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UNITED STATES GAVE \$200,000,000 AID TO ISRAEL IN THREE YEARS, ESHKOL REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- United States aid to Israel in the past three years has totaled some \$200,000,000, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol reported here today. He listed the total in remarks made at a farewell luncheon honoring John Haggerty, retiring director of the United States Operations Mission in Israel.

The Finance Minister said the aid--in the form of loans, grants, food surpluses and technical assistance--had an important role in Israel's economic development in that period during which national output rose 30 percent and exports increased from 220, - 000,000 pounds to 300,000,000 pounds annually.

A top official of the World Bank, Stewart G. Mason, is due here from Washington next month to study projects submitted by Israel in connection with her application for a loan, a spokesman for the Bank of Israel announced here today. Following Mr. Mason's visit, a team of technical experts of the World Bank will arrive here in connection with the projected loan.

TRIPARTITE PACT GUARANTEEING ISRAEL-ARAB BORDERS DECLARED VALID

PARIS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the French Government declared today that the 1950 Tripartite Agreement guaranteeing present Israel-Arab borders against violent change remains valid despite its denunciation yesterday by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic. (In Washington, it was similarly stated that the U.S. Government considers the Tripartite pact still valid.)

Nasser, in a speech in Damascus celebrating the second anniversary of the merger of Egypt and Syria in the UAR, said "I declare in the name of the Arab people that the declaration is dead and buried in the soil and blood of Port Said." This was understood to be a reference to the battle fought at the port in the 1956 Sinai operation when British troops captured the city.

The French spokesman said that Nasser was not a party to the 1950 agreement between the United States, Britain and France and therefore "has nothing to say about whether it is in force or not."

The UAR president was understood to have made the declaration in response to a statement by Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary who said in the House of Commons last week that the Tripartite Agreement signatories had, in talks since the Egyptian-Syrian merger, agreed that the agreement remained valid.

DAYAN DENIES NASSER'S CHARGES THAT ISRAEL IS MOBILIZING TROOPS

PARIS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Moshe Dayan, former Israel Chief of Staff and now its Minister of Agriculture, asserted vigorously here today that there was no truth in charges by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic that Israel was mobilizing its troops.

General Dayan flatly denied that Israel was contemplating any attack on the United Arab Republic, as Nasser charged in a speech in Damascus yesterday. Gen. Dayan said he had no idea what Nasser's purpose was in making such charges at the present time or what Nasser hoped to gain by making them.

The Israeli minister said that reinforcement of Israel's military strength was a factor for peace in the Middle East "because the sooner the Arabs realized that Israel is a permanent factor in the Middle East, the sooner they will come to terms with it."

He expressed his belief that Israel would eventually be living on peaceful terms with the Arabs, but added that it would undoubtedly take a long time to reach this condition. He contended that if the United Nations had acted firmly about the Syrian border incidents--in which there were clashes in demilitarized zones--the difficulties would have been settled a long time ago.

Shimon Peres, Deputy Defense Minister of Israel, who came to Paris with Gen. Dayan, has been meeting with French officials on purchases of arms for Israel.

STATE DEPT. QUERIED ON BARRING JEWS FROM U.S. SERVICE IN PAKISTAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, (JTA) -- Secretary of State Christian Herter was asked today to explain a new policy barring American personnel of the Jewish faith from assignment to United States diplomatic and aid missions in Pakistan. The request was made by Representative Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Rep. Farbstein told Secretary Herter that any measures to weed out Jews from among personnel assigned to Pakistan "would be a distinct violation of every American tradition and of the Morse-Javits amendment to the Mutual Security Act of 1959." The amendment calls on the executive department to withhold aid from nations practicing religious bias against Americans.

Rep. Farbstein asked Secretary Herter whether the State Department and the International Cooperation Administration are "presently screening, formally or informally, individuals considered for assignment to Pakistan or any other country" to determine religious affiliation as a vocational "qualification." He cited an "authoritative news agency" report that such a practice involving Pakistan had gone into effect. The report originated with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

A formal request was made by Rep. Farbstein for a detailed report on current policies of the State Department involving assignment of American Jews to Pakistan and a number of other Moslem nations. The other nations included Saudi Arabia, United Arab Republic, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Sudan and Yemen. An Administration request for additional appropriations to Pakistan is now before the Foreign Affairs Committee.

KNESSET DEFEATS BILLS ON LIFTING MILITARY REGIME IN ARAB AREAS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23, (JTA) -- Three opposition proposals to end military Government in the Arab-populated areas of Israel were defeated in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, last night after Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion made a forceful speech against the idea.

The Prime Minister warned that Israel's "extraordinary situation" required continuance of the military government to prevent civil disturbances and mass infiltrations. He declared that relaxations in such government had been made and that more would be made.

The right-wing Herut, the General Zionists and the Communists introduced the bills to end military government. The Herut bill called for abolition of the regulations within six months, the General Zionists set abolition within four months and the Communists wanted it even earlier.

The vote against the opposition proposals was 42 to 24 with 27 abstentions. Mapai received the support of Agudat Israel and several Mizrahi deputies. Moshe Shaprio, Minister of the Interior, was the only non-Mapai Cabinet member at the Government table to support Mapai. The other non-Mapai Cabinet members abstained.

In his speech the Prime Minister asserted that equal rights meant equal duties and that the Government could not ask Israel's Arabs to serve in the military forces for understandable reasons. He said military rule could not be avoided as long as the neighboring Arab rulers continued to incite their peoples against Israel and the Arab minority in Israel's border areas remained in contact with the populace of enemy states.

JEWS IN ALGERIA PRESSURED BY REBELS TO BACK FIGHT AGAINST FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 23, (JTA) -- The Algerian FLN, the rebel organization, has suddenly revived pressure on the 140,000 Jews of Algeria to back "the ideals of independence" from France.

The demand was contained in a communication of the French Federation of the FLN to the Paris press, which called on Algerian Jews "to affirm as Algerians your adhesion to the ideals of independence" in order "to dissipate ambiguities which risk compromising our future relations."

Several days ago, FLN leader Ferhat Abbas said in a speech that the rebels were willing to "consider the Europeans of Algeria as Algerians." The communication took a much stronger tone with the warning that Algerian Jews were "an integral part of the Algerian population" and that for them "it is not a question of choosing between France and Algeria but of becoming effective citizens of your real country."

Most Algerian Jews are French and citizens by virtue of the fact that most of them or their parents acquired French nationality under the terms of the Cremieux Decree of 1871.

Some years ago pressure on Algerian Jews by the FLN was heavy. The Jewish Community Council was called on to take a pro-FLN stand and there were acts of terrorism aimed specifically at Algerian Jews as such. In recent years, however, such FLN appeals and warnings have been infrequent.

ISRAELIS HOPE BOSTON JEWISH SCHOLAR WILL BECOME THEIR CHIEF RABBI

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Reports that the refusal of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Boston to be a candidate for the post of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi may not be final received prominent coverage in the Jerusalem press today.

The reports were based on the contents of a second letter from the Boston rabbinical scholar. In his first letter, to Mizrahi leader and Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro, Rabbi Soloveitchik had indicated he was not a candidate. His second letter, to Rabbi Reuven Katz of Petach Tikvah, indicated that his position had been motivated by the personal and political issues introduced in the procedures for election of a new Chief Rabbi to succeed the late Rabbi Isaac Herzog who died last summer.

Rabbi Katz expressed the opinion that Rabbi Soloveitchik could be persuaded to change his mind if he received assurances that partisanship would not influence the election of a new Chief Rabbi. Haaretz, Israel's leading non-party newspaper, declared editorially today that Israel would be the loser "if the greatest of American rabbis and one of the greatest sages of Torah of this generation were to stand by his refusal."

The issues presumed to be disturbing Rabbi Soloveitchik developed when Rabbi Yaacov M. Toledano, Minister for Religious Affairs, proposed changes in procedures for the election of Chief Rabbis to which the Israel rabbinate registered strong opposition. The dispute brought a deadlock in the selection of a Chief Rabbinate Council which was broken Sunday when the Cabinet authorized Rabbi Toledano to extend the tenure of the Council for five months beyond its February 20 expiration date.

The five-month period was a compromise between a three-month extension suggested by Rabbi Toledano and a year extension proposed by coalition members of the National Religious party. During those five months, the Government and the Chief Rabbinate Council will seek to promulgate the regulations for the election to the two posts of Chief Rabbi, Ashkenazi and Sephardi.

CHARGES AGAINST NEO-NAZI AND JEW IN WASHINGTON SCUFFLE ARE DROPPED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia today officially dropped all disorderly conduct charges against a local Jewish communal leader and a neo-Nazi who were arrested after a scuffle over public distribution of anti-Semitic handbills.

Today's action terminated the entire case. It had involved Irving Berman, 48, northern Virginia leader of the Israel Bond drive, and Kenneth Morgan, 34, leading henchman of Fuhrer George Lincoln Rockwell of the "American Nazi party."

The dropping of the charges ended efforts of the American Civil Liberties Union to transform the case into a classic free speech issue. The ACLU had sought to incriminate Mr. Berman on alleged grounds of "interfering with free speech" because he opposed the street-corner distribution of handbills urging the gassing of American Jews. The ACLU had assigned two attorneys of Jewish faith to enter the case on the Nazi side.

Their injection of a "free speech" controversy complicated what had previously been considered only a simple street corner fracas. The ACLU attempt to turn the "disorderly conduct" episode into a question of constitutional free speech guarantees caused widespread controversy.

ANTI-SEMITIC EX-CONVICT ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH ROBBING CHILEAN ENVOY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Police today arrested an anti-Semitic ex-convict who is charged with the recent robbery, with anti-Jewish overtones, of Daniel Schweitzer, Chilean Ambassador to the United Nations.

Mr. Schweitzer, 64, was the victim recently of three hoodlums who broke into his home and demanded at gunpoint to know if he was Jewish. When he replied that he was, they forced him to give a Nazi salute and shout "Heil Hitler!" He was told that if he did not comply he would be shot down.

Police today identified Joseph Edward Curran, 29, as one of the three intruders. Curran was released from Sing Sing prison only last September. After being abused for being a Jew, Mr. Schweitzer was robbed.

BOOKSELLERS IN HOLLAND LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- All booksellers in Holland launched a campaign against anti-Semitism today with the publication of a special pamphlet entitled "Protest" and by displaying anti-Nazi books in their windows. The campaign is in commemoration of the first raid by the Nazis against the Jews of Amsterdam in 1941.

NAZI VICTIMS IN U.S. COMPLAIN AGAINST GERMAN MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Protest against the "inhuman attitude" taken by German medical officials and indemnification agencies in the processing of claims of Nazi victims for injury to health is voiced in a resolution adopted at a meeting here of Jews who suffered physical injuries in Nazi camps. The resolution demanded that:

1. All victims of Nazism whose claims for compensation have been found justified by the physicians of the German consulate, must receive the compensation due them without further procedure, and without having the medical opinion relating to them rendered ineffective by long distance diagnosis of desk physicians.
2. All persecutees whose claims for compensation for injury to health have been denied by the consular physicians must have the right to a review of an opinion of a single physician for possible errors and wrong diagnosis by a medical board.
3. All persons whose claims for compensation for injury to health have been denied by German medical authorities must have the right to another review of their cases.
4. All persecutees whose claims, while not rejected, have found compensation merely for a short period of time, must have the same right for a review as those persecutees whose claims have been rejected entirely.

The resolution demands that such claims be considered "not by hostile medical bureaucrats through long distance diagnosis, but by medical officials to be sent by the Federal Government to New York; such medical officials should together with the private physicians of the persecutees conduct final examinations and render binding opinions."

A Committee of Nazi Victims Deprived of Justice and Compensation by the German Medical Service was formed at the meeting to follow up the resolution. Moses Socachewsky was named chairman of the new group.

TRUMAN AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE BY JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America last night for "untiring efforts to bring about better understanding and increased affection among men across all barriers of background and belief."

Mr. Truman later was the principal speaker at the National Community Award dinner of the Seminary which was held in honor of eight Jewish community leaders. Each received a bronze plaque for dedication to "the high principles of Judaism and for exemplary leadership in his endeavors to enrich the Jewish life of his community."

The recipients were James J. Axelrod of Boston, Morris DeWosin of Chicago, Abraham S. Kay of Washington, D. C., Myer B. Marcus of Philadelphia, Irving S. Norry of Rochester, N. Y., J. Irving Oelbaum of Toronto, Robert Schear of Dayton, Ohio, and Dr. Harold M. Weinberg of New York City.

Mr. Truman paid tribute to Prof. Shalom Spiegel of the Seminary faculty for "one of the best lectures I have ever heard"--a talk on the Book of Amos. Mr. Truman said the lecture demonstrated that justice was "innate in all men, transcending law and similar transitory considerations."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES URGED TO PRESERVE LOCAL RECORDS

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- An urgent plea to American Jews to set up committees to find Jewish records of "trials, the tragedies and the achievements" of the American Jewish community emerged today from the 58th annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society.

Dr. Bertram W. Korn, president of the society, said the creation of such committees was "a sacred responsibility" of the Society. Citing the disappearance of local records, Dr. Korn said that "our people can never learn their history and feel its drama and the understanding it teaches unless these sources are located and safeguarded."

He reported that state or regional Jewish historical groups have been set up in Michigan, Rhode Island and California and that local groups were being organized in Chicago, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

TWO BOYS ARRESTED IN NEW YORK SUBURB FOR SMEARING SWASTIKAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Two 15-year-old boys were arrested in Levittown, Long Island on charge of smearing half a dozen swastikas on Island Tree Memorial High School, where they are third-year students. They were also charged with desecrating the Roman Catholic Church they both attend and with painting swastikas on the headstones of a Baptist cemetery in Levittown.

The boys were arrested by detectives who were furnished a list of suspected students by guidance counselors at the high school.