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## WORLD BANK OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES \$56,500,000 LOAN TO EGYPT FOR SUEZ

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The World Bank today officially announced that signatures have been affixed to an agreement under which the United Arab Republic will be loaned \$56,500,000 to improve the Suez Canal.

The bank approved the loan despite anti-Israel blockade actions in the canal. The agreement was signed by UAR Ambassador Mostafa Kamel, Mahmoud Yunes, chairman of the board of the Suez Canal Authority, and Eugene R. Black, president of the World Bank. The UAR will have 15 years in which to make repayment.

The World Bank made the loan in participation with nine private institutional investors. Egyptian authorities said the loan was obtained with "no strings attached" as pertains to the anti-Israel blockade. They said the blockade would continue in force.

At the meeting of the bank's board of governors, the executive director representing Israel, Dr. P. Lieftinck of the Netherlands, asked on behalf of Israel that consideration of the loan be postponed because of the latest developments in the canal. No support for this motion developed. Dr. Lieftinck then expressed Israel's position on the loan itself.

Representatives of the United States, France, China, the Netherlands, and several Latin American countries expressed support for freedom of passage through the canal. The U.S. representative, T. Graydon Upton, while taking a position that the bank cannot consider political considerations, added his expression of regret at complication of the question as a result of the attitude of the United Arab Republic to Israeli shipping. He added that the United States was not insensitive to the recent deterioration of the position.

Yesterday Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman paid an urgent call on Acting Secretary of State C. Douglas Dillon to discuss the Suez loan by the World Bank. The meeting lasted 45 minutes.

## U.S. Helps Nasser to Modernize Cairo Airport for Jet Planes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The United States Government today announced a new agreement with the United Arab Republic of great potential importance to the UAR Air Force's jet bomber squadrons. The U.S. Federal Aviation Agency announced it will assist the UAR in a multi-million dollar project to modernize and expand Cairo's airport facilities for the jet-age.

In the initial phase, a team of FAA experts will cooperate with the UAR by going to Egypt to plan and design facilities to handle the largest jet planes and facilitate take-off and landing problems. Facilities will be vastly expanded. Equipment will be purchased and installed. The UAR is to be provided the most extensive and modern airport facilities in the Near East, an official said.

The FAA said UAR citizens will be given on-the-job training in airport construction, maintenance, and operation. UAR technicians will be brought to the United States for special training at the FAA Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

## GOLDA MEIR CONDEMNS IN KNESSET EGYPT'S NEW ACT OF PIRACY AT SUEZ

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Israel will continue to insist on the right of passage through the Suez Canal and will not be deterred by the "piracy" of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic from reasserting this right in the future, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister, declared tonight in a report to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Mrs. Meir had been scheduled to speak tomorrow on the newest Suez Canal impasse created by the UAR detention Friday of the Greek freighter, the S.S. Astypalea, which was bound for Djibuti, French Somaliland, with a cargo of Israel cement. However, Mrs. Levi Eshkol, wife of Israel's Finance Minister, died this morning, and the session scheduled for tomorrow was cancelled to permit Knesset members to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Meir indicated that Israel would send additional cargoes for Suez Canal transit. She also reviewed current developments, including the detention since last May 21 of the

Danish ship, the Inge Toft, the negotiations that followed and the background against which the Astypalea was dispatched to Port Said.

The Israel cargo on the Greek ship was sent under conditions suggested by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, who reportedly reached an agreement last summer with Nasser through which passage of Israel cargoes was to be permitted if the cargoes were purchased freight on board Haifa, the port of origin in Israel. The cement on the Astypalea was shipped FOB Haifa and therefore not the property of Israel or of any Israel firm.

Cairo Radio, in a broadcast monitored here, said today that the United Arab Republic had cancelled the agreement with Mr. Hammarskjöld when Israel sought to use it last Friday. The broadcast admitted that the arrangement had been made but was cancelled, because "Israel should know that only the United Arab Republic can permit or forbid passage through the Suez Canal."

#### Crew of Detained Greek Ship Not Allowed to Obtain Supplies

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Spyro Kapitanos, captain of the Greek freighter Astypalea, loaded with Israeli cement, today refused an order by harbor authorities in Port Said to move his ship alongside the Danish freighter Inge Toft, detained since May 21, a cable from Cairo reported.

Shipping quarters said Kapitanos refused to move his ship, which has been detained by United Arab Republic authorities since last Friday, from the outer to the inner harbor, except at UAR expense. The crew of the ship was barred from landing at Port Said and the vessel was not allowed to obtain supplies there, the Cairo report said.

#### Israeli Representatives Confer at U. N. on Egypt's Halting of Ship

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Michael Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations and Yosef Tekoa, the outgoing acting representative, conferred here today with Ralph J. Bunche, Undersecretary for Special Political Affairs.

The conference was believed to have been concerned with the United Arab Republic action in halting the Greek freighter Astypalea at Port Said where the ship had sought to go through the Suez Canal carrying cement from Haifa to Djibuti.

#### NEW STRATEGIC HIGHWAY LINKING JERUSALEM WITH BEERSHEBA OPENED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A 40-kilometer stretch of road, the first stretch of a new strategic highway linking Jerusalem and Beersheba, the capital of the Negev in the south, was opened today.

The new 80-kilometer road, when completed, will cut travel distance between the two cities by 30 kilometers. The new road traverses a hitherto wild and unpopulated area close to the Jordan-Israel frontier which has long been used as a haven by Arab infiltrators. It will enable more frequent and effective patrolling of the region by Israeli security forces.

The road, being constructed by the Jewish National Fund through difficult and mountainous terrain, will open the area for reclamation and agricultural settlement. Brigadier Chaim Laskov, Israeli Chief of Staff, inspected the road today and stressed its usefulness in maintaining Israel's security.

#### NEW JERUSALEM MAYOR ANNOUNCES 100,000,000-POUND DEVELOPMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Mordecai Ish-Shalom, Jerusalem's new Mayor, announced a plan today for a 100,000,000-pound five-year development program for Israel's capital.

He said the plan was based on an anticipated increase in population from Jerusalem's present 160,000 to 200,000 by 1965. Several quarters which have become slums will be razed and replaced by modern buildings, centers for small industry and new arterial roads to speed up city traffic, he said.

#### BEN-GURION TAKES OATH IN KNESSET AS PREMIER; SUFFERS FROM LARYNGITIS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, hoarse with laryngitis, attended the Knesset session today and took the oath of office as Prime Minister and Minister of Defense.

After presentation of his new five-party Cabinet to President Ben-Zvi tomorrow, the Prime Minister was scheduled to leave for a vacation at a hot springs spa.

#### SENATOR SYMINGTON ARRIVES IN ISRAEL AS GUEST OF GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri arrived here today for a three-day visit to Israel. Senator Symington, who is here as a guest of the Government, will meet with Foreign Minister Golda Meir. A former Secretary of the Air Force, the Senator will visit an Israel air base and tour water projects. He will proceed to Guinea, Ghana and Nigeria following his visit to Israel.

## JEWS ARE FLEEING FROM PERSECUTION IN EAST GERMANY, BONN REPORTS

BONN, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- West German Ministry for All-German Affairs reported today Jews were fleeing from persecution in East Germany and arriving constantly as refugees.

Asserting in a communique that the remaining Jews in East Germany were being persecuted along with members of all other religious groups, the Ministry said that the East Berlin Jewish community, which now numbers only 900 persons, was dwindling.

The Ministry reported that apart from East Berlin, only 600 Jews were left in East Germany and that their flight to West Germany for asylum meant that the East German Jewish community would completely disappear in a few years.

## PRESIDENT OF HIGH COURT IN GERMANY SUSPENDED FOR LYING ON JEWS

KIEL, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Marbach, the president of the highest financial court of Schleswig-Holstein, will be suspended on charges of perjury, a spokesman for the government said today.

Dr. Marbach was accused of giving false testimony in 1958 in the trial of Dr. Maximilian Mertens who was sentenced to 25 years in prison by a Greek court for participation in the deportation of Greek Jews to Nazi death camps. Dr. Marbach testified that while he was an administrative official in the German occupation army in Greece in 1942, no acts of violence had been committed against the Greek population.

Two judges have been suspended from the Schleswig-Holstein state Social Court for hiding the identity of Professor Werner Heyde, who has been charged with being the head of the Nazi "mercy killing" program, official sources disclosed today. The president of the court had been suspended earlier this month for the same reason.

Dr. Heyde, who was arrested last month, had been employed under a false name as medical examiner for the court. He is accused of having had top responsibility in the killing of 70,000 inmates of German camps--including many Jews--during the second World War.

## BILL TO END DE-NAZIFICATION PROVOKES TUMULT IN BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT

MUNICH, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A bill to end the activities of de-Nazification courts in Bavaria became law today after a near-riot in the Bavarian Parliament.

A tumult developed in debate when Walter Becher, leader of the All-German Bloc Refugee party, criticized de-Nazification as an "unfortunate measure of postwar times." The one-time Sudeten German author of Nazi and anti-Semitic writings called out that the greatest present danger was not Nazism but Bolshevism.

Social Democratic deputies left the floor to call Becher "top Nazi" and other deputies threatened to knock him down. When order was restored, the Parliament passed the bill against Social Democratic opposition.

The de-Nazification tribunals and their rulings will be replaced by an authorization to the Bavarian Minister of the Interior to provide a certification of "unobjectionability." A clause providing that former leading Nazis could again be elected to municipal posts was killed in committee last month.

The Social Democratic party declared its opposition today to a general amnesty petition now being circulated among members of the West German Parliament. Initiated by the German party, the measure would provide a general pardon for all crimes committed in connection with World War II and the Nazi regime. A Social Democratic spokesman said that "no one can acquit German democracy of its duty to clean up its own house."

## DEPUTY SPEAKER OF GERMAN PARLIAMENT LECTURES AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Professor Carlo Schmidt, West German Social Democrat leader and deputy speaker of the Bundestag last night delivered the first lecture to be given by a German in German language at the Hebrew University since the second World War. He is touring Israel as a guest of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Cologne.

Discoursing on the evolution of European culture, Professor Schmidt stressed the contributions of Jews to the development of the European spirit and declared that Israel's establishment is among the most significant vindications of that spirit.

## ISRAELI CHILDREN'S BOOKS EXHIBITED IN GERMANY FOR FIRST TIME

OFFENBACH, West Germany, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A collection of Israeli children's books were on exhibit here today for the first time at the "Bunte Kinderwelt" annual exhibition of educational materials. Dr. Hans Halbey, director of the Offenbach Museum, said that the Israel books "show a very high quality, equal to those published in the United States."

# CONFERENCE OF RABBIS AND SOCIAL WORKERS DISCUSSES MUTUAL COOPERATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- "Jews are sharing in the 'population explosion' of our times, and are safely past the dangers of possible extinction which existed in the last 20 years," Dr. Salo W. Baron, a leading Jewish historian, last night told an audience of over 400 rabbis and social workers.

Dr. Baron, director of the Center of Israeli studies at Columbia University, delivered the keynote address at a conference of rabbis and social workers called to promote "greater understanding and more fruitful cooperation between the rabbimats and the Jewish social worker." The conference was held under the auspices of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

"Twenty years ago there existed real problems of the possible annihilation of the Jewish people by world anti-Semitic movements. For a time there also loomed the biological menace of extinction through a decline in population, owing to a decreasing birth rate such as we witnessed in the 1930's," Dr. Baron declared.

"This danger, too, has passed and the Jews are sharing in what has come to be called the 'population explosion' of our times. The only question really is, how the surviving Jews will shape their religion and culture so that it should be as meaningful to the future generations as the older forms of the Jewish faith have been to their ancestors," Dr. Baron said.

Rabbi Judah Nadich denied that there need be any conflict between religious and social welfare leaders. "The time has perhaps come now," he said, "to stop whipping a dead horse, to call a halt to mutual recrimination--that the American rabbi and synagogue are eager to gain a monopoly over Jewish life in all its aspects, and that the Jewish community center generated speedy assimilation with its workers antagonistic to Jewish survival."

Dr. Morton Teicher, dean of the Yeshiva University School of Social Work, the first university-based social work program under Jewish auspices, discussed the importance of special training for Jewish communal service and of collaboration between rabbis and professionals in this field.

Dr. Louis Linn, attending psychiatrist at Mt. Sinai Hospital, called the religious leader "an indispensable member of the treatment team" in cases of mental illness. "The psychiatrist, the psychologist, the social caseworker, and members of allied disciplines need his help, just as he needs theirs to round out his own contributions to the community," he said. "Further, it has become apparent that the religious leader participated in the total treatment program in a specific way."

## BERKLEY SCHOOLS ACCEDE TO JEWISH REQUEST; DROP BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

DETROIT, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Board of Education of Berkley, a suburban area, has decided to abandon baccalaureate services as part of senior high school graduation exercises, following protests of Jewish parents, it was disclosed today.

The decision was announced by the Jewish Community Council of Detroit, with which the Berkley Jewish community is affiliated. The decision followed a series of conferences between school officials and representatives of the Southern Oakland County committee of the Jewish Community Council. The committee acted after several parents had indicated they felt that the sectarian nature of the baccalaureate programs made them improper for public school use.

Christian clergymen who attended the discussions and school board officials accepted a proposal of the Jewish participants that the various churches and synagogues in the area sponsor baccalaureate services for their respective congregants among the graduates.

## \$1,527,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD IN BOSTON IN 1959; GOAL EXCEEDED

BOSTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Boston community invested \$1,527,000 in Israel bonds in 1959--to top the minimum goal of \$1,530,000--it was announced by Lawrence G. Laskey, general chairman, at the sixth annual Chanukah festival in the Boston Garden.

The statement was greeted by a thunderous ovation from the more than 9,000 persons who attended the festival--purchasers of Israel bonds. They heard Mr. Laskey's announcement that Boston Jews have invested \$13,680,200 in Israel bonds since the inception of the bond effort in 1951; and that the total investment to date by Jews in the free countries of the world is \$416,272,300.

## TWO FEDERAL GRANTS, TOTALING \$311,712, GRANTED TO PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Philadelphia Psychiatric Hospital, which is a constituent of the Federation of Jewish Agencies, has received two federal grants totaling \$311,712, it was announced by Abe Cooper, president of the hospital.

One grant of \$186,712 was awarded to match funds to build a center for emotionally disturbed children, which will bear the name of Irving Schwartz, its principal benefactor. The center will cost \$600,000. The other grant, of \$125,000, was made by the National Institute of Health to Dr. Albert S. Friedman, the hospital's director of research for a three-year study of a sedation drug.