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U.S. TO GIVE ISRAEL \$20,000,000 IN DEVELOPMENT LOANS THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The United States intends to give to Israel development loans totaling \$20,000,000 this year, in addition to the more than \$20,000,000 in the sale of surplus agricultural commodities for local currency, in the framework of an existing U.S.-Israeli, three-year agreement, it was learned here today. The figures were revealed during the recent Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on the American foreign aid program. A transcript of the hearing was issued today.

The hearing also disclosed that Egypt will receive this year about \$150,000,000 in surplus agricultural commodities, plus an undisclosed sum in development loans which amounted to \$36,000,000 last year. Jordan is down for \$34,000,000 of U.S. funds in direct support of its budget; Yemen is to get \$5,200,000 in aid of capital projects, while Iraq is to get \$16,000,000 of American farm surpluses.

The data showed further that the United States will provide military assistance to Saudi Arabia, mostly through the sale of equipment and through some grants for training. Under a last-minute decision, the transcript showed, Lebanon will also get U.S. aid in the form of military equipment.

Senator Allen J. Ellender, Louisiana Democrat, questioned David Bell, director of the Agency for International Development, both about the assistance to Israel and about the grants to the Arab states. Referring to the help to Saudi Arabia and to Lebanon, he said: "The moment Israel finds out about this, and Nasser finds out about it, you are going to see repercussions in that area."

Senator Ellender also objected to what he termed "too easy" terms under which grants are made to Israel. In reply, Mr. Bell told the committee that the Israelis have agreed that their economy was improving rapidly enough, so that the United States should be in the process of terminating economic aid to Israel. Grant aid to Israel, he said, had already been terminated, and terms for development loans have been stiffened, having gone up by stages from three-quarters of one per cent in 1962, to two per cent in 1963, and three and a quarter per cent this year.

He said that, in spite of the fact that Israel's receipt of funds under the West German reparations program is getting lower, "the Israeli economy will become stronger." According to Mr. Bell, the Israelis are facing a very "rough" economic problem. However, he held, "they have shown great energy, great competence, great technical skill--and, so far, they are doing very well indeed."

U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL FEARS COMPLICATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST IN 1964

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Secretary General U Thant warned tonight that 1964 will be "a crucial year in the history of the United Nations" and singled out the Middle East as a region where trouble may develop.

"I believe," he said, "that 1964 is a crucial year in the history of the United Nations." He pointed to three troublesome issues facing the United Nations. One, he said, was financing, with the UN facing now a deficit of \$134,000,000. The second, he said, was the situation in the Middle East, while the third is the issue of decolonization.

He pointed to the fact that the United Nations Emergency Force--on guard on the Gaza Strip and in the Egyptian Sinai overlooking Israel's waterway in the Gulf of Akaba--is continuing to function "and will continue with a little reduction in expenditure." He noted that "through the good offices of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, we have recently been able to arrange for the exchange of prisoners between Syria and Israel."

"But," he continued, "the overall outlook in the Middle East today is threatening, and I am very much afraid that there will be more than one occasion in 1964 when Middle Eastern problems will engage the attention of the United Nations." He did not identify either the problems or the exact parts of the Middle East where he expects trouble this year. He made his prediction in speaking at Columbia University.

POPE SENDS CABLE OF THANKS TO SHAZAR; ADDRESSED IT TO TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI expressed his appreciation for his welcome in Israel, in a cable sent to President Shazar. The cable was addressed to "His Excellency, the President of Israel, Zalman Shazar, Tel Aviv." The choice of Tel Aviv as the address was assumed to reflect the Vatican's support of the 1948 United Nations resolution for the internationalization of Jerusalem.

"At the moment when our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, rich for us with moving and unforgettable remembrances, is completed, we wish to renew to Your Excellency an expression of our gratitude," the Pope said in his message. "We have appreciated the facilities which we have been given for our visit to the Holy Places and we have been touched by the welcome we received on the part of the various authorities."

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol declared yesterday in a statement that "the people of Israel were deeply impressed by the lofty personality of the Pope and by his emphasis on the need for peace, reconciliation and friendship."

"We know that the words of the Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church regarding peace are heard throughout the world and I hope that their effect will be to enhance peace in our region and in the world," Mr. Eshkol stated.

Israeli Press Agrees on Importance of Pope's Visit to Israel

The Israeli press agreed today that the visit was an event of great importance for Israel but they questioned the Pope's defense of the late Pope Pius XII who has been accused of failing to speak out against the Nazi genocide of European Jewry.

Haaretz, the independent daily newspaper, said that the visit confronted Israel with three tests: organizational, political and historical, and that the first was passed "with flying colors." Politically speaking, the daily added, the very fact of the visit to a country which the Vatican does not recognize was an achievement of great importance. The historical aspect was the hardest to evaluate, the paper said.

Commenting on the refusal of Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim to attend the welcoming ceremonies for the Pontiff, Haaretz indicated it doubted that the Chief Rabbi was entitled to stay away from any state function. However, the daily added, it was possible that the Chief Rabbi acted wisely in this situation because the faith of Israel was justified in demanding equal status with every Christian church. Discussing the Pontiff's defense of the late Pope Pius, Haaretz said "his is the opinion of one who is no more than mortal and historical research will not be halted because of this."

The newspaper Hatzofe, Orthodox daily, asked whether Pope Pius did indeed do all that such a religious leader should have done, even to the point of endangering his position. The organ of the Religious Party added that the Jewish people would not jump to over-optimistic conclusions in connection with the Pope's visit. It said there were two practical tests of the ultimate meaning of the visit. One was that the Catholic Church should actively fight anti-Semitism in Catholic countries and the other that it should recognize Israel.

Lamerhav, organ of Achdut Avodah, labor group, noted that the Pope had said in both Hebrew and English "Shalom" several times during his visit and called this "a clear strong voice of grace and wisdom which for the moment spoke louder than the voices of enmity which have been sounding around us for years." It added that the very meeting of the Pope with Israeli officials was a de facto recognition of the existence of Israel.

Israel Permitted Jordanian Drivers in Pope's Convoy

It was revealed here today that 16 Jordanian Arabs were drivers of automobiles in the Papal convoy throughout its 12-hour trip on Israeli soil. A high ranking Catholic prelate said here that the unprecedented arrangement was made with the agreement of the Israeli authorities. It was believed that the Jordanian drivers were used on the Israeli trip because the cars were scheduled to return to Jordan and the Arabs feared that bombs timed to explode after the return might be planted in the cars unless the Arab drivers were in control of the vehicles.

Chief Rabbi Nissim, it was learned today, rejected a Papal invitation to join Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals, Sunday night in paying tribute to the millions of Jews murdered during the Nazi era. There were reliable reports that the Chief Rabbi did so when he learned that it would not be the Pope who would join in the memorial tribute.

While the Pope was touring the Galilee Sunday, he sent a message to Israeli authorities saying he had asked Cardinal Tisserant to visit the Chamber of the Martyrs on Mount Zion and that the Pope hoped the Chief Rabbi would attend. The papal invitation was delivered by Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs, to Rabbi Nissim.

When the Cardinal was told Rabbi Nissim had declined the invitation, he went on with the papal group to two Christian Holy Places in Jerusalem but later, he returned to the Chamber of the Martyrs and lighted six candles, one for each million Jewish men, women and children murdered by the Nazis. This gesture was favorably commented on in Israel both publicly and privately.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S EMISSARY DELIVERS MESSAGE TO ISRAEL PREMIER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Sargent Shriver, United States Peace Corps director, delivered a message today from President Johnson to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol during a meeting which lasted one hour. The Peace Corps director met yesterday with King Hussein of Jordan.

Mr. Shriver, who is carrying personal letters from President Johnson to the heads of state of six Middle East countries he is visiting on a Peace Corps tour, declined to reveal the contents of any of the letters. However, he said that the contents of the various letters were not similar.

He was scheduled to meet with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, today. She was hospitalized with a sprained ankle and forced to miss the welcoming ceremony for Pope Paul Sunday. She was reported still in the hospital today.

ANOTHER JEW SENTENCED IN RUSSIA TO DEATH FOR 'ECONOMIC CRIMES'

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- At least one more Jew has been sentenced to death in the Soviet Union for alleged participation in "economic crimes," two Jews were given prison sentences, and one Jew had his new home confiscated, according to provincial Soviet newspapers reaching here today, indicating that the USSR's campaign against Jews accused as criminals has not abated.

The Jew, A. Niyakovsky, who was convicted of "embezzlement" and diversion of public funds, had been given the death sentence after a trial in Kiev, according to Ukranskaya Pravda.

At Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan, two Jews, named as Abramovitch and Flitzfeder, were sentenced to prison terms of six years and three years, respectively, according to Tashkentskaya Pravda. A non-Jew named Makarkin was convicted in the same trial and given nine years in prison. All were accused of bribery.

The same newspaper reported the case of a Jew named Itzhak Yusupov, who was charged with having built a home costing 9,000 rubles on an income of 125 rubles a month. The charges alleged that he could not have come by his money honestly, since his salary as a purchasing agent for a hospital was low, and he had to support a family of five. The court ordered that his home be taken away from him.

SOVIET FAILS TO CONVEY SCOPE OF NAZI MURDER OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A volume of documents on the Nazi occupation of Soviet territory during World War II, published recently in the Soviet Union, has been edited in a way which fails to convey the scope of the Nazi torture and murder of Soviet Jews, it was reported here today.

The volume, "Criminal Ends--Criminal Means," was published in 60,000 copies, under the authority of the War History Department of the Institute of Marxism-Leninism, the Central Archives Division and the Committee of Soviet War Veterans.

The book contains 153 documents. Only in four is any reference made to Jewish victims of the Nazi invasion and occupation. One of the four is a German photostat copy without a translation.

One of the other three refers to "Jews and Bolsheviks" and another to a plan to exterminate five or six million Jews. A report on Babi Yar, the site of the slaughter near Kiev made famous by the poem by Soviet poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, includes a description of the shooting of Jews alongside similar descriptions of the shooting of gypsies and prisoners of war.

The overall view given in the selection, it was asserted here, falls either by design or accident, to convey the impact of the calamity which the Nazis visited on Jews in the occupied areas.

ANTI-SEMITIC YOUTHS ARRESTED IN ARGENTINA; EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS FOUND

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Police detained today four members of the extremist anti-Semitic Tacuara youth group in a spectacular raid on a workshop where they found a substantial quantity of gelinite, a material used for making explosives.

The police also found firearms and a stolen car. Initially, the raid had been aimed only at recovering the auto but subsequently the Tacuara members confessed to possession of the explosive material.

ALGERIAN PRESIDENT OPERATED ON BY JEWISH SURGEON; IS DOING WELL

PARIS, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella, who in recent months has intensified a series of anti-Israel and anti-Jewish statements, was operated on yesterday by a Jewish surgeon for a long-standing nasal ailment.

An official communique described the operation, performed by Dr. Maurice Sedbon, as "successful" and said that the patient was doing "as well as could be expected."

YIVO NATIONAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSES JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The center of Jewish life has been transferred from Eastern Europe to Anglo-Saxon countries and this influences the character of Jewish social research work, it was declared here today by Dr. Nathan Reich, Professor of Economics at Hunter College, addressing the annual conference of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

Today's session of the four-day conference was devoted to discussions on problems in American Jewish communal life. Dr. Bernard Lander, of Yeshiva University, said that the religious, economic and political freedom prevailing in the United States creates favorable circumstances for maintaining Judaism in this country. Marvin Verbit, director of the Hillel Foundation at Brooklyn College, spoke on the strong feeling of Jewish identity among Jewish students in American schools of higher learning.

CANADIAN MINISTER TO ADDRESS PARLEY ON MISTREATMENT OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

OTTAWA, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Paul Martin, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, will be one of the principal speakers here tomorrow when rabbis of all denominations from the entire Dominion are to confer here on the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. The conference had been called by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Meanwhile, in evident anticipation of the conference, a news bulletin, published here by the USSR Embassy, printed a denial that there is a "Jewish problem" in the Soviet Union, labeling accusations about Soviet anti-Semitism as "misinformation." The arguments presented in the Soviet denial were also printed as a full-page advertisement put in by the Soviet embassy in the newspapers here.

Hy Bessin, president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, and a member of the national committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, promptly characterized the paid advertisement as an "apology" contradicted by "most authentic sources." The advertisement asked and answered a number of tendentious questions as follows:

"Is there a Jewish Problem in the USSR?" Is there a Jewish question in the USSR? How do Jews live in the USSR? Can Jews speak their own tongue in the USSR? Does the Soviet Union have theatre and concert teams performing in Yiddish? Can Soviet Jews choose a profession at wish? Is there equality of citizenship of all nationalities in the USSR in the eyes of the law and courts of justice? Is it true that the 1961 and 1962 trials of the USSR currency regulation violators were directed against Jews? How do matters stand as regards religious worship for Jews in the USSR? What do foreign visitors say about the position of Jews in Russia? How do Soviet Jews assess misinformation about their life? How does Soviet law protect the rights and interests of national minorities, including Soviet Jews?"

ATLANTIC CITY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN FOR LIMITED SABBATH USE

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The facilities of the Greater Atlantic City Jewish Community Center have been opened for limited use on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 1:30, according to a decision by the organization's board of governors.

David M. Perskie, president of the Center, said, in announcing the new plan, that the Saturday afternoon programs will be "consonant with the spirit of the Sabbath." Each Saturday afternoon, he said, there will be "a brief, interesting and meaningful program devoted to the Sabbath, its meaning and its importance in Jewish life today."

Following this program, he said, the lounge, swimming pool and health club will be available, although no league or other organized competitions will be allowed. Smoking will not be permitted, and vending machines will not be operated. For those who desire to use them, he said, there will be strip tickets on sale in advance, so that they need not handle cash.

Meanwhile, the Synagogue Council of Atlantic City, comprised of rabbinical and congregational organizations of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform denominations, has protested against the Center's Sabbath plans. A letter to the Center from the local Synagogue Council reaffirmed the position of the national organization, the Synagogue Council of America, calling for "a moratorium on Sabbath openings" in Jewish Centers.

CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES INCORPORATED AS COLLEGE

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Articles of Ohio State incorporation as a College of Jewish Studies have been filed by the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies, according to an announcement by the institution's president, Joseph H. Persky. The step was taken following the recent accreditation of the Institute as a college by the American Association of Hebrew Colleges. Mr. Persky stated.