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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO ASK FOR LOAN FROM WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will seek a loan in Washington from the World Bank, it was learned here today following a report that two of the highest Israeli officials are to proceed soon to Washington.

The two officials are Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and the Governor of Israel State Bank, David Horowitz. They will participate in a meeting of the board of governors of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Washington in September.

The opinion was expressed here today that the two Israeli statesmen may also take up the question of the projected World Bank loan to President Nasser of the United Arab Republic for widening the Suez Canal. President Eugene Black has been pressing for approval of the loan. Israel officials reportedly feel that Nasser should not get an international loan to widen the Suez Canal which he is using to violate United Nations decisions on free passage with the blockade against Israeli shipping.

MOSCOW SUPPORTS EGYPT'S BAN ON ISRAEL SHIPPING; CALLS ISRAEL "GREEDY"

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Radio Moscow is beaming Arabic broadcasts to the Near East attacking Moshe Dayan, former Israel Chief of Staff, and backing the Arab position against Israeli rights to transit the Suez Canal.

"Everyone knows that all this shouting about the freedom of navigation is the old method to which the Israelis have so frequently turned in order to justify their wishes and greed with respect to the Arabs," the Moscow Radio said today.

The broadcast linked recent statements by Gen. Dayan with an alleged recent trip by Israel Director General of Defense Shimon Peres "to set up military contacts with Bonn." According to the Russian propaganda, Gen. Dayan desires action because Arab unity is growing. American flirtation with the United Arab Republic is a "weak point" in Arab unity, the Moscow broadcast asserted.

State Department Against "Militant Talk" in Israel on Suez Issue

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- State Department sources today expressed a view that "tough, militant talk" in Israel on the Suez Canal transit issue could undermine United Nations attempts to secure a compromise from President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

These sources said the State Department was backing recommendations of UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and was displeased by recent Israeli expressions. Such Israeli talk, it was said, stiffens Nasser's position and makes it more difficult for the United States to support aims sought by Israel.

The State Department opinion was that Israel should rely on Mr. Hammarskjöld's efforts, meanwhile exercising a quiet diplomacy and patience. The same sources said that while the International Bank was mindful of the Suez transit issue, as stated by the Department in a July 7 statement to 25 Senators, the Department cannot expect the bank to indefinitely delay action on a loan to the UAR to improve the canal.

No Israeli Ships Attempted to Pass the Suez Canal, Britain Says

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Robert Allen, Parliamentary Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, said today in Commons that no Israeli ships have attempted to pass through the Suez Canal for several years. Mr. Allen made the statement in a written reply to a question from Eric Johnston, Conservative MP.

Mr. Johnston had asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs what representations he had received from the Israel Government concerning United Arab Republic interference with Israeli ships in the Suez Canal and whether he would make any statement "in the light of British rights and responsibilities under the Suez Canal convention."

Mr. Allen also said in his reply that the UAR confiscations of Israel cargoes had been taken up by Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary General, "with the authorities

concerned." He added that Mr. Hammarskjold had not reported to the UN Security Council on the dispute nor had the authorities invoked intervention by the Security Council.

Reporting that Israel officials had kept the British Government informed of their views through diplomatic channels, Mr. Allen said that the views of the British Government in favor of freedom of passage in the Suez Canal remained as stated on several occasions.

U.S. GIVES EGYPT \$57,700,000 IN SURPLUS WHEAT; MORE AID DUE

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- The United States has signed an agreement with the Government of the United Arab Republic under which the latter will receive about 29,400,000 bushels of American surplus wheat and flour costing \$57,700,000, it was announced here last night by the Department of Agriculture. State Department sources indicated today that other American aid to the Nasser Government will be forthcoming.

The surplus food will be paid for in Egyptian pounds under Public Law 480. About 25 percent of the Egyptian currency will be set aside for loans to American and other private business enterprises in the United Arab Republic. The loans will be made through the Export-Import Bank. The State Department sources said that, in this way, the UAR can use the local currency generated by the purchase of the surplus wheat to improve its economy and raise living standards.

ESHKOL DENIES DEVALUATION RUMORS; TELLS BANKERS THE POUND IS SOUND

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol today made a firm denial that the Government intended to devalue the Israel pound.

Mr. Eshkol told a meeting with several Israel bankers that "much water will flow through the Jordan to where it should not flow"--uselessly into the Dead Sea--"before we will consider alteration of the exchange rate." He added that when the waters flow where they should flow "namely into the Negev, then the entire economic picture will be different."

He pointed out to the bankers that there had been no increase in the cost of living index for almost a year. He said this proved that the Government had succeeded in stabilizing the purchasing power of the Israel pound, making devaluation unnecessary.

On the Tel Aviv Exchange, dollars and sovereigns, which have been showing upward tendencies in recent weeks, dropped immediately after Mr. Eshkol's statement. Another anti-devaluation development was a rumor that there might be a new issue of Government-sponsored debentures, an unlikely move if devaluation was planned.

ISRAEL SIGNS \$3,500,000 PACT FOR EXPANSION OF HAIFA PORT FACILITIES

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- A \$3,500,000 contract to expand Haifa port facilities was signed today by the Israel Ministry of Transport and a partnership of a French and Israel firms. The firms are the Societe Dunkerquoise d'Enterprises and the Gut-Arpad contracting firm of Tel Aviv.

The principal feature of the expansion will be the extension of Haifa's main pier to increase the port's dry cargo handling capacity from 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 tons. The work is expected to be finished in 18 months. The Ministry also announced a contract will be signed soon to the American Company, Friedrich Harris, for planning a new harbor at Ashdot.

SOVIET PURGING OF JEWISH BOOKS FROM U.S. EXHIBITION CONDEMNED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- U.S. Senators today condemned the purge of Jewish and other books from the American Exhibition in Moscow.

Sen. Styles Bridges, New Hampshire Republican, said: "The Jews of this country should be greatly flattered that the Soviets culled out Leo W. Schwartz' 'Great Ages and Ideas of the Jewish People'." Speaking on the Senate floor, the senator added: "The fine heritage of the Jews offers meat and drink to strong for the Kremlin's stomach. I have read the book. It is a great book."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, said "The Soviets removed some splendid essays on the people of the Jewish faith. This is excellent literature which should be read." Sen. Bridges criticized American liberals for failing to "raise the cry of book-burning."

N. Y. GOVERNOR URGED TO ORDER COMPLIANCE WITH RULING ON ARAMCO BIAS

ALBANY July 30. (JTA) -- Governor Nelson Rockefeller was asked today to order the New York State Commission Against Discrimination to abide by the ruling of New York Supreme Court Justice Henry Epstein prohibiting the Arabian-American Oil Company, ARAMCO, from practicing discrimination against Jews in hiring personnel.

The appeal to the Governor was made by the two Democratic minority leaders in both houses of the New York Legislature, Sen. Joseph Zaretzki and Assemblyman Anthony Travia. The two legislators urged the Governor to instruct Elmer Carter, SCAD chairman, not to file any appeal against Judge Epstein's ruling.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ACTS TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR SYNAGOGUES

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- The House Judiciary Committee today voted to broaden provisions requested by President Eisenhower to protect synagogues, churches, and schools from terrorist bombing. The Committee considered the White House request as being inadequate.

The Committee decided to write a new provision into the Eisenhower Civil Rights Bill as a substitute. The substitute was described by committee members as one that would provide the FBI with wider powers to fight the bombers of synagogues.

The new measure would make it a Federal crime to cross a state line to avoid prosecution for either bombing or burning any type of property. The FBI could arrest fugitives who fled a state after bombing or setting fire to any type of building or vehicle, specifically including private homes, synagogues, churches, community centers, and religious and educational institutions, either public or private.

The Administration proposal was broadened also in another way although the Administration had not requested it. The committee decided to make it a Federal offense to flee a state to avoid giving testimony about a bombing or fire.

Today's amendment was sponsored by Rep. J. Carlton Loser, Tennessee Democrat. It was approved by an overwhelming voice vote at a closed session of the committee and was incorporated into the Civil Rights Bill. Both Southerners and Northerners voted to adopt the stronger anti-bombing provisions.

Jewish organizations had previously testified before Congress to urge the stronger measures. Rep. Loser said the revised provision would prove "very effective in obtaining services of the FBI in any type of bombing case" involving flight across a state line. Violators of the proposed law could be tried in Federal court and sentenced up to five years and fined as much as \$5,000.

JOINT JEWISH BODY CONDUCTS STUDY OF MODERN PRE-SHECHITA METHODS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- A research study, sponsored by American Jewish communal and religious agencies, is underway to determine whether modern methods of pre-handling food animals for slaughter in the United States are humane, it was disclosed today.

The study, sponsored by the Joint Advisory Committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council and the Synagogue Council of America, is part of an overall program to protect Shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter, in the recent wave of federal and state efforts to pass humane slaughter legislation.

A Federal measure became law on August 27, 1958. Since then, usually under sponsorship of local Humane Societies, humane slaughter bills have been introduced in 16 state legislatures and passed in three--California, Minnesota and Washington. Local Jewish communal and religious organizations testified before legislative committees in opposition to such legislation, except in the State of Washington, where the Jewish community was caught napping and the bill was passed without testimony from local Jewish groups.

The Federal measure and most of the state proposals specifically declared Shechita to be humane but in almost all cases, the problem of pre-handling has been treated in such a way as to carry a threat of making Shechita impossible. None of the three states which have passed humane slaughter measures have created such pre-handling problems, but the threat continues. The Joint Advisory Committee therefore undertook the study, noting that the Talmud bans cruelty to animals in all circumstances, including both pre-handling and slaughtering.

Jewish Pre-Handling of Animals for Shechita Considered Humane

Joint Advisory Committee officials pointed out that traditional Jewish pre-handling of animals for Shechita was manual and designed to insure that the animal did not suffer in being prepared for Shechita. Modern automation in packing houses has been applied to pre-handling in such forms as hoisting and shackling for both regular and Jewish ritual slaughtering.

The Joint Advisory Committee officials pointed out that it has never been established whether such methods of pre-handling are painful to the animal. The research study was undertaken to determine this. It is being made by independent scientific research agencies, universities and engineering institutes and firms to determine the most humane practical methods of restraining animals for slaughter.

It was explained that if this scientific study--which is being financed by organization members of the NCRAC and SCA--finds more humane practical forms of handling animals for slaughter, then the Jewish organizations will recommend the alteration of present methods. If existing pre-handling methods are found to be humane, then the Jewish organizations will urge, as in the case of Shechita, that such methods of handling also be recognized as humane in Federal and state legislation.

Officials of the two agencies said that the essence of the problem was the safeguarding of religious liberty.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION GRANTS \$110,000 FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDY

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- The Rockefeller Foundation announced today a grant of \$110,000 to the Hebrew University, two lesser grants to Israel scholars and one to a Brandeis University faculty member.

The largest of the grants will be for a three-year study by the Hebrew University of first century agricultural practices in the Negev. The Israel scholars are Dr. Moshe Perlman, lecturer in Israelian Studies at the Center of Middle Eastern Studies of Harvard University, who received \$7,000; and Dr. Michael Michaeli, instructor in economics at the Hebrew University. A grant of \$2,000 was made to Dr. Michaeli to participate in teaching and research in international economics at the University of Chicago. Dr. Perlman will conduct research on the early history of the Zionist movement and on polemics in Islam in the Middle East.

In announcing the grant for the Negev agricultural study the Rockefeller Foundation reported that investigations in the Negev had revealed that the region at one time supported at least six large cities with an estimated population of 100,000, as well as numerous small settlements. "Traces of ancient desert agricultural systems found by scientists indicate that the farmers were highly skilled in the conservation and use of water, cultivating only the flood plains where wind-blown soil accumulated, terracing the fields with stone walls that held the run-off water, and in some cases constructing artificial conduits," the report stated.

Hebrew University scientists, the Foundation added, "hope to establish agriculture in the Negev without bringing in water from other areas, and believe that the ancient systems may have practical value today. Their researches will include studies of rainfall patterns and characteristics; soil, water and plant relationships in the desert; land utilization with respect to appropriate crops for the area; and the problems of wind-breaking and drought-resistant trees as they are related to arid-zone conditions."

Dr. Herbert Marcuse, professor of politics and philosophy at Brandeis University, received a grant of \$6,250 for research on cultural changes in contemporary society and their interrelation with political trends.

14-STORY OFFICE BUILDING TO REPLACE HERZLIAH GYMNASIUM IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- Demolition workers were busy today tearing down the Herzliyah Gymnasium, one of the educational landmarks of pre-state Jewish community of Palestine, which will be replaced with a 14-story office building which will be the tallest in Tel Aviv.

Pioneer residents of Tel Aviv sorrowfully watched the wrecking of the school, where former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett and other Israel leaders received part of their education. The Herzliyah Gymnasium had become a symbol of Jewish education and Jewish sovereignty. Many Israeli stamps bear a picture of the tower which was the main entrance to the school.

The school was one of the first Tel Aviv structures built outside of Jaffa on the sand dunes which have long since been covered by the asphalt streets and buildings and homes of the major metropolis into which Tel Aviv has grown in its 15 years.

The building was sold to a group of investors headed by Mordechai Meyer, a prominent industrialist and financier who is himself a graduate of the famous school. Only a small monument to be erected in front of the new office building will remind the thousands of graduates of the school that this was the school site.

U.S. BANKING ORGAN LISTS TWO ISRAELI BANKS AMONG LARGEST IN THE WORLD

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- Two Israel banks were listed today by the American Banker, daily banking newspaper, among the 500 largest commercial banks in the free world.

The two banks were the Bank of Israel in Jerusalem, with deposits equivalent to \$179,510,607, the 332nd largest bank, and the Bank Leumi le-Israel in Tel Aviv, with deposits equivalent to \$147,116,547, the 372nd largest bank.

GROUP OF 62 AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTHS LEAVES FOR STUDY TOUR OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- Another youth group comprised 62 Young Zionists affiliated with the Zionist Organization of America left yesterday by plane for a month's study tour of Israel, it was announced today by Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the ZOA.

The group is comprised of young men and women from various parts of the country ranging in ages from 18-35. During their month's stay in Israel, they will be drawn into various programs and activities which will include a leadership seminar in Kfar Silver Agricultural Training School, and study visits to Eilat, and the major enterprises of the Farmers' Association of Israel.