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## NATIONAL PARLEY DECIDES TO SELL \$45,000,000 OF ISRAEL BONDS IN 100 DAYS

CHICAGO, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The three-day National Economic Conference for Israel, attended by 800 delegates from all parts of the country, concluded here today with a decision to raise \$45,000,000 for Israel within the next hundred days through the sale of Israel bonds and to assure the attainment of the goal of \$75,000,000 for 1959 by the end of the year.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, outlined plans for the new intensified effort to sell Israel bonds for the remainder of 1959. He said that it is anticipated that appeals in synagogues during the High Holy Days will result in the sale of approximately \$10,000,000 in bonds this year. Last year, the sum of \$8,000,000 was raised through the synagogue effort.

At an earlier session, Dr. Schwartz announced that a total of \$400,209,300 in cash sales had been attained since the inception of the Israel bond drive in May 1951. "American financial support through Israel bonds has played a major role in Israel's entire program of economic development and immigrant absorption," he said, adding that "Israel bonds have brought the economy of Israel to the threshold of prosperity."

Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, in a cabled message to the conference, termed the second decade of Israel's existence "the decade of consolidation." During this decade, he said, Israel must continue to irrigate and populate the Negev, to strengthen its frontiers and to increase its industrial and agricultural capacity. He stressed that the country must expand its water network supplying new settlements and factories, and must make barren areas fruitful.

## Eshkol Outlines \$1,000,000,000 Plan for Israel's Industrialization

Addressing the conference last night, Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol outlined Israel's five-year plan for wider industrialization of the country. He said that \$1,000,000,000 from Israel bonds and government and private investments would be needed to finance this plan.

The five-year program visualizes an average increase of ten percent per year in industrial output as well as an increase of between 80,000 and 90,000 workers in the industrial labor force. It is planned to increase exports of goods and services from \$240,000,000 in 1958 to \$570,000,000 at the end of five years. "A great part of the \$1,000,000,000 required," Mr. Eshkol said, "will come from private sources as it does even now. The remainder has to be provided by the Israel Government and to a great extent from the funds raised through the sale of Israel bonds."

Stressing Israel's eagerness to encourage private investment, Mr. Eshkol said: "We have just adopted amendments to our Foreign Investment Law which make it one of the most liberal in the world. But in order to attract private enterprise, we must be able to provide public financing as well. Israel bond income must spark this process."

## Golda Meir Appeals to U. N. to End Egypt's Blockade of Suez Canal

Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir, addressing the conference, called upon the United Nations to end Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal to Israeli vessels and cargoes. She said that "nothing less will do for Israel" than assuring the Jewish State "the same rights and privileges in the Suez Canal that all other states and peoples have."

Mrs. Meir declared that the United Nations "can operate only through moral force which it can exert. That moral force can only be effective if the UN defends the right of all nations large or small." She characterized the action of Egypt in preventing passage of Israeli ships and cargoes through the Canal as a "clear violation of international law and resolutions of the UN."

"Representatives of peoples of the world sitting in the UN must never allow themselves to be placed in a position where they must choose between justice and expediency. Within the UN there can be no choice," she declared.

Dr. Y. Foerder, chairman of Bank Leumi Le-Israel, outlined a program for investment in Israel's industry during the next five years, to assure achievement of economic

stability by 1965. Israel bonds, Dr. Foerder said, are an indispensable source of investment capital for this purpose.

Ira Guildson, national campaign chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, said this year may very well set the record in sale of Israel bonds. "American Jewry is becoming increasingly aware," he said, of the key importance of Israel bonds as instruments to provide Israel with resources she requires for economic development. Israel has demonstrated the capability of utilizing the funds which we supply her for most constructive purposes. As a result men and women have been encouraged to invest in Israel bonds at a higher record than ever before."

The conference today outlined plans for a new campaign program on a regional basis to help achieve the increased goals for the Israel bond drive. To head this effort, Julian B. Venezky, of Peoria, was named national chairman for regions of the Israel bond drive. Lawrence G. Laskey of Boston, chairman of the national executive committee of the Israel Bond Organization, outlined the immediate objectives of the drive.

Samuel Rothberg, of Peoria, national chairman for Trustees of the Israel bond drive, who presided at the closing session, said the conference was "a victory conference, not only in terms of the historic attainment of the \$400,000,000 mark in bond sales, but in the widespread acceptance of the investment possibilities in Israel and its great potential for economic expansion."

#### NASSER REITERATES HIS STAND ON ANTI-ISRAEL BLOCKADE OF SUEZ CANAL

LONDON, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- "Israel shipping will not pass through the Suez Canal," President Gamal Abdul Nasser of the United Arab Republic said yesterday, addressing a public meeting in Rosetta near Alexandria.

The question of Israeli passage through the Canal, he said, was part of the "Palestine problem" and had nothing to do with freedom of navigation. He claimed that Israel is a "belligerent state with no right of passage through the Suez Canal."

The Egyptian dictator made the statement a week before the World Bank meeting in Washington which is due to consider Egypt's application for a loan to widen the canal. The United Arab Republic is meeting with opposition to the loan in the United States because of its intransigent attitude towards the principle of free navigation through the canal.

A total of 101 foreign ships have been blacklisted by Iraq for violating the Arab boycott of trade with Israel, Baghdad Radio reported today. Citing a spokesman for the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, the report added that 34 of the ships were registered in Britain, 17 in the United States and seven were Dutch.

#### EGYPT WARNED NOT TO COMPEL ISRAEL TO USE FORCE ON SUEZ PASSAGE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- A warning that Egypt's intransigence may ultimately compel Israel to use force in order to secure passage through the Suez Canal was contained in an article by Shimon Peres, former Director General of the Ministry of Defense, which appeared in the Jerusalem Post this week-end.

"It would be the height of stupidity to assure Nasser that he may do what he pleases while we sit by drawing purely verbal comfort from the United Nations Charter," Mr. Peres said. He stressed that "every opportunity and every means must be exploited among the various bodies concerned with this question before resorting to other measures." He also said that Israel must not go through another Sinai Campaign. "However," he added that "just as we are not to be limited in our choice of a particular military action, so we will not back up at the realization that political wisdom is not acceptable to Egypt."

Concerning the freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba and the Straits of Tiran, Mr. Peres noted that "the United States has recognized the practical justice of Israel's position in any attack on her shipping which will entail resort to self-defense under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. This recognition would prevent Israel from being branded as an aggressor in case an attempt at blockade will need to be broken up," he emphasized.

Mr. Peres also charged that, since the Czech arms deal, the Soviets have sided with the Arabs "robbing the United Nations of its ability to mediate and of the moral authority to demand the implementation of international agreements."

#### THREE NEGEV BEDUIN KILLED IN CLASH WITH ISRAEL PATROL AT SINAI BORDER

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Three Negev Beduin, belonging to the Serahin tribe connected with the murder of an Israel Army officer last week, were killed by an Israel patrol yesterday at the Sinai border, it was reported here today.

The Beduin were killed in an exchange of fire after attacking an Israel unit investigating the officer's murder in the western Negev. It is understood that the Serahin tribe was responsible for recent incidents in the Negev near the Nitzana area and that most fedayeen active in the region were members of the tribe.

U.S. - ISRAEL RELATIONS REPORTED CLOSER; RUSSIA IGNORING ISRAEL'S EFFORTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Israel-American relations grew closer, during the past year, and "active interest" of the United States in Israel's security was again shown, according to a review of the activities of the Foreign Ministry contained in the Government Yearbook which will appear next week.

Discussing Israel's relations with Eastern bloc countries, the article notes an improvement in relations with Poland and Yugoslavia while the relationship with others remained correct. However, "attempts made by Israel to renew trade relations and develop cultural relations with the Soviet Union had not elicited positive reaction from that country." During the past two years, the report notes, Israel's overall East European trade increased by 130 percent.

The review discloses that an unnamed Israel envoy--presumably the Foreign Ministry's Deputy Director General Maurice Fisher--conferred with the new Pope "whose friendship toward the Jews was demonstrated by the change in the text of the prayers of Good Friday." The review also points out that the reunion of families from Rumania halted after the Rumanian Government published a statement attacking Israeli leaders "for publications connected with Aliyah."

Discussing the Suez blockade, the review points out that 41 ships carrying Israel cargo passed through the Suez Canal between March 1957 and March of this year, when Egypt began seizing Israel cargoes. "These ships were mostly chartered by Israel companies and the Egyptian authorities had no doubts about the origin of the shipments," the review states.

HUNGARY BARS VISAS TO ISRAELI QUARTET; WAS INVITED TO BUDAPEST FESTIVAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The Hungarian authorities have refused to grant a visa to the Israel String Quartet who was to represent Israel at the Budapest Festival opening tomorrow.

The Quartet had received an official invitation from the directorate of the Festival several weeks ago. The arrangements for its departure yesterday were completed, when the Hungarian Legation suddenly notified the musicians yesterday that their visas had not been approved in Budapest.

FRENCH COURT ORDERS WITHHOLDING FROM SALE OF DICTIONARY INSULTING BLUM

PARIS, Sept. 20, (JTA) -- A French court this week-end ordered the withholding from sale of 300,000 copies of the 1960 edition of "Petit Larousse," French best-selling dictionary, for presenting Leon Blum, the late Jewish Premier of France, in an anti-Semitic light.

The dictionary alleged that Mr. Blum's real name was Karfulkenstein and characterized him in terms which his family and friends considered as having the same anti-Semitic undertone as when French anti-Semites claimed before the war that Mr. Blum was of Bulgarian origin. Mr. Blum, who was born in Paris in 1872, came from an Alsatian-Jewish family that has been French for at least 200 years.

In court yesterday, the Larousse publishers admitted that errors had been made in presenting Mr. Blum's biography and apologized to the Blum family. The publishers explained that errors were made by a man whom they fired a year ago for inserting false information. They offered to paste corrections in all copies in stock and in the hands of bookstores. The court ordered that no copies should be sold before the correction is made.

EX-NAZI GETS FIVE MONTHS' PRISON TERM FOR ANTI-SEMITIC OUTBURST

BONN, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- A former Nazi officer, Johannes Siegel, was sentenced this week-end to five months' imprisonment for assailing a Jew in Moers during a political debate and for stating that not enough Jews had been gassed by the Nazis.

Eugen Werth, a former deputy SS commander and commander of a group of smaller concentration camps in southern Wurttemberg, was arrested here yesterday on charges of murdering many prisoners. Werth, now a merchant here, was detained as a result of findings in an investigation of Franz Hofmann, former SS commander, who was arrested here last April on charges of crimes committed in the Dachau and Auschwitz murder camps.

VIENNA MUNICIPALITY NAMES APARTMENT PROJECT AFTER DR. THEODOR HERZL

VIENNA, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- An apartment project here was named yesterday the "Theodor Herzl Hof" by the Vienna municipality in accordance with a suggestion by the Jewish community.

Offsetting this friendly act was the disclosure that activities of neo-Nazi youth groups are making progress throughout Austria. Several new branches have been established in many Austrian cities and villages, including Vienna and Linz. Members appear in public wearing signs reading: "We will come again."

#### FOUR JEWISH CEMETERIES IN SHANGHAI TRANSFERRED AT CHINA'S REQUEST

LONDON, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Four Jewish cemeteries in Shanghai have been transferred to the outskirts of the city at the request of the Chinese Government, it was reported here today. The transfer was carried out by the Shanghai Jewish community with the full co-operation of the Chinese authorities.

The transfer included the Ting Lu Cemetery in which 834 refugees were buried during World War II, according to the Agudath Israel executive here.

The Council of the Shanghai Jewish community, which maintains complete personal files of some 20,000 European Jews who fled to Shanghai during the war, has issued 386 death certificates for refugees who died in Shanghai during the war, thus making possible payment of restitution claims.

A Jewish community also exists in Harbin with 153 persons and a small group lives in Tientsin, it was reported. Daily services are held in Shanghai and Tientsin and during Passover matzot are distributed free to all Jewish needy. The Agudah office also reported that every facility for Jewish religious education is available to children in the two Jewish communities.

#### 154,000 PUPILS EXPECTED TO ENROLL IN JEWISH SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Jewish schools in New York city area will enroll about 154,000 children in the 1959-60 school year beginning this month, it was estimated here today by Nathan A. Levine, president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

Mr. Levine based this figure on the record total of 150,316 pupils who attended Jewish schools of all types during the school year 1958-59, as reported by the annual census of Jewish schools conducted by the Committee. A national census has established that more than 553,000 attended Jewish schools throughout the country.

The Jewish schools covered by the census include one-day-a-week schools, afternoon elementary schools, all-day elementary schools, afternoon Hebrew high schools, all-day Hebrew high schools, and Yiddish-speaking schools. On the elementary school level, 132,686 or 37 percent of a total Jewish child population of 358,261 were enrolled in Jewish schools in New York.

"We find especially impressive the large gap between New York and the rest of the country in terms of intensifying Jewish education," Mr. Levine stated. "In New York, about 25 percent of all Jewish-school students are enrolled in all-day religious schools; in the rest of the country, that figure drops to about 3 percent. In New York, only about one-fifth of Jewish school enrollment is in one-day-a-week schools; outside of New York, the proportion is about 50 percent."

#### NEW YORK GOVERNOR, MAYOR ATTEND OPENING OF \$1,500,000 REFORM TEMPLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- A week-long dedication of a new \$1,500,000 temple started today by the Reform congregation Shaaray Tefila once known as the West End Synagogue. Governor Nelson Rockefeller and Mayor Robert Wagner participated in the opening service.

The congregation, which is more than 100 years old, was founded as an Orthodox group, but in 1879 it voted to abandon Orthodoxy in favor of Reform Judaism. During the last nine months that the new temple was under construction, the congregation conducted its worshipping in a Unitarian church.

#### PHILADELPHIA JEWISH FEDERATION OPENS EXHIBITION ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- A public exhibition of priceless objects and documents inaugurating the 60th anniversary of the Federation of Jewish Agencies opened here today. The exhibition traces the story of 4,000 years of charity and benevolence.

The Federation of Jewish Agencies is the Jewish community's planning, financial and administrative body for a broad array of institutions and services to meet human needs and strengthen and promote Jewish welfare in Philadelphia and throughout the U.S., in Israel and around the world. The exhibit shows the development and influence of charity through the ages by means of archaeological objects, historic mementos, books, pictures, sculpture, inscriptions, religious objects, medical instruments, and implements of welfare service and charitable fund-raising.

#### MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT JOINS BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY FOR 1959-60

WALTHAM, Mass., Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will join the Brandeis University faculty this Fall as Visiting Lecturer in International Relations, it was announced here today by the University. She is one of 39 distinguished academicians from the United States and five foreign countries who have been named to the University faculty for the 1959-60 academic year. A trustee of the University, Mrs. Roosevelt has been associated with Brandeis since its founding.