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ISRAEL TO ISSUE NEW \$80 MILLION SECURITIES FOR DOMESTIC MARKET THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- The Israel Government announced plans today to issue new securities valued at 250,000,000 Israeli pounds (over \$80,000,000), to be sold during the current fiscal year in the domestic market. The announcement was made at a press conference here by Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol.

Mr. Eshkol said the bonds would be in two types, one linked to the cost-of-living index and the other not linked to it. He said the linked bonds would pay five percent gross interest, or 3.75 percent tax free interest. The unlinked bonds will pay eight and a half percent.

He said that 110,000,000 pounds (\$36,000,000) derived from the sale of the new securities would be incorporated in the budget. The remaining 140,000,000 pounds (\$46,000,000) would be deposited in the Bank of Israel, and thus withdrawn from circulation.

The Finance Minister stressed he had been urging the need for increased savings, and he hinted legislative measures might have to be used to compel people to save a larger proportion of their income. There was no indication as to whether this meant additional measures, like the compulsory loan, which he indicated in Parliament yesterday the Government planned to introduce soon.

WOLFSONS INCREASE GIFTS IN ISRAEL, ANNOUNCE INVESTMENT IN HOUSING

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- A contribution of \$1,000,000 to the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot by the Edith and Isaac Wolfson Charitable Trust will permit important expansion of the cancer and allied biological research programs at the Institute, it was announced here. The gift was disclosed at Rehovot, during a visit to the institute by Sir Isaac and Lady Wolfson.

The new development and research fund will be used to extend the Institute's present facilities for investigating the mechanism of carcinogenesis and other aspects of cancer, and to help round out the Institute's complex of life science buildings and laboratories.

The gift to the Weizmann Institute brought to 6,000,000 pounds (\$2,000,000) the total gifts announced by the Wolfsons during their current visit to Israel. Sir Isaac was also reported to have agreed in principle to investment by the Wolfson-Clore-Mayer Investment Corporation of 1,000,000 pounds sterling (\$2,800,000) in a housing development in the Bnei Brak area of the Negev. One of the Wolfson benefactions announced during their current visit was a contribution of a million Israeli pounds (\$333,000) for a secondary school scholarship fund.

ROCKEFELLER GROUP BUYS LARGE SHARE IN ISRAEL FIRM.

HAIFA, May 17. (JTA) -- A group of American investors, including Laurence Rockefeller, brother of New York State Governor Nelson Rockefeller, has acquired a third interest in the Elron electronics plant in Haifa, it was learned here today. The Union-Israel Institute of Technology and a local investment banking firm, share the remaining two-thirds interest in the company. Elron produces electronic devices for civil, industrial and nuclear research purposes.

GERMAN COUNSEL SEEKS DELAYING ACTION ON CASE IN COLOGNE COURT

COLOGNE, May 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Robert Servatius, Adolf Eichmann's West German defense attorney, disclosed today he had started action in a Cologne court which could have the effect of delaying final disposition of the case of the former Gestapo colonel. The Federal Supreme Court will announce on May 29 its ruling in Eichmann's appeal from a life sentence imposed by a Jerusalem district court last December 15.

Dr. Servatius told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had filed in the Cologne Administrative Court a complaint against the West German Foreign Office. He said he had the action to obtain court sanction against the Foreign Office for failing to intervene on Eichmann's behalf.

The attorney said, that according to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, kidnaping was a violation of international law. He added that "since the Federal Republic signed the charter and the United Nations condemned Eichmann's abduction, the

Foreign Office was asked to intervene" but refused to do so. He expressed the hope that the court would order the Foreign Office to demand Eichmann's extradition. However, he acknowledged that may be difficult, since there are no diplomatic relations between Germany and Israel.

He said that, if the Cologne court rejected his complaint, he would file suit in a Federal court. Then, if necessary, he would carry the case to the Council of Europe's Commission on Human Rights. He said he did not know whether any similar case had ever been taken to or judged by that Commission.

Commenting on the fact that a date had not yet been set for a hearing in Cologne on his complaint, Dr. Servatius said he hoped the decision of "the slow-moving" West German courts would not come too late "because Israel might not wait, and execute Eichmann immediately after the verdict." He did not refer to the fact that, if the Israel Supreme Court sustains the verdict against Eichmann, he planned to file an appeal for clemency with President Izhak Ben-Zvi, which would delay action on the execution for a time.

He said he had been getting many letters from Germans and Jews appealing for Eichmann's life. He added that none of the requests from the Germans involved anti-Semitic attitudes, but rather argued for clemency in religious and political terms.

NAZI WHO SLEW 11,445 JEWS USES 'EICHMANN DOCTRINE' IN BERLIN COURT

BERLIN, May 17, (JTA) -- A defense argument which Adolf Eichmann used repeatedly in his Jerusalem trial--that he acted under orders which he could not disobey in transporting millions of European Jews to their doom--was heard again in court here today from Albert Filbert, a former Nazi SS officer on trial for participation in similar mass murders of Jews.

Filbert, who has admitted he headed a Nazi commando unit which operated in German-occupied areas of Russia in 1941, told the court that "only a few thousand" victims were shot on his orders. He is on trial on charges of participation in the slaughter of 11,445 Russian Jews, and faces a possible life sentence. Five other ex-SS men, charged with "working" under Filbert, are on trial with him, facing lesser terms.

The former Nazi said he regularly falsified the number of victims of his squad in reports to Berlin which had ordered shooting of all "Jews, partisans, Communists and political commissars," in the Vilna area. He admitted a personal role in the shooting of hostages, but insisted he did not kill any of them, adding "I aimed to one side."

An SS report was then read, indicating Filbert had been recommended for an Iron Cross for his part in the "liquidation of Jews, Communists and guerillas" in the Vilna-Grodno-Vitebsk region. The report said Filbert's unit had the greatest proficiency in shootings committed by his special extermination battalion. But Filbert insisted the quoted figure of 11,445 killings credited to his squad was incorrect. "I can't say exactly how many people were shot," he declared, "but it was only a few thousand."

Victims Robbed of All Clothing, Had to Prepare Selves for Execution

He stressed repeatedly that he had been acting under orders at the time of the slaying. Asked by the judge whether he agreed that there were criminal orders, which no "decent citizens" were forced to obey, Filbert replied: "We had no choice. We had to obey orders."

He insisted it was not true that the victims had to remove all their clothes before they were killed. He explained that "all their belongings were taken from them and went to Berlin. They had to take off their underclothes. Then they had to lift their shirts over their heads and tie the sleeves across their eyes."

He said the victims were forced to stand in front of "execution trenches" into which the bodies tumbled. Asked whether he had witnessed the shooting of Jewish women and small children on his orders, he said "I attended only two or three shootings of men. That is, nearly all the victims were men." He added it was "difficult" to find volunteers to command shooting squads when the assigned victims included women and children.

He was asked about the recorded killing of 3,000 to 4,000 Jews in the Vitebsk Ghetto. He insisted that there were "only 700 to 800," and added that "officially the Ghetto was liquidated because of infectious diseases."

AUSTRIANS ACCUSED OF KILLING POLISH JEWS SERVED AS SOCIAL WORKERS

VIENNA, May 17, (JTA) -- Salzburg police announced the arrest today of Johann and Wilhelm Maurer, brothers charged with participating in the mass murders of Jews in the Polish town of Stanislaw, during World War II.

The brothers worked under assumed names after the war in a Protestant relief organization. In that capacity, they had met with representatives of Jewish relief organizations, according to the police. They remained free, police said, because the search warrant for them listed them as "Maurer."

BRITISH LORDS REJECT BILL OUTLAWING RACIAL, RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

LONDON, May 17. (JTA) -- A bill to make discrimination on grounds of race or religion punishable offenses was defeated yesterday on a second reading in the House of Lords, after the Lord Chancellor expressed opposition to the measure. The vote was 41 to 21.

Lord Longford, arguing for the bill, said that a meeting was scheduled for July 1 by the fascist National Socialist movement with the slogan, "Free Britain from Jewish Control." He said that neither the Home Secretary nor the Police Commissioner had the power to proscribe a public meeting on grounds of the political character of the sponsoring organization. He added that the police commissioner's inability to refuse an application for the meeting strengthened the need for the bill. Lord Walston had stressed that the bill was not confined to barring bias on grounds of color. He cited, among other offenses the bill was meant to eliminate, such barriers as discrimination against Jews by golf clubs. But the House rejected the measure.

GOLDMANN PRESSES NEW JEWISH CLAIMS BEFORE GERMAN CABINET MEMBERS

BONN, May 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, today started his second round of conversations on the drafting of West Germany's final indemnification and restitution law, aimed at including into the German aid categories many thousands of Jewish victims of Nazism not covered under the current law.

Today, Dr. Goldmann met with Finance Minister Heinz Starke, Minister of Defense Franz Joseph Strauss and Heinrich Krone, Minister Without Portfolio. His scheduled conference on the subject with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is now slated for tomorrow. He will also confer tomorrow with Erich Mende, leader of the Free Democratic Party, a member of the coalition Government here; and Marin Hirsch, newly elected chairman of the indemnification committee in the Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament.

ATLANTA JEWS JOIN CHRISTIANS IN COURT FIGHT ON EDUCATION FUNDS

ATLANTA, Ga., May 17. (JTA) -- Three Jewish agencies were among six organizations filing a joint brief in the Georgia Supreme Court here today, attacking the use of public funds to support private sectarian education. Included among signers of the "Friend of the Court" brief were local units of the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Atlanta Jewish Community Council.

The brief, believed to be the first such cooperative action in Georgia by the organizations involved--which included the Georgia Council of Churches, the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese, and the United Church Women of Georgia--took the traditional position of "separation of church and state in the interest of both."

The brief supported the position being taken by the Atlanta Board of Education in the first test case arising from Georgia's recently enacted tuition grant law. The Board is seeking reversal of a decision in Fulton Superior Court, awarding to a girl a grant of tax-raised funds to attend a private school.

The tuition grant law, passed in 1961 and amended this year, limited educational grants "for the purpose of attending a private, non-sectarian school." The brief argued that both the Federal and state constitutions prohibit the use of such grants for a religiously oriented and sectarian school, such as the one in this case. The school's promotion brochure describes it as "an educational institution where Christian faith and living are reflected in policy, practices and persons." The school also gives courses in sacred studies and Bible, and teaches the divinity of Christ.

HIAS, JAMAICAN JEWS, GOVERNMENT JOIN TO AID CUBAN JEWISH REFUGEES

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- The United Hias Service reported today that 1,000 Jewish migrants from Cuba had been given aid in Jamaica, West Indies, en route to the United States for permanent resettlement.

James P. Rice, executive director, said he had conferred in New York with Granville de Leon and Felix Shalom, chairman and vice-chairmen, respectively, of the Cuban Refugee Committee of the United Congregation of Israelites of Jamaica, on continued aid to refugees finding temporary haven in Jamaica. Mr. Rice stressed the friendly cooperation of the Jamaican Government.

He said the Jamaica committee arranged for the admission, reception, housing, feeding, processing and transportation of the refugees from Cuba to Jamaica, and from Jamaica to the United States, under Hias auspices. He added that Hias assistance in the program entailed expenditures of \$200,000.

He reported that almost all of the Cuban refugees had been resettled in the United States, and a few families had been resettled in Canada and Latin America. "There is still a steady flow of Jewish refugees from Cuba to Jamaica for temporary accommodation," he added, "and we are grateful to the Jamaican authorities and the Jewish community of Jamaica" for their cooperation and pledge of continued cooperation.

74 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS THIS YEAR TOP 1961 GIVING BY AVERAGE OF 18%

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Jewish community campaigns in the United States are registering, so far, an average 18 percent increase in giving, as compared with 1961, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reported here today. The report was based on a survey of 74 communities, exclusive of New York City, which raised \$58,000,000 last year. These communities, the survey showed, have already raised four-fifths of last year's totals.

Large variations were reported by various communities, the survey showed. The range of increased giving over last year was as low as six percent and as high as 33 percent, according to the statistics. An average increase of 18.3 percent was reported by communities with a Jewish population of 40,000 and over; 17 percent in cities with Jewish populations ranging from 15,000 to 40,000; 14.9 percent average increase in towns having between 5,000 and 15,000 Jews; and an average 19.7 increase in communities with less than 5,000 Jews. Baltimore led the list of the larger cities with an increase of 21.9 percent.

The CJFWF is the association of 215 Jewish federations, welfare funds and community councils which serve areas with over 95 percent of the Jews in the United States and Canada. The report on the status of this year's contributions was made by John D. Feinberg, of Toronto, chairman of the CJFWF campaign committee; and Marvin Glasspiegel, of Milwaukee, and Herbert Schiff, of Columbus, vice-chairmen of that committee.

150 AMERICAN JEWISH EDUCATORS TO ATTEND WORLD ASSEMBLY IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- At least 150 American Jewish educators and lay leaders in the field will attend the World Assembly on Jewish Education, to be held in Jerusalem next August, it was announced here today by Philip W. Lown, president of the American Association for Jewish Education, and chairman of the American delegation to the Assembly.

The Assembly is being convened by the World Conference of Jewish Organizations. The principal purpose of the parley, it was announced, are: 1. To review the situation of Jewish education in the diaspora; 2. To highlight the significance of Jewish education for creative Jewish survival; 3. To discuss the feasibility of organizing an international bureau for the exchange of information and to promote cooperation in the advancement of Jewish education.

The American Association for Jewish Education, Mr. Lown said, is now preparing a survey of Jewish education in all countries outside Israel, to present to the Assembly. He said also that, while Jewish education in the United States faces difficulties in regard to "the depth and continuity of Jewish learning, the teacher shortage and the inadequacy of funds," the American Association hopes nevertheless "to be of assistance to other and smaller Jewish communities, whose need is more desperate than our own."

RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONVENTION MAPS PLANS FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY STANDARDS

CHICAGO, May 17. (JTA) -- The annual convention of the Federation of Jewish Reconstructionist Congregations and Fellowships opened in suburban Skokie today, with the announced objective of acting on plans for the development of standards in the American Jewish community.

Dr. Ira Eisenstein, president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, said the standards would be those applying to Jewish ritual, adult learning and synagogue leadership. He said the time "has passed that we can be satisfied with mere affiliation with synagogues and other institutions."

U. J. A. HONORS WAGNER, AUSTRALIA FOR AID TO REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner and the people of Australia were honored today for helping Jewish refugees and immigrants. The honors were presented at a United Jewish Appeal "person-to-person" session at UJA headquarters here.

Mayor Wagner was cited for his work as chairman of the Non-Sectarian Committee of the UJA, and for his work for the UJA's programs. The people of Australia and Sir Howard Beale, Australian Ambassador to the United States, were represented by Stewart Cockburn, cultural attache of the Australian Embassy. Mayor Wagner and Mr. Cockburn were given scale replicas of Michaelangelo's statue of Moses as testimonials of the occasion.

EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF YESHIVA U. GIVEN LARGE ESTATE AS SCIENCE STATION

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- A 120-acre estate in Croton-on-the-Hudson, in upstate New York, has been presented to the Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University for use as a scientific park and biological field station, as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Friedman, it was announced here today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, University president.

In addition to its use as a biological field station for the development of specialized research programs, the property will be used as an off-campus facility for academic conferences and as a retreat for special studies. The estate includes a large colonial home, several guest cottages, farm buildings, a six-acre lake, orchards and a green house.