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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES COMPULSORY LOAN FOR IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27: (JTA)-- Israel's financial problems involved in the program for the absorption of new immigrants were discussed here today by the Cabinet of the outgoing caretaker Government. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol presided at the meeting in the absence of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who is on vacation until after the High Holy Days.

Mr. Eshkol outlined to the Cabinet the Government's proposal for a compulsory loan, to be imposed upon Israeli earners, for meeting the needs of the immigrant absorption program. The Cabinet decided to submit the proposal to its Ministerial Economic Committee for the formulation of details. (See page 3 for more news on funds to help absorption of new immigrants.)

Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister, reported on a number of political matters, including the agreement of friendship signed here last month between Israel and the African republic of Upper Volta. The Cabinet ratified the Upper Volta pact.

At the same time, Mrs. Meir reported about the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission's decision to send Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, to the Middle East, as a special representative to explore means of seeking progress on the Arab refugee problem. Dr. Johnson's itinerary will include not only Israel but also the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Lebanon.

Israel and Malagasy Sign Friendship Treaty in Impressive Ceremony

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27: (JTA) -- Israel and the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar) today signed a treaty of friendship and technical cooperation in the fields of agriculture, industry, vocational and professional training, youth activities, education, public health service and transportation.

In impressive ceremonies at the home of President Izhak Ben-Zvi here, the pact was signed for Malagasy by President Philibert Tsiranana, and for Israel by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. In the agreement, Israel undertakes to place at Malagasy's disposal a number of scholarships, and to send to the African republic experts, advisers and technical workers.

A joint communique issued by the two governments at the same time reaffirmed for both Malagasy and Israel the two nations' interest in the preservation of the freedom of the seas, hope for the attainment of self-determination by all peoples, and deploring any discrimination; of racial manifestation. The statement stresses the need for all nations in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere to desist from threats or the use of force against the integrity and political independence of any nation.

Kenya's Leader to Visit Israel as Guest of Government

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that Jomo Kenyatta, leader of Kenya nationalists in the British African colony, has accepted a formal invitation to visit Israel. Mr. Kenyatta is considered one of the most glamorous leaders among all Africans. He was in jail or under house arrest for many years until officially liberated by the British administration last week, charged with having led the Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya.

It was disclosed here today that Israel Cohen, Israel's honorary consul at Nairobi, capital of Kenya, was visiting Mr. Kenyatta in the latter's home, last week, when government officials arrived to notify Mr. Kenyatta formally that he was now free to leave his home and go wherever he pleases. Mr. Cohen immediately extended to Mr. Kenyatta a formal invitation to visit Israel, and the Kenya leader agreed at once to do so.

Mr. Kenyatta told Mr. Cohen: "Israel and Kenya have much in common historically," and expressed appreciation for Israel's assistance to Kenya. Israel has provided training courses and has conducted seminars for Kenyans.

A team of Israeli specialists left today for Upper Volta and Chad to advise those governments on agricultural and water problems, it was announced by the government. The five-man team was loaned by the Technion, in Haifa. The experts will formulate recommendations which will, later, be implemented by Israeli technicians.

HADASSAH CONVENTION CLOSES WITH APPEAL TO U.S. ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES

DENVER, Col., Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the United States Government to recommend the resettlement of Arab refugees in Arab countries, when this question comes up in the United Nations, was adopted here last night at the closing session of the national convention of the Hadassah. Such resettlement, the resolution stressed, is "the only realistic solution to the Arab refugee problem."

In another resolution, Hadassah, believing that "stability and peace in the Middle East are important to America's security and to the defense of freedom," called upon the United States "vigorously to pursue" the following program:

- "1. To oppose any aggression in that area."
- "2. To take effective measures to insure that there be no arms imbalance in the Middle East."
- "3. To intensify United States efforts to ensure that the Suez Canal is open to the shipping of all nations without discrimination."
- "4. To emphasize to the Arab nations that the United States will not tolerate discrimination against American firms engaged in business with Israel, as a by-product of their policy of economic boycott and blockade against Israel; and
- "5. To take effective measures to insure that no nation receiving American economic aid will engage in boycott, blockade or other forms of economic warfare against other nations also receiving United States aid, or against American citizens on ground of their religion."

Mrs. Herman Shulman, former national president of Hadassah and now national chairman of Hadassah's Zionist affairs committee, told the convention: "In the last few years there has been much self-criticism within the Zionist movement. There has been an awareness that changes are needed. Some have already been introduced--more are bound to come. I speak now not only of structural framework, but also from the point of view of program and content."

U.N. to 'Explore' Palestine Refugee Problem with Israel and Arabs

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine announced here officially today the appointment of Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, as its special representative for a visit to the Middle East. Dr. Johnson's task, according to the Commission, will be "to explore with the host governments and with Israel practical means of seeking progress on the Palestine Arab Refugee problem."

Dr. Johnson, who is head of the Carnegie Peace organization since 1950, is a historian with degrees from Harvard University. From 1942 to 1947, he served in the U.S. Department of State and participated in various international conferences that led to and launched the formation of the United Nations. Later, Dr. Johnson served in other capacities with the State Department. For three years prior to assuming the presidency of the Carnegie Endowment, he was president of Williams College.

JERUSALEM MUSEUM TO GET 200 ORIGINAL PLASTER CASTS BY SIR JACOB EPSTEIN

EDINBURGH, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Two hundred original plaster casts by the late Sir Jacob Epstein, the world renowned sculptor--almost his entire lifework--will be presented as a gift to the new Jerusalem Museum of Art, which is known in Israel as the Bezalel Museum, it was announced here today by Lady Epstein, his widow. The announcement was made at the 15th International Art Festival, at which Sir Jacob's work is being exhibited.

The Epstein plaster casts, among which there are pieces depicting the life of Christ which caused international controversy when first exhibited, will be placed in a special Epstein Pavilion for which the America-Israel Cultural Foundation in New York will raise \$420,000. "My heart tells me that Sir Jacob would have wanted it," said Lady Epstein. "I am very happy indeed that his works are going to the young State of Israel, where I know they will be understood and appreciated."

The decision to present her husband's works to the museum in Jerusalem was reached by Lady Epstein two months ago during a luncheon she had with Billy Rose, chairman of the art committee of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. Mr. Rose related here today how this happened. "I simply said to her: 'If Sir Jacob were here now, what do you think he would have liked done with his casts? To give them to Israel.' To which Lady Epstein replied affirmatively without hesitation. That was that, and we started to make arrangements with the Israel Government."

The museum, Mr. Rose said, currently under construction on a 40-acre hill in Jerusalem, will comprise a complex of buildings to cost more than \$5,000,000, "more than half of which has already been contributed." There will be 48 galleries in the new museum, built of stone and glass, and a nine-acre garden designed by the famous Japanese architect, Isamu Noguchi, who designed the UNESCO Gardens in Paris.

ISRAEL LEADERS LEAVE FOR U.S. TO MEET WITH U. J. A. ON FUNDS FOR IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Minister of Labor Giora Josephthal and A. I. Pinkus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, left for the United States during the week-end, after a series of joint consultations between the Government and the Agency, at which plans were drawn for steps aimed at finding additional sources to cover the increased cost of immigrant absorption in Israel.

The two emissaries will attend meetings of the United Jewish Appeal Cabinet, where Mr. Pinkus will review the Agency's overall financial situation while Mr. Josephthal will discuss with the American leaders chiefly the urgent needs in the field of housing. In September, a UJA convention of Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States will go into the plans for raising increased funds. That convention will be attended by Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency.

An "effective job" has been done by the United Jewish Appeal for immigrant resettlement here, but the funds being made available by American Jewry for this purpose are "obviously grossly inadequate," Dr. Isadore Lubin, Jewish Agency, Inc., consultant on programs in Israel, declared here today prior to leaving for the United States for a two-month stay.

Dr. Lubin had just concluded a two-month study of immigrant resettlement operations financed by UJA funds. He said he had received "excellent cooperation" from the Jewish Agency here.

"We want to make sure," he said, "that the American contributor's dollars are making the contribution to the welfare of the immigrants, who are arriving in increasing numbers. However, the aid we have been making available from the United States is obviously grossly inadequate to cope with the tremendous needs that have arisen from the unexpected rise in the number of new immigrants who have been coming to Israel in recent months."

Dr. Lubin said he will return here in November to prepare budgetary recommendations for next year. During his absence, he will be represented here by Ernest Stock, former overseas consultant for the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

J. D. C. SPENT \$28, 225, 000 TO HELP 232, 500 NEEDY JEWS IN 25 COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- More than \$28, 225, 000 was spent by the Joint Distribution Committee last year to aid 232, 500 men, women and children in 25 countries, it was reported here today by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman. The funds were received from the campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal.

The annual report on the activities of the JDC, presented by Mr. Leavitt, showed an increase of close to 20, 000 in the number of people helped over the previous year, and an increase in expenditures of close to \$700, 000. Of the total of Jews who received JDC aid last year, 107, 000 were in Moslem countries, principally in Morocco, over 68, 000 were in Israel; and 52, 000 in Europe. In addition, the JDC aid reached out to needy Jews in Australia, the Philippines, China, Chile, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay. For 1961 the JDC has adopted a budget of \$28, 775, 000 to finance its global operations.

The report showed the JDC provided a feeding program for an average of 90, 000 people a month, two-thirds of them in Moslem areas. It provided cash relief for an average of 41, 000 people each month; medical care for 33, 000; care in homes for the aged for 5, 700; care of 3, 000 children and young people; education aid to 71, 500; and aid to an additional 37, 000 through a variety of other cultural and religious activities.

Although they accounted for only a small part of the total JDC program in 1960, several "little disasters" occurred which required emergency operations, the report stated. One of these was the JDC operation in Agadir, following the earthquake last year. Mr. Leavitt reported that 1, 200 to 1, 300 Jews were among the 10, 000 to 12, 000 persons buried in the rubble in the first moments of the catastrophe. The JDC was the first voluntary agency to reach the disaster area with food, clothing and funds, he said.

Added to this were two other "little disasters"--an earthquake in Chile, and another in Persia, a small town in Iran. In both instances, the JDC authorized funds not only for the reconstruction of the Jewish community but for the general population as well. Following the anti-European rioting in the Congo, last June, Mr. Leavitt made a flying visit to survey the needs of the Jewish community of approximately 2, 000. He found that most of them had escaped either to neighboring countries or to Europe. Fifty families had made their way to Israel.

Although the financial mainstay of the JDC continues to be the United Jewish Appeal, Mr. Leavitt reported that a sizeable allocation was made by the Conference on Material Claims Against Germany, to be used for the relief and rehabilitation of Nazi victims, and that smaller sums had been contributed by the Jewish communities of Canada, Latin America and by a number of governmental and intergovernmental agencies.

Warburg Lauds American Jewry for Supporting J. D. C. Efforts

In introducing Mr. Leavitt's report on the agency's operations, Edward M. Warburg, chairman of the JDC, observed that those who have guided and supported JDC's efforts have

"acknowledged a spiritual imperative; a belief that when a man hears of suffering and need, he must act; that when he hears a cry for help, he must answer."

The report also contains a statement by Sol Satinsky of Philadelphia, chairman of the JDC national council, an audit of the agency's financial operations for the year, and a summary of the total expenditures since the agency was founded in 1914. The total for the 47-year period was \$694,805,768.

Significance of Conference of Jewish Communal Leaders Stressed

One of the major developments in 1960, Mr. Leavitt said, was the establishment of the Standing Conference on European Jewish Communal Services, composed of leaders of more than 100 Jewish organizations in 14 European countries. Its goal is to facilitate exchange of information and strengthen cooperation among Jewish communal bodies across national boundaries.

Although the program is a modest one, Mr. Leavitt declared "its significance is far greater. For in its way it is an extraordinary answer to war and to Nazism. The significance of the Standing Committee is that there are now leaders, community institutions and a whole new structure of community life" to build up anew, communities that were destroyed by the Nazis, and to replace leadership virtually wiped out by them.

Of the more than 68,000 Jews aided in Israel during 1960, about 42,500 were cared for in the JDC-Malben welfare programs on behalf of the aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to the Jewish State, Mr. Leavitt reported. A significant development in the Malben program was the shift in emphasis from institutional to extra-mural care, he said; This, together with rapid strides in rehabilitation, has reduced the waiting lists for people to come in, and has even provided bed space for old-time residents who would not ordinarily be eligible for Malben aid.

In addition to the Malben program, JDC continued its traditional support of cultural and religious institutions in Israel, a program which extends to more than 13,700 beneficiaries. Two new yeshivahs were added to the list of religious schools supported by JDC, raising the total to 92. These schools have a combined enrollment of over 9,000. Other programs subsidized by JDC were a project on behalf of refugee rabbis involving 1,670 beneficiaries, and five research projects aiding another 100. The JDC-assisted ORT vocational training program aided over 10,000 students in Israel during 1960.

FIRST MUSIC FESTIVAL OPENS IN ISRAEL; WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE WEEKS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27; (JTA) -- Before a gala audience that heard the world premiere performance of Darius Milhaud's "Israel's Bar Mitzvah Cantata"--a work especially commissioned by the Government of Israel--the first musical festival of Israel opened here last night.

Present in the audience, which listened raptly to the cantata, played by the Israel Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra and sung by the Rinat Choir, were President and Mrs. Izhak Ben-Zvi, members of Israel's Cabinet, and the justices of the Israel Supreme Court. Mr. Milhaud was prevented by illness from coming here for the premiere, and his place as conductor of the cantata was taken by Gary Bertini; Maureen Forrester, Canadian contralto, was the soloist.

The festival, which is to continue through September 18, will feature cellist Pablo Casals, violinist Isaac Stern, pianists Rudolf Serkin and Eugene Istomin, the Budapest String Quartet and the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra. Violinist Alexander Schneider, of the Budapest Quartet, is musical director for the festival.

SANDERSON NAMED MANAGER OF EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES FOR THE AMERICAS

NEW YORK, Aug. 27; (JTA) -- The appointment of Haim Sanderson as manager for the Americas for El Al Israel Airlines was announced today. Mr. Sanderson was formerly the company's managing director of finance and administration with headquarters at the company's home offices in Israel.

Mr. Sanderson, who will now make his headquarters in New York, succeeds Dror Galezer, who will take over the finance post in Israel. The airline has nine offices in the United States and Canada and has recently opened a new office in Buenos Aires, Argentina. El Al this year carried more than 50 percent of the air traffic into and out of Israel, the company announcement said.

DR. KLERR, FORMER J. T. A. CORRESPONDENT, DIES; WAS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

NEW YORK, Aug. 27; (JTA) -- Edward D. Klerr, formerly known as David Kleinlerer, died in Washington of a heart attack at the age of 61. He was the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Rome in the pre-war years.

Born in Poland, Dr. Klerr came to the United States from Italy in 1939. During his last years he was in the service of the U.S. Government in Washington.