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U. S. AND EGYPT SIGN PACT IN CAIRO; NASSER TO GET \$56,000,000 IN FOOD

LONDON, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- The United States and Egypt were scheduled to sign an agreement in Cairo today, calling for the American supply to Egypt of \$56,000,000 worth of wheat and other foodstuff over the next six months, according to a report received here from the Egyptian capital;

\$18,000,000 TO BE RAISED FOR ISRAEL IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- The target sum to be raised outside the United States in 1966-1967 by the Keren Hayesod, the financial arm of the World Zionist Organization, will total \$18,000,000, it was announced here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Keren Hayesod. The organization known generally as the United Israel Appeal, receives its funds from the United States through the United Jewish Appeal there.

Dr. Goldstein set the 1965-67 quota as he opened the annual meeting of the Keren Hayesod's world council, with the delegates including national chairmen and other high-ranking leaders from 16 countries including Europe, South America, South Africa and Israel. The \$18,000,000 figure compares with \$16,000,000 raised in 1965 and \$12,000,000 raised five years ago.

The Keren Hayesod head announced a number of large contributions. One amounts to 250,000 pounds sterling (\$700,000) donated by British Jews for the establishment of the Kochav village in the Lachish area. Others included 114,000 pounds sterling (\$319,200) for a home for the aged in Herzliyah; and 100,000 pounds sterling (\$280,000) for a housing project at Migdal Haemek. In each case, the projects, when completed, Dr. Goldstein said, will bear the names of the respective donors.

PLANS TO EXPAND JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE WITH NEW MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive will open its plenary session here on Wednesday with the participation of its members from the United States. It will be followed by a session of the World Zionist Actions Committee at which election of new members of the Agency's executive and the co-opting of members who do not belong to the Zionist movement will take place.

Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the Actions Committee, said today that four or five North Americans and two or three West Europeans will be co-opted along with one non-party Sephardi member and a representative of the Women's International Zionist Organization, the latter without any voting rights.

The Actions Committee, he said, will also elect a president of the Congress court and a Zionist organization lawyer replacing Israel Supreme Court President, Justice Shimon Agranat, and Pinhas Rosen, member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, who have resigned from their respective posts.

HISTADRUT CONVENTION OPENS IN TEL AVIV; ORGANIZATION CHANGES NAME

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- With President Zalman Shazar and Tel Aviv's Mayor Mordechai Namir extending the country's and city's official greetings, Histadrut opened its tenth convention here today. Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the multi-faceted agenda facing the delegates.

Beginning tomorrow, reports and debates will be heard concerning trade union problems, the organizational structure of the central body as well as of its constituent trade unions, educational and cultural activities, Histadrut's economic enterprises and the federation's agricultural sector.

While the convention has not yet voted on a change of name for the organization, it is generally agreed that Histadrut will alter its official name from "General Federation of Jewish Laborers in Eretz Israel" to "General Federation of Laborers in Eretz Israel." The change will stress the fact that Arab workers, as well as Jews, are now eligible for membership in the trade union constituting the Histadrut.

HEAVY RAINS, FOLLOWED BY FLOODS, CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- Extraordinarily heavy rains, followed by floods, caused great damage during the last 48 hours in the Negev.

AMERICAN-MEXICAN CONTRACTORS TO DRILL FOR ISRAEL OFFSHORE OIL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- The Israel Petroleum Board has recommended Government approval for an agreement signed recently between the Petrocana Oil Company and the Livingston Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the exploration for petroleum deposits along Israel's continental shelf, it was announced here today. Petrocana owns the concession for such exploration.

It is now expected that operations on offshore drilling will begin in April or May of this year when a drilling contractor, a U. S. - Mexican consortium, is scheduled to send a 40-man team and a drilling vessel. The probe will include six exploratory wells at various points along the coast at distances ranging from just offshore to up to nine miles out.

The partners in the venture are optimistic about the prospects of finding oil and point out that in the Gulf of Suez, where offshore operations began in 1962, some 200,000,000 tons of proved recoverable reserves have been discovered. Seismological surveys carried out off Israel's Mediterranean coast last summer have revealed that there are several promising structures along the coastline and lead to the belief that oil is present in at least the same quantity as in the Gulf of Suez.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT URGED TO ADOPT BASIC ANTI-INFLATIONARY POLICY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- Dr. Yeshayahu Foerder, chairman of the board of directors of Bank Leumi, Israel's largest commercial bank, called on the Israel Government today to follow the example of the British Government in economic rehabilitation by adopting unpopular economic policies.

Dr. Foerder's proposals include the adoption of a basic anti-inflationary policy, increasing productivity, balancing the national budget and restraining what he described as the runaway rate of economic activity.

Israel's exports during the past year totaled \$432,000,000 compared with \$372,400,000 in 1964 representing an increase of 16 percent, according to figures released here today by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Industrial exports increased by 13 percent and citrus products by 34 percent, the figures showed.

Israel's private per capita consumption increased by four percent during the past year compared with a six percent increase in 1964, it was reported here today. The increase of consumption was accompanied by a slight slowdown in the growth of the nation's gross national product which rose by nine percent compared to a ten percent increase the year before.

(Israel has launched an assault on the British Government to win trade and diplomatic concessions, the Times of London reported today. The report said that in the past few weeks, there have been unofficial hints that British exports to Israel will be scrutinized more closely and that a shipbuilding order totaling 12,000,000 pounds sterling (\$33,600,000) would be held up if Israel is not given easier access to the British cotton textile market.)

PINCUS STRESSES PROBLEM OF INTEGRATION OF ORIENTAL JEWS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- The integration of newcomers from Oriental countries is now the main problem in Israel's absorption of immigrants, Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, today told a group of 16 leading professors from British universities visiting Israel.

He noted that 90 percent of a total of 200,000 immigrants settled in new development towns were from Oriental countries, despite continuing efforts on the part of the Agency to induce European immigrants to settle in such towns. The majority of European immigrants settling in development towns soon moves to older settlements, he explained.

He also described efforts to bridge the gap between Oriental and European newcomers in the younger generations. These, he said, included continued school of Oriental youngsters after the end of the compulsory school attendance age. He also reported on the first results of a new experiment called "comprehensive schools," which encompass humanistic and technical branches of secondary education in the same institute in development towns. He said the experiment was being financed through the Agency's special education fund.

COL. SHLOMO ERELL APPOINTED NEW COMMANDER OF ISRAEL'S NAVY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3; (JTA) -- Colonel Shlomo Erell was today appointed Commander of the Israel Navy. He replaces Brigadier Gen. Yohai Ben Nun.

TRIAL OF EX-NAZI ACCUSED OF KILLING JEWS IN CZENSTOCHOW OPENS

BONN, Jan. 3: (JTA) -- Three former Nazis went on trial in Lueneburg today on charges of participating in the wartime murders of several thousand Jews in Czenstochow, in occupied Poland;

The defendants are Paul Degenhardt, 70, former captain of the German security police in the area; Kurt Jericho, 57, now a businessman, and Otto Loebel, 51, a law court guard. They are charged with deportation of many thousands of Jews to the Treblinka murder camp, and with participation in many individual acts of murder of Jews;

Dr. Herbert Zimmerman, a former Nazi police officer accused of the murder of 20,000 persons, mostly Jews, in Bialystok, eastern Poland, in 1943 and 1944, committed suicide this weekend only a few minutes before he was to have been arrested at his home near Bielefeld;

Police said that Zimmerman, a lawyer at Brackwede near Bielefeld, shot himself to death just before he was to have been taken into custody pending preparation of his trial on mass murder charges scheduled to open in March. He was commander of the Nazi security forces in Bialystok during World War II;

J.D.C. ALLOCATES \$1,950,000 TOWARD ORT VOCATIONAL PROGRAM IN 1966

NEW YORK, Jan. 3: (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will provide \$1,950,000 during 1966 toward the overseas vocational training program of Ort, it was announced here today by officials of both organizations. This is \$100,000 more than the amount allocated in 1965, reflecting the increased need for vocational training overseas, especially in France and Israel;

The grant will help finance technical education and economic rehabilitation activities of Ort in Europe, Israel, North Africa, Iran and India. More than 40,000 persons are expected to receive such assistance in these and other areas during the coming year.

Ort activities in Israel with trade schools in 31 localities comprising the largest vocational school system in the country will receive by far the largest portion of the 1966 JDC grant. About 25,000 persons are expected to receive industrial and technical instruction in these schools this year.

The JDC allocation includes provision for substantial funds to be used by Ort in France for vocational services for Algerian and other North African refugees. Ort trade schools, apprentice programs for youth and special courses for adults have been greatly enlarged to meet the needs of 150,000 arrivals. These measures have been insufficient, however, and will have to be expanded in the coming year.

ORT to Spend \$12,000,000 in 1966 for Vocational Training

The amount Ort will expend for all its 1966 programs in 22 countries is about \$12,000,000. The agreement between the two agencies stipulated that Ort will make up from other sources the difference between the JDC grant and the total required;

The understanding between the JDC and Ort provides for enlargement of a vocational instructional program in India. Continued assistance for vocational training of Jews in Poland, those repatriated from the Soviet Union and those in need among the so-called "settled population" is assured by the agreement. JDC and Ort resumed aid programs in Poland in 1957;

Signing the financial pact for the two agencies were Charles H. Jordan, JDC executive vice-chairman, Dr. William Haber, president of the American Ort Federation; Max A. Braude, Ort director general. The current agreement stipulates that the grant to Ort will be reviewed by representatives of both agencies by September 1966. The new pact is the 20th consecutive annual financial agreement between the two agencies;

JDC, the major American agency aiding distressed Jews abroad, receives its funds from the United Jewish Appeal. Ort is the principle agency affording vocational education to Jews overseas. Vocational training assistance through Ort represents one aspect of JDC's overseas programs. JDC has made \$29,500,000 available to Ort in the past 19 years.

The new agreement specifies that the American Ort Federation will refrain from conducting independent fund-raising campaigns in the United States but will continue its membership activities;

In 1966, JDC requires a minimum of \$30,425,000 to provide welfare and rehabilitation services for hundreds of thousands of needy Jews in 30 countries around the world;

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OPENS \$20,000,000 HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 3: (JTA) -- Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine opened its new, 12-story, \$20,000,000 hospital here today. Located in the Bronx, the institution is the first completely new hospital to be built in New York City in 10 years, and the first university hospital to be established by a medical college in this metropolitan area in 77 years;

A 12-story concrete structure, the hospital, with a capacity of 375 beds, includes two eight-story pavilions, the Horace W. Goldsmith and the David and Irene Schwartz pavilions; a three-story, Charles H. Revson Diagnostic Center, the Evelyn and Joseph I. Lubin Rehabilitation Center and the Elizabeth Frankel Radiation Therapy Center. According to Dr. Emanuel Lifshutz, director of the hospital, the air-conditioned institution is fully automated and contains many new features, including highly sophisticated instrumentation developed only within the last 10 years;

J.T.A. DAILY NEWS BULLETIN ADAPTED FOR USE IN JEWISH CENTERS, SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3: (JTA) -- Jewish centers, schools and other institutions which will display the JTA Wallboard Newspaper received today the first issue of a new edition of the JTA Daily News Bulletin specially adapted to mass reading;

The new edition is printed on one side of the paper, on single sheets for insertion under the clips built into the Wallboard frame. The sheets are mailed flat to facilitate their display on the Wallboard. Organizations which have subscribed to the service receive a handsome, oak-framed Wallboard which they hang in a well-frequented area where it is visible to staff and visitors;

Several people can read the JTA news on the Wallboard simultaneously. In the larger centers, it is estimated that several hundred people will read all or part of the JTA service each day. After being displayed, the news bulletin sheets can be permanently filed for reference purposes.

ISRAEL ACQUIRES FRAGMENT OF DEAD SEA SCROLL CONTAINING PSALMS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3: (JTA) -- Israel has acquired a fragment of a Dead Sea Scroll containing portions of the Psalms and belonging to a larger scroll, part of which is owned by the Jordanian Government, it was disclosed here this weekend by Dr. Yigael Yadin, Hebrew University archeologist;

Dr. Yadin, who announced the acquisition at a Bible study circle at the home of President Zalman Shazar, said that the Israeli fragment contains three complete Psalms in addition to the 38 Psalms in the Jordanian manuscript and some missing verses of a Psalm in the larger scroll. The new Israeli fragment was presented by an American who asked not to be identified;

MAURICE ROSEN REELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY

NEW YORK, Jan. 3: (JTA) -- Maurice Rosen, Philadelphia industrialist and communal leader, was reelected national president of the American Technion Society today.

Mr. Rosen has long played a leading role in various communal efforts in behalf of Israel; He is a director of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, and a leader in the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Industrial Development Division for Latin America of the Agency for International Development;

B'NAI B'RITH ESTABLISHES LITERARY AWARD; WILL BE PRESENTED ANNUALLY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3: (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith announced today establishment of the "Jewish Heritage Award," a \$1,000 literary prize to be presented annually in conjunction with its adult Jewish education department. The award will be given each year to a writer whose published works "by their authentic interpretations of Jewish life and values make a positive contribution to contemporary literature." The first presentation of the award will be made April 13 in New York;

Dr. Louis Kaplan, president of Baltimore Hebrew College, is chairman of a three-man selection committee that also includes Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit, chairman of the commission, and Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith;

ESTHER HERLITZ NAMED ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK; SERVED IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3: (JTA) -- Miss Esther Herlitz, formerly a member of the Israel mission to Washington and a Consul in New York, was appointed here today to be Israel's Ambassador to Denmark. She had also been director of information at the Foreign Ministry here;