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ISRAEL AND EGYPT WILL GET 'SIZABLE' LOANS' THIS YEAR, OFFICIAL SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) - Israel and Egypt will get "sizable loans" from the United States in the fiscal year of 1963, William S. Gaud, assistant administrator of the bureau for Near East and South Asia in the U.S. Agency for International Development, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, it was revealed today.

Mr. Gaud said the Clay Commission urged that there be no loans to Israel after fiscal 1963. "This year," he reported, "we have upped the interest rate on Israel's loans from three-quarters of one percent to two percent, and we have told the Israelis it will go to three and one-half percent next year."

The AID official said "it is getting to the point where we are getting them down to commercial terms." He stressed that he did not agree with Gen. Clay's view on loans because "it is a question only of whether you do it all at once, or over a period of time."

U. S. HAS 'CONTINGENCY PLAN' TO CHECK ISRAEL'S CROSSING INTO JORDAN

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) - Egypt is currently more peaceful toward Israel, and has put the Israeli issue "in the icebox," according to testimony of a high State Department official published today by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

James P. Grant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, told the Committee that he does not believe Egypt intends to use its forces against Israel "as of this time." He added that, in his opinion, one of the accomplishments of the last several years in the case of Egypt has been that "actions have increasingly become a matter of words against Israel, and not so much action."

This testimony drew a heated response from Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, who wanted to know if Nasser's hiring of ex-Nazi rocket scientists indicated peaceful intentions. Mr. Grant replied that "the Egyptians maintain their armed forces for a variety of reasons." He also stated that a balance of power existed in the Arab-Israel situation, and the State Department did not expect aggression.

Mr. Grant pointed out that "if one looks ahead to the future, where we see missile development going ahead on both sides, one can see a situation some years ahead that would be far more worrisome than today."

He also made known that the State Department had a "contingency plan" for use against Israel, if King Hussein of Jordan were overthrown and Israeli forces moved to the Jordan River banks.

Rep. Wayne L. Hays, Ohio Democrat, asked Mr. Grant if the State Department did not actually plan "to slap down the Israelis." He charged that this was "the contingency you had at time." Rep. Hays said he hoped Israel would move to the West bank of the Jordan if King Hussein fell.

"If there is anybody that I can lay my finger on that advises we do anything about it (Israel's move), I would do my best to have him impeached," Rep. Hays told Mr. Grant. "I don't care who it is, because I don't think they would be serving the best interests of the United States in the long run by promoting a fellow like Nasser and his henchmen, who have no solicitude about the average Arab."

Rep. Hays also raised a question about Israel's defense, saying that he had never seen any clear-cut statement "to deter Arab aggression." Mr. Grant admitted there was no "explicit, formal" undertaking. Rep. Hays also charged that the Hawk anti-aircraft missiles be shipped to Israel were actually "obsolete."

SHAZAR REDUCES LIFE SENTENCES OF TWO ISRAELIS; RELEASES SHTRAKES

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) - In one of his first acts as President, Zalman Shazar reduced today the life sentences of two Israelis convicted in the murder of Dr. Rudolf Kestner, and commuted the sentence to the young kidnaper of Yoselle Schumacher.

Zev Eckstein and Josef Menkes, convicted in 1957 and given life sentences in the murder of Dr. Kestner, had their terms reduced to 10 years each. Dan Shemer, serving a lesser sentence for implication in the same crime, will be released on the eve of Shavuot, next

Tuesday. Ecksetin and Menkes will be eligible for release next November 6 if the customary sentence reductions for good behavior are applied. Kastner was the center of a political controversy arising from his activities as a leader of the Hungarian Jewish community under the Nazi annihilation program.

Shalom Shtarkes, uncle of Yoselle Schumacher, was sentenced last January to three years' imprisonment on conviction of kidnaping his nephew in one of Israel's most celebrated religious conflict cases. He was also sentenced to two years' imprisonment for perjury. The uncle also will be released on Chavuoet Eve.

Yoselle, whose disappearance for two years stirred a search on three continents, was finally found by United States Secret Service operatives in the home of a Brooklyn rabbi last summer. Shtarkes, who went to England after the boy's disappearance, was extradited to Israel for trial.

PRESIDENT SHAZAR OUTLINES HIS STAND ON VARIOUS PROBLEMS TO J. T. A.

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he regarded the central task of the Presidency as the rallying of forces for internal unity and consolidation, which is a "historical imperative."

He took the opportunity, in the exclusive interview, to express through the JTA his thanks to his many friends abroad for their congratulations and good wishes. He said the task of creating internal unity in Israel was the task pursued by his predecessor, the late Izhak Ben-Zvi, and he expressed the hope that he would be successful in following in Mr. Ben-Zvi's footsteps.

Israel's third President disclosed that he had been initially hesitant about accepting the nomination. "As a member of the World Zionist Organization executive, I devoted the past decade to cultural and educational work, a task which is close to my heart and which I consider of paramount importance. I was reluctant to leave it," he said.

He added that getting assurance that this work would not be affected was one of his main concerns in the days preceding his decision on acceptance. With characteristic frankness, the President added that there were "other reasons" for his hesitancy.

Stresses Need to Narrow the Partisan Gaps in Israel

He said that, knowing the reality of Israel's internal political life, the divergent nature of the Israeli community, and the special nature of Israel's relationship with world Jewry, he had wondered whether he could live up to the task. He stressed that he was "under no illusions about the difficulties of the task," and added: "To the extent we will be able to overcome the gap between communities and hasten cultural integration in Israel, and narrow the partisan gaps, including that between the secular and religious elements, and bring about a meeting of hearts--the State's character will be determined and strengthened."

He told the JTA he felt that not enough was being done to strengthen the ties and deepening the recognition of mutuality between Israel and Jews in other countries. He added that, while the problem was recognized "theoretically," in practice there was a "still wide-open field," a field "crying out for action."

The many years he had devoted to the Zionist movement before and after joining the WZO executive, and especially the experience gained in furthering the work of Jewish education and culture would be, he said, of invaluable help to him as President.

He emphasized that peace--both within and without--remained the goal which Israel must pursue with maximum effort and determination. He stressed that the friendships which Israel had developed with many nations "are a great achievement and asset, and we must continue to foster such friendships as before in a spirit of sincerity and with the aim of mutual assistance."

LIFE IMPRISONMENT DEMANDED FOR NAZI CHARGED WITH KILLING 2,400 JEWS

NUREMBERG, May 23. (JTA) -- The prosecution in the trial of three former German police officers charged with complicity in the wartime murder of 2,400 Jews in three Nazi-occupied Ukrainian towns in the Rovno area demanded today life imprisonment for one of the three and lesser terms for the other two.

The maximum term was demanded for Otto Koeler, 55, now an accountant. Ten years at hard labor was asked for Joser Paur, 64, a Criminal Investigation Department inspector, and six years for Wilhelm Wacker, 63. The murders took place in 1942.

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY GRANTS DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS TO ISRAEL AMBASSADOR

OTTAWA, May 23. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador here, Yaacov Herzog, today was granted an earned degree of doctor of laws by Ottawa University here. His thesis was on "The Evolution of United Nations Thought in the Field of Human Rights." The university expects to publish the dissertation soon in book form.

Dr. Herzog received the additional honor of the highly coveted award from the Bar Association of Paris, which is granted through Ottawa University. He was given that award in connection with his legal research. In addition to these works, he is the author of an English translation and commentary on parts of the Mishnah.

JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS CALL FOR STRONG AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The continued function of the American Zionist Council as the united voice of the Zionist movement in the United States was emphasized here last night by Moshe Sharett and Louis Pincus, chairman and treasurer, respectively, of the Jewish Agency, addressing a meeting of the Council's executive committee.

Recognizing the critical period in the affairs of the Zionist movement, as well as the general situation in the Middle East, Mr. Sharett called upon the Council "to galvanize its constituent Zionist organizations in meeting the challenge to the Zionist movement by giving vigorous direction to American Jewish life. No single Zionist organization can do this," he said, "only a united movement can accomplish this task, and the American Zionist Council is the recognized instrument for this purpose."

"Not only must the Council maintain the local Zionist Councils existing in the main cities of the United States, but it must do all in its power to stimulate their growth," Mr. Sharett stated.

Continuing the same theme, Mr. Pincus urged the American Zionist Council to take the leadership and seize the present opportunity to make Zionist issues crystal clear to the American Jew. "There are far more committed Zionists in the United States," he said, "than even the leaders realize. A united movement, coordinated, directed and stimulated by the American Zionist Council must take precedence over the goals of its separate parts." Rabbi Irving Miller, American Zionist Council chairman, presided at the meeting attended by the top leadership of all the Zionist organizations.

46 PERCENT OF JEWS HELPED BY UNITED HIAS TO EMIGRATE IN 1962 CAME TO U. S.

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Of 9,300 men, women and children given rescue and resettlement in 1962 by United Hias Service, 46 percent came to the United States, James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias, stated in his annual report issued today. The total figure of 9,300 represented a 30 percent increase over the previous year, he said. Of the remaining 54 percent of the migrants, he added, resettlement was arranged by Hias in Canada, Brazil, and Australia.

According to the United Hias executive, "there is every reason to hope" that liberalized immigration legislation in the United States would "enable us further to extend our efforts in making the United States one of the major receiving countries for Jewish migrants the world over."

Noting that air transport of Jews and non Jews from Cuba virtually ceased last October, during the Cuba-USSR crisis, Mr. Rice said "there is still a significant number of Jews in Cuba who have expressed their desire to emigrate. We are ready to provide assistance, if and when the circumstances permit it." He also reported that United Hias Service has been officially designated by the French government, together with a Catholic, Protestant, and a non-sectarian agency, to provide assistance for those former French residents of Algeria who may wish to emigrate overseas.

NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION AGENCIES SERVED 900,000 PERSONS IN 1962

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York now represents more than 90 percent of the metropolitan area's Jewish-sponsored health and social welfare agencies, Lawrence A. Wien, president of the Federation, reported here tonight at the organization's 46th annual meeting. The 116 Federation agencies served, during the past year, more than 900,000 persons, the greatest number in their history, he said.

Mr. Wien reported that the current Federation campaign, due to close June 30, is expected to exceed last year's total, a high peak in Federation drives, which had reached \$19,300,000. Nevertheless, he said, Federation anticipates the need for drawing at least \$500,000 from its reserves "due to increased allotments to the agencies, and a reduction in other receipts." So far, Mr. Wien said, more than 125,000 gifts have been received by the 1962-63 drive, representing one out of every five Jewish families in the Greater New York area.

TWO DAY CONFERENCE OF ENGLISH-JEWISH PUBLISHERS OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The problems facing the American Jewish communities in regard to Jewish education, work on behalf of Israel, youth leadership, social welfare affairs, and the tasks those issues impose on the English-language Jewish press in this country, were discussed here today at the opening session of the two-day 21st annual convention of the American Jewish Press Association. The sessions, at the Overseas Press Club, are being attended by more than 50 publishers and editors of Jewish weeklies throughout the country. They are being held under the presidency of Joseph G. Weisberg, editor of the Jewish Advocate of Boston.

Today's luncheon session was devoted to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which serves the English-language Jewish newspapers. The session was conducted by Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Jewish News of Detroit, a leading member of the association as well as vice-president of JTA. The speakers included Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief of the JTA, and Victor M. Bienstock, the agency's general manager. Nathan Ziprin, editor of Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, discussed the work of that agency. Ray Levy, public relations director of the United Jewish Appeal, was a guest speaker.

MANITOBA PRIME MINISTER DENOUNCES CLUB FOR NON ADMISSION OF JEWS

WINNIPEG, May 23. (JTA) -- Dufferin Roblin, Prime Minister of the Province of Manitoba, and Gildas Molgat, leader of the Liberal Party's Opposition in the Manitoba Legislature, denounced in the Provincial Parliament here the practices of an unnamed club in this city which discriminates against membership by persons who are Jewish or Ukrainian. "I personally," said the Premier, "have refrained from joining the club for exactly this reason. As head of the Government, I have made this principle clear."

The criticisms of the club's practices came up after Ed Schreyer, a member of Parliament representing the New Democratic Party, tried to introduce a bill forbidding the payment of government money for official events held at the club. The club is used by some Ministers for official entertainment of prominent visitors.

Premier Roblin, denouncing the discriminatory practice, asked Mr. Schreyer, nevertheless, to withdraw his proposed bill. He said that at the present time such a motion would do "more harm than good." Mr. Molgat also announced that he has refused to join the club because of its bias. Mr. Schreyer withdrew his motion, but said he would re-introduce it next year if fees for the club were in the Government budget.

Three years ago, Saul Cherniack, a leader of the Jewish community here, who was at the time an alderman, introduced a bill in the Winnipeg City Council, to cut off membership in the club for city officials. At that time, officers of the club admitted there were no Jews among the members, but maintained that the organization's constitution "does not bar them."

SENATE GETS BILL ON INCLUSION 'TO BIGOTRY NO SANCTION' IN POSTAGE STAMP

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) - Rhode Island Senators Claiborne Pell and John O. Pastore today introduced a bill to re-design the five-cent regular postage stamp, bearing the picture of George Washington, to incorporate Washington's words, "To Bigotry No Sanction."

Washington wrote this phrase in a letter to the Jewish community of Newport, R.I., after visiting the famous Touro Synagogue, now a national historic shrine. Sen. Pell told the Senate that "today this philosophy is just as meaningful as it was then, and I urge this legislation, so that all Americans may be constantly reminded of the high ideals of the founding fathers of our country." The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

The phrase to which the Senators referred was contained in the first President's letter to the Newport Jewish community stating that: "It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

JEWSH COMMUNITY IN RIO DE JANEIRO DEDICATES \$250,000 HOME FOR AGED

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 23. (JTA) -- With city, state and medical officials in attendance, Jewish and non-Jewish, the new Home for the Jewish Aged was officially dedicated here today. Costing \$250,000, the Home has a capacity of 300. The State Director of Health for the State of Guanabara, one of the principal speakers at the ceremonies, voiced highest praise for the Jewish community of Brazil which, he said, "have worked energetically not only to develop trade and industry but also contributed vitally to social and philanthropic affairs."

DR. BLUMENFELD, LEADER OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN PRE-NAZI GERMANY, DEAD

TEL AVIV, May 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Kurt Blumenfeld, president of the Zionist Organization of Germany from 1924 to 1933, and a founder of the Keren Hayesod, died here at the age of 79. He was one of the earliest victims of the Nazi movement.

Born in Margarabowa, Germany, he was educated at the universities of Berlin, Freiberg and Konigsberg. He served as chairman of the information department of the Zionist Organization of Western Europe in 1910, and served also as president of the Central European Immigrants Association. He was a delegate to 10 World Zionist Congresses.

He also served as a member of the World Zionist Actions Committee and as a director of the department of organization and information of the Hebrew University. In 1940 he visited the United States as a delegate to the convention of the Council of Organizations for Palestine.

DR. SAUL SYMAN, HIGH ISRAELI OFFICIAL, DIES SUDDENLY IN GENEVA; WAS 54

GENEVA, May 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Saul Syman, director-general of the Israel Health Ministry, and head of the Israeli delegation to the World Health Organization Assembly here, died here suddenly yesterday. He was 54.

The Israeli delegation at the European office of the United Nations and other Israeli officials on duty here took part today in a memorial service for him.