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## CONGRESSIONAL BODY RECOMMENDS CONTINUATION OF U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 14. (JTA) -- A recommendation was made today by the House Foreign Affairs Committee that special assistance grant aid to Israel be maintained in fiscal year 1961, beginning July 1, at the same level as in fiscal year 1960. Israel received \$7,500,000 in such aid in the current fiscal year ending June 30.

At the same time the House Foreign Affairs Committee today took the Administration to task for failing to do an adequate job in supporting freedom of passage in the Suez Canal.

A committee report said the body "has followed closely development related to the use of the Suez Canal and believes that the United States has not done as effective a job as it should have in urging the removal of the restrictions on the free movement of commerce through the canal."

The committee said it was "with this and other situations in various parts of the world in mind," that the committee had proposed an amendment to the Mutual Security Act expressing the sense of Congress in opposition to the Arab blockade.

### Lauds Israel's Use of the 'Modest' Aid Received from U. S.

The \$7,500,000 special assistance grant aid to Israel for fiscal year 1960 was won by the House Foreign Affairs Committee last year over the objections of the Administration which sought to cut Israel out of this program. Congressional opposition was so intense that the executive department was forced to reinstate special assistance grant aid for Israel. Today's expression indicated that the Committee is seeking continuation of this form of aid for yet another year.

A committee statement said that "Against great odds, Israel has continued to be a bulwark of stability in an otherwise disturbed area. It has used effectively the modest amount of special assistance extended under the mutual security program."

The committee decided that "The determination of Israel to develop its industry and to increase its agricultural output will necessitate aid at the same level for the next year as in the current year. The committee is therefore of the opinion that special assistance to Israel should be maintained at the level of fiscal year 1960."

In fiscal year 1960, which ends June 30, Israel received special assistance grant aid in the amount of \$7,500,000; \$1,370,000 in Point Four technical cooperation; and \$32,000,000 in surplus commodities. Some loans remain pending in negotiation stage.

Israel, in 1959 fiscal year, received \$10,000,000 in special assistance grant aid and Point Four technical cooperation; \$38,300,000 in surplus commodities, and a \$5,000,000 loan from the Development Loan Fund.

## BEN-GURION ACTS TO BRING MINISTER OF EDUCATION BACK TO CABINET

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion conferred today with Zalman Aranne in an effort to persuade him to return to the post of Minister of Education which he resigned in a battle with his Mapai party.

The resignation was an outgrowth of a battle by high school teachers in Israel to win recognition of a union they organized independently of the Teachers Union of the Histadrut. The Histadrut union is made up of elementary school teachers and the high school teachers argued they needed their own union because their problems were different from those of the elementary teachers.

Mr. Aranne's support of the high school teachers ran into stiff opposition first from the Histadrut and then from Mapai leaders and Cabinet members. He thereupon resigned. Subsequently the Prime Minister persuaded the high school teachers to give up their campaign of non-cooperation with the Education Ministry and school superintendents by promising they could keep their union.

Mr. Aranne was reported to be receptive to the idea of returning to his Cabinet post, regarding the Prime Minister's promise to the high school teachers as a repudiation of the Mapai leaders who opposed him on that issue.

#### ISRAEL REJECTS KAISER-FRAZER REQUEST TO BAN IMPORT OF CARS

JERUSALEM, April 14, (JTA) -- The Ministry of Transport rejected today a suggestion by the Kaiser-Frazer company of Haifa that importation of cars be banned. The Kaiser-Frazer plant is beginning to assemble Studebaker small cars and sought the ban to protect the domestic auto production industry.

The Ministry contended that present import duties give sufficient protection to Israel's infant auto industry and at the same time announced it was lifting a ban on the import of motor scooters.

#### PICKETING OF EGYPTIAN SHIP AT N. Y. PORT CONTINUES; CARGO UNTOUCHED

NEW YORK, April 14, (JTA) -- Picketing of a United Arab Republic passenger-cargo vessel was continued at the port here today by members of the Seafarers International Union and the International Longshoremen's Association who indicated that the boycott of the ship, the Cleopatra, might be extended to other Atlantic coast ports at which the vessel might call. The union men refused to unload the Egyptian ship in protest against the UAR's blacklisting of American ships trading with Israel and the Nasser anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal.

Paul Hall, president of the SIU, declared today "We will keep up the steam until this situation is corrected." Thomas W. Gleason, general organizer of the longshoremen's union, said his group was backing the protest to help restore full freedom of the seas for the benefit of maritime workers throughout the world.

The Egyptian vessel has 3,000 tons of general cargo aboard, 400 tons of which were to be discharged here. The remainder of the cargo was destined for U.S. ports as far south as Jacksonville, Florida. A spokesman for Lawes, Loring Corporation, general agents here for the ship's owners--the Khedivial Mail Line--said he did not know what would become of the ship if the boycott continued indefinitely.

Efforts are being made through the New York Shipping Association to secure an injunction against the picketing, the agent's spokesman disclosed today.

#### ISRAEL TO START WORK ON REGIONAL WATER PLAN FOR BEISAN VALLEY

TEL AVIV, April 14, (JTA) -- Work will begin at the earliest possible time on a regional water plan for settlements in the Beisan valley to replace waters from a tributary of the Jordan River which Jordan is diverting, officials disclosed today.

Settlements in the area, located in northern Israel near the Jordan River boundary, would be threatened with lack of water once Jordan completed its diversion of the Yarmuk if alternate water supplies were not provided. The diversion, according to Jordanian reports, is nearing completion.

A new pumping station will be set up on the Jordan River near the outlet of Lake Tiberias to provide the required water, the officials explained. This new program will be tied into the plan to divert some of the Jordan River waters for irrigation of the Negev, a plan which has evoked threats of war from the Arab states.

#### DR. OBERLAENDER BACKED BY HIS PARTY; CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS

BONN, April 14, (JTA) -- Theodor Oberlaender, who is quitting his post as West German Minister for Refugees, was cleared indirectly today of charges of complicity in Nazi war crimes by a commission of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic party.

Oberlaender, who has been under fire for months on charges he took part in the Lemberg massacre of Jews in what was then Nazi-occupied Poland, will start a vacation this week from his Ministerial post to which he will not return. He becomes eligible for a pension May 1. The opposition Social Democrats reached an agreement with the Christian Democrats providing for Oberlaender's retirement by vacation and dropped their fight for his ouster.

The Christian Democrats named the commission to investigate the Lemberg charges and came to the unanimous conclusion that there were no grounds for recommending that Oberlaender should be expelled from the party's group in Parliament.

#### AUSTRIAN PUBLISHER SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS FOR NEO-NAZI PROPAGANDA

VIENNA, April 14, (JTA) -- Alfred Borth, publisher of the newspaper "Wegwarte," today was sentenced to two months' imprisonment here, after being convicted of publishing articles which the court deemed "neo-Nazi propaganda."

Borth is the self-styled "fuehrer" of the Organization of Patriotic Youth. Last winter, the Minister of the Interior ordered dissolution of the organization on the grounds that it engaged in neo-Nazi activities.

The Austrian Parliament unanimously approved today a law which bans the wearing of World War II decorations which include the swastika. Such decorations may be worn or displayed only if the Nazi emblems are erased or otherwise made invisible.

### JORDAN STARTS EXCAVATIONS NEAR WAILING WALL; SEEKS HIDDEN TREASURE

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- A search for hidden treasure reportedly buried in the Second Temple was underway today near the Wailing Wall in Jordan-held old Jerusalem.

Jordanian newspapers reported that excavations were under the direction of Prof. John Allegro of Manchester University. Together with the Jordanian Antiquities Department, Prof. Allegro, an authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls, is searching for the treasure claimed to have been hidden in the Second Temple before the Romans destroyed it more than 2,000 years ago.

The "report" of the hidden treasure was contained in a copper scroll found among the Dead Sea Scrolls. Armed guards of the Arab Legion are guarding the diggers because Moslem zealots consider digging in the area, which contains a Moslem holy place, an act of grave sacrilege.

### JORDAN WITHDRAWS PERMIT FROM U.S. TEAM SEEKING SODOM AND GOMORRAH

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- A Kansas City archaeologist has had his Jordanian permit to hunt for the lost cities of Sodom and Gomorrah withdrawn, it was reported here today. He has been exploring the bed of the Dead Sea.

The permit of Dr. Ralph Beney was canceled by the Jordan department of Antiquities, according to the report, because he has failed to find anything after five weeks of searching. Dr. Beney, a Baptist minister, arrived in Jordan at the head of a team of four Americans equipped with diving equipment and underwater photographic apparatus.

The equipment had been treated to withstand the high salinity of the Dead Sea. The team has been charting the sea bed in the vicinity of the area where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

### BUFFALO SYNAGOGUE DESECRATED; RABBI THREATENED; F. B. I. INVESTIGATES

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 14. (JTA) -- The desecration of Temple Beth Zion here and a reported threat to its rabbi, Martin L. Goldberg were being investigated today by a joint team of Buffalo police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Swastikas were painted on the floor and hacked into the walls of the synagogue. Rabbi Goldberg refused to discuss the report he had received a letter threatening he would be attacked with a bomb. However, sending of such a letter is a violation of federal law and would explain the FBI's participation in the probe. The vandalism was believed to have occurred Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

### VENEZKY NAMED HEAD OF AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Julian B. Venezky has accepted the chairmanship of the National Committee of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, it was announced today by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee.

Mr. Venezky, an attorney, also serves as national chairman for Regions of the State of Israel Bond Organization. He was the first national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Cabinet and first national chairman of the executive committee of State of Israel Bonds.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, with headquarters in Washington, conducts public action, bearing upon relations with governmental authorities, with a view to maintaining and improving friendship and good will between the United States and Israel. Its national committee, composed of community leaders from all over the country, will be expanded under Mr. Venezky's direction. I. L. Kenen, is executive director of the organization.

### WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM TRANSFERS HEADQUARTERS TO U.S.

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- The transfer of the headquarters of the World Union for Progressive Judaism from London to New York was announced at a press conference here today by Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, of Pittsburgh, president of the World Union. Dr. Freehof also announced the appointment of Rabbi Hugo Gryn as the new executive director of the international religious body which represents progressive synagogues in 25 countries. The largest segment is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregation.

Dr. Freehof announced a World Union program of expansion of aid calling for the sending of rabbis, educators and educational materials to strengthen existing affiliated synagogues and bring progressive Judaism to isolated pockets of Jewish life in many lands. The program also calls for greater efforts on behalf of world liberal Jews through the United Nations and UNESCO.

Called for were: 1. Sending rabbis to serve congregations in New Zealand, South America, Israel, Ireland, England, Holland and West Germany; 2. Recruiting students throughout the world to be trained as rabbinic leaders or educators to serve the Jewish communities in their own countries; and 3. Translation of existing educational materials into Spanish, German, Portuguese, Hebrew and French. The World Union also announced the affiliation of a second synagogue in Israel, congregation Hugin Leyahaduth Mithkademeth in Jerusalem. Temple Beth-Israel in Haifa is already a member of the World Union.

## MORE JEWISH MEN INTERMARRY IN CANADA THAN WOMEN, OFFICIAL DATA SHOWS

MONTREAL, April 14. (JTA) -- Canadian Jews show the highest rate of marriage within a faith, the official Yearbook of the Canadian Government indicated today.

The Yearbook reported that "the distribution of brides and bridegrooms by religious denomination is roughly the same as that for the population as a whole. About 72 percent of all marriages are between persons of the same religious denominations."

A breakdown by faiths for the year 1957 listed such marriages among Jews as at the rate of 93 percent. Among Roman Catholics, same faith marriages were 86 percent; among United Church and Eastern Orthodox, the figure was about 63 percent.

The latest national figures for Jewish grooms marrying non-Jewish brides were for 1955: 148 compared with 1,428 who married Jewish girls; in 1956, 142 compared with 1,428 who married Jewish girls; in 1956, 142 compared with 1,559 who married Jewish girls; in 1957, 174 compared with 1,571.

In 1958, the number of Jewish men who married Jewish girls in Ontario was 628. The total number of Jewish grooms was 707, which meant that 79 Jewish men (11 percent) married non-Jewish girls who included 24 Roman Catholics, 19 Anglicans, 16 United Church, eight Lutherans, eight Presbyterians, two Baptists, and one Pentecostal adherent and one Unitarian. In 1957, 85 Ontario Jewish men (11 percent) married non-Jewish girls. In 1956, 80 Jewish men (10.8 percent) married non-Jewish brides. In 1955, 67 Jewish men (10.2 percent) did so.

In 1958, 45 Jewish girls married non-Jews. This was about seven percent of all Jewish brides in Ontario that year. The percentages of such Jewish marriages to non-Jewish men were four (29 girls) in 1957; five and one-half (39 girls) in 1956 and five and one-half (34 girls) in 1955.

Jewish brides who married non-Jews in 1958 chose 24 Roman Catholics; 14 Anglicans, 12 each of the United Church and Presbyterians, two Eastern Orthodox, two Methodists, one Unitarian and one Mennonite. Two non-Jewish bridegrooms listed no religions. Figures of Jewish girls marrying non-Jews for all of Canada were 56 in 1957, 68 in 1956 and 65 in 1955.

In 1959, 67 divorces affecting Jews were studied by Parliament. Nearly half of these divorces involved inter-marriages. In recent applications to Parliament for divorce, 12 cases were Jewish partners of mixed marriages.

## JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES EXPANDED IN ALGERIA AND TUNISIA

PARIS, April 14. (JTA) -- Jewish cultural life in Algeria has been substantially expanded with the creation of a new cultural center in Saida and the further development of the existing Jewish center in Tiaret, it was reported today.

The Saida center, which was established with the help of the World Jewish Congress, includes a lending library, records and films on Israel. The center plans to organize lectures on Jewish topics. The Tiaret center is accelerating its activities. Seminars and classes will be held during the summer months.

It was also reported here that nearly all Jewish children in Tunisia are receiving a traditional Jewish education. The Organization of Tunisian Jewish Communities and Tunisian Jewish Centers reported that 1,014 Jewish boys and girls are attending regular courses in Jewish education and religious instruction.

With the help of the Alliance Israelite and the Joint Distribution Committee, special classes are being held for kindergarten teachers in several Tunisian cities.

## ARGENTINE JEWS TO ERECT GENERAL SAN MARTIN STATUE IN ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, April 14. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central Jewish representative body, today handed over to Argentine authorities a statue of General San Martin to be shipped to Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv where it will be erected. The statue is Argentine Jewry's symbolic participation in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Argentine independence which will take place in May.

Speakers at the transmission ceremony included Alfredo Vitolo, Minister of the Interior and chairman of the anniversary committee, and Nathan Lerner, DAIA vice-president. Mordechai Avida, Minister of the Israel Embassy and Prof. Cruz Ripada, a member of the San Martin Institute, also spoke.

## ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF I. L. PERETZ, NOTED WRITER, OBSERVED IN WARSAW

VIENNA, April 14. (JTA) -- Leading Yiddish and other Jewish writers in Poland, representatives of the organized Jewish community, and several hundred Warsaw Jews participated in ceremonies commemorating the death of the famous Yiddish poet, I. L. Peretz, according to a report received here today from Warsaw. Mr. Peretz died in Warsaw in 1915.

Last Saturday night, a special "Peretz Evening" was conducted at the Jewish Club in Warsaw, where excerpts from the poet's work were read and his influences were emphasized. Wreaths were laid at his grave in the Jewish cemetery the following day.