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ISRAEL TO SPEND UP TO \$400,000,000 FOR WATER RESOURCES IN NEXT DECADE

JERUSALEM, July 19 (JTA) -- Israel will spend between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000 in the next 10 years for the development of water resources, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol announced here today.

Mr. Eshkol revealed the plans for spending that amount on water resources when he addressed a visiting delegation of Bonds for Israel leaders from Chicago; He said the funds will be used for financing desalination research and plants, completion of the National Water Carrier, projects for the use of rainwater, and other programs.

GHANA ENVOY SEES AFRICANS SHUNNING ANTI-ISRAEL MOVE AT CAIRO PARLEY

JERUSALEM, July 19 (JTA) -- The possibility that the Arab states might use the current summit conference of African heads of state, meeting in Cairo, as a sounding board against Israel was discounted here today by Bediako Poku, Ghana's Ambassador to Israel;

In a statement to The Jerusalem Post, the Ambassador said that "uneasiness" over such a possibility fails to take into account "the tremendous amount of good will existing in many parts of Africa toward Israel;" Most African leaders, Mr. Poku declared, are for peace. Reports that they might be swung toward an anti-Israeli move, he said, "give the erroneous impression that the African leaders may lack the stamina and the sagacity to make independent decisions;"

The Ghanaian Ambassador's statement was seen here as confirmed by dispatches from Cairo, reporting that Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who has engineered anti-Israel resolutions at most conferences of Africans and Asians, stated flatly that he does not intend to offer such a resolution at this time.

In his Cairo address, the Egyptian ruler told the conference, attended by the heads of nearly all of the 34 member states from Africa: "For us Israel is a problem that is part of an imperialist conspiracy to loot a land in what the imperialists call 'settling.' As a result, many Arabs were uprooted from their homes and now are refugees outside their own land;"

He said this was part of a problem which the Arabs shared with Africans, but, he added: "We do not need resolutions from this conference, and we have none in our briefcases to submit; All we ask is that you devote deep scrutiny to this problem and give it careful study. Then we are sure you will understand our position;"

It was believed that Nasser had decided to avoid seeking an anti-Israel resolution which might have faced defeat from African nations with which Israel has developed aid and trade relations; Israel is conducting technical aid programs in more than 20 African countries and helping to educate many African doctors and other professionals and specialists.

Nasser Reported Rejecting Khrushchev Offer to Replace German Scientists

WASHINGTON, July 19 (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has offered to President Nasser a plan for replacing the West German scientists now at work in Egypt on mass destruction weapons and rockets aimed at Israel with Russian experts, and the offer has been turned down, according to reports reaching Washington today from both Cairo and Bonn;

This was learned from official sources which revealed also that Nasser is now seeking official state invitations to Bonn and Paris to offset the successful visits of Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to Washington and Paris;

It was reported that Nasser expressed preference for retaining German technicians and purchasing components for his weapons development projects from West Germany -- although this costs him hard currency. Russian technicians would have been available on

long range, easy terms, payable in Egyptian currency; according to reports on hand here;

These facts began emerging here and in Bonn after Egyptian officials commented with great approval on the rejection by the Republican National Convention of a platform provision offered by Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, of New York; Sen. Keating wanted the Republican Party to voice concern over "the activities of former Nazi scientists in developing new horror weapons for President Nasser." This was not in the formal wording of the draft plank on this issue submitted at San Francisco by the Senator, but was contained in his testimony before the Platform Committee.

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AGENDA DEFINITELY LISTS DECLARATION ON JEWS

ROME, July 19 (JTA) -- The next session of the Ecumenical Council, to open at the Vatican on September 14, will definitely have before it the proposed Catholic Church declaration "On Jews and Non-Christians," Msgr. Pericle Felici, secretary-general of the Council, announced here this weekend.

Revised texts of four drafts on various, proposed Council actions, plus the declaration dealing with Jews, have been circulated to the 2,300 Council fathers by Msgr. Felici; Accompanying the drafts was a letter from the secretary-general listing the order of debate, showing that the declaration will be the third item on the agenda.

The letter also set down a list of rules designed to speed up Council action and cutting down debate; One of the rules provided that reopening of debate, once discussion had been closed on any item, will require a petition bearing 70 signatures. Heretofore, debate could be reopened if requested by only five petitioners.

The New York Times reported from Rome that, in the revisions of Ecumenical Council procedures for the next session, there will be debate on the declaration regarding Jews and other non-Christians; According to the Times, this declaration was "tentatively altered" at the second session of the Vatican Council last year to "consider Judaism simply as one of the great world religions that do not accept the divinity of Jesus Christ;" The Times reported that "some commentators expressed surprise at the implicit depreciation of the Judaeo-Christian tie through the Old Testament;"

FAST OF TISHA B'AV OBSERVED IN ISRAEL; THOUSANDS WORSHIP ON MOUNT ZION

JERUSALEM, July 19 (JTA) -- Observing Tisha B'Av, the fast commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples, thousands of Israelis today crowded Mount Zion, overlooking the Old City and the Wailing Wall;

Throughout the country, Tisha B'Av was marked by the reading of the Book of Lamentations and the traditional elegies associated with the fast. All cafes and places of entertainment here were closed for the day.

AUSCHWITZ TRIAL TOLD 75% OF JEWISH VICTIMS MET DEATH IMMEDIATELY

FRANKFURT, July 19 (JTA) -- At least 75% of the Jewish prisoners who arrived at the Auschwitz concentration camp had been marched directly to death in the gas chambers, the court trying 22 former Auschwitz administrators and medical personnel here was told this weekend.

The testimony was given by Mrs. Helen Cougno, an Austrian-born Greek citizen. She was brought to Auschwitz in March, 1943, with her husband and two teen-age children in the first transport of 2,500 Greek Jews from Salonika. She said that the Jews who were not immediately killed were either worked or tortured to death;

Meanwhile, a former SS sergeant who had served two years for torturing inmates at Dachau was arrested again at the Auschwitz trial here, after testifying on behalf of one of the defendants; The prosecution announced that George Engelschall, who was also a guard at Auschwitz as well as at the Dachau death camp, was under suspicion of participating in some of the atrocities committed by his friend, former SS Sgt. Hans Stark, one of the 22 men on trial;

Previous witnesses had testified that Engelschall had joined Stark in forcing a Polish Jew called "Big Isaac" to drown 21 fellow inmates, including Isaac's own father; Engelschall was sent to jail to await trial;

Also at the trial this weekend, a prosecution witness, Peter Budan, gave testimony that conflicted with what he had told the court's officers in pre-trial hearings; Budan, a Munich businessman and a former inmate and trustee of Auschwitz, said that many witnesses had told "fairy tales" about the defendants; He claimed that defendants Oswald Kaduk and Wilhelm Boger could not have been seen shooting inmates as scores of witnesses have testified;

In cross-examination, Budan admitted that he had himself whipped Russian Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz when they refused to obey his orders. The trial will be resumed tomorrow. The proceedings in the Auschwitz case have been under way since last December.

WORLD CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES OPENS IN MEXICO TODAY

MEXICO CITY, July 19 (JTA) -- The nature of the future relationship between the Jewish and Catholic communities, in the light of the proceedings before the Ecumenical Council, which will convene for its third session at the Vatican next September, will come under the scrutiny of Jewish lay and rabbinical leaders from around the world, when the World Council of Synagogues opens its international convention here tomorrow.

Among the discussants on this subject will be a number of leaders from predominantly Catholic countries, in Latin America and Europe. These will include Rabbi Elio Toaff, chief rabbi of Rome; Fausti Pitigliani, president of the Jewish community of Italy; Jules Braunschvig, of Paris, vice-president of Alliance Israelite Universelle; Eugenio Battan, of Venezuela; and Rabbi Marshall Meyer, spiritual leader of Congregation Bet El at Buenos Aires, who is also the director of the Rabbinical Seminary in the Argentine capital.

Will Evaluate Proposed Declaration on Jews by Ecumenical Council

The session to be devoted to Catholic-Jewish relations will evaluate the proposed Catholic Church pronouncement, presented to but not discussed at the second convocation of the Ecumenical Council last year. The prospects of the Ecumenical Council's adoption of the proposed schema absolving the Jewish people of deicide and condemning anti-Semitism will be examined by the participants.

The convention, fifth of the international conclaves held by the World Council of Synagogues since the body was formed by the Conservative movement in 1957, will consider also, during its three-day session, various problems facing synagogues in many countries, and will focus especially on the situation of Jewry and the synagogue in Latin America.

At the opening session, tomorrow night, Charles Rosengarten, of Waterbury, Conn., president of the World Council, will report on his findings in nine Latin American countries which he toured last year. Another speaker will be Rabbi Theodore Friedman, past president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

A number of rabbis, trained in the United States but now engaged in community activities in Latin America, as well as rabbis serving Jewish communities in South America, will participate in the discussions. Because of the many Latin American representatives on the program, speeches will be translated simultaneously in Spanish as well as in English.

Status of Religion in Israel to be Discussed

Another major session will be devoted to a discussion of the status of the synagogue and religion in general in Israel. Leaders of the world Conservative movement have pointed out that the religious developments in Israel "inevitably touch the innermost sensibilities of all Jews." They noted that, "because of this love for Israel," the 1962 convention of the World Council of Synagogues was held in Jerusalem.

At this session, delegates will explore the inherent meaning of Israel for Jewish communities elsewhere in the light of 20th century developments, the religious "dilemma now obtaining in Israel," and the possibilities of establishing firmer ties between Israel and the Conservative movement.

Recent developments in the Jewish communities in Europe, with special emphasis on France and England, will also be discussed. The controversy which developed in England recently, where a large congregation was separated from the United Synagogue of Britain, will be the subject of a special report by Rabbi Chaim Pearl. He is a British rabbi who recently became the spiritual leader of a Conservative Synagogue in Riverdale, a section of New York City.

Among the prominent delegates to the convention are E. E. Moss, president of the United Synagogue of India; George Maiseln, president of the United Synagogue of America; Rabbi Herman Potok, of Israel; Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Rabbi Harry Halpern, chairman of the joint commission on social action of the United Synagogue of America and the Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Bernard Segal, executive director of the United Synagogue of America; Mrs. Helen Fried, president of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America; and Morris Laub, director of the World Council of Synagogues.

LORD MANCROFT AGAIN REMOVED FROM HIGH POST DUE TO ARAB PRESSURE

LONDON, July 19 (JTA) -- Lord Mancroft, the prominent British Jewish financier who was forced to resign from the board of the Norwich Union Insurance Societies last December due to pressures by the Arab League, has been asked to withdraw from his scheduled assumption of the presidency of the London Chamber of Commerce, it was revealed here today.

The request, according to the Sunday Telegraph, was made "in deference to those members who trade with Arab countries." The Chamber had invited Lord Mancroft

several months ago to assume the presidency at the end of this year, as successor to the present head, the Earl of Verulam. Lord Mancroft is chairman of Global Tours, Ltd. He is a director of Great Universal Stores, whose chairman is Sir Isaac Wolfson, one of the most prominent Jewish philanthropists in this country. The latter made many contributions to and investments in Israel.

Lord Mancroft's forced resignation from the London advisory board of Norwich last winter caused a sensation, culminating in a hot debate in the House of Commons during which Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the Prime Minister, rebuked the ambassadors of the Arab states here for intervening on this issue; Government spokesmen at the time emphasized their opposition to Arab boycott practices, but Sir Alec made it clear that no further action would be taken on the issue. Labor Party members of Parliament, however, requested stronger Government intervention;

Commenting on the development, and predicting that the Chamber of Commerce step against Lord Mancroft would result in "eruptions" inside the organization, the Sunday Telegraph pointed out that, among the Chamber's ex-officio members, are such "influential men in this country as Lord Mayor Sir James Harman; Sir Harry Hylton-Foster, a conservative leader in the House of Commons; Lord Cromer, Governor of the Bank of England; Patrick Milligan, chairman of Lloyd's Bank; and Lord Ritchie, chairman of the London Stock Exchange. The Chamber consists of 50,000 members.

"What makes the present situation so astonishing," the newspaper declared, "is its crudity. All this underlines the folly of the Chamber's furtive plan, a little more than six months after Mancroft's forced resignation from Norwich Union in the face of Arab pressure."

MISSISSIPPI MAN ADMITS BEATING RABBI LELYVELD; HELD IN \$2,500 BAIL

HATTIESBURG, Miss., July 19 (JTA) -- A white farmer has admitted that he and his uncle, now in a mental institution, beat up Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, of Cleveland, and two students working in the Negro voter registration drive here. Police said they arrested the 32 year-old farmer, Estes Keyes, of Collins, charging him with assault and battery and intent to maim, and have issued a warrant for his uncle's arrest. Keyes was released on \$2,500 bail, pending action by the Forrest County grand jury, which meets August 3;

Two men jumped out of a truck on a highway along which Rabbi Lelyveld was walking with the civil rights workers 10 days ago. They beat the rabbi with an iron bar and he was hospitalized for a day;

NEO-NAZIS GIVEN STIFF PRISON TERMS, DENOUNCED AS 'HATEMONGERS'

NEW YORK, July 19 (JTA) -- Four members of the neo-Nazi National Renaissance Party were sentenced to one to two years in state prison this weekend for causing a riot at a civil rights demonstration in the Bronx last summer;

In sentencing the two leaders of the group, Judge Irwin Davidson called them "hatemongers" and said that "they did not hesitate to recruit for their malevolent purposes young men whom they succeeded in injecting with their own virus of hate." The court identified the leaders as James Madole and Daniel Burros,

SUPERSOL RECORDS DESTROYED AS FIERCE FIRE GUTS TEL AVIV WAREHOUSE

TEL AVIV, July 19 (JTA) -- A big fire broke out this morning at the offices and warehouses of Supersol, Israel's largest supermarket chain, which is owned by a Canadian corporation; Fire brigades from nearby suburbs assisted the Tel Aviv fire department in putting out the conflagration. Fire department officials here said that the fire had apparently destroyed all of the company's records;

Several weeks ago the board of directors of the Canadian parent company claimed that there were certain discrepancies in the accounts of the Israeli management and requested an investigation. The investigation is now being carried out;

PROF. PAUL MAAS, OF OXFORD, DIES AT 83; BARELY ESCAPED NAZIS IN 1939

Prof. Paul Maas, a prominent Jewish classical scholar, died this weekend at the age of 83; He had been teaching at Oxford University since his arrival in Britain at the outbreak of the war;

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, he was a professor at the University of Koenigsberg when the Nazis deprived him of his chair in 1934. For years he refused to leave Germany and in 1939 was imprisoned by the Nazis. He was saved from being put to death in a concentration camp through the efforts of a British friend who had flown to Germany just before the war to secure Prof. Maas' release.

During his lifetime Prof. Maas was honored with several high academic distinctions both in Britain and postwar Germany.