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### U.S. PREPARED TO GRANT EGYPT \$500,000,000 IN SURPLUS COMMODITIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk informed Abdel Moneim El-Kaissouni, Deputy Prime Minister of Egypt, today that the United States Government was prepared to re-open discussions on granting Egypt \$500,000,000 in surplus commodities over the next three-year period, it was learned from informed sources;

The Egyptian Official met for over an hour with Secretary Rusk at the State Department; William S. Gaud, Deputy Administrator of the U. S. Agency for International Development, participated; Neither Mr. El-Kaissouni nor Mr. Gaud would comment on the aid matters discussed with Mr. Rusk. But informed sources later revealed that the meeting pertained in large measure to United States efforts to maintain a presence in Cairo by continuing the aid program to the Nasser regime;

The State Department has apparently decided to resume large scale aid to Egypt despite an amendment to foreign assistance legislation expressing the sense of Congress as opposed to aiding the Nasser regime;

### VATICAN'S AMENDED TEXT OF STATEMENT ON JEWS CRITICIZED IN ROME

ROME, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- The authoritative Rome daily, Il Messagero, presented today a critical review of key changes in the original draft declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations which is scheduled for a final vote this weekend by the Ecumenical Council;

Observations on the text of the introductory report to the amendments submitted by the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, which drafted the original strong declaration, were distributed yesterday to the 2,200 prelates attending the fourth session of the Council. While their content was not disclosed, it was understood that they summed up the principal lines of deliberation leading to the amendments and the reasons for them. It was indicated that the vote on the amended text would probably take place Friday;

The Il Messagero analysis contended today that the proposed removal of the word "decide" from the text was not adequately justified for the proposed amendment. The analysis also noted that the text approved last November, at the third session, warns Catholics against teaching or preaching anything that could create hatred or contempt against Jews. The amendment warns only against teaching or preaching "anything which is not in agreement with the evangelical truth and the spirit of Christ;"

Il Messagero reported that this proposed change was considered "a real breakdown" even by many Catholics because the exhortation does not specify the Jews and, as formulated, leaves full freedom for any interpretation of "evangelical truth;" The newspaper noted that this applied particularly "in the delicate field of the catechesis where Jewish experts see the subtle forms of Catholic anti-Semitism;"

The newspaper also criticized the "unnecessary" reference to the Jews as not having accepted the gospel and to their having opposed its spreading, "in one of the proposed amendments; The analysis also stressed the omission of the word "condemns" with regard to anti-Semitism which was seen as lacking an explanation;

### 'Many and Grave Doubts' Caused by Amended Text, Report Says

The newspaper described the work of the Christian Unity Secretariat in evaluating the 242 reservations offered by the prelates in the November vote, noting that many of them were rejected; The article said that the amendments which the Secretariat decided to submit to the prelates were causing "many and grave doubts" and that this was the reason why there was "anxious expectation over the imminent vote" which will "ascertain" a much more important fact "than the numerical strength of the opposing groups at the Council;"

As seen here at this stage, the main question is whether the understanding of the reasons for Jewish concern over the proposed changes was wide enough among the prelates to bring about a restoration of the word "condemns" in the text.

U. N. COMMISSIONER REPORTS ARAB NON-COOPERATION IN CHECKING REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 12: (JTA) -- The head of the United Nations agency which provides aid to the Arab refugees in the areas adjacent to Israel told a General Assembly committee here yesterday that the "host governments" of those areas -- Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon -- will not cooperate with him in efforts to rid the relief rolls of fraudulent claimants unless certain terms are met by the agency.

Laurence Michelmore, Commissioner-General of the agency -- the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees -- declared that, in the last year, he had been able to remove from the relief rolls only one-half of one percent of the claimants; His annual report of UNRWA activities for the year ending last June 30, submitted last week, showed that the actual UNRWA registration roll had increased during the past year by 2.7 percent, growing to a total of 1,280,823 persons:

Appearing before the Assembly's Special Political Committee for an oral statement supplementing his written report, he said that through the years "efforts have been made to rectify the ration rolls by identifying the names of ineligible persons and removing them from the lists." He stated that he had worked out new proposals for putting those steps into effect:

"However," he reported, "the host governments have indicated they would not wish to proceed with implementation of those proposals unless funds were assured to enable the UNRWA program to continue at existing levels, and to provide for future increased costs arising from the natural growth of the refugee population." He had indicated previously that the "natural growth" of the refugee population embraces the "third generation" of children of the children born to these refugees who had originally left Israel territory in 1948:

Recommending that the Assembly give UNRWA a new mandate of five years for continuing its work beyond the present cutoff date of June 30, 1966, he said that, if enough money were provided to continue UNRWA services at its present level, "the host governments have confirmed that they, on their part, would take effective action in cooperating with the agency to ensure that the agency's services were given only to refugees actually in need."

Ambassador Comay to Speak at U. N. on Arab Refugee Problem

The Special Political Committee decided today to open its annual debate of the Arab refugee problem on Friday. It listed Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, as its first speaker. This will be the first time in 10 years that Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will not participate in that debate. Having spent nearly three weeks here, she left for home last night, due to the urgency of other problems she must handle in Jerusalem:

One of those problems is the issue of the El Fatah sabotage gangs which had been infiltrating into Israel almost nightly, for weeks, blowing up water pumps and causing other heavy damage. Mr. Comay today discussed that situation with Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, U. N. undersecretary for Special Political Affairs, continuing a discussion of that issue he held last week with Secretary-General U Thant and Dr. Bunche:

Ambassador Comay reiterated his Government's grave view of the El Fatah depredations and its insistence that Jordan must be held responsible for sheltering the El Fatah saboteurs. The Israeli Ambassador acknowledged the fact that, last week, King Hussein of Jordan disassociated the Amman government from the El Fatah activities, but noted that Israel will judge Hussein's statement by Jordan's actions regarding El Fatah:

MOSCOW OPENS TALKS WITH ISRAEL FOR PURCHASE OF TEXTILES, MEDICINES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- The Soviet Embassy here opened negotiations with Israel today for the purchase of \$1,500,000 worth of Israeli-textiles and medicines. The purchases will be made in the context of last year's Israeli-USSR agreement, under which the Moscow Government sold to Israel some Russian properties in Israel valued at \$4,500,000. Under that pact, Israel was to pay one-third in cash, a third in services and the remainder in goods:

Official circles in Israel expressed the hope that these negotiations may lead the way to the resumption of normal trade relations between the two countries. The Soviet Union had been supplying Israel with oil in return for citrus products but rescinded the barter agreement in retaliation for Israel's part in the Sinai campaign in 1956:

JAFFA PORT, IN OPERATION FOR 3,000 YEARS, TO BE SHUT DOWN NEXT MONTH

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- The port of Jaffa which has been in continuous operation for 3,000 years, will be shut down on November 9. All workers at the Jaffa port have been offered employment at the new Israel port of Ashdod which is due to open on November 24. Several suggestions for the future use of the Jaffa port have been submitted to the Israel Port Authority. Among these are proposals that the port be turned into a pleasure boat marina, a fishing port and a maritime training school:

**POLAND AGREES TO OPEN TALKS ON CLAIMS BY CANADIAN JEWISH CITIZENS**

MONTREAL, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- The Canadian and Polish Governments have agreed to open negotiations in the near future for settlement by Poland of claims by Canadian citizens "whose property in Poland was nationalized or otherwise taken by the Polish Government," the Canadian Jewish Congress announced here today. The CJC has several times petitioned the Government to make such arrangements with the Polish authorities, and has received notification from the Dominion Department of External Affairs that:

"During recent discussions in Warsaw, the Polish Government assured the Canadian Government that they are prepared to enter into early negotiations toward a lump-sum settlement of Canadian claims in dollars or freely converted currency." It was made clear that "war damage claims will not be included in the negotiations."

The claims to be negotiated will include only those of companies incorporated under the laws of Canada or Canadian provinces "on the date on which their property, rights, interests or debts were nationalized or otherwise affected by Poland;" or individuals who were Canadian citizens on the date when their property was nationalized or otherwise affected by Poland. Claims are to be filed with the Department of External Affairs by next January 1, and negotiations are scheduled to open shortly thereafter, the CJC stated.

**HIGH U. S. OFFICIAL SAYS ANTI-SEMITISM NOTED AMONG NEGRO BUSINESSMEN**

WASHINGTON Oct. 12: (JTA) -- Some Negro businessmen appear to have developed an anti-Semitic attitude because Jewish merchants are "aggressive competitors and abound in the ghettos," according to Eugene P. Foley, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and director of the U. S. Economic Development Administration, as quoted by the Washington Post.

Mr. Foley, former Administrator of the Small Business Administration, made available to the Washington newspaper his comments on handicaps of Negro-owned businesses. Commenting on what appeared to him to be an anti-Semitic attitude among some Negroes, Mr. Foley ascribed it "to the fact that Jewish merchants are 'aggressive competitors and abound in the ghettos.'" He noted, for example, that "in Harlem and in other largely Negro areas, Jews own more stores than any other ethnic group."

Mr. Foley was quoted as stating that because of the proximity of Jewish merchants to Negroes, the latter's anti-white feelings are expressed in the form of anti-Semitism. But Jewish merchants, he pointed out, abound in most sections of every city. This, he says, is because the great majority of German and Eastern European Jews who came to this country during the 19th century had business and commercial backgrounds.

The Post said that in the course of his probing, Mr. Foley took issue with two reasons "frequently cited by Negroes themselves for the failure of the Negro American to develop as a successful businessman: lack of capital due to racist bankers, and unfair competition from Jewish merchants." Mr. Foley's conclusion was that the number of Negro-owned businesses probably will decline in the next decade, but hopefully, "they will be stronger, more competitive and more profitable." He found the Negro "a very small businessman -- generally not a very good businessman; and, frankly, not a very significant factor in the Negro community."

**U. J. A. STUDY MISSION, COMPOSED OF 215 LEADERS, LEAVES FOR EUROPE, ISRAEL**

NEW YORK, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- About 215 Jewish leaders from 40 communities in the United States left their homes this weekend for the 11th annual United Jewish Appeal Study Mission in Europe and Israel, which will open with a conference in Rome tomorrow. The group comprises the largest study mission ever conducted by the UJA.

Max M. Fisher, of Detroit, general chairman of the UJA and mission leader, said that the Rome session would last four days. After that, most of the participants will fly to Israel for a 12-day tour of the entire country, during which they will confer with virtually every leader of the Israel Government and inspect the various large-scale enterprises in Israel for the absorption and housing of Jewish immigrants.

Some members of the group went to Copenhagen before proceeding to Israel, to be guests of honor at a reception to be given tomorrow in the Danish capital by Crown Princess Margareth, Regent of Denmark. This group included donors to the costs of constructing a \$1,000,000 new school in Jerusalem, to be named the Denmark School, as a tribute to the Danish people's efforts in saving nearly all of Danish Jewry during the Nazi occupation. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the school will be held in Jerusalem next week. The school is to be built under the auspices of the UJA-Israel Education Fund, of which Charles J. Bensley is president.

As a result of the mission's studies, Mr. Fisher said, a report will be presented at the UJA's annual, national conference, to be held in New York in December, at which plans will be mapped for the 1966 UJA campaign.

6,000 JEWS REPORTED ATTENDED HOLIDAY SERVICES IN MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- Some 6,000 persons attended services at Moscow's Central synagogue during the High Holy Days according to Jewish tourists who returned here today from the Soviet Union. These tourists report that Rosh Hashanah was celebrated "in a festive atmosphere" and that many young people were among the Jews who filled the synagogue and its surrounding square.

Travelers returning from Moscow also report that the Soviet Government has recently been bringing pressure to bear on tourists in an effort to get them to express favorable impressions of their visits to Russia. According to these visitors, Soviet newspapermen met them and tried to get them to make statements for the press and radio to the effect that there is no censorship imposed on news reporting in the Soviet Union.

The returning visitors also reported that the situation regarding Jewish burials was deteriorating and that it was difficult to obtain a permit to bury Jewish dead in the Jewish cemeteries still existing in suburbs of Moscow. In some instances, the tourists reported, the families of the deceased Jews had been informed that the dead relative would have to be buried in a mixed section, sometimes between two graves with crosses over them. This situation is of great concern to many Jews, the visitors stressed.

DECLINING JEWISH COMMUNITY IN KANSAS SENDS ITS TORAH SCROLLS TO ISRAEL

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Oct. 12: (JTA) -- The decline of the once-flourishing Jewish community of Leavenworth has prompted two of the few remaining Jews there to turn over three Sifrei Torah to Israeli authorities for needy synagogues in Israel.

Leavenworth is the site of the first synagogue in Kansas, erected in 1864; Mount Zion Cemetery is the oldest Jewish burial ground in Kansas, containing tombstones dating back to 1857. In recent years, the town has become one almost without Jews, most of the Jewish families having moved to other cities and few new ones settling there. The Jewish personnel at Fort Leavenworth come and go.

For these reasons, Meyer Garfinkel and Joe Kram became concerned over the eventual fate of the three Torahs in the Ark of their largely-unused Leavenworth synagogue. They conferred with Rabbi Maurice D. Solomon of Kehillath Israel Synagogue in Kansas City, who suggested that the Scrolls be sent to Israel. The Scrolls were properly packed and shipped to Israel Consul Haim Zohar in New York, who arranged for transshipment to the Israeli Ministry for Religious Affairs for distribution.

JUDGE HARRY E. KALODNER NAMED CHIEF JUDGE OF U. S. COURT OF APPEALS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- Judge Harry E. Kalodner, a prominent leader of the Jewish community here, became Chief Judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, with headquarters in this city, in ceremonies here. He succeeded Chief Judge John Biggs, Jr., who retired.

Judge Kalodner, at one time a newspaperman in this city, was a judge of this city's Court of Common Pleas No. 2 from 1936 to 1938; was appointed by President Roosevelt in 1938 as a judge of the U. S. District Court here; and was elevated to the Court of Appeals in 1946. He is vice-president of the Jewish Exponent, a member of the board of directors of the Federation of Jewish Agencies and the Philadelphia Psychiatric Institute, a trustee of Yeshiva University, and a member of the national council of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

PROF. LASKIN, JEWISH LEADER, NAMED JUSTICE ON ONTARIO COURT OF APPEAL

TORONTO, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- Prof. Bora Laskin, prominent in Jewish affairs in Canada for many years, has been appointed a Justice on the Ontario Court of Appeal. Among Justice Laskin's activities have been participation in the work of Canadian Jewish Congress, where he had served as a member of the national council and the national executive board.

JEWISH TIMES, BROOKLINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, CELEBRATES 20th ANNIVERSARY

BOSTON, Oct. 12: (JTA) -- Massachusetts' two Senators, Edward M. Kennedy and Leverett Saltonstall, Gov. John A. Volpe and Mayor John P. Collins of Boston joined in congratulating the Jewish Times of Brookline on its 20th anniversary.

Sen. Kennedy, in a message to Publisher James Kahn, lauded "two decades" by the Jewish weekly "of outstanding service to the citizens of our state." Mayor Collins praised the Jewish Times and "its reputation for accurate reporting, keen editorializing and recording and reviewing the exciting history of the past 20 years."