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KENNEDY ANNOUNCES \$25,000,000 EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CREDIT TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- President Kennedy announced today at his press conference that a \$25,000,000 credit had been authorized for Israel by the Export-Import Bank of Washington to speed the development of Israel's economy. The credit will cover the financing of seaport development and agricultural machinery.

The Israel Government began negotiations here for this line of credit last fall when Finance Minister Levi Eshkol visited Washington. When the Export-Import Bank board of directors this week voted to approve the \$25,000,000 credit, it had received from Israel suggestions for projects costing approximately \$18,000,000. It is anticipated that the balance will be utilized for additional industrial equipment.

The projects already submitted covered mainly agricultural and industrial machinery and equipment. Also submitted were undertakings for power extensions, estimated at about \$3,500,000. The new line of credit envisaged some equipment for the new seaport of Ashdod estimated at about \$2,000,000.

MAPAI LEADERS MAKE FURTHER CONCESSION TO AVOID GENERAL ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, March 15, (JTA) -- The Mapai leadership made another last-minute concession today in its bid to achieve a "small coalition" and thus avert new elections to end Israel's six-week old Government crisis.

The latest proposal under consideration by the National Religious party and the Progressive party called for their joining a small coalition cabinet under Finance Minister Levi Eshkol as Prime Minister and David Ben-Gurion as Defense Minister. The initial version of the proposal would have had Mr. Ben-Gurion return to the Prime Minister's post after a few months. That feature was greeted coldly by the Progressive party.

In today's maneuver, Mapai indicated it would not insist on a time limit for Mr. Ben-Gurion's resuming the Prime Minister's post. The Mapai set tomorrow as the deadline for replies from the Religious party and the Progressives whose governing bodies were scheduled to meet tonight for a decision.

Mr. Eshkol was pressing hard today for a way out of the crisis created by Mr. Ben-Gurion's resignation on January 31. In this he was spurred by a report from his economic advisers of an estimated total cost for new elections of about 150,000,000 pounds (\$84,000,000) which the advisers said could cause a "grave shock" to the country.

As one of his efforts, Mr. Eshkol said that Mapam and Achdut Avodah--the Mapai's erstwhile left-wing partners in the outgoing coalition--should take the initiative to restore "human relations" with the Mapai party which would make it possible for them to rejoin a coalition. The two parties had expressed strong opposition to serving under Mr. Ben-Gurion again. At the same time, the Prime Minister was reported to have agreed to serve as Defense Minister in a reconstituted coalition only if the two left-wing parties were not in it.

Another reported factor in Mapai's sustained effort to end the crisis by negotiation was a finding given to the Mapai secretariat of the results of a secret public opinion poll on the probable outcome of new elections if they were held now. The poll indicated that the party would lose at least 16 of its present 47 Knesset seats in an immediate election. The secretariat was understood to attach considerable weight to the poll since the same pollsters predicted with considerable accuracy the size of the Mapai victory in the last election in 1959.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS TO U. S. FIRM PROVOKES CRITICISM IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- The recent sale by the Israel Government of its holdings in the Fertilizers and Chemicals Company of Haifa to an American private concern, which has been under sharp criticism from left-wing sources, came under fire today from a deputy of the Mapai party under whose auspices the sale was made.

David Hacoheh, speaking during the debate in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, on the Development Ministry's budget, questioned the transaction and expressed doubts about it

and about whether private ownership would provide the same initiative as had the Government. Previously Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, a Mapai Minister, had strongly defended the transaction against leftist criticism.

Mr. Hacoen argued that the sale of any state enterprise to private ownership should at least be brought up for consideration in the Knesset or before one of its committees. Shlomo Lorenz, an Agudat Israel deputy, asked why tenders had not been invited for purchase of the Haifa firm.

EICHMANN'S LAWYER SAYS HE MAY CALL JEWS AS DEFENSE WITNESSES AT TRIAL

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Robert Servatius, the German lawyer defending Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi mass-murderer of Jews whose trial will start here on April 11, indicated today that he may call some Israelis as defense witnesses in the trial. Refusing to give any names, he said that during the last years of the Nazi regime, Eichmann came into contact with several Jews, some of whom are in Israel now.

Pinhas Rosen, Israel's Minister of Justice, disclaimed knowledge today of reports that Eichmann had refused, during interrogation in his Israel jail cell, to give testimony about the role of Dr. Hans Globke, State Secretary to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany, as an Interior Ministry official during the Nazi regime.

Dr. Rosen said that Eichmann had refused to give information about some of the subjects on which he was questioned and added he might do so again. He stressed that he had no information as to whether the subject of Dr. Globke's role during the Hitler regime was among the questions raised during the interrogation.

Israeli officials were reported today to have rejected the application of Dr. Friedrich Kaul, an East German attorney, to appear during the trial of Eichmann in a civil suit for Jewish clients persecuted by the Nazis. The decision was based on a ruling that under Israeli law, civil suits cannot be heard during a trial involving a possible death penalty for the defendant. Dr. Kaul came to Jerusalem to argue his case for appearing in the Eichmann trial.

A Swiss Jew, Joseph Mandel of Zurich, filed a civil suit today in Haifa district court against Eichmann for recovery of 300 pounds sterling (\$840) arising from a bribe paid to the Nazis to allow 1,200 Jews to escape to Switzerland in 1944. Mr. Mandel paid 37,500 pounds (about \$100,000) in 1944 as part of the amount against which the Germans permitted the 1,200 Jews to leave on a rescue train. The 300 pounds claimed is the legal minimum for such a suit for recovery of funds.

A copy of the legal papers, in which the 62-year-old Mandel seeks a declaratory judgment against the Gestapo colonel, was filed with the Attorney General's office and the case was expected to be heard in Haifa next week.

It was disclosed meanwhile that the three judges who will hear the case will not sit on April 13, the day set aside as Memorial Day for the victims of the Nazi holocaust. The court met today to discuss technical procedures for the hearing. They agreed to sit daily from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. There will be only one session on Fridays and none on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Hebrew-language proceedings will be simultaneously translated into German for the defense and the minutes will be recorded in Hebrew. The trial will be recorded in its entirety on tape and simultaneous translations also will be made in English and French for the correspondents of the foreign press and other communications media.

ISRAEL PROVIDES GERMANY WITH 2,000 NAMES OF NAZIS FOR PROSECUTION

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- The names of another several hundred Nazi war criminals were reported today to have been transmitted from here to West German officials as prosecutable under available evidence. The transmittal brought to 2,000 the names and files which have been sent to West Germany.

The data was collected by the War Crimes Department of the Yad Vashem, the Documentation Center on the Nazi holocaust, which has a file of 5,000 names. However, 3,000 of the Nazis listed either lack complete documentation or are beyond prosecution under the West German statute of limitations.

A former German engineer, now living in the United States, was reported here today to be conducting a one-man campaign to bring to justice Nazis who conducted atrocities at a factory in Zdolbunow in the Ukraine. The engineer, Herman Graebe, now living in San Francisco, saved the lives of many Jewish slave laborers at the Jung Works.

The engineer sent a letter to the Yad Vashem asking for information about former inmates at Zdolbunow who could testify against foreman Max Schmale, Police sergeant Attinger, Otto Koeler, the Jewish Affairs Commissioner, and George Marschall, identified as the Nazi district commissioner.

CONGRESS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN MOROCCO POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

PARIS, March 15. (JTA) -- The congress of Moroccan Jewish community councils, which was to have met in Rabat next month, has been postponed indefinitely, it was reported here today. The congress had been called to reorganize the structure of the Jewish communities in Morocco and to study problems such as the difficulty in obtaining passports and the absence of postal relations with Israel.

FRANCE URGED TO SECURE GUARANTEES FOR NATIONAL MINORITIES IN ALGERIA

PARIS, March 15. (JTA) -- The French Government was urged today to insist on adequate guarantees by the Algerian Nationalists for all national minorities living in Algeria prior to granting independence to the country.

The plea to the French Government was voiced by the former French Premier Guy Mollet, a Socialist leader, addressing a public meeting. "One of the essential problems to be resolved, and one of the most difficult, will be that of guaranteeing adequate rights for all inhabitants of Algeria," he said. "These guarantees should be based on fundamental rights: the liberty to think, the liberty to freely practice one's religion, freely to associate and to have complete freedom of movement."

The position of Algerian Jewry as being entitled to decide their future, rather than having it decided for them, was outlined in Information Juive, organ of the World Jewish Congress by Jacques Lazarus, a director of the WJC office in Algiers. "Whatever happens, we want to stay free men, free in our choice, free in our opinions and in our behavior," he wrote. Recalling the Cremieux decree of 1870 granting French citizenship to the Jews, he added that Algerian Jewry has been "officially assimilated" to the European population.

Drawing a parallel to the situation of Jews in other Arab countries since creation of Israel, he added: "How can we agree to the proposition that Algerian Jews can be reorganized in groups by any party without their agreement?" This, he said, would be contrary to the principle of auto-determination which has been proclaimed and accepted. "There can be no question of imposing upon us any choice fixed in advance without taking into consideration our own decision," he stated.

\$4,500,000 RAISED FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AT NEW YORK INAUGURAL DINNER

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Gifts amounting to \$4,500,000 were made to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at a dinner tonight which formally inaugurated the organization's 23rd annual campaign. Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and Israel's Ambassador Avraham Harman were the principal speakers of the evening. More than 1,000 leaders of Jewish philanthropy in the metropolitan area attended the dinner.

In addition to the \$4,500,000 raised for the current general UJA campaign through the dinner, various divisions of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York have also accepted responsibility for raising \$9,000,000 over the next three years for UJA's "Adopt-a-Project" campaign. The "Adopt-a-Project" drive began simultaneously with the general campaign tonight. Gifts to the "Adopt-a-Project" drive are sought over and above contributions to the general campaign.

Governor Rockefeller conducted a ceremony in which the 1960 division chairmen, who were the evening's guest of honor, received as mementos of the occasion autographed photographs of Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. These bore a message of gratitude for their service to UJA, which "has enabled so many of our people from all over the world to build new lives in freedom and dignity in Israel." Ambassador Harman urged the guests to contribute generously to both the general UJA drive for this year and the "Adopt-a-Project" campaign.

REFORM RABBIS BACK KENNEDY AGAINST FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The Association of Reform Rabbis, representing 200 Reform rabbis in the greater New York area, today announced support of President John F. Kennedy's stand against the extension of Federal aid to parochial schools. The Association declared in a statement:

"We uphold President Kennedy's stand against the extension of any portion of that aid to parochial schools of any denomination or to private educational institutions. The Association shares President Kennedy's conviction that the separation of church and state is essential to American democracy and is one of the pillars of the Constitution of the U. S."

HUMANE SLAUGHTER BILL IN MICHIGAN SENATE APPROVES OF SHECHITA

DETROIT, March 15. (JTA) -- A bill pending in the Michigan State Senate prescribing humane slaughter rules was reported today to include a reference to shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter, as an approved method.

The bill requires "humane methods of slaughter of livestock" and fixes penalties for violation. The list of methods of slaughter and handling found to be humane includes a clause stating that slaughtering in accordance with Jewish ritual is humane. State Senator Charles Blundy said that this clause gives state approval to shechita and therefore precludes any hurt to the Jewish community which might otherwise arise from such a bill.

MEDICAL STUDY SHOWS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN JEWS AND NON-JEWS IN CANCER

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- There are no differences in cancer death rates among Protestants, Catholics and Jews in New York but there are significant differences between Jews and non-Jews in the types of cancer they suffer, according to a research report in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The findings were made by Dr. V.A. Newill, a skin specialist at the Western Reserve University Medical School, who reported that Jews have a better chance than Catholics of avoiding cancers of the mouth, throat, lung, gall-bladder, prostate and reproductive organs. The exception in skin cancers is melanoma, a particular type of such malignant tumors.

On the other hand, Jews demonstrate greater susceptibility than Protestants or Catholics to cancers of the large intestine, kidney, brain, thyroid, blood (leukemia) breast (among males) and liver and pancreas (among females).

Dr. Newill said his findings confirmed earlier discoveries that Jewish women suffer less cervical cancer than non-Jewish women, which has been attributed to the practice of ritual circumcision among Jews. The finding that Jewish males suffer less lung, mouth, throat and esophagus cancer has been attributed to the belief that Jews use less alcohol and tobacco.

The skin specialists said medical science does not know why Jews should suffer more from cancers of the large intestine, brain and thyroid and less from skin and prostate cancers. Dr. Newill's findings confirmed those of his Harvard teacher, Prof. Brian McMahon, who did a similar study of cancer deaths in New York City in 1955.

Dr. Newill also found that within religious groups, there were no differences as to incidence of cancer between native and foreign-born victims. He declined to speculate on the meaning of the differences in types of cancers as between Jews and non-Jews except to note that the Jewish group "has some homogeneity of experience that is meaningful in terms of cancer mortality."

ROLE OF JEWS IN CIVIL WAR DEPICTED IN POSTERS ISSUED IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, March 15. (JTA) -- Posters depicting the role of American Jewry in the Civil War are being issued by the American Jewish Archives here in connection with the Civil War Centennial, it was announced today. The Archives is the historical research center on the campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

American Jews played a substantial part in the war between the States. As its contribution to the national centennial observance, the Archives is using military and civilian records to assemble the dramatic story of their participation. Some notable episodes of American Jewry's Civil War experience in both North and South are dramatized in the set of six colorful posters which will be distributed nationally to congregations, religious schools, historical societies and libraries.

Northern Jewish patriots are symbolized by German-born Louis A. Gratz, who commanded the Union's Sixth Kentucky Cavalry and proved himself a hero at Chickamauga. Other Jews who fought in the ranks for the Union are memorialized in posters featuring the "Yankee ingenuity" involved in preparing a wartime Passover Seder in the West Virginia mountains, and showing the faithful care given his wounded charges by Jacob Frankel, the first rabbi in American history to be appointed a military chaplain.

Southern Jewry, too, had its heroes and patriots, though there were fewer Jews in the South. An Archives poster depicts the fortitude under fire of Mississippi's Max Frankenthal at the "Bloody Angle" of Spotsylvania Court House. Another recalls the effort of Mayer Lehman, father of former U.S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman, to aid captive Alabama soldiers languishing in Northern prison stockades.

HARRY BRANDT NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Harry Brandt, a prominent philanthropist and motion picture theater executive, has been named chairman of the 20th anniversary campaign of the Joint-Defense Appeal, the fund-raising agency of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, it was announced here today. A national goal of \$6,100,000 has been set for the 1961 drive which opens on April 24 with a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

U.S. GOVERNMENT INVITES MOROCCAN JEWISH SCIENTIST TO VISIT AMERICA

CASABLANCA, March 15. (JTA) -- Professor Albert Sasson, a Jewish member of the science faculty at Rabat University, has been invited to the United States by the United States Government along with a Moslem faculty member, Professor Mohammed Aziz Lahbabi. Professor Sasson is one of the youngest members of the faculty of the university.