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## ISRAEL STARTS TESTING ITS HUGE WATER PROJECT; WATER FLOWING TO NEGEV

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- The Government announced last night that water has been flowing from Lake Tiberias to the Negev through the National Water Carrier pipe network for several days in the first test of the huge Jordan-to-Negev irrigation system.

The statement said that testing of the system of pumps, canals, siphons and conduits would continue for several weeks and that if no major repairs, alterations or additions were needed, full operations would start in the summer. The first flow fed into an open canal to test the canal bed along the Lake hillsides.

The Mekorot Company, which is in charge of operating the project, said it was testing pressures of pumps and pipes and canals along the 70-mile carrier from the lake to the central distribution station near Petah Tikvah. The initial testing demonstrated orderly functioning of the huge pumps and pipes to that point, the company said.

Israel has assured the United States that the withdrawals will not exceed Israel's share under the Jordan waters regional plan developed by the late Eric Johnston as a special emissary of then President Eisenhower. Israel has carried out its part of the plan independently because of Arab refusal to cooperate. Jordan has been drawing water from the system downstream through the Yarmuk tributary and Syria and Lebanon have been drawing water from the Jordan river upstream.

It was reported that between 30 billion and 40 billion gallons would be drawn from Lake Tiberias annually at first and that diversion would be increased to 75 billion gallons a year by the end of the decade. Initially the area under cultivation will not be extended because about two-thirds of the accruing water will be used to recharge or replace the wells on the Mediterranean coast where sea water has infiltrated the water sources. The rest of the water initially will go to existing settlements where water is in short supply.

## ISRAEL AND EUROMART COUNTRIES SIGN COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, May 6. (JTA) -- The commercial agreement between the European Economic Community and Israel, under which Israel will receive substantial tariff reductions on many of its exports to the six nations of the European Common Market, was signed here today before television cameras and popping flash-bulbs.

Ambassador Amiel Najar of Israel and Alex Herbst, director-general for external relations of the EEC Commission, signed the agreement in the Grande Salon of the EEC. The agreement was reached on April 27. All member delegations to the EEC attended the ceremony.

Ambassador Najar told the audience that Israel was pleased with the agreement. He emphasized the fact that the Israel pact was only the second commercial agreement with a country not in the EEC framework.

The EEC official asked indulgence for the difficulties in dealing with the EEC which he said was a new organization still in process of creation whose administrative framework was only now slowly taking shape. Subsequently, all participants met later at the Ambassador's residences to continue the celebration of the pact signing.

## BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SEES NASSER PLANNING TO ATTACK ISRAEL

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) -- British Intelligence believes that the immediate objective of President Nasser of Egypt in his propaganda campaign against British bases in the Middle East is Israel, not the British protectorate of Aden, the Evening Standard, a leading British daily reported here today.

Nasser's basic strategy is believed to be the creation of conditions to prevent Britain from helping Israel if and when the Arabs launch their long-heralded attack on Israel, according to the report. The Nasser plan, it is believed, is to tie down British reserves in Aden, Cyprus, Libya and the Far East. With the British tied down, Nasser would be able to carry out his plans to attack Israel, according to the British Intelligence analysis.

Nasser was represented by the British Intelligence as regarding France as heavily committed economically in North Africa, West Germany in no mood to support Israel, Russia strongly backing the Arabs in their anti-Israeli hostility and the United States reluctant to intervene on behalf of Israel out of alleged fears of losing Middle East oil concessions. According to this view, the United States would also hesitate to intervene for fear that this would open the Arab world fully to Soviet penetration.

### BONN ASKS EGYPT FOR EXTRADITION OF ESCAPED NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS

BONN, May 6. (JTA) -- The West German Government asked the Government of Egypt today for the extradition of Hans Walter Zech-Nenntwich, who escaped from a Brunswick maximum security prison on April 23 four days after he was sentenced to four years for complicity in the murder of 5,200 Jews in the Nazi-held Pinsk Ghetto. A warden at the Brunswick prison has been arrested in the case.

Der Stern, a West German magazine, reported last night that two of its reporters recognized the former SS officer as he emerged from a Cairo hotel Sunday. Der Stern reported that in a tape recording of an interview the Nazi gave the reporters, he said his escape had been arranged by an organization of former Nazi officers and that other convicted Nazis would be helped to escape.

He was quoted as saying "I could have left my cell at any time I wanted, even in evening dress; You will see that others also will disappear." Der Stern said that its reporters traced the Nazi through Greece and Lebanon. He fled from West Germany in a private plane that landed him in Basle, Switzerland.

There is no extradition treaty between West Germany and Egypt and it appeared unlikely that the Government of Egypt, a haven for former Nazis, would comply with Bonn's extradition request. The West German Government acted after it was learned that the former SS Cavalry colonel had turned up in Cairo. A spokesman for the Justice Ministry of Lower Saxony, said a warrant for the fugitive's arrest was en route to Cairo.

### IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF JEWISH VICTIM USED BY NAZI TO ESCAPE ARREST

VIENNA, May 6. (JTA) -- Vienna police officials disclosed today that Jan Verbelen, a former Belgian SS officer who has been under arrest here for more than a year, lived here for three years using the identity documents of a Jewish jewel dealer he deported.

The officials said Verbelen used the name of Isaac Meisels, who was deported from Amsterdam in 1943 to the Nazi concentration camp in Drancy, France, and presumably murdered. Meisels' relatives in Amsterdam have heard nothing from him since the deportation. Verbelen was found to have used Meisel's identity papers and other documents.

A Belgian court sentenced Verbelen to death in absentia for war crimes. He escaped extradition by becoming an Austrian citizen.

### WEST GERMAN PROSECUTOR OPPOSES EXTENSION OF TERM FOR NAZI TRIALS

BONN, May 6. (JTA) -- Erwin Schule, the West German prosecutor heading Nazi war crimes investigations, said yesterday he was opposed to extending the West German statute of limitations covering such crimes.

Schule, who heads the Central Office for the Investigation of Nazi crimes, said a special law would be needed. Under the present law, Nazi crimes other than murder cannot be prosecuted after May 8, 1965, which will be the 20th anniversary of the capitulation of the Nazi regime in World War II. The law applies for 30 years for murder cases.

### LONDON JURY AWARDS NOMINAL DAMAGES TO PHYSICIAN SUING 'EXODUS' AUTHOR

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) -- A High Court jury awarded today to Dr. Wladislaw Dering nominal damages of one half-penny, the lowest sum that can be given, in his libel suit against author Leon Uris and the British publishers of his novel, "Exodus."

The Polish-born doctor-inmate at the Auschwitz death camp had sued over a passage in the book which accused him of performing experiments without anesthetics on Auschwitz inmates. The judge ordered Dr. Dering to pay the defendants' costs and refused him permission to appeal. Costs are estimated at 25,000 pounds (\$70,000). Thirty Auschwitz survivors, from the United States, France, Israel, Poland and Austria, testified during the 18-day trial in six languages.

### FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY ADMITS ANTI-SEMITISM STILL EXISTS IN RUSSIA

PARIS, May 6. (JTA) -- Obviously reacting to strong criticism by Communists here against the anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," published by the Ukrainian Academy of Science at Kiev, the French Communist Party today opened a public discussion of that book and of charges of anti-Semitism leveled against the USSR.

An article in the party's official weekly, France Nouvelle, by Victor Michault, a member of the French party's central committee, was seen here as going out of its way to imply that the "Judaism" book was merely an attack against Israel. But, at the same time, M. Michault did concede that all anti-Semitism has not yet been eliminated in the Soviet Union, declaring that such racialism cannot be tolerated in a Socialist state.

Cyberlooking the fact that the offensive book had touched on Israel only incidentally, M. Michault declared in his article: "One cannot be branded as an anti-Semite because one disapproves of the policy of Israel's Government. It is far too easy to claim anti-Semitic motives whenever Judaism as a religion, Israel as a state, and Zionism as an ideology are questioned. Although we are determinedly against racism, we defend our right to call a spade a spade--Zionism, nationalism and any religion are not scientific ideology."

## CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION ON SOVIET DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning the Soviet Union for the persecution of its Jewish citizens was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Abraham Multer, Democrat, of New York. Several resolutions on this subject have already been submitted in both Houses of the Congress but no action on them has yet been taken by the respective Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committee.

Rep. Multer, introducing his resolution, urged speedy committee action and declared that "it was clear that the Soviet Government and the Communist party have fostered and encouraged acts of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union."

### Jewish Communities in Canada Observe Prayer Day for Soviet Jews

MONTREAL, May 6. (JTA) -- A national Day of Prayer for the welfare of the Jews in the Soviet Union was observed by all Jewish communities throughout Canada this week, according to a decision of the All-Canadian Rabbinic Conference held recently in Ottawa under the sponsorship of the National Religious Welfare Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress;

Two of the largest services were held yesterday in Montreal and Toronto with thousands of men and women crowding the synagogue where 30 rabbis officiated. They represented every major congregation in Montreal--Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. The addresses were given by Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung, head of the Orthodox Rabbinate in Montreal, and Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, chairman of the National Religious Welfare Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The National Day of Prayer gave expression to the great anxiety expressed by Canadian rabbis that the Jewish community in the Soviet Union is prevented from pursuing a collective Jewish life by the closing of synagogues; lack of any facilities for Jewish education for their children; deprivation of opportunities for practicing religious observances; denial of Jewish burial grounds; lack of religious articles, prayer books and ritual objects which Jews in Russia cannot produce themselves, neither are they permitted to get them from abroad; denial of public facilities for baking matzos; lack of religious and cultural bonds with one another and with Jewish communities in other lands and constant and continuous curtailment of Jewish cultural activities.

### Ukrainians in Canada Condemn Anti-Semitic Book Published in Kiev

WINNIPEG, May 6. (JTA) -- The Ukrainian Canadian Committee, representative body of the Ukrainians in the Dominion, issued a statement denouncing "Judaism Without Embellishment," the anti-Semitic book published in Kiev, capital of the Soviet Ukraine, as "a shameless provocation." The committee condemned the book "as an attempt to bring disunity and mistrust among Jews and Ukrainians."

The committee's condemnation of the book, under the signatures of the Rev. Dr. B. Kushnir, its president, and W. J. Sarchuk, general secretary, appeared in the Jewish Post, local Jewish weekly. "This type of publication," stated the committee, "cannot serve any good purpose."

Referring to the fact that the book had been issued by the Ukrainian Academy of Science, the committee declared: "The Ukrainian scientists and their highest scientific institutions are now the object of an accusation of anti-Semitism, and this can throw an unfavorable light on the entire Ukrainian nation. The publication inflicts a cruel and unjustifiable blow to the Jewish people and their religion."

### Soviet Authorities Investigate Publication of Anti-Semitic Book

MELBOURNE, May 6. (JTA) -- Acting Soviet Ambassador A. Safanov said here today that the official investigation of the anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," published by the Ukrainian Academy of Science in Kiev, was still underway in the Soviet Union.

He made the statement in an hour-long talk in Canberra with a deputation of the leftist Jewish Council to Combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism which called on him to protest against the book, which has been sharply criticized in the West as anti-Semitic. The Soviet envoy told the group that publication of the book had been a serious error.

### Protestants, Catholics Appeal to Khrushchev on Treatment of Jews

WILMINGTON, Del., May 6. (JTA) -- A group of 88 ecclesiastical and lay leaders of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths in this state sent a letter to Soviet Premier Khrushchev today, demanding an end to USSR repressions against Jewish religious and cultural life in the USSR. The message was sent to Mr. Khrushchev through Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin, at Washington, by Louis J. Finger, chairman of the Delaware unit of the American Jewish Committee.

Among the signers were 41 Protestants, 34 Catholics and 13 Jews, including Catholic Bishop Michael W. Hyle; Protestant Episcopal Bishop J. Brooke Mosley; Rabbis Herbert E. Drooz, Leonard B. Gewirtz and Jacob Kraft; and Samuel Eisenstadt, president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

## CATHOLIC, EPISCOPAL LEADERS TESTIFY AGAINST PRAYERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6. (JTA) -- A prominent Catholic layman and two Protestant Episcopal bishops opposed today a proposed amendment to the U. S. Constitution which would void the Supreme Court's ban against prayers and Bible-reading in the public schools. They appeared before the House Judiciary Committee as that group opened its third week of hearings on a number of proposals aimed at the Supreme Court's ban. They centered their criticism particularly against the draft amendment introduced by Rep. Frank E. Becker, New York Republican.

John Quincy Adams, of Montclair, N. J., warned that the Becker amendment would be "bad for religion," and said the Becker draft's provision for a "non-denominational" prayer "would merely succeed in creating a watered-down substitute for religion." Mr. Adams, a leader in many national, Catholic, lay organizations, is a member of Cardinal Spellman's Coordinating Committee of Catholic Lay Organizations in the Archdiocese of New York.

Similar stands were taken before the committee by two other witnesses, Bishop Brooke Mosley and Bishop William Greighton, both of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Bishop Mosley characterized the Becker clause on a "non-denominational" prayer as a "gimmick." He argued also that another Becker provision, making a school child's participation in prayer "voluntary," is tantamount to putting a burden on the child. It is especially offensive in the name of Christian religion.

Bishop Creighton defended the Supreme Court's ban against school prayers. "Far from being hostile to religion," he said, "the Court decisions have encouraged the teaching in the public schools of the proper place of religion in our culture and history."

## RABBIS, WOMEN'S GROUPS ASK FOR REMOVAL OF ANTI-ISRAEL MURAL AT FAIR

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Hadassah, Pioneer Women and the New York Board of Rabbis today urged the World's Fair Corporation, in separate statements, to remove an anti-Israel mural from the Jordan Pavilion.

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, Hadassah president, made her appeal in an address at the World's Fair in celebration of "Child's Day for Youth Aliyah." The event, proclaimed by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, is under joint auspices of Hadassah, Pioneer Women and the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America. Mrs. Kramarsky told 500 representatives of the three organizations at the ceremony that it was "regrettable" that the World's Fair Corporation "permitted so flagrant a violation" of the Fair theme, "Peace Through Understanding."

Mrs. Blanche Fine, president of Pioneer Women, said the organization had sent a telegram to World's Fair president Robert Moses, declaring that "Pioneer Women exhibiting in the American-Israeli Pavilion at the World's Fair vehemently protest the use made of the Jordan Pavilion for propaganda which insults Israel and Jews throughout the world."

Rabbi Max Schenk, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, said that a similar telegram had been sent to Mr. Moses, urging removal of the mural "which is calculated to stir up hostility towards the State of Israel, people of Israel and Jews of the entire world." The Board said the mural violated "the spirit of the Fair and will bring neither peace nor understanding to those who will witness it."

## DR. CHAIM SHOSKES DEAD; WAS JOURNALIST, ECONOMIST, NOTED WORLD TRAVELER

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Shoskes, well-known Jewish author, economist and since 1939 a member of the staff of the Yiddish newspaper, Day-Jewish Journal, died here today. He was 73.

Born in Bialystok, Poland, he obtained degrees from the University of Karkov, Russia, and the University of Brussels, Belgium. He was manager of the Jewish Peoples Bank at Kharkov from 1917 to 1920; inspector for the Polish Cooperative Bank in 1921-23, and, after coming to the United States in 1939, honorary consul of Poland in this country in 1940-41. He joined the staff of the Day-Jewish Journal shortly after his arrival here, and has traveled throughout the world, writing reports about issues affecting Jews and Israel.

He was also for a time an executive of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. He was the holder of many awards, and the author of many books. His latest work, "Jews Throughout the World," is scheduled for publication in Yiddish and in Hebrew within the next month. Funeral services were scheduled for Friday.

## DR. JOSEPH FREUDENTHAL, PUBLISHER OF JEWISH MUSIC, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Josef Freudenthal, a composer of choral music and a leading publisher of Jewish music, died here yesterday at the age of 61. Born in Germany, Dr. Freudenthal came to the United States in the early 1930's and founded Transcontinental Music Publications which became one of the leading publishers of Jewish liturgical music in the world.