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ISRAEL CRITICIZES WORLD BANK LOAN TO NASSER AS 'REWARD TO PIRATE'

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, said last night that the World Bank loan made to the United Arab Republic for widening the Suez Canal--while the waterway remained barred to Israel shipping--amounted to giving a reward to a "violinist of international practices."

Reporting to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, on the latest developments in the Suez Canal, for which a World Bank loan of \$56,500,000 was formally signed yesterday, Mrs. Meir said UAR President Nasser, "who behaves like a sea pirate," would regard the loan as encouragement for future acts of blockade against Israel shipping. She was referring to the detention last Friday of the Greek freighter, the Astypalea, bound from Haifa for Djibuti, French Somaliland, with a cargo of Israel cement carried FOB Haifa, and the detention since last May 21 of the Danish ship, the Inge Toft, with an Israel cargo.

She said Israel would not end efforts to expand trade with all countries and to demand the right of free passage through the Suez Canal without discrimination. She added Israel was confident that it would not stand alone "in this fight," since the UAR's handling of the waterway was of interest to all maritime nations and violation by the UAR of one nation's rights was likely to bring about UAR violation of the rights of other nations.

Mrs. Meir expressed herself as being in agreement with the contention of United States State Department officials that World Bank grants should be based on economic and not political considerations. However, she contended, granting a loan to the UAR under existing conditions was in fact a political act.

President Nasser's detention of the Astypalea, she asserted, was a "direct result" of the "tolerant attitude" of the United Nations toward the UAR leader's activities. Emphasizing that she had no doubt of the sincerity of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's arrangements for passage of Israel's cargoes through the Suez Canal if shipped FOB, Mrs. Meir said that Mr. Hammarskjöld "now stands like a poor petitioner at Nasser's door."

She hinted that both Mr. Hammarskjöld and President Nasser had been informed in advance about the Astypalea's departure for the Suez Canal under the FOB arrangements, which meant that the cement cargo was owned by the purchaser and not by Israel.

Conservatives in Britain Consider World Bank Loan to Nasser 'Untimely'

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The London Daily Telegraph, leading British Conservative daily, condemned the World Bank loan to the United Arab Republic today as "untimely" and as undermining the status of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

The paper noted editorially that the loan came as the Egyptians had detained another ship seeking passage through the Suez Canal with cargo originating in Israel. It said the detention of the Greek freighter Astypalea was "not just a jab at Israel; it was a slap in the face for Mr. Hammarskjöld. While President Nasser administered it with one hand, his other held the Suez begging bowl outstretched; and into it, with staggering untimeliness, the World Bank yesterday dropped its 20,000,000 pounds sterling Christmas present."

"The bank," the editorial added, "may act on economic criteria only. But if the United Nations is impotent to enforce its decisions about the freedom of the canal, it might begin by establishing the principle that a nation at war with a fellow-member, as Egypt asserts, is no fit recipient for international aid."

The Times of London editorially deplored the Arab blockade of Israeli shipping at the Suez Canal but insisted that the World Bank would have been the wrong weapon to employ against it.

The editorial noted that "many people will be annoyed that President Nasser has got his World Bank loan for development of the Suez Canal, either because they mistrust his policies in general or because they feel this particular grant is untimely while the canal is still closed to traffic to and from Israel. The simple answer is that the bank's criteria are economic and not political."

IRAQ'S PREMIER WANTS JORDAN TO GIVE UP ANNEXED PART OF PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Premier Kassem of Iraq resumed his propaganda campaign against Jordan today with a demand that King Hussein give up the portion of Palestine he absorbed after the 1948 United Nations partition decision.

The Premier, in a speech broadcast by Radio Baghdad, called Jordan the "perfidious stepchild of imperialism" and called on Jordan to yield the "confiscated" parts of Palestine and make them the nucleus of a "new state."

In his denunciation, the Premier repeated a charge he made earlier this month that Palestine was carved up by Jordan, Egypt and Israel. He also said that "11 years have passed since the Palestine events and the sons of Palestine still remain to this very moment expelled and refugees."

The Premier said that the refugees had been "expelled from their homes as a result of aggression against their country by other robbers." He added that "the problem of Palestine will be solved only through the formation of a State of Palestine, including all of its robbed parts."

WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE APPROVES CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION OF W. Z. O.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The draft of an amendment to the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization, which would make possible admittance of both individuals and organizations accepting the Zionist program, was approved last night by the plenary of the World Zionist executive.

The amendment, which would authorize the World Zionist Congress and the Zionist Actions Committee to accept such individuals and organizations, will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Actions Committee which begins here December 28. The amendment would make it possible for non-Zionist organizations to join without being forced to become involved in Zionist politics.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, summed up the executive's discussion, with a warning that the organization of the Zionist movement must be widened. He said existing conditions could not be permitted to continue and that expansion appeared to be the only way to deal with the problem.

He said that while it was difficult to develop cooperation between various units beside the Zionist movement, there was a chance to bring together organizations not within the Zionist structure. Success in such an effort, he added, would depend on two factors: Whole-hearted support of the idea by the Zionist parties and the "moral backing" of the State of Israel.

ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH AGED PEOPLE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Social Welfare has decided to establish a special authority to deal with the problems of the aged, it was officially announced here today.

The new Gerontological Authority will coordinate the work of various institutions for the aged and the research work in medical and social economic problems of older persons. At present, the institutions deal in one form or another with 140,000 persons over 60 years of age. Statistical forecasts indicate that within ten years their number will be about 320,000.

HEAVY WINTER RAINS IN ISRAEL; AVERT DANGER OF LOSS OF WINTER CROP

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The first winter rains averted danger today of the loss of most of Israel's winter crops and ended near-drought conditions already existing in many parts of the country.

The heavy rains were described as just what the citrus crops needed after the prolonged, unseasonable heat. Picking of the orange crop gets into full swing this week.

AMERICAN RADIO BROADCASTS CHANUKAH PROGRAM TO JEWS IN RUSSIA

MUNICH, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- American-sponsored Radio Liberty today broadcast from here a special Chanukah program to Jews in the Soviet Union. The broadcast described the origins of the holiday and how Jews throughout the free world would mark it for eight days, beginning Friday evening.

The broadcast contained no political connotations and its contents was limited to historic facts giving the details of the partisan war conducted by the Maccabees against the Syrian tyrant Antiochus Epiphanus. The Chanukah story was accompanied in the broadcast by traditional Chanukah music in Yiddish and in Hebrew and included the ceremony of kindling the Chanukah lights.

SYNAGOGUE IN HOLLAND TO BE CONVERTED INTO MOVING PICTURE HOUSE

THE HAGUE, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A modern synagogue of the Ashkenazi Jewish congregation in the southern outskirts of The Hague, will be converted into a moving picture theatre, it was reported here today. The city's Jewish community, which, before the second World War consisted of about 15,000 persons, now numbers only 1,500.

KRUPP COMPANY AGREES TO PAY COMPENSATION TO JEWISH FORCED LABORERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- An agreement by which the Friedrich Krupp Company will pay to former Jewish concentration camp inmates who were forced laborers during the Nazi regime in various Krupp factories an initial sum of 6,000,000 deutschmarks (\$1,428,000), which may be increased to 10,000,000 deutschmarks (\$2,380,000) was reached between the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and the Krupp Company, Mr. Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president of the Claims Conference announced today.

The final agreement was worked out following discussions in New York and Essen which were conducted in a friendly atmosphere and resulted in a mutually acceptable solution to this difficult problem. Mr. Blaustein stated: "The agreement is intended to serve the best interests of Jewish claimants and represents an important step in the effort to alleviate some of the distress of surviving victims of Nazi persecution. It follows the pattern established in the 1957 agreement between the Claims Conference and the I. G. Farben Company."

It is envisaged that approximately 5,000 deutschmarks per person will be paid to eligible former Jewish concentration camp inmates who toiled in the Krupp factories. Should the amount of 6,000,000 deutschmarks prove inadequate to provide payments on this basis to all eligible claimants, the Krupp Company will provide additional funds up to 4,000,000 deutschmarks, bringing the total payment by the Krupp Company to a maximum of 10,000,000 deutschmarks.

The agreement is the outcome of negotiations conducted over a number of years for the purpose of providing compensation to former Jewish laborers in the Krupp factories without compelling them to engage in long and costly litigation. The Claims Conference has set up a trust, the Compensation Treuhand G.m.B.H., Staufenstrasse 29A, Frankfurt-am-Main, to carry out the terms of the agreements with the I. G. Farben and Krupp companies. Application forms can be obtained by applying to that office.

GERMAN DOCTOR ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH MURDERING INMATES IN NAZI CAMPS

MUNSTER, West Germany, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Otto Adam of Hammelburg has been arrested and charged with murdering inmates in the Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen concentration camps, it was announced here today. Dr. Adam was believed to have carried out yellow fever experiments on the prisoners.

The case of Dr. Werner Heyde, the "euthanasia doctor," meanwhile was referred to Hesse state authorities by the Federal Prosecutor General's office. Dr. Heyde, who lived in Schleswig-Holstein and who served as chief medical advisor to the courts under the alias of Dr. Fritz Sawade, has been charged with murdering patients and concentration camp prisoners.

Authorities said he would be tried in a Hesse court because several "euthanasia stations" were located in Hesse during the first part of the war where "incurable patients," delinquent children and others considered "unfit to live in the National Socialist state" were murdered.

JEWISH POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA RESORT CITY REPORTED TERRORIZED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The KTLA television station here has aired an hour-long documentary program asserting that a nearby resort city, Elsinore, was on the verge of violence against its Jewish citizens. Officials of the station said that to get the report, Pat Michaels and other members of the station's news staff were sworn in as members of Elsinore's police force "for their own safety."

A KTLA special news release, announcing the "City of Hate" program, declared that the news staff had "uncovered a situation which parallels the nightmare of Nazi Germany with frightening fidelity." It stressed that "the terrorism is part of a calculated campaign designed to drive out the large Jewish population which has gathered in the resort city." The documentary was shown twice.

The program showed that damage had been done to synagogues and centers in Elsinore, which is 72 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The news staff interviewed officials and residents of Elsinore to determine their reactions to widening signs of anti-Semitism. These included threatening letters, wall inscriptions and stonings. The program charged that a concealed organization, calling itself the International Freedom Fighters, was responsible.

Originally, Elsinore's tourist trade was based on a large lake. When the lake dried up, there was a large influx of elderly Jews who were attracted by the area's mineral waters. The mineral waters were cut off on contention that it had a high fluoride content, but Elsinore residents expressed the belief in statements on the KTLA program that this was a device to drive Jewish businessmen out of the area.

Mr. Michaels contended on the program that a measure approved at the last session of the California Legislature to refill Lake Elsinore was the direct cause of the current campaign of intimidation. He said that the goal was to scare Jewish residents out and regain property sold to them during the area's depressed period.

U.S. JEWS ARE NOT CREATING GHETTOS IN SUBURBS, SOCIOLOGIST SAYS

DETROIT, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A Wayne University sociologist has rejected the theory that American Jews are creating ghettos in the exodus to suburban areas, "gilded" or otherwise.

Dr. Albert J. Mayer, associate professor of sociology at the Detroit college, said that the true ghetto was an area where only Jews could live and usually one where non-Jews were forbidden to live. A true ghetto, he said, was an area which was inhabited by Jews according to law or custom, as was the pattern in Europe.

Speaking at the Detroit Jewish Community Center, Dr. Mayer said there was no ghetto either in Detroit or its rapidly expanding suburbs. He said that the north section of Detroit, which was the first center of Jewish concentration, never had more than 60 percent of the Jews of Detroit and that even then, 40 percent of the population of the section was non-Jewish.

CHICAGO RABBIS DIFFER ON PROPRIETY OF NATIVITY DISPLAY AT CITY HALL

CHICAGO, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Two Chicago rabbis took totally opposite positions today on the propriety of the annual nativity display in Chicago City Hall.

Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman of Temple Emanuel criticized Mayor Richard Daley who had rejected protests from a number of Jewish and Christian groups. The Mayor contended that the United States was "a Christian country." He subsequently invited the display of "the symbols of other religious holidays," an apparent reference to Chanukah. Rabbi Schaalman denounced the Mayor's stand as a violation of "the spirit and letter of the constitution."

Rabbi Harold I. Stern of Skokie, a Chicago suburb, urged Chicago Jewry not only to accept the creche but also to put up a Chanukah display next to it. Elmer Gertz, president of the Chicago Council of the American Jewish Congress, received the invitation from the Mayor to put up a Chanukah display after his organization and others met with the Mayor in a bid last July to have the Nativity Scene cancelled. Mr. Gertz, in rejecting the invitation, said Mayor Daley "still does not understand the principle of separation of church and state."

BAN ON RELIGIOUS PRAYER IN PORT WASHINGTON SCHOOLS EVOKES CONTROVERSY

PORT WASHINGTON, L. I., Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A decision to drop recitation of the Lord's Prayer from school assembly programs will be reviewed as a result of a meeting of parents this week at which many participants strongly protested against the omission of the religious prayer, it was announced today by Eugene Worcester, president of the Board of Education.

Nearly 300 persons attended the meeting at which the issue was debated. The meeting was called after widespread divisions within the community developed on the matter. Mr. Worcester said that board members had not ordered a ban specifically on the Lord's Prayer but on "all sectarian and denominational" prayers. Booming Port Washington has 5,000 children in its high school, two junior highs and six elementary schools.

The practice of opening high school assemblies with the Lord's Prayer had not been questioned until last winter when Supreme Court Justice Bernard S. Meyer ruled that the daily reciting of the New York state-authorized prayer of the Board of Regents in nearby Herrick should not be made mandatory. The Board of Regents prayer is recited regularly in Port Washington elementary schools with the pledge of allegiance.

KLAUSENBERGER REBBE WELCOMED IN ISRAEL BY GOVERNMENT, JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben-Gurion, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, and Rabbi Jacob Toledano, Israel's Minister of Religions, were among those sending messages of welcome today to Rabbi J. J. Halberstam, the Klausenberger Rebbe, who arrived this week from New York with 51 of his followers for permanent settlement in Israel.

The Labor daily, Davar, said the settlement of the group at Kiryat Santz, near Natanya, was unique in that the Hassidim, in addition to establishing the customary Yeshiva, also planned to build a factory and other projects to support those joining the colony. Davar concluded its comment with the hope that the sect members would be an example to the masses of American Zionists "and especially to the Zionist leaders."

MEMBERS OF ISRAEL CABINET AND KNESSET ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Thousands of Israelis attended funeral services today for Mrs. Elisheva Eshkol, wife of Israel's Minister of Finance, Levi Eshkol. Mrs. Eshkol died yesterday morning. Among those who paid last respects to Mrs. Eshkol were Cabinet Ministers, Members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament and hundreds of members of women's organizations in which Mrs. Eshkol was active.

HARRY FIERST, AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD; WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Harry P. Fierst, leader in Zionist and Jewish affairs, who died here yesterday after a brief illness. He was 76 years old. He was a founding member of the American Zionist Youth Commission and a member of the executive committee of the ZOA.