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U.S. GOVERNMENT REPORTS GRANTING \$32,000,000 IN AID TO ISRAEL FOR 1961

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28: (JTA) -- The United States Department of Commerce issued today a report announcing that Israel received a total of about \$32,000,000 in U.S. net foreign aid for the fiscal year of 1961. The total represents the net sums of grants, credits, and other assistance--except military aid--provided by U.S. agencies for the period ending June 30, 1961, the Commerce Department reported.

The report said Israel was the recipient of \$8,000,000 in grants under the Mutual Security Act, foreign currency available under the Agricultural Trade and Development Act, and agricultural commodities through private agencies; \$14,000,000 in net credits utilized through the Export-Import Bank, Development Loan Fund, Mutual Security and the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, which includes loans to foreign governments and private individuals; and \$10,000,000 in other assistance under Mutual Security and the Agricultural Trade and Development Act.

The report added that the U.S. made collections of some \$14,000,000 in principal collections from Israel during fiscal 1961 to reduce a gross total of \$28,000,000 credit disbursed to \$14,000,000. The report pointed out that net non-military aid to the Near East area increased over the preceding year, except to Israel and Saudi Arabia. A total of \$44,000,000 in net non-military aid to Israel was given during fiscal 1960, the report said.

GOLDA MEIR RETURNS TO ISRAEL; IS SATISFIED WITH U.N. STAND ON REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 28: (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, left the United States today for Israel after spending several weeks here as head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations General Assembly where the Arab refugee problem came up for discussion.

Mrs. Meir, who led in the fight against anti-Israel allegations voiced by Arab delegates in long speeches at the Assembly, was reported to be satisfied with the results of the Assembly's decision, although she would have preferred to see the Assembly adopt the 16-nation resolution urging the Arab governments and Israel to start direct peace talks.

The UN Assembly's stand on the Arab refugee issue is considered a defeat for the Arabs inasmuch as their two amendments to the proposed American resolution were rejected by the Assembly. The Arab amendments requested the establishment by the United Nations of "protection" for Arab refugee property in Israel and the expansion of the membership of the Palestine Conciliation Commission which is now composed of representatives of the United States, France and Turkey.

The resolution which was adopted by the Assembly without the Arab amendments--proposed by the United States delegation--requested the Palestine Conciliation Commission to "intensify" its efforts not only for repatriation or compensation of the refugees but also for their possible resettlement or reintegration in the Arab countries. It also urged the PCC to complete by September 1, 1962 its work on the "identification and evaluation of Arab refugee immovable properties in Palestine."

Although the 16-nation resolution advocating direct Arab-Israel peace negotiations failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority votes at the Assembly, it was considered a great achievement, inasmuch as eight African states sponsored this resolution, his made it clear that not all the states in Africa are influenced by the Arabs. In fact delegates of the African states openly accused some of the Arab countries of still practicing slavery.

GYPT SEIZES AIRMAIL CONSIGNMENT SENT FROM ISRAEL TO AFRICAN LANDS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28: (JTA) -- The Israel Postal Service declared today that Egypt seized a consignment of airmail posted from Israel to East African countries.

According to the postal service, officials at a European airport loaded the mail consignment by error on a plane which stops at Cairo, where Egyptian officials impounded the mail. It had been posted to Rhodesia, Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika.

EICHMANN'S LAWYER GOES TO ISRAEL TO SEEK EXTENSION OF APPEAL TIME

BCNN, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Robert Servatius, Adolf Eichmann's defense counsel, left for Israel today to seek an extension of the time limit granted to the former Gestapo colonel to appeal his death sentence.

Dr. Servatius said he felt that the 15-day period was not sufficient to enable him to go through the vast amount of evidence presented during Eichmann's lengthy trial in Jerusalem last summer. Eichmann was convicted on all 15 counts of an indictment charging him with a key role in the wartime slaughter of 6,000,000 European Jews and sentenced on December 15 to death by hanging.

ISRAEL GOVT. PLANS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DEEP SEA HARBOR AT EILAT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Port Authority will seek bids within a month for construction of a new deep sea harbor at Eilat, Pinhas Ginsburg, director-general of the Transport Ministry, disclosed today. He said that the Transport Ministry had already earmarked 2,500,000 pounds (\$1,430,000) in its 1962-63 budget for the first stages of construction of the new harbor.

The high Israel official made the announcement during a reception aboard the Burmese passenger-cargo vessel, the Pyidawbyunt, which was anchored at Eilat. The arrival of the vessel marked the start of regular passenger service by Zim Lines between Eilat and East Africa.

REMAINING FAMILIES OF COCHIN JEWS IN INDIA TO BE BROUGHT TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The remaining families of another ancient Jewish community, that of Cochin in India, will soon be brought to Israel, S. Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, told a meeting of Israeli members of the Zionist General Council today.

He said about 100 Cochin Jews were left of the nearly 3,000 Jews who lived in Cochin before 1948. More than 2,000 now live in Israel. There are varying opinions about the origin of the Cochin Jewish community, including the theory that the Cochin Jews came to India on King Solomon's ships and another that they came to India via Yemen after the destruction of the Second Temple.

Aharon Zisling, head of the Jewish Agency absorption department, told the meeting that while in early 1960 there were reserves of more than 2,000 housing units for immigrants, there were no reserves now. Adding that immigrants were currently being sent to housing still under construction, he declared that new transit camps (maabarot) would not be set up under any circumstances. He reported that immigrants arriving during October came from 42 countries.

HADERA PAPER MILLS START REORGANIZATION; WILL ELIMINATE FOREIGN EXPERTS

HADERA, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A reorganization of the Hadera paper mills has been started following agreement by bankers to extend a moratorium on the plant's debts, the new general manager declared today.

Issachar Halmovich said he intended, as part of the revamping of plant operations, to dispose of its foreign experts and to make Hebrew the language of the company's administration. He said overseas members of the staff would have to learn Hebrew if they wanted to keep their jobs.

He said he intended to eliminate "the atmosphere of fear" prevailing among staff members and to liberalize management-labor relations. He said management would take a closer interest in employees and their families. Among changes in top personnel, he announced, would be elimination of the plant's public relations department. He added he personally would handle the contacts with the press.

The board of directors, he stated, had decided to maintain a five-and-a-half day work week, thus dispensing with work on the Sabbath when only maintenance workers would be needed.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT FACES NEW DIFFICULTIES WITH TEACHERS' UNIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Complications arising from efforts of the Israel Government to reach agreement on wage and working conditions with all teachers while negotiating with two teachers' unions threatened today to upset the agreement reached earlier this week with one of the unions.

The unions are the Histadrut-affiliated Teachers Union, which claims to represent both elementary and secondary teachers, and the Secondary School Teachers Association, which disputes that claim.

Negotiations earlier this week were understood to have broken the long-standing stalemate over demands of the Teachers Union. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol was understood to have offered the teachers substantial wage increases.

AMERICAN REFORM RABBINATE HCPEB 1962 WILL BRING BAN ON ATOM CBMB TESTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis, representing the American Reform rabbinat, urged in a year-end statement today that the people of the United States should not "succumb to the feeling that war is inevitable." The statement also asked Americans to beware of the idea that the search for peace was "synonymous with appeasement."

Rabbi Albert G. Minda of Minneapolis, president of the CCAR, rebuked the Soviet Union in the statement for its "brazen" rupture of the moratorium on nuclear testing and its resumption of nuclear testing in the atmosphere in September and October this year. The statement expressed hope that 1962 would bring progress toward "a complete international ban on the testing and use of nuclear weapons."

SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN JEWISH RESEARCH DURING 1961 REPORTED BY YIVO

NEW YORK, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- The Yivo Institute for Jewish Research reported today, in a 1961 year-end review, that substantial gains had been made in its program of research, documentation, publication, collection and preservation of source materials despite lack of a comparable gain in its financial condition.

The report, issued in connection with plans for Yivo's 36th annual conference which opens January 6 in Hunter College Assembly hall here, listed a variety of publications and plans for research studies. A wide variety of basic research material dealing with the life of the vanished European Jewish communities was microfilmed during the year.

A major project now underway is a study of Jewish activities and interests of third-generation American Jews. This is under the direction of Leibush Lehrer, chairman of the Yivo Commission of Research. This study is a continuation of a similar study of second-generation American Jews which will appear soon.

FEDERAL COURT IN PENNSYLVANIA TO DECIDE ON BIBLE READING IN SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- A special three-judge Federal court took under advisement today a suit contending that the Pennsylvania law on Bible reading in the schools was still unconstitutional despite an amendment allowing children to be excused from participation in the classroom readings.

Henry W. Sawyer, attorney for Edward L. Schemp, of Roslyn, argued that even with the amendment, the state law was unconstitutional because it "prefers one religion over another, contrary to the basic concept of the First Amendment."

Sydney C. Orlofsky, representing the local Jewish Community Council, submitted a brief to the court which took the same position. The JCRC previously had filed a brief as friend of the court in which it contended that the growth of both religion and democratic society was best fostered in the home and houses of worship. Defendants in the suit are the School District of Abington Township and Charles H. Boehm, superintendent of public instruction in Pennsylvania. The Schemps are Unitarians.

Prior to being amended, the law was ruled unconstitutional by a Federal court in Philadelphia and the defendants appealed the ruling to the United States Supreme Court. The high court sent the suit back for more consideration by the local Federal court because of the amendment.

C. Brewster Rhodes, school district attorney, argued that the amendment eliminated compulsion, that the Schemps had failed to show that any of their rights had been hurt and that the three-judge Federal court had no jurisdiction. At the close of the lengthy hearing, Chief Judge John Biggs, Jr. of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and District Judges William H. Kirpatrick and W. W. Kraft, Jr. instructed both sides for briefs on findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Legal authorities said that whatever the special court decides, an appeal was certain to be carried by the losing parties to the United States Supreme Court in time for it to act on the issue before its June 1962 adjournment.

CHAIR OF HEBREW CIVILIZATION TO BE ESTABLISHED AT UNIVERSITY OF BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- An agreement providing for the establishment of a chair in Hebrew Civilization at the University of Brazil, was signed here today by Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah and university officials. New courses under the terms of the agreement will be offered in the next academic semester beginning in March 1962.

TWO JEWS HONORED BY CITY IN BRAZIL FOR SERVICES TO CIVIC CAUSES

SAO PAULO, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- Two prominent Jewish citizens of this city have been honored by the Sao Paulo Municipal Council for their contributions toward various civic and national projects.

Arnoldo Felmanas was cited for his work as head of the League for the Rights of Naturalized Brazilians and his efforts in securing full political equality for the country's naturalized citizens. Samuel Del Giglio, a real estate developer who is the founder of the Sephardic community of Sao Paulo, was honored for his work in the urbanization of the city.

TWO U.S. GOVT. AGENCIES GRANT \$31,000 TO YESHIVA U. FOR RESEARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- Yeshiva University has been awarded grants totaling \$31,000 by two United States Government agencies for research projects and the acquisition of laboratory equipment, it was reported here today.

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant of \$21,000 to the University's Graduate School of Education for a study of memory traits to be directed by Dr. John A. Ceraso, assistant professor of psychology at the school. The study, which will include research among students at colleges throughout the New York Metropolitan area, will attempt to track down some of the reasons why people forget and will include surveys of habits in relation to retention span in adults.

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has granted \$10,000 to Yeshiva College for the purchase of new equipment for the laboratories in its biology department. Dr. Moses D. Tendler, associate professor of biology, who will administer the grant and supervise the purchase and installation of the equipment, said that new atomic radiation detectors, counters and scalars will be used to train students in the use of radiation techniques in biochemical research.

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS DECIDE TO ESTABLISH FOUNDATION AT HAIFA TECHNION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- Plans to initiate a Hillel campus program at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa were announced here today by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. The program will go into operation February 1 to serve the school's more than 2,400 undergraduate and graduate student body.

The new Hillel Foundation will be the second in Israel. A Hillel Foundation has been on the campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for 11 years. Directing the new program at the Technion will be Dr. Jack J. Cohen, who took up residence earlier this month in Jerusalem as director of Hillel activities in Israel. He will supervise the Hillel programs at both the Hebrew University and the Technion.

N.Y.C. PLANS TO EXTEND FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- The New York City Commission on Intergroup Relations announced today that it planned to extend its operations into the field of fighting employment discrimination in 1962.

Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of COIR, said that evidence indicated that employment discrimination "may well be the very foundation of all other forms of discrimination," on which rests "such forms of discrimination as housing, education and in some instances public accommodations."

He reported that the agency had prepared regulations for its new city contracts compliance program and that it was completing a step-by-step procedure for submission to Mayor Robert F. Wagner. This program, he said, could affect the nearly 400,000 employees of governmental and quasi-governmental agencies in New York City and some 4,000 contractors doing about \$500,000,000 worth of construction for the city.

LEONARD GOLDSMID-MONTEFIORE, NOTED LEADER OF BRITISH JEWRY, DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- Leonard Goldsmid-Montefiore, scion of two of Britain's most noted Jewish families and himself a long-time leader in British Jewish life, died here at the age of 72.

A World War I veteran, he was educated at Oxford University and decorated with the Order of the British Empire for his war services. He carried on the tradition of public and charitable services of both families as the only son of Claude G. Montefiore, the noted theologian and philanthropist. He succeeded his kinsman, the late Sir Osmond Elim d'Avigor-Goldsmid, as president of the Anglo-Jewish Association in 1926 and became its president. Subsequently he served as treasurer and vice-president.

He was a leader in the work of the Jewish Board of Guardians, the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women, the Bernhard Baron Settlement and the Council of the Jewish Colonization Association. He also was associated with the Central British Fund for German Jewry and played a leading role in the organization of aid for German Jewish refugees who fled to Britain from Hitler's Germany.

During that period, as president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, he worked for the intercession of Britain and the League of Nations on behalf of German Jews. The author of many reviews and articles on theology, he was an accomplished lecturer.

PROF. AARON, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL JEWISH BOARD OF BOMBAY, DEAD; WAS 68

BOMBAY, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- Professor J.D. Aaron, president of the Central Jewish Board of Bombay, died today at the age of 68 after a short illness. He was a leading attorney and member of the faculty of Bombay University for many years.

Dr. Aaron had played for some years a major role in Bombay Jewish life and was considered the dean of Israel's B'nai Israel community. He was a member of the World Jewish Congress and a delegate to conferences of that organization in Stockholm and recently in Geneva. He was also an active Zionist who had visited Israel several times. He took a keen interest in the welfare of immigrants to Israel from India.