congregations have voted to merge into a united congregation which will be one of the largest in the Midwest. The new congregation, to be known as the Warrensville Center Synagogue, will occupy a newly-erected edifice on a three-acre tract and two branch synagogues.

The three congregations are the Tetiever Ahavas Achem Sfarad, Bnai Jacob Kol Israel (Kinsman Jewish Center), and N'vai Zedek. More than 1,000 families are affiliated with the merged congregation which will reach Jewish families in the rapidly growing suburbs of Cleveland as well as within the city.

AFL-CIO LEADERS GIVE FAREWELL LUNCHEON TO AMBASSADOR EBAN

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Israel "introduced the concept of democracy to an area that had no experience until then of that system of democracy," George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, said yesterday at a luncheon tendered by AFL-CIO leaders in honor of Abba S. Eban, who is retiring as Israel Ambassador. Mr. Meany declared that Mr. Eban would carry with him the good will of American labor and of the American people.

Mr. Eban paid tribute to the constant support which Israel's cause had received from the American labor movement.

Labor leaders who extended greetings to the Ambassador included George M. Harrison, president of the International Federation of Railway Clerks, who presided; David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.