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U.S. GRANTS \$10,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL; GIVES \$40,000,000 TO NASSER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13: (JTA) -- The United States Agency for International Development announced today it had granted Israel a \$10,000,000 20-year loan to help build Israel's economy. The funds may be used by Israel to purchase U.S. machinery and equipment, including such items as iron and steel mill parts and pharmaceutical products processing equipment. The loan carries the nominal interest rate of three-fourths of one percent.

At the same time it was announced here today that the United States has agreed to sell \$39,600,000 worth of surplus commodities to the United Arab Republic. Under the terms of the agreement, signed Saturday, Egypt will get wheat, flour, cottonseed oil and soybean oil with payments to be made in Egyptian currency.

(In Cairo it was announced today that the U.S. granted \$40,000,000 in aid to the United Arab Republic to build grain storage plants. Of this sum, \$17,000,000 was granted to the U.S. Agency for International Development as a loan to finance foreign currency requirements, and the equivalent of \$23,000,000 as a grant from funds accumulated in Egypt from the sale of surplus U.S. grain to Cairo.)

PARTIES IN ISRAEL SPLIT ON DEVALUATION ISSUE; KNESSET TO VOTE TODAY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13: (JTA) -- Sharply critical debate continued today in Israel's Parliament on the devaluation of the Israeli pound with voting scheduled tomorrow on three non-confidence motions. The non-confidence motions will be submitted by opposition parties against a coalition motion supporting the devaluation.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol defended the new policy against criticism from Herut and the Liberal party which assailed it as too little and too late. The leftist Mapam and the Communists called the policy one of "robbery of the masses." The Liberals intimated, however, they would support the Government, despite their criticism.

Achdut Avodah, a left-wing member of the coalition, refrained from committing itself on the issue. Pressured by the party's rank and file, however, Achdut Avodah leaders demanded a Government guarantee that the devaluation would not harm agricultural settlers, wage earners, and owners of housing flats whose payments and mortgages are linked to the dollar rate. The leaders said that if no such assurances were given, they would have no alternative but to quit the coalition.

The Finance Minister told the Knesset that the policy was motivated by needs for more exports, increased efficiency and productivity. He said it was a preparatory step toward reaching agreement with the expanding European Common Market. He assured the Parliament that problems created domestically by the new policy would be tackled by special committees to be assigned to deal with dollar-linked loans to settlements and popular housing owners, savings in banks, and maintenance of current prices.

Workers Seek to Check Rise in Prices Caused by Devaluation

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13: (JTA) -- A general upward movement in consumer prices and a spurt of bitterness among wage earners, particularly those who recently took apartments in Government housing projects on dollar-linked loans, developed today as the impact of the devaluation of the Israel pound mounted.

Workers in some of the larger factories throughout Israel promptly formed committees to formulate steps to prevent a general increase in the price level. Some even suggested a work stoppage but officials of the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, indicated opposition to any such walkouts. They promised the complaining workers that steps would be taken to boost cost-of-living allowances if that became essential.

At another economic level, that of apartment owners, who have substantial dollar-linked debts, groups of owners were organized with plans to demand that the Government be forced to cut down the difference they will have to pay because of the devaluation.

The Finance Ministry, reacting to the various pressures, was reported to be considering moves to cut this difference, now about 67 percent of the original debt, to about

10 percent; However, even if this reduction can be achieved, it will help only new immigrants and some buyers of apartments in popular housing programs.

Taxi fares have jumped 20 percent, as have rates in hotels and restaurants. Building materials have risen in price but as yet no large-scale transactions have been carried out in such materials because dealers remained uncertain as to the effect on their prices of the new customs duties announced as part of the Government's new economic policy.

The Development Ministry rejected a demand by the Electric Corporation for a rise in rates and for a rise in natural gas rates. Furniture prices rose from 10 to 15 percent. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and his aides mapped a heavy public campaign to explain the new economic policy and the various price changes, scheduling public meetings in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem for next weekend.

COMMUNISTS FAIL IN ISRAEL TO EMBARRASS EDWARD KENNEDY AT HEBREW U.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- Pro-Western students at the Hebrew University tangled with Communist students today when Edward M. Kennedy, brother of President Kennedy, arrived at the campus to address the students.

President Kennedy's youngest brother ended a two-day informal visit to Israel with his appearance at the university. A small Communist group of students greeted him with shouts of "Kennedy, Go Home," while they waved anti-American placards. Mr. Kennedy gave them a quick glance and went on into the university auditoriums where he was vigorously applauded.

Outside, the pro-Western students scuffled with the Communists, pushing them away, shouting them down and pulling away their placards. The visitor had been booked for a small auditorium but the crowd that wanted to hear him was so large that university officials opened the larger hall which was also inadequate for the overflow crowd.

He hailed Israel's contribution to the development of African nations, declaring that when he visited Africa, "I saw the tremendous importance of Israel to so many of the new nations." Just as Israel has inspired the new African countries, he said, its example could be of "tremendous importance" to the resolution of manifold problems in Latin America where the issue was whether the people could preserve the gains of the great democratic revolution they brought about.

He said great admiration and affection for Israel was shared by all Americans, describing it as a friendship "rooted in a common philosophy." Later he conferred with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion for 90 minutes.

EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET MISSION LEAVES ISRAEL WITH ASSURING PLEDGES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- Pledges of action to assure early arrangements to meet Israel trade problems arising from the development of the European Common Market was given today by the 18-member mission of the European Parliamentary Assembly.

The 18 officials completed an eight-day visit as guests of Israel's Parliament during which extended discussions were held with key Israel officials. Alain Pöher of France, head of the mission, said its members believed a formula could be found which would not involve Israel's joining the EEC as a full member.

Discussion between the EEC Council of Ministers and Israel on such a formula are scheduled to open next month. Pöher said in his statement that the members would recommend to the Council and to their governments that "a satisfactory solution must urgently be found to meet problems arising" from the expansion of the Common Market. The delegates represented France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands. Only Luxembourg was not represented.

CONGRESSMAN FARBEIN CONFERS WITH SECRETARY RUSK ON ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- Congressman Leonard Farbstein of New York conferred today with Secretary of State Dean Rusk about the question of Arab discrimination against American Jews.

Rep. Farbstein, who spent 30 minutes with Mr. Rusk talking about such things as Jordan's refusal to admit American Jews, said he emphasized to the Secretary that such actions place "American Jews in the position of second class citizens." The New York lawmaker pointed out to Secretary Rusk that the position taken by Jordan and other Arab countries "are in violation of the Mutual Security Act." Mr. Farbstein said he came away from his conference with the impression that the Secretary of State had listened "sympathetically" to his complaints. The meeting was held at the invitation of Mr. Rusk.

PAZ COMPANY DECIDES TO START OIL EXPLORATION WORK IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- The Paz Oil Company, which maintains extensive operations in Israel, has decided to enter the oil exploration field there. The company's board of directors, which met here today under the chairmanship of Sir Isaac Wolfson, authorized an initial expenditure of 1,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$333,000,000 under the new rate of exchange) for exploration purposes.

SOVIET OFFICIAL DENIES SAYING JEWS ARE A 'SECURITY RISK' IN RUSSIA

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- Vadim Bogoslovsky, a Soviet member of the United Nations staff who had been widely quoted as saying that Jewish scientists in the Soviet Union are being watched as alleged security risks today denied he made any such statement to a reporter for the Yiddish-language daily, the Day-Morning Journal. The reporter said flatly that the Soviet official did make the statements;

The Soviet official said he had met the reporter in the UN delegate's lounge and had several casual conversations during which the reporter had tried to draw him out on the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. He said he had replied that he was unfamiliar with the topic since he had lived outside the Soviet Union since 1956. He also said that, contrary to the account in the Morning Journal, he was not born in Odessa nor was his mother Jewish;

The reporter, Gershon Jacobson, insisted that his report was an accurate account of the conversations and that he had specified in his story that the report had not been based on an official interview but on the results of a "private talk." He added that the Soviet official "did express the published views about the conditions of Soviet Jews during several conversations we had on the subject."

LENINGRAD SYNAGOGUE LEADER SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHED WITH ROOSEVELT'S KIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- A granddaughter of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt made public today a photograph taken in the Leningrad synagogue with Gedalia R. Pechersky, leader of the Jewish religious community in Leningrad, on the back of which the subsequently imprisoned Jewish leader had written "please don't forget us."

The New York Herald Tribune, in reproducing the photograph, speculated that such encounters with foreign visitors "may well have constituted a major part" of the case against Mr. Pechersky. He was tried in semi-secrecy last fall, convicted on charges of "espionage" for Israel and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment. He sent the photograph, taken in the Leningrad synagogue, to Miss Kate Roosevelt, now Mrs. William Haddad.

Mrs. Haddad recalled her chance visit with Mr. Pechersky, which happened while she was on a routine vacation tour of Russia in 1956 with friends. The group decided to go to Leningrad from Moscow. One of the items on the group's list of places to see was the synagogue. When they arrived, a special service was in progress. At the close of the service, they were surrounded by members of the congregation and the photograph was taken. In the fall of 1956, soon after her return to New York, she received the photograph from Mr. Pechersky. On its back was written:

"I send you this photo that will remind you of the days when you were in Leningrad and visited with your friends at the Central Synagogue. My best wishes and happiness to you, Miss Roosevelt, and to your great grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. We are proud that we have such a beloved friend of the Jewish nation and especially of the Russian Jews. We are very thankful for the brave and noble deeds. Heaven and mankind will never forget it. And please don't forget us!"

The Herald Tribune asserted that Washington experts felt that "the wholly coincidental, unplanned and inconsequential encounter which Mr. Pechersky had with Miss Roosevelt, and scores, perhaps hundreds of similar encounters, including Americans, may well have constituted a major part of the case against him." For Mrs. Haddad the encounter was simply one of the many routine incidents in the life of a tourist.

U.N. OFFICIALS RESTRICT Z.O.A. PROGRAM AT CEREMONY AT UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 13; (JTA) -- A program planned by the Zionist Organization of America at its seminar at the United Nations yesterday could not be carried out because of restrictions imposed by UN officials, it was reported here today. The officials emphasized that the restrictions were imposed as a result of the UN policy not to subject the international organization to religious ceremonies.

As a result, the chanting of the ancient Hebrew liturgy, El Mole Rachamim, in memory of the late UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld did not take place. Photographs were barred and a memorial scroll scheduled for presentation to the secretariat in tribute to Hammarskjöld remained in the ZOA office. No member of the UN secretariat was present to receive it and none attended any part of the ceremony, in which a minute of silence was substituted for the liturgy.

About 800 top ZOA leaders from all parts of the United States came to the UN Conference Room 1 for the ceremony. Among those listed as speakers were Ambassador Adlai Stevenson and ZOA president Max Bressler. The Ambassador did not show up and Mr. Bressler did not speak. The change in the memorial prayer was made at the request of retiring UN Undersecretary Andrew W. Cordier, who said that it was the custom at the UN to observe a moment of silence and not to engage in sectarian prayer.

RABBI ACCUSES TORONTO POLICE OF MISTREATMENT; INVESTIGATION ORDERED

TORONTO, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- Attorney General Kelson Roberts of Ontario ordered an investigation today into the detention of a New York rabbi who accused Toronto police of mistreating him in an arrest.

The Attorney General acted after the Canadian Jewish Congress and several leading newspapers in the province urged a complete official inquiry into the controversy. The Jewish organization said it appeared that Rabbi Norman Leiner, an Orthodox rabbi, who came to Toronto to give a lecture at a Yeshiva, was halted by police on a Friday evening as he was taking a walk.

Police officials agreed with Rabbi Leiner's statement that he could not give the police identification since he had no wallet with him for religious reasons on the Sabbath. He was asked to come to the police station in the police car but refused on grounds he could not ride on the Jewish Sabbath.

He offered to walk the seven miles to the precinct station, or to accompany the police on foot to the nearby home of a Toronto rabbi who could establish his identity. The police rejected the offer and forced him into the police vehicle and drove him to the station. He was released there when his identity was established.

NEO-NAZI YOUTH CONFESSES STARTING FIRE; SAYS HE WANTED TO 'CRUSH' JEWS

ELIZABETH, N.J., Feb. 13; (JTA) -- A 21-year-old youth, arraigned today on a murder charge growing out of a fire he admitted setting in which a fireman was killed, is a self-styled leader of a neo-Nazi movement, according to Elizabeth police.

The police said they found in the apartment of Bruce Henriksen, a quantity of Nazi literature, a Nazi flag and a photo of George Rockwell, leader of the "American Nazi party." They said Henriksen confessed he started a fire in a hobby shop in which Fireman James M. Ford was killed. The youths told police they had been unable to recruit any other followers for their "army," which they planned to use "to crush" Jews and other minority groups.

N.Y. GOVERNOR PROPOSES BROADENING OF ANTI-DISCRIMINATION STATE LAWS

ALBANY, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- The scope and authority of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination would be widened and strengthened under proposals submitted yesterday by Governor Nelson Rockefeller to the State Legislature.

The Governor proposed that the agency's name be changed to the State Commission on Human Rights to reflect the theory that "a citizen of this state does not merely have the right to ask for state assistance because he has been discriminated against but rather that he is endowed with affirmative rights inherent to all Americans."

Other phases of the Governor's requests would list a number of types of public places in which discrimination on grounds of race, creed, color or national origin, was banned. These include motels, public swimming pools, laundries, trailer camps, resort camps, public air transportation, retail stores and travel agencies. Such listing in the law, he said, would make it clear that they fall within the commission's jurisdiction.

CONVENTION CONDEMNS SOCIAL EMPHASIS IN BAR MITZVAH CEREMONIES

ROCKAWAY PARK, N.Y., Feb. 13; (JTA) -- Parent Teacher Associations in all-day Hebrew schools were urged today "to prepare a program of orientation for parents which will emphasize the profound religious significance of Bar Mitzvah rather than its social aspects."

The proposal was contained in a resolution adopted at the closing session of the 14th annual convention of the National Association of Hebrew Day School PTA's. The 400 delegates condemned "the increasingly social emphasis which characterizes so many Bar Mitzvah ceremonies today."

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF JEWS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- The American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, an organization representing Jewish Nazi victims today announced the election of Dr. Curt C. Silberman, an East Orange, N.J. attorney, as president of the organization. Dr. Silberman was formerly an attorney in Wuerzburg, Germany.

EXHIBITION ON EICHMANN TRIAL OPENED AT ISRAELI LEGATION IN WARSAW

VIENNA, Feb. 13; (JTA) -- An exhibition devoted to the Eichmann trial has been opened at the Israeli legation in Warsaw, it was reported today from the Polish capital. The exhibits depict the martyrdom of the Jewish population in the countries occupied by the Nazis and the role played by Eichmann in the mass annihilation of the Jews.