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## U. S., ISRAEL SIGN ANOTHER DESALINATION PACT; HAILED BY JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The United States and Israel this weekend signed an agreement providing for a detailed study of the feasibility of implementing in Israel a program for the use of nuclear energy for desalination of sea water.

The agreement, hailed by President Johnson as "a second step toward the solution of Israel's critical water needs," was signed on the American side by Dr. Glen Seaborg, chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, and Kenneth Holum, Acting Secretary of the Interior. Gen. Zvi Tsur, coordinator of the water desalination program for the office of the Prime Minister of Israel, signed on behalf of his Government. The agreement, according to a State Department communique, provides for:

"1. An invitation for proposals for the undertaking of a detailed feasibility study by a consulting engineering firm issued promptly by the Governments; 2. That, based upon review of the proposals, and interviews, if necessary, an engineer be selected and appropriate contracts acceptable to both Governments be executed; 3. That the cost of the engineering study be shared by the two Governments; 4. That a joint board, consisting of an equal number of representatives from each of the Governments (with a representative of the International Atomic Energy as an observer) be appointed to prepare the invitation, make recommendations for selection of the engineer and the terms of the contract, and to perform such other functions in relation to the engineering contract as will later be defined by the Governments, and to make recommendations to the two Governments."

Upon conclusion of the agreement, President Johnson issued the following statement:

"I am pleased to announce that the Governments of the United States and Israel have agreed to a second step toward the solution of Israel's critical water needs; The first step was taken last June, when Prime Minister Eshkol and I established a joint United States-Israel study team to conduct technical services. These have already been completed.

"Now we have agreed that our Governments will share equally in the costs of a detailed engineering study for a large water desalting project to meet Israel's present demands for more fresh water. Both Governments will promptly issue invitations to American engineering consulting firms to participate in the second step. A joint board, with each Government equally represented, will assist in making the selection and will oversee the effort."

## Israel Discloses Further Details; Eshkol Sees Benefits of 'Breakthrough'

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today lauded President Johnson and the United States Government for concluding the U. S. - Israel agreement furthering the joint undertaking by the two Governments in developing the projected use of nuclear energy for desalination of sea water.

At the same time, Gen. Zvi Tsur, former Army Chief of Staff, who is the coordinator of the U. S. - Israel project in Mr. Eshkol's office, revealed here upon his return from Washington further details of the joint undertaking as worked out in conferences in the American capital between American and Israeli experts.

The agreement, he said, calls for the construction of a 200-megawatt nuclear reactor and desalination plant, with an annual capacity of 125,000,000 cubic meters of sweet water. The plant, he said, would increase Israel's water potential by 10 percent, and permit closer settlement of arid areas in the Negev desert.

In his statement, Prime Minister Eshkol declared: "The announcement by the President of the United States is to be welcomed because of the vital need to develop and implement the pioneering concept of desalting sea water on a large scale. An achievement embodying a breakthrough in this field will benefit all countries suffering from a shortage of fresh water. It is a fine thing that the Government of the United States is prepared to devote resources and efforts to this end.

"President Johnson and the entire American people have once again proven their readiness to give staunch support to a fundamental advance which will ensure a gain for developing nations. They are prepared to devote enormous resources to scientific advance and channel it towards the solution of humanity's problems. It is a great privilege for Israel to join with the United States in pioneering experiments to ease the shortage of water in Israel and other arid lands."

# ISRAEL CABINET ADOPTS ADDITIONAL BUDGET TOTALING \$80, 000, 000

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18; (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet approved at its regular meeting here today an additional state budget, calling for expenditures totaling \$80, 000, 000. The additional revenue, it was said, is expected to come mainly from higher tax collections.

The major items in the supplementary budget include \$17, 000, 000 for defense; \$27, - 000, 000 for the construction of 5, 000 more apartments for immigrants; and \$22, 000, 000 for farm and transportation subsidies.

# ISRAEL LEADERS TELL U. J. A. THAT U. S. JEWRY'S SUPPORT IS INADEQUATE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18; (JTA) -- Israel's economic burdens in the face of rising immigration were stressed here today by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, who told the 140 members of the United Jewish Appeal study mission that there was a limit to what can be imposed on Israeli citizens--just as there is a limit to the debts the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government can shoulder.

Mr. Sapir warned that, if American Jewry fails to give Israel the needed support for absorbing immigration, the country's basic economic progress may be considerably slowed down. "We have reached the stage," he declared, "where an increasing share of absorption costs fall upon the Israeli taxpayer, while the participation of Jews outside Israel was decreasing."

He urged a greater flow of gift dollars to correct this dangerous situation, noting that present support is far from sufficient and "we have been able to meet immigration needs by imposing a tremendous burden on the Israeli taxpayers and, where there was no other way, by increasing the debts of the Jewish Agency and the Government."

Earlier, Louis Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, told the mission that American Jews are not carrying their fair share of the burden of bringing Jewish immigrants to this country, settling them and absorbing them. Immigrants are now entering Israel at a record rate, he said. "Not since 1951," he declared, "has there been such a large immigration as we have seen in the last four years." He stated that, according to indications, the inflow of newcomers in 1965 will continue at the same pace. Israeli taxpayers, he declared, are paying \$2 for resettlement and absorption to each dollar received in contributions from the Jews abroad.

While economic progress in the United States has been remarkable, and the American Jewish community has shared in their country's affluence, "the contributions of the UJA have remained at a plateau." "In view of the tremendous burden the Israelis must bear for defense, education and development," he maintained, "this is historically unfair."

Last night, Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres briefed the UJA leaders on Israel's security problems and the burden of security expenditures on Israeli taxpayers. Tomorrow, the mission members leave for tours of Israel.

## Israel News Briefs

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Two members of the World Bank today began conferring with Israeli Government officials on details of a projected loan to the Israel Industrial Development Bank of 30-40 million pounds (\$10-13, 000, 000). The two World Bank officials are G. MacDairmid, economic adviser to the World Bank's Middle East Department, and Hans Pollan, an economist of the World Bank.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Wolfson-Clore Mayer Corporation, the British firm which finances large-scale construction projects in Israel, has thus far invested a total of 28, 500, 000 Israel pounds (\$9, 500, 000) in various enterprises in Israel, mainly in housing, it was reported here today by M. Mayer, director general of the corporation. The firm is constructing a new building to house the Tel Aviv Municipality and has submitted a proposal for the construction of a similar facility for Jerusalem.

HAIFA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Three petrochemical plants were officially inaugurated this weekend here by Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Finance, Commerce and Industry. The production units represent a total investment of \$20, 000, 000. In another industrial development, cornerstone laying ceremonies were held here this weekend for a new cement rotating oven. The oven will be Israel's fourth and is expected to considerably increase cement exports.

HAIFA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Somerfin firm of Geneva has invited several European shipyards to bid on a 20, 000-ton trans Atlantic ferry boat to operate between Israel and the United States, it was reported here today. The boat is to have a capacity of 1, 000 passengers and 250 cars. Its estimated cost is between \$10, 000, 000 and \$12, 000, 000.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- An agreement in principle by publishers to demands of the Journalists' Union for higher pay averted a newspaper strike here today. The publishers faced a deadline of one week to achieve a new agreement.

# FELDMAN, JOHNSON AIDE, DECRIES PERSECUTION OF JEWS BY U. S. S. R.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18, (JTA) -- Despite the change in Soviet leadership, there is little reason to expect that the long tradition of Soviet anti-Semitism will be halted by Khrushchev's successors, Myer Feldman, special counsel to President Johnson, declared here today. He was the featured speaker at a rally staged here today to protest the persecution of Soviet Jewry.

Mr. Feldman, who had flown here from Washington to attend the mass meeting, stated that he was representing both himself and President Johnson who, he said, was "gravely concerned" over the plight of Russian Jewry. The efforts of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, the organizers of today's protest rally, were praised by Mr. Feldman, who stressed the need for similar protest meetings throughout the country.

More than 2,000 persons crowded a sunlit square on the lower East side where the rally was held. Other speakers included Sen. Jacob K. Javits, Kenneth B. Keating, Rep. John V. Lindsay, New York Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, and State Comptroller Arthur Levitt who read a message from Robert F. Kennedy, Democratic candidate for Senator from New York.

All the speakers emphasized the need to arouse world opinion in protest against the denial of religious freedom to the Soviet Union's 3,000,000 Jews. Senators Javits and Keating referred to the Ribicoff amendment which specifically condemned anti-Semitism in Russia but which, after being passed by the Senate, was dropped in favor of a watered down general disapproval of religious persecution anywhere in the world. Both pledged themselves to continue in their efforts to get the United States Senate to pass an unequivocal condemnation of Soviet anti-Semitism. In his message to the rally Mr. Kennedy also vowed to work for a Senate resolution against Russian Jewish discriminations, if he is elected.

A petition calling on President Johnson and the United States Government to use its moral influence in helping to alleviate the plight of Soviet Jewry was shown to Mr. Feldman. The petition will be delivered to the White House later this month by a special committee representing the Student Struggle organization.

## Label Katz Hopes Kremlin Shift Might Aid Russian Jewry

At another meeting, Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, expressed hope today that the shift of power in the Kremlin would encourage a re-examination by USSR authorities of "state-inspired discriminations" against Soviet Jews.

Addressing 2,200 persons attending the all-day conference of the B'nai B'rith Metropolitan New York Council, Mr. Katz said that the successors to Khrushchev can "respond affirmatively" to worldwide protests of disabilities imposed on Soviet Jewry "by promptly restoring to them their religious and cultural rights."

"This is asking no special considerations for the Soviet Jewish community," Mr. Katz stressed. "It is asking only equality with other Soviet nationality groups of rights that are guaranteed by Soviet law." Mr. Katz said there were no immediate indications of the attitude of the new Soviet rulers. "But so long as there is no change in the persistent patterns of religious discrimination and cultural destruction, the moral conscience of the world must continue to express itself forcefully on this issue," he declared.

## ISRAEL FORESEES NO CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICY REGARDING MIDDLE EAST

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18, (JTA) -- No change in the Soviet Union's policies regarding the Middle East were expected here today as a result of the shake-up in the USSR Government, following the ouster of Nikita S. Khrushchev.

Official circles pointed out that the Kremlin turn-over came at a time when relations between the Soviet Union and Israel seemed to be improving. As examples of such improvements, they pointed to the recent pact between Israel and the Soviet Union, for Israel's purchase of former Czarist property in this country, as well as the recent conclusion of a cultural pact between Israel and the Soviet Union, involving exchange visits by prominent musicians from the two countries. They also noted that an official of the Soviet Embassy here stated only last week that Moscow would welcome more technical and economic cooperation between the USSR and Israel.

On the other hand, it was noted that Moscow has been continuing its policy of backing the hostile Arab states in all phases of Arab propaganda against Israel, and has been supplying jets, tanks and modern artillery to both Egypt and Syria.

## COLLY TEFF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BRITISH BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES

LONDON, Oct. 18, (JTA) -- A call for closer cooperation between the Board of Deputies of British Jews and other Jewish organizations in this country was issued here today by Colly Teff as this leader was elected unanimously as president of the Board. He told the meeting at which he was chosen that he believes "that such consultation and cooperation is possible and can be of constructive value without in any way impairing the standing and authority or, indeed, maintaining the character of the Board as representative of Anglo-Jewry."

## SEN. GOLDWATER TAKES STAND ON MIDDLE EAST, IMMIGRATION LAW REFORM

DETROIT, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Sen. Barry Goldwater, the Republican nominee for President, said in an interview with the Jewish News, of Detroit, that he favored a review of United States immigration laws and a review of United States foreign aid to nations "such as Egypt" whose "commitment to the free world is dubious at best."

The senator stated his positions in a statement mailed to the Jewish weekly, in reply to a series of questions from Editor-Publisher Philip Slomovitz, sent to the senator on July 20. He did not reply to one of the four questions, which asked his position on United States Senate ratification of the United Nations Genocide convention.

Sen. Goldwater wrote that "for many years" he had been on record in favor of revising the McCarran-Walter Act and that he wanted "a complete review of our immigration laws" to determine to what extent "laws written decades ago" were still applicable. He said he also endorsed the Republican platform which pledges immigration legislation permitting families to be reunited, and in a continuation of the "Fair Share" Refugee program. He added that writing equitable immigration laws were complicated, and that "we must move forward with care and deliberation" in any such effort.

In reply to a question as to his views on United States action "in the event of aggressive steps by the UAR and other Arab nations which are continually reiterating that they are determined to destroy Israel," the senator said he was opposed "to aggression by any nation in any region of the world." He added: "We Republicans intend to prevent armed conflict in the Middle East, in the Far East, in Africa, in the Americas and in Europe."

### Urges Review of Aid to Egypt; Reaffirms GOP Platform Planks

Adding that he did not want to see the Middle East "develop into another Viet Nam or Korea," he wrote that "to further this goal, I have long been on record in favor of a more discriminating use of American foreign aid, especially in respect to belligerent nations. We should review our aid to many nations--such as Egypt--whose commitment to the free world is dubious at best."

He added that "our aid has, unfortunately, supported many governments whose approach to political and economic developments is cut closer to a totalitarian than a free pattern."

He said he was in "wholehearted agreement" with the 1964 Republican platform plank on the Middle East which said: "Respecting the Middle East... we will so direct our economic and military assistance as to help maintain stability in this region and prevent an imbalance of arms."

Sen. Goldwater also said that the 1960 Republican pledges were "explicitly reaffirmed" in the 1964 platform. The 1960 pledges called for eliminating the obstacles to a lasting peace in the Middle East "including the human problem of the Arab refugees"; an effort to end "transit and trade restrictions, blockades and boycotts"; and to seek freedom of navigation in international waterways, the ending of discrimination against Americans on the "basis of religious beliefs" and an end to the "wasteful and dangerous arms race" in the Middle East.

## JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL WARNS ON DANGERS FACING JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A call for stronger involvement by the American Jewish community in actions warning against the dangers to Israel as a result of recent threats by the Arab states, and due to the Egyptian employment of German scientists for the production of weapons of mass destructions aimed at Israel, was issued here today by the American Jewish League for Israel.

More than 100 persons participating in a meeting called by the League heard addresses by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency; Woolf Perry, deputy chairman of the United Israel Appeal; Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Jacob M. Alkow and Ezra Z. Shapiro. Samuel H. Daroff, president of the League, presided. The meeting also adopted resolutions calling for revitalization of the Zionist movement, "drastic changes" in the constitutional form of the World Zionist Congress, and elimination of the traditional shekel.

## DR. JOSEPH LIFSCHITZ, AUTHOR, JEWISH BUND LEADER, DIES AT 70

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Lifschitz, author and leader of the Jewish Socialist movement, died here this weekend at the age of 70. He was active in the New York committee of the Jewish Labor Bund.

Born in Poland, Dr. Lifschitz for many years headed the Polish youth organization of the Jewish Labor Bund. In 1939 he was arrested for his activities by the Soviet Union and sent to a Siberian work camp. He was freed when Germany invaded the Soviet Union, joined the Polish Army of the Middle East, and came to the United States in 1948.