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ISRAEL MINISTER DISCUSSES LOAN IN WASHINGTON FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Pinchas Sapir, Israel Minister of Finance, said today that he discussed with U.S. officials the application of Israel for a \$39,000,000 loan for development of industry, communications, and electrical power as well as \$70,000,000 sales agreement for surplus commodities.

The surplus commodities would be sold over a period of two years under Public Law 480. Payment in dollars might be required for a portion. Mr. Sapir said he discussed the payment question and mentioned the pressures on the Israeli economy including Israel's unique defense situation.

The Israeli Minister met with Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, Administrator, David Bell, of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and some officials of the State and Treasury Departments. He obtained an impression that they understood the Israeli view on the development loan and the commodity purchases desired by Israel. The sales agreement would cover two years while the loan would be extended in fiscal year 1966.

Announcement was made here by Mr. Sapir that the Development Corporation for Israel, the American agency now selling Israeli bonds, will this week extend its operations to underwrite other Israeli equities beginning with the Industrial Development Bank of Israel and the Israel Electric Corporation. Necessary legal steps are being taken by the Development Corporation, he said.

ESHKOL PLANS TO LEAVE HOSPITAL ON SUNDAY; WILL DIRECT COALITION TALKS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol, who hopes to leave Hadassah Hospital Sunday after a two-week stay because of exhaustion, intends to take over personal direction of negotiations for a new coalition Government, it was reported today.

He will seek to break the deadlock which has developed over demands of the National Religious Party as its conditions for joining the new coalition. The NRP issued a statement yesterday that it saw no basis for joining the new coalition in the latest proposals of Premier Eshkol's Mapai-Achdut Avoda Alignment in response to the religious party's demands.

Some Alignment leaders were reported to be urging the Premier to present his proposed new Government to the Knesset on December 27 with or without the religious party. The report implied that the Premier could present a coalition without participation of the religious party.

The National Religious Party has demanded that work be stopped on Saturdays at the new port of Ashdod although other ports are in operation. It also renewed its demand for a national Sabbath law -- a measure which died in the Fifth Parliament. The leftist Mapam and the Independent Liberal Party informed the negotiators that the concessions to the religious bloc had already gone too far and would upset the status quo which has been the basis of all coalition platforms until now.

The opposing positions on the religious issues were reported to the Premier in the hospital by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who has participated in the Cabinet negotiations. Meanwhile, Transport Minister Moshe Carmel declared in Parliament today that the new Ashdod port would operate on the Sabbath whenever it was necessary, despite strong Orthodox protests. He pointed out that this was the policy now in effect at the Haifa port. He noted that work in the ports falls in the category of special permission under the present work hours laws.

Ben-Gurion Resumes Writing for Histadrut Organ Which Opposed Him

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- A small thaw in the freeze between Mapai and the dissident Israel Workers List (Rafi) formed by former Premier David Ben-Gurion emerged today with the disclosure that Mr. Ben-Gurion planned to resume tomorrow the regular weekly contributions he made to Davar, the organ of the Histadrut, Israel's labor-federation, before the split.

Tomorrow's issue of Davar also will carry for the first time since the Rafi-Mapai split an article by Rafi leader and former Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres.

ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF LABOR OUTLINES POLICY OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT

LONDON, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- Israel's policy regarding nuclear development in its own country as well as in the Middle East region as a whole was spelled out unequivocally here last night by Gen. Yigal Allon, Israel's Minister of Labor:

Addressing the annual dinner of the British Technion Society, Mr. Allon discussed Israel's needs for developing practical application of science and technology for an expanding population which, he envisaged, would reach 3,000,000 by 1970. In order to exploit all of its human and natural resources to the fullest, he said, including its project for the desalination of seawater, "there is a need for nuclear power."

"I am aware that our efforts for the peaceful uses of nuclear power are viewed with misgivings not only by our enemies but sometimes even by our friends," he declared. "Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East. May I add that Israel will not permit any of her neighbors to start this destructive race. It remains Israel's policy to do all it can -- not only to keep nuclear weapons out of the Middle East but also to free the region of conventional, aggressive weapons. Israel's policy is to reduce the level of conventional arms on both sides."

Stressing the Egyptian claims that its need for arms was motivated "not by aggression against Israel but for defense against Israel's aggression," Gen. Allon declared: "If they are really interested in avoiding war, it should be possible to come to some mutual arrangement -- if not for peace, at least to convert the armistice agreement into a non-aggression pact eventually with effective guarantees against surprise attacks. In the strategic conditions in our area, if surprise attacks are ruled out a major war has been ruled out."

ISRAELI DOMESTIC AIRLINE PLANES GROUNDED BY ONE-DAY WARNING STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- All planes of Arkia, Israel's domestic airline, were grounded today by a one-day warning strike of flight crews demanding wage increases of 30 percent. El Al pilots also demanded wage boosts of up to 50 percent.

The managements of both companies rejected the demands in compliance with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's ban last week on any wage increases for workers in such companies pending development of an overall wage policy by the Government.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, in effect capitulated today to the stand of 500 Argaman textile wildcat strikers by failing to implement a decision to expel the strikers if they did not return to work yesterday.

A committee representing the striking workers continued to insist on a 600 percent compensation to workers dismissed because the Argaman plant was transferred to the Galilee. Histadrut officials subsequently proposed to the strikers that the Histadrut would accept their demand as a basis for negotiation with the Argaman management if the men would return to work.

HUNGARY REFUSES TO SHOW ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS ON TOEREK TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir informed the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today that Hungary has not complied with Israel's request to examine the original documents concerning the past of Dr. Alexander Toerek, the counsellor at the West German Embassy in Tel Aviv who has been charged with having been a member of the Arrow Cross, the wartime Hungarian Fascist organization.

The Israel Government has been given photocopies of a document which purports to be Dr. Toerek's membership application to the Arrow Cross, but these are considered to be "inconclusive." Sources close to the Government, meanwhile, said that if the allegations are proved to be true, Dr. Toerek will be declared persona non grata.

PROSECUTION OF MOVIE ACTOR FROBE AS FORMER NAZI POSSIBLE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- Gert Frobe, the movie actor who played the title role in "Goldfinger," the James Bond film banned by the Israel Government, may be prosecuted as a former member of the Nazi Party, under the Israeli law against Nazis and their aides, if he comes to Israel, Ministry of Justice sources said here today.

The film was banned this week after Frobe admitted that he had been a member of the Nazi Party. Even if the Israeli authorities do not prosecute him, Frobe can be subject to private complaint and if such a complaint is filed, proceedings must be instituted.

763 IMMIGRANTS FROM FRANCE ARRIVED IN ISRAEL DURING TEN MONTHS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16; (JTA) -- A total of 763 immigrants from France arrived in Israel during the first ten months of this year, a Jewish Agency spokesman announced today. The spokesman said that the total does not include professionals, middle class immigrants and others who came on temporary residence visas and who were not under the aegis of the Agency's immigration department.

THIRTEEN TRIALS OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS TO BE STARTED IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- The Bavarian office on prosecution of war criminals reported today that preliminary investigations were underway in some 60 cases, that 160 investigations were being made in Bavaria against 869 suspects and that an additional 13 war crimes trials will be started soon by criminal courts in Bavaria.

Prof. Jahn Sehn, who attended the first trial of Auschwitz death camp personnel here and who came to Frankfurt last week with evidence for the second Auschwitz trial, died in a Frankfurt hotel after a heart attack, it was reported today.

ITALY EXPELS FORMER NAZI OFFICER CHARGED WITH KILLING 56,000 JEWS

ROME, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Ehrhard Kroeger, a former SS officer whose extradition to West Germany was refused last year by a Bologna court and who has been living in Italy since, was reported by Italian police today to be in West Germany.

If that report is accurate, officials said, Kroeger would be among the most important witnesses in the scheduled trial of former Dusseldorf Gestapo chief Herbert Weygandt, who was arrested last week in Wuppertal, living under an assumed name. Weygandt, 59, faces trial on charges of giving and signing an order for the deportation of some 6,000 Jews in North Rhineland-Westphalia and in the murder of 50,000 Jews in occupied Lodz in Poland.

Officials said that Kroeger was accompanied last Monday by Italian police officers to an express train leaving Bolzano for West Germany and that, two hours later, the train carrying Kroeger crossed the Austrian-Italian border at Brenner pass.

They added that this procedure pointed to expulsion, rather than to voluntary departure or extradition, as some contradictory press reports had indicated. The West German Embassy in Rome said it had no information about a renewed extradition request and the West German Consul in Milan said that the only request it had received in the matter was a query from Dusseldorf public prosecutors about Kroeger's whereabouts.

ARGENTINE COURT RULES TO EXTRADITE NAZI WAR CRIMINAL TO GERMANY

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Federal Judge Luis Maria Rodriguez today approved West Germany's request for extradition of Gerhard Johannes Bernhard Bohne, who was arrested in Argentina 21 months ago.

Bohne, 65, is wanted by a German court on charges of war crimes specifying that he was involved in the mass murder of 15,000 inmates of hospitals and mental institutions, including Jews and non-Jews, in 1939 and 1940.

CARDINAL CUSHING SAYS VATICAN DECLARATION ON JEWS IS ONLY A 'START'

NEW YORK, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, was on record today as believing that the Ecumenical Council promulgation on Catholic-Jewish relations was "only a beginning" for Catholics "to go further and to take out of Christian literature all that reflects upon the Jewish people."

The Cardinal's view was contained in a letter he sent in reply to one from Charles H. Silver, former president of the New York Board of Education and a personal friend of the prelate. Mr. Silver had written to the Cardinal to thank him for seeking Mr. Silver's advice before going to Rome for the final session of the Council this fall and for "the valiant and uncompromising stand" the Cardinal took in battling for a strong draft declaration on Jews. The final approved version, which is now formal Catholic doctrine, repudiated the charge of collective guilt of the Jewish people in the crucifixion of Jesus and deplores anti-Semitism.

The Cardinal wrote also that the declaration was "not perfect" but that "it is a good start." "People will forget this declaration as years go on but we must not forget to follow it up to the end that all terrible things said about the Jews in Christian literature or all the evil insinuations against them must be eradicated," Cardinal Cushing stressed.

Z. O. A. PRESIDENT PROTESTS GERMAN DEFERMENT OF PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- "Shock and chagrin" at the decision by the West German Bundestag, upon the recommendation of the cabinet, to defer indemnification payments to Nazi victims over the next two years, was voiced today by Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in a telegram sent to Dr. Heinrich Knapstein, West German Ambassador in Washington.

The Zionist leader termed this action as "a flagrant violation of Germany's moral obligations to the survivors of the Nazi horror who have been counting upon this indemnification for their continued survival." He pointed out that the recent developments "are very disturbing, occurring as they do on the eve of the visit of Chancellor Erhard to the United States."

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY LAUNCH \$2,500,000 CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- An effort to raise \$2,500,000 in the United States for the establishment of the Moshe Sharett Institute of Educational Sciences was launched today, it was announced by Daniel G. Ross, chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University.

Named in memory of Israel's former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, who died last July, the Institute is designed to raise Israel's educational standard. It will supply the country's growing need for highly trained teachers, principals, district superintendents, administrators, school psychologists and other specialists.

"Plans for the school were first proposed and approved by Mr. Sharett almost a year ago when the University awarded him its first Honorary Doctorate," Mr. Ross stated. "In view of Mr. Sharett's role in helping to found Tel Aviv University and his appreciation of the importance of higher education in his country's continuing development, he was gratified with the plan to build the Institute in his name. To implement the plan, the \$2,500,000 fund-raising campaign has been launched to erect a modest functional building, to recruit the required faculty members, to grant advance study scholarships and to establish research funds for the teaching and research staff."

'MIDSTREAM' TO APPEAR AS JEWISH MONTHLY IN U. S. BEGINNING IN JANUARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- The first issue of "Midstream" as a monthly Jewish review will be issued here in January, it was announced today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Herzl Foundation, publishers of the magazine. Formerly a quarterly, "Midstream" will continue to be edited by Shlomo Katz. Its editorial board, in addition to Dr. Neumann, is composed of Dr. Marie Syrkin, associate chairman, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Maurice Samuel and David Sidorsky. Milton R. Konvitz and Ben Halpern serve as contributing editors.

In a statement that will appear in the January issue, Dr. Neumann said: "We are pleased to announce that commencing January, 1966, Midstream, which for the past ten years has been appearing as a Quarterly, will be published as a Monthly. Much has changed during the past decade. The tempo of world events has gained momentum. A generation of young people has come to the fore who are alert to the issues that now confront public opinion to a greater degree than their predecessors of a decade ago."

Emphasizing that Midstream has defined itself as a Zionist journal, conceiving of Zionism as "in essence a questioning of the Jewish status quo and as a steady confrontation of the problems of Jewish existence in Israel and the Diaspora," Dr. Neumann stated: "We hope that as a consequence of our more frequent publication, the introduction of new regular departments and the overall expansion of our coverage of events and ideas, we will be able to serve the reading public more effectively and to realize more fully the purposes for which Midstream was established. We hope to deal consecutively and in depth with Jewish issues on the American scene, with major political and social questions in Israel, and with general questions and problems involving World Jewry."

SENATOR CASE OBJECTS TO PUBLIC AUCTIONING OF U.S. NAZI PARAPHERNALIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Sen. Clifford P. Case, New Jersey Republican, today protested to the U. S. Internal Revenue Service against the forthcoming public auction of Nazi swastika armbands and other Nazi paraphernalia of George Rockwell's American Nazi Party. He said, in a letter to IRS Commissioner Sheldon Cohen, that "the public offering of such paraphernalia by the United States Government puts it in the position of purveying for profit the same stock-in-trade as the American Nazi Party."

The Nazi items are being sold to satisfy tax claims against the Nazis. Rockwell's headquarters in Arlington, Va. was raided and padlocked earlier this month when Rockwell failed to pay \$3,489 in back taxes owed by the Nazi organization. Announcement was made that the confiscated goods would be sold at public auction. Rockwell, meanwhile, has applied for a court injunction to prevent the sale of the Nazi headquarters equipment which includes address nameplates listing Nazi sympathizers throughout the world. Other items to be sold include a large picture of Adolf Hitler, swastika armbands, and other Nazi emblems.

MRS. JESSE ASINOF, ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 16: (JTA) -- Mrs. Jesse Asinof, an active worker on behalf of numerous Jewish causes, died here yesterday at the age of 61. Born Evelyn Harris in Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Asinof was a life trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and a director of its women's division. She was also active on behalf of the Joint Defense Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the American Jewish Committee.