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\$18,150,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD AT CONFERENCE LAUNCHING 1962 DRIVE

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- Israel bonds totaling \$18,150,000 were sold here today at the conclusion of the three-day national Inaugural Conference for Israel bonds which was attended by more than 2,000 delegates from all parts of the country. The bonds were bought in honor of the 70th birthday of Eddie Cantor who has been active in securing financial aid for Israel since the establishment of the State.

The conference marked the opening of the drive to raise \$66,500,000 in Israel bonds during 1962 to finance the development of the Negev and to create jobs and homes for the large number of immigrants now entering Israel. In reporting today's initial sale, Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman, announced that Benjamin H. Swig of San Francisco, outstanding communal leader, has purchased \$250,000 in bonds in honor of Eddie Cantor.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, announced the establishment of honor groups of Israel bond buyers in connection with Israel's drive to develop the Negev. "In the Trustee class," he said, "which normally represents an Israel bond purchase of \$10,000, the Negev Trustee has been designated as a purchaser of \$15,000 or more. There has also been an understanding of the special problem of housing for immigrants, which costs \$4,500 for one family. Many people have already enrolled as Negev Builders of Israel by purchasing \$4,500 or more in Israel bonds. In the categories of Guardians (men) and Sponsors (women), large numbers are enrolling at the Negev level of \$1,500."

Dr. Schwartz stressed the centrality of the development of the Negev to Israel's future and pointed out that Israel bonds are the only source of funds for the pioneering development of this area. "Other sources of capital," he said, "are not available to provide the underlying economic structure of the Negev. This includes housing, water supply, roads, railways and all the other elements which are essential to economic growth, but are not in themselves immediately profitable enterprises. Israel bonds must help create this economic foundation before other types of capital can be attracted to the area."

Ambassador Comay Stresses 'New Image' of Israel at United Nations

Ambassador Michael Comay, head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, addressing the conference, said that "the success of Israel's intensive development is revolutionizing its position in the world." He cited the ties of friendship and cooperation between Israel and these new states in Asia and Africa. "This friendship between Israel and these new states," he declared, "must in due course have an impact on Israel-Arab relations as well. The 'new image' of Israel at the United Nations and in the world is derived from what Israel has achieved at home with the help of the financial support of the American Jewish community."

Mr. Comay drew attention to the great challenge facing Israel in settling the Negev. "With new farming techniques, planned industrial towns, the exploitation of minerals, the distilling of fresh water from the sea, and the harnessing of atomic and solar energy," he said, "the desert can be conquered in the next decade, and the habitable area of Israel doubled. This dazzling challenge will need great financial resources, and there is unlimited creative scope for the loan funds raised through the Israel bond drive."

Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, told the delegates that the economic and democratic growth of Israel had proven to the underdeveloped countries that they could achieve progress "without compromising the principles of liberty and the rights of the individual." Mr. Johnston is the author of the plan for using the waters of the Jordan River for the irrigation of arid areas, including the Negev.

Delegates Told of Effect of European Common Market on Israel

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, told the conference that Israel must now adjust her economy to the new conditions created by the formation of the European Economic Community. "There is a real possibility," he said, "that Israel will need to tighten its belt economically during the coming months. To help her pass through

this critical period without undue difficulty, an increased flow of Israel bond dollars is of decisive importance."

Louis H. Boyar, of Los Angeles, national chairman of the conference, drew attention to the fact that "the bulk of Israel bonds proceeds remained in the United States to pay for the machinery, the raw material, the food products and the services which the people of Israel need to continue with their economic growth."

Mr. Boyar said that from 1951, when the first Israel bond issue was floated, through last year, \$535,000,000 in Israel bonds had been purchased in the United States. In that period, he said, Israel spent \$1,600,000,000 in this country for imports of goods and services while Israel's exports to the United States amounted to approximately \$425,000,000.

Max Bressler, president of the Zionist Organization of America and national chairman of Guardians of the Israel bond drive, emphasized that there can be no future for Israel's economic growth without the development of the Negev. "But this enterprise," he said, "calls for a renewal of our devotion and a new sense of pioneering effort." Mr. Bressler called upon the membership of the Zionist Organization of America to enroll as "a vanguard of support" for the Israel bond campaign.

Cables of congratulations to Mr. Cantor were received from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Finance Minister Levi Eshkol of the State of Israel. A special award, consisting of a plaque on which was mounted a unique silver Torah breast plate with the symbols of the twelve Tribes of Israel, was given to Mr. Cantor.

ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO SUBMIT STRIKE OF POSTAL WORKERS TO ARBITRATION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- The Cabinet decided today to submit Israel's nine-day-old strike of postal workers to arbitration. The strike, which began with demands by letter carriers for a salary increase of 50 pounds (\$16.67) per month, spread to other postal workers, affecting employees of the country's telephone and telegraph services, philatelic and postal savings divisions.

Minister of Posts Eliahu Sasson told the Cabinet today that if the demands of the postal workers are met, it would increase the Ministry's budget by some 100,000,000 pounds (\$33,300,000) annually. A Ministerial committee named to deal with the strike, called on the workers to return to their duties and announced that the Government would abide by the decision of the arbitrator. Meanwhile, workers in the cable offices sending cables abroad returned to work today.

EICHMANN'S LAWYER ASKS SUPREME COURT TO CALL 15 NEW WITNESSES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- West German attorney Robert Servatius, defense counsel for Adolf Eichmann, has asked the Supreme Court to call 15 new witnesses, including Israeli Justice Minister Dov Joseph, Jewish Agency chairman Moshe Sharett, Israeli diplomat Ehud Avriel and Yoel Brand, for the hearing beginning March 22 on the appeal against the death sentence handed down against Eichmann last December by the Jerusalem District Court.

The appeal brief, covering 60 typewritten pages, challenges various aspects of documents introduced in the trial by Attorney General Gideon Hausner and again questions the right of the State of Israel to try Eichmann in view of his abduction.

W.J.C. LEADERS MEET IN ITALY; DISCUSS SITUATION OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

ROME, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- The possibility of direct talks with the Soviet Government on the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union was discussed today in Milan at the opening session of a two-day conference of European leaders of the World Jewish Congress, marking the 25th anniversary of the organization. Delegates from England, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Greece, Belgium and Italy are attending the parley.

Last night, the anniversary was celebrated at a special meeting at the Barberini Palace in Rome. Speakers at the meeting included Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities; Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff; A. Sannini, representing the Rome Municipality; and Marlo Bisori, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, who expressed the appreciation of the Italian Government for the activities of the World Jewish Congress. Messages were read from the Italian Foreign Minister and Minister of the Interior.

Israel Cieff, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the organization's European executive, praised the "courageous" role of Italian Jewry in the creation of the World Jewish Congress at a time when they were living under a totalitarian regime.

YOSEF TEKOA H NAMED ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW; SERVES IN BRAZIL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- Yosef Tekoa, currently Israel's Ambassador to Brazil, has been appointed the new Israeli Ambassador to Moscow, it was announced here today. He succeeds Arieh Harel, who served as Israeli Ambassador in Moscow until last year. Ambassador Tekoa, 37, was deputy head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations from 1958 to 1960.

MEMBER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY DISMISSED FROM JOB IN UNITED STATES ARMY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- An active member of George Rockwell's American Nazi party has been dismissed from his job with the Army Map Service, the Defense Department reported today.

Notice of the dismissal of Schuyler Ferris was given in a letter to Congressman Seymour Halpern of New York, who has waged a campaign since last summer to have Ferris ousted from his post. Ostensible reasons for the dismissal as stated in the Department's letter were "insubordination, absence without leave and on-duty conduct which adversely affected morale and work production."

Rep. Halpern had demanded that Ferris be fired after it was learned that the map specialist had provided the so-called "hate bus" which toured the South last summer manned by Rockwell's followers. The Defense Department had previously told Congressman Halpern that such charges were insufficient grounds for dismissal. Ferris' newest difficulties began some ten days ago when he was arrested in connection with picketing at a movie showing here of the film, "Judgment at Nuremberg."

VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY TO VOTE ON BILL REVOKING CHARTER OF ROCKWELL'S PARTY

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 25; (JTA) -- A bill to revoke the state charter of the American Nazi party will be taken up at the State Assembly this week. The bill was reported out by a 14 to 3 vote of the General Laws Committee of the Virginia State House of Delegates last Friday.

George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi party, appearing at a hearing before the legislative committee here last week, said that his organization had adopted the Nazi title to gain publicity. He claimed that his group was made up of conservatives fighting communism.

AMERICAN PEOPLE TOLD BY HARMAN OF ISRAEL'S INTEREST IN COMMON MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- Israel continues to seek a special economic relationship with the European Common Market, Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman said here today.

Replying to a question from Congressman Emanuel Celler on a television interview, Mr. Harman pointed out that the Common Market currently affects two-thirds of Israel's exports and many of its imports so that some arrangement with the Common Market is necessary to preserve its present flow of trade.

The Ambassador labeled the advent of the Common Market "one of the most significant events in international life in our generation." On another subject, Mr. Harman said that Israel was delighted to welcome the recent visit of Edward Kennedy, the President's younger brother, "as a symbol of the continuing friendship between Israel and the United States."

SECRETARY OF LABOR LAUDS ISRAEL AT DINNER FOR BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

CHICAGO, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- Israel has attracted African and Asian students and scholars because it shares in common with the United States a deep belief in freedom and democracy, Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg said here last night.

Speaking before a fellowship dinner on behalf of Israel's Bar-Ilan University, Secretary Goldberg paid tribute to Israel's democratic heritage. This devotion to the rights of men and dignity of labor, Mr. Goldberg said, makes possible institutions like Bar-Ilan "to hold out the light of learning and education" free from conformity.

In his address, the Labor Secretary also said that the United States continuously stands ready to furnish technical and economic assistance to Israel and her Arab neighbors to replace "ancient poverty" with abundance in that part of the world.

INDIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL CLAIM RABBINATE 'REVERSED' RULE ON MARRIAGE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate was accused this weekend by Indian Jews settled in Israel with having "reversed" a ruling which ended a lengthy dispute over the status of such Jews in regard to marriage with other Jews in Israel.

The Chief Rabbinate had ruled last October that members of Indian Jewry, known as Bene Israel, were full Jews and could therefore wed other Jews. The Actions Committee of Bene Israel, charged that new directives for such marriages were a reversal of the October ruling.

The charge was based on the fact that the new directives required Israeli rabbis to ascertain whether Bene Israel applicants for marriages had parents and forebears who were Jews and also instructed rabbinical registrars to refer the applicant to the district rabbinical court "where doubts existed."

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim issued a statement in reply, expressing surprise about the Actions Committee charge. He said that similar regulations applied to all marriage applications in Israel.

OHIO UNIVERSITY AVIATION SCHOOL TO TRAIN ISRAELI AGRICULTURAL PILOTS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- The Ohio State University School of Aviation today announced that it will assist in the training of Israeli agricultural pilots under a recently announced agreement with the State of Israel.

Jack J. Eggspuehler, director of the School of Aviation, said the agreement calls for the training at the university's airport of three Israeli pilots, who have been selected to serve as instructors in their nation's agricultural aviation program. The three pilots are receiving instruction in agricultural aircraft performance, in methods of instruction and program planning and in the development of teaching techniques. At the end of their four-week training period here, they will return to Tel Aviv with Mr. Eggspuehler to conduct the first of two annual courses in agricultural aviation.

Faced with a sharp rise in the number of fatalities in agricultural aviation, Israel asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Aviation Agency to assist in analyzing its problems in this field. These agencies found that the primary problem was the lack of experience and training on the part of some pilots and recommended that Israel set up a program similar to that held at Ohio State. Ohio State was called upon to assist the Israeli Government in its agricultural aviation program because of the successful aerial applicator courses conducted annually by the School of Aviation for the past two years.

STRONG COMMUNAL SUPPORT OF J. T. A. URGED BY ASSN. OF JEWISH PUBLICISTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- A resolution praising the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and urging stronger support of it by all elements of the American Jewish community was adopted at the annual meeting of the American Jewish Public Relations Society, the professional association of publicists in the Jewish communal field. Nathan L. Roberts, director of publicity of the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, was re-elected president of the Society for a second term.

"The American Jewish Public Relations Society," the resolution declared, "praises the services of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and urges all Jewish organizations to subscribe to its Daily Bulletin as an essential means of maintaining communication with Jewish life throughout the world and as a vital adjunct to each organization's work."

Eleazar Lipsky, JTA president, who was the guest speaker at the dinner, emphasized that "the JTA occupies a unique position in American and world Jewish life as Jewry's sole international agency for the gathering and dissemination of news of special and particular interest to the Jewish community." He termed the JTA "an essential and indispensable service in linking Jews to each other through a sharing of news of each other's activities, plans and achievements."

ARAD NAMED HEAD OF AMERICAN DIVISION OF ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- Shmshon Arad, former Israel Consul in New York, has been appointed head of the American Division of the Foreign Ministry, it was announced here today. Mr. Arad was also a member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations.

Mr. Arad, who spent several years in New York, is well known to leaders of Jewish organizations in the United States. He constantly maintained contact with the national Jewish groups in America and addressed them on numerous occasions. His appointment to the post of chief of the American Division was due to the fact that he is extremely well informed on both general and Jewish affairs in the United States.

PITTSBURGH JEWISH CHRONICLE TO START PUBLICATION NEXT WEEK

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- The Pittsburgh Jewish Publication and Education Foundation announced this week that the first issue of the Jewish Chronicle would be published on March 8. The Foundation is an independent non-profit corporation affiliated with the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, which purchased the two Pittsburgh privately published weeklies, the American Jewish Outlook and the Criterion. The Chronicle is successor to the two weeklies.

Albert W. Bloom of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette has been named editor. Albert W. Golomb, publisher of the Outlook, has been named general manager. The Foundation said the new weekly would be a newspaper which would "not purport to speak for the Jewish community" but that the policy would be "to make of the newspaper a mirror of the community in its local, national and international aspects." Joseph W. Feldman is president of the Foundation.

AMERICAN RABBI HONORED IN SO. AFRICA; IS GUEST OF REFORM CONGREGATIONS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 25; (JTA) -- Rabbi Solomon Freehof of Pittsburgh, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, was tendered a dinner in his honor last night by the South African Union for Progressive Judaism.

Keith Fleming, Johannesburg deputy mayor, extended a civic welcome to Rabbi Freehof and Mrs. Freehof and commended the role of Jews in South African life "living up to the great teachings of your faith." Rabbi Freehof, in his response, said Judaism was a "religion equipped for survival." He will spend a month touring South Africa as a guest of local Reform Congregations.