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DE ROTHSCHILD GROUP TO BUILD NEW ELATH-BEERSHEBA PIPELINE

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- The Finance Ministry announced approval today of an agreement with foreign investors, headed by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, to invest \$20,000,000 to build the projected 16-inch oil pipeline from Elath to Beersheba.

The present Elath-Beersheba line, which was built during the period of the Sinai campaign, is eight inches. The Beersheba-Haifa refinery section is 16 inches. When the entire line is 16 inches, it will be able to transport 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 tons of oil annually, which is approximately the total refining capacity of the Haifa refinery plant.

The Haifa plant currently is operating at about 30 percent of capacity, supplying part of israel's domestic needs. When the Elath-Beersheba-Haifa pipelines are finished, and the refineries operating at full capacity, Israel may be able to supply refined oil above its own needs to European countries. The Arabs closed the Iraq-Haifa pipeline, which had supplied the Haifa refineries, when they invaded the new-born State of Israel in 1948, and it has not operated since.

HAMMARSKJOLD DRAFTING PROPOSALS FOR CONTINUED AID TO ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 30. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold expects to file a report "in a month or so" about continuance of United Nations aid to the Arab refugees in the Middle East, he made clear at a press conference here today.

The Secretary General is under instructions from the last session of the General Assembly to draft a report on the Arab refugee problem. The mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Arab refugees expires June 30, 1960, so that new plans for aiding the refugees must be considered by the Assembly session scheduled for opening next September.

Mr. Hammarskjold implied that there was no truth to reports that Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Undersecretary for Political Affairs, was currently discussing the refugee problem with the Arab governments or with Israel. Dr. Bunche, who is visiting Jerusalem and Amman today, after having conferred with United Arab Republic officials in Cairo, "had nothing to do" with the refugee report, according to the UN Chief. He indicated that he was working on that report personally, by saying "it will not be ghost-written."

Bunche, Silent on Mission Aims, Confers with Foreign Minister Meir

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- United Nations Undersecretary Ralph Bunche conferred for an hour today with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister, after parrying reporters questions about his visit to Cairo.

He declined to say whether he had any success in Cairo in obtaining release of Israel cargoes confiscated recently by United Arab Republic authorities from foreign ships passing through the Suez Canal. He also was moncommittal on questions as to whether he had obtained guarantees that there would not be any further UAR interference with such Israel shipping.

The UN official remarked that he had not come to the Middle East for any specific negotiations but mainly to inspect UN Emergency Force troops, and said that at meetings with officials he had been "mostly listening."

Dr. Bunche, who arrived in Israel from Cairo yesterday, paid a courtesy call on President Isaac Ben Zvi after his talk with Mrs. Meir and later was the luncheon guest of Mrs. Meir. He was to visit Amman later today for talks with Jordan Government officials and then return to Israel for a meeting Friday with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

IRAQ BOYCOTTS AMERICAN SHIPS FOR TRADING WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 30. (JTA) -- The Iraqi Government has announced the blacklisting of two American ships for trading with Ismel, according to information received here today. The ships are the Seagarden and the Pacific Explorer.

The boycott office in Baghdad said also that the Norewgian ships Diesel Vigil and Tinto are blacklisted, as well as a Greek manufacturer of cardboard boxes, for trading with Israel.

EXPECT GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE \$7.5 MILLION GRANT FOR ISRAEL IN1960

WASHINGTON, April 30, (JTA)-- The Administration, faced with a rising tide of Congressional criticism on its severance of direct asistance to Israel, may restore Israel to the aid list partially to appease a Senate that might make a last ditch fight against confirmation of Ogden Reid as Ambassador to Israel and other nominations, capital observers said today.

Some Senators have criticized the Reid appointment as political. Senate sources today not only questioned Mr. Reid's qualifications but voiced doubts about some efforts that have been made to expedite confirmation. Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is studying the propriety of the Reid nomination.

While the nomination and special assistance issues are not directly linked, a general displeasure is evident in Congress about matters involving the State Department Officials at the Department are now well aware that the loudest outcry on any recent issue involving Israel to come from Congress came from the Department's proposal to terminate grant aid to that State.

If the State Department finally agrees to restore Israel to the grand aid list, as is now expected, it is thought likely Israel would get aid on the level of the last fiscal year. That amounted to \$7.500.000.

Meanwhile, another voice was raised in the House to protest the exclusion of Israel from grant aid. Rep. Alfred E. Santangelo, New York Democrat, criticized what he called a "grievous error of judgment" by State Department officials who recommended that Israel be dropped from the special assistance program. He said "their claim that Israel no longer needs such aid is not justified, because in recent months Israel has admitted a large number of immigrants from Eastern European courtries and their integration into the economy of this little country is a prime necessity."

Rep. Santangelo expressed hope "that our responsible officials will reconsider their stand in the matter ad will continue to render economic aid to Israel as in previous years. If our program in Israel is proving to be a success, let us help bring it to a successful conclusion,"

HISTADRUT, IN MAY DAY MESSAGE, TELLS SOVIET TO LET JEWS EMIGRATE

TEL AVIV. April 30. (JTA) -- Histadrut, the Israel Labor Federation, in a special May Day proclamation, called today on the Soviet Union to allow Russian Jewry to emigrate to Israel.

The Histadrut executive also sent messages of solidarity to trade union movements in the United States Europe, Africa and Asia. The Histadrut greeted Arab workers in Israel on their acceptance as full members of the labor federation.

Communists Attack Ben Gurion on U.S.S.R. Emigration Stand

LONDON, April 30. (1TA) -- The Soviet press has again attacked Israeli Prime Minister David Gen Gurion. An article in "Sovietskaya Byelorussia," official government organ of White Russia, received here today, sharply criticized Mr. Ben Gurion for allegedly asserting that Jews in the Soviet Union and elsewhere in Eastern Europe face extermination. The rewspaper differed with the Israeli Premier in his claim that the only hope for survival, for Jews in the Soviet blo countries, was emigration to Israel.

GALILEE SETTLEMENT IS RENAMED IN HONOR OF SENATOR LEHMAN

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- A ten-year-old Western Galilee collective, Bhai Tzahal, was re-named Moshav Leeman yesterday in honor of visiting former Senator Herbert H. Lehman.

The Hebrew version of the former Senator's name was taken from the Talmud where it means "harbor" or "anchorage, " The settlement is situated less than a mile from the ocean.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman were guests of honor at the settlement and later visited Acre and Nahriya.

PASSENGERS ESCAPE INJURY WHEN INFILTRATORS AMBUSH GALILEE BUS

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- A bus was ambushed last night in the upper Galilee but the driver and a single passenger escaped unhurt though the bus was hit by at least 16 bullets apparently from Arab guns.

The bus left Haifa Wednesday night en route to the upper Galilee, discharging passengers at stops along the way. When the shooting started, the driver shut off his lights and raced for safety. The police opened an investigation immediately.

ISRAELI PENCIL MANUFACTURER SIGNS PACT WITH BURMA

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- A three-year contract for the supply of pencil-manufacturing machinery, supplies, and experienced personnel to operate the equipment, has been signed here between the Jerusalem Pencil Company and the Government of Burma.

ITALIAN COURT REJECTS EFFORT TO REVIVE FASCIST RACIST LAW

ROME, April 30. (JTA) -- A Turin court rejected an appeal today for annulment of a marriage on racial grounds which involved revival of the principle of racial inequality contained in Fascist legislation repealed in 1944. The court said that to grant he annulment on the grounds cited would be contrary to the "supreme moral principles of full equality of all human beings."

To grant the petition in this case, the court ruled, would "discriminate against a human being solely on account of race" and would thus result in "serious injury" to moral principle.

THREE JEWS, NINE OTHERS HURT BY ANOTHER ALGERIAN GRENADE ATTACK

ALGIERS, April 30 (JTA) -- Algerian authorities disclosed today that three Jews were injured when a hand grenade was tossed into a bar in Oran last Sunday. Nine other persons in the crowded bar were wounded when the grenade exploded.

The officials said this was the first such attack in Oran in nearly a year. There have been a number of grenade and bomb attacks on Jewish-owned or Jewish-frequented cafes in this city, in recent months. The last attack of the kind here caused two deaths and three injuries, all Jews.

GERMAN AUTHORITIES BAN AMERICAN RECORDS RECALLING NAZI ERA

NUREMBERG, April 30. (JTA)-- The Nuremberg public prosecutor ordered the searner yesterday of American-made phonograph albums which reproduce the history of the Nazi movement.

A Bundestag deputy urged that the West German Government act to halt sales of-the disks throughout West Germany. The envelopes containing the records carry photographic reproductions of Nazi leaders, including Hitler.

The Nuremberg prosecutor based his action on a Bavarian law which bans the "use and publication of symbols of outlawed organizations," asserting that the term "symbol" applied to Nazi songs and speeches.

Social Democratic party leaders have charged that the records are a thinly-veiled effort to glorify the Nazi regime. They contain, in addition to Nazi songs, speeches by Hitler, Georing and Goebbels, and excertps of the Nuremberg trial proceedings.

(In New York, it was learned that the records, entitled "Hitler's Inferno," were produced and released by an American firm, which contended that the material was being circulated as $\frac{\pi}{2}$, reminder that the "horrors of Nazism actually existed.)

GERMAN BOY SCOUTS RENOVATE OLD JEWISH CEMETERIES

BONN, April 30. (JTA) -- German Boy Scouts are cleaning up and repairing old, unused Jewish cemeteries in a number of localities, as adult Boy Scout leaders pursue their efforts to re-educate German youth along lines of inter-faith understanding.

Renorts were received here today that Jewish cemeteries have been cleaned up, and overturned tombstones renovated, in Jewish cemeteries at Nuppertal, North Rhine-Westphalia; Helmershausen, in Hesse; and Buehl, in Baden-Wurttemberg. In some cases, German schoolchildren who are not members of the Boy Scouts joined in these activities.

MUNICIPALITY IN GERMANY BUILDS NEW SYNAGOGUE

PADERBORN, Germany, April 30. (JTA) -- Plans were launched here today by the Jewish community and by, municipal officials for the consecration, soon, of the new synagogue being built with funds contributed by the city.

The municipality of this North Rhine-Westphalian town allocated the funds to replace a synagogue destroyed by the Nazis in 1938 during the infamous "Crystal Night." There are 60 families in the Jewish congregation. Jews numbered more than 7,000 in this district before the Nazi persecutions got under way.

WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT COMMEMORATED IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, April 30. (JTA) -- A series of commemorative events honoring the memory of the martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising is under way here under the auspices of the Ashkenazic Jewish Community. The opening event, held last night in this city's largest synagogue, was addressed by Dr. Moshe Gurary, of Israel, representative of the Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the World Zionist Organization.

Another memorial is scheduled to be held at the Jewish Sports Center here, May?. The same evening, a special commemorative service will be held for non-Yiddish speaking Jews here, to be addressed by Julio Botton, a Jew who had escaped from the infamous Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

63 ENVOYS TO HELP LAUNCH UNITED STATES ROLE IN WORLD REFUGEE YEAR

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) - The first big American event to help launch World Refugee Year, which gets under way in July under United Nations auspices, has been scheduled for May 7 in New York, where 63 foreign Ambassadors will be feted on the eve of the opening here of the United States World Trade Fair.

The May 7 event here, a dinner honoring the Ambassadors, will have Mayor Robert F. Wagner as the official host, and will be attended by representatives of the Federal and State governments. Dr. August R. Lindt, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, will come here especially from his headquarters at Geneva to address the assemblage.

World Refugee Year is intended as an effort to find permanent homes for about 2, 000,000 refugees in the world, including "hard-core" cases among Jewish refugees in Europe, as well as the Arab refugees in the Middle East.

The dinner is being held for the benefit of the U.S. Committee for Refugees, the group responsible for American participation in World Refugee Year.

SECRET NAZI YOUTH GROUP SMASHED IN NEW JERSEY SCHOOL

PATERSON, N.J., April 30. (JTA) -- John Martin, Superintendent of the Wayne stool in nearby Wayne Township, said today that a secret society of students who planned a Nazi regime in America-has been uncovered and broken up.

Martin said that the organization was made up of 12 students, in whose lockers school authorities found pro-Nazi literature. Martin, who declined to name the youths, said formal police complaints will be signed against six of the students, including their reputed leader. He contended the movement of the teen-age bomb-and-gun armed gang was "very real."

Peclaring that the students "represent a cross-section of upper-middle class superintendent said that the FBI was investigating the group. The FBI office in Newark, however, declined comment.

The superintendent said that the students "would meet in each other's homes and dress in Nazi uniforms." He said they bought Nazi war souvenirs from a mail order house, collected guns, and had built a six-inch bomb from a length of pipe.

The youths ran into trouble in seeking to enroll members from among fellow-students. The school has 1,300 students.

"We are very proud of the bulk of our students, who responded contemptuously and antagonistically to the recruiting attempts," Martin said. Some of the students, he admitted, had been interested in the swastika symbols and the recruiting theme of forming a "master race."

CANADA MAY LIFT CUSTOMS DUTIES ON HEBREW RELIGIOUS ITEMS

OTTAWA, April 30. (JTA) -- Hebrew religious objects would be admissible into Canada without duty, according to budget plans being studied in Parliament today.

The proposed new budget bill in the House of Commons specifically exempts from customs duties such objects as "Scroll sets (Torahs), Chanukah candlesticks, Kiddush sets, mezuzah boxes, Havdalah sets, and seder plates." The Canadian Jewish Congress has been advocating such customs exemptions for Hebrew religious objects for some time.

J. W. B. AWARDS FIRST NATIONAL MERIT GRANT IN SOCIAL WORK STUDY

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Lawrence E. Grossman, of this city, a first-year student at the New York School of Social Work, today was granted the Jewish Welfare Board's national merit fellowship in the field of social work. The \$1,500 grant was the first awarded by the JWB, and will enable the winner to complete his second year of graduate study in preparation for a career as a YMHA and Jewish community center worker.

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG-SERIOUSLY ILL, ISRAELIS PRAY FOR RECOVERY

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- Rabbi Itzhak Halevi Herzog, Ashkenazic Chief of Israel, remained in a coma today, after a stroke.

While prayers for recovery of the 71-year-old spiritual leader were being offered in synagogues throughout Israel, it was reported last night that there had been a slight improvement in his condition.

Hundreds of persons assembled quietly in front of the Chief Rabbi's home here yesterday, and remained throughout the day.