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FIRST PHASE OF TALKS ON GERMAN ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL COMPLETED IN BONN

BONN, March 3. (JTA) -- The first phase of the West German-Israel economic talks ended here today with a communique announcing that the negotiators had agreed that a basis existed for an agreement for West German economic aid to Israel.

The talks, which are being held in the West German Foreign Office, began last Wednesday. The meeting today was the fourth since the talks began. The communique indicated that the negotiations would be resumed in April.

The communique described the talks as taking place in a "frank and open atmosphere," and said the negotiators had examined in detail the present economic relationship between the two countries. Details of the amount and terms of the aid promised to Israel will be worked out at a later stage of the negotiations, the communique stated.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES ESHKOL'S NATIONAL BUDGET IN FIRST READING

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol's new much-detested \$1,500,000,000, 1966-67 national budget received its first reading yesterday in Parliament. Some members of the coalition parties criticized the budget for its income tax increases. Both the Independent Liberals and the National Religious Party urged reexamination of the increases.

Despite these expressed doubts, the budget was approved by a vote of 43 to 23 which reflected undiluted coalition support and equally complete negative votes by the opposition.

Meanwhile the Jewish Agency announced today a new project under which living space for residents of settlements in the Jerusalem Corridor will be greatly enlarged. The areas of the housing units will be increased by more than 50 percent. The plan is being financed by the Keren Hayesod, with the families themselves contributing 25 percent of the cost. Those families comprising more than nine persons will not have to pay anything. The project which had been postponed for a number of years, was made possible this year because of the decline in immigration.

RE-TRIAL OF ARAB INFILTRATOR SENTENCED TO DEATH OPENS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 3. (JTA) -- The re-trial of Mahmoud Hijazi, an Arab infiltrator who was sentenced to death last year by an Israeli military court, but who won an appeal for a new hearing, began today.

Hijazi, a Jordanian living in Akaba, was captured in January, 1965; as a member of a group of saboteurs who tried to blow up a water tank in Lachish. On his first trial, he was found guilty of sabotage and firing on Israeli soldiers. An Israeli military appeals court ordered a new trial in response to the Arabs's contention that he was not given enough time to obtain a foreign attorney. The issue went to several Israeli Justice Ministry officials and courts, which ruled against the demand.

When the new trial began, the defendant again asked for a foreign attorney to defend him. The prosecutor replied that there was no reason to discuss that demand which, he said, had been refused repeatedly by different authorities in Israel.

AGED HEAD OF LENINGRAD JEWISH COMMUNITY STILL HELD IN PRISON

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- Informed visitors returning here from Leningrad have reported that, contrary to all rumors, Gedalia Pechersky, former lay chairman of the Leningrad Jewish community, who was sentenced in 1961 to 12 years' imprisonment, has not been released from prison.

Sentenced with Mr. Pechersky, then 60, were two other lay leaders, Nachum A. Kaganov, and S. S. Dinkin. They received lighter sentences because of their advanced ages. The trials and sentences touched off world-wide protests. The three Jewish leaders were arrested on charges of "consorting with foreign agents" and "crimes against the state."

The visitors reported that all persons seeking Mr. Pechersky's release have been told there was no prospect of his being freed before 1969. Mr. Dinkin and Mr. Kaganov were released in 1965.

EX-PRUSSIAN NOBLEMAN, A NON-JEW, LEAVES \$250,000 TO UNITED HIAS SERVICE

NEW YORK, March 3; (JTA) -- A non-Jewish, former Prussian nobleman, who said in his will he had been helped by Jewish friends, has left a bequest, estimated at \$250,000, to United Hias Service, the 82-year-old Jewish migration agency. His total estate, estimated at a value of \$500,000, was ordered divided equally between United Hias and Francis Cardinal Spellman for use of Catholic charities.

The bequests were made public here yesterday when the will was filed for probate in Surrogate's Court. The donor was Wolfram von Pannwitz, who died January 28 at the age of 75. Childless, he lived alone in a hotel in this city. His only living relative is a sister who resides in Wiesbaden, Germany. The will stated specifically that "all my blood relatives, near and remote, shall be excluded from my inheritance, there being special reasons for this, my direction."

The United Hias bequest was left "for the purpose of assisting needy and deserving Jewish immigrants to the United States." The donor explained in his last testament that, three times, Jewish friends in Europe and in the United States had helped him "to make a decent living" and stated: "This (the United Hias bequest) is the only way I can show my gratitude."

Mr. von Pannwitz, a Lutheran, and a scion of German nobility, was in business in Berlin prior to World War II, and left the German capital when Hitler assumed power. Later, in Paris, he helped plot the abortive scheme to assassinate Hitler. In World War I, he was in the German Air Corps as a captain, and was wounded in France. He came to the United States in 1947, and became an American citizen in 1952.

James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias, acknowledged gratefully today the notice of the bequest, saying that "coincidentally, \$250,000 is the exact size of our current deficit." He noted, however, that due to technicalities in settling the estate, it may be some time "before we actually get this windfall."

Mr. Rice announced that, a check of his agency's records today, showed that Mr. von Pannwitz was brought to the United States in 1947 with the cooperation of two of the United Hias predecessor organizations, the Joint Distribution Committee's immigration department and the United Service for New Americans. Both of these groups, along with the old Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, merged to form the present United Hias Service in 1954.

GHANA TO EXTRADITE NAZI PHYSICIAN TO GERMANY; SOUGHT FOR KILLING JEWS

BONN, March 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Horst Schumann, charged in West Germany with the murder of Jews in Auschwitz concentration camp will be extradited by the new Ghanaian regime, the West German Ambassador to Ghana reported today to the Bonn Government. Former Premier Nkrumah had refused to extradite the Nazi.

Dr. Schumann, about 60, works for Ghana's Ministry of Health at Keterkrachi, 200 miles north of Accra. He is charged with sterilization and experiments of living humans, totaling thousands -- all Jews.

DR. SLAWSON TO LEAVE FOR GERMANY ON INVITATION OF BERLIN MAYOR

NEW YORK, March 3; (JTA) -- Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, is leaving for West Germany in about 10 days at the invitation of West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt to meet with German educators to discuss methods of education for democracy in schools in that country, it was announced here today.

The invitation has grown out of the American Jewish Committee's program in collaboration with the Institute of International Education, which, since 1960, has brought teams of German educators to the United States to study American methods of civic education for introduction into German schools. Dr. Slawson will confer with German educators and school administrators, including the 60 who have taken part in the visits to the U. S. He will also meet with Mayor Brandt and other leading West German officials.

PROF. DE VRIES WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGNATION FROM TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, March 3; (JTA) -- Prof. Andre De Vries, one of several key Tel Aviv University faculty leaders who resigned last week along with Dr. George Wise, the University president, withdrew his resignation today. Dr. De Vries decided to continue as Dean of the University's medical school after it was decided to introduce first year medical studies by this October.

The approval for this step was given by Rector Benzion Katz, who appeared before the medical school council. Differences with Rector Katz was the reason given by Dr. Wise for his resignation. Previously Dr. Katz had indicated he favored postponement for another year of the introduction of first year medical courses.

N. Y. ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL REQUIRING ACCOUNTING IN CHARITY APPEALS

ALBANY, N. Y., March 3. (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly approved unanimously yesterday a bill which would require every charitable organization in the state to account in its fund-raising literature for how its funds were used.

The measure was sponsored by William Passannante, a Manhattan Democrat. Similar proposals have been introduced in previous legislative sessions but have been blocked by the concerted opposition of charitable organizations. The Assembly approved a similar measure last year but it died in the State Senate. Prospects for Senate passage this year are regarded as improved.

The bill would require that fund-raising material indicate how much money was raised by the group in the prior year and how much was actually spent for the purpose for which it was sought. Present New York state law contains few provisions to penalize charities which spend most of their money on various administrative costs, including salaries. Small charities and religious and educational charitable groups do not have to register and file reports with the New York State Department of Social Welfare.

Mr. Passannante has sponsored another bill, jointly with State Senator William E. Adams, which would require the Social Welfare Department to make public the names and financial data of every charity which spends less than 50 percent of the money it raises on charitable purposes. Sen. Adams is chairman of the Senate Committee on Social Services, which is expected to take up the Assembly-approved Passannante bill soon.

CROSS-BURNING IN NEWARK MARKED BY ANTI-JEWISH STICKERS ON PLANKS

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., March 3. (JTA) -- Evidence of a cross-burning in the affluent Newstead section of this Newark suburb last Saturday night has been reported to the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County.

Several large 2 by 4 planks partially charred and with bits of rag attached and with nails protruding were discovered early Sunday by a resident of the area. In addition, paper stickers containing the name of the National States Rights party with legends declaring that "Jews Finance Race Mixing" and "Communism is Jewish" were attached to the planks.

Police uncovered an empty can which had contained kerosene. Police also reported having received an anonymous telephone call Saturday afternoon declaring that a cross would be burned that night. A spokesman for the South Orange police department stated that the Department had no success in identifying the culprit.

WASHINGTON JEWISH WEEKLY LAUDED BY ORGAN OF U. S. NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- The Jewish Week, the new weekly published in Washington, D. C. has been singled out by Editor and Publisher, the organ of the newspaper industry, for special praise for its design and typography.

Editor and Publisher reproduced the front page of an issue of the Jewish weekly as a "striking illustration" of "spruced up typography." Comments on the Jewish weekly appeared in an article "Page of the Week," written by Edmund C. Arnold, head of the typography department of Syracuse University and one of the nation's foremost experts on newspaper typography.

Mr. Arnold wrote that the Jewish Week "has a sophisticated audience which has plenty of good general newspapers competing for readership" and that editor Joseph Hochstein "competes in a smart way" with "specialized and high quality content." The typography expert praised the quality of picture reproduction which he called "good as photography" and "good as communication." He also commented on the "effective use" of magazine style headlines for feature stories.

The Jewish Week was established last November at the suggestion of outstanding leaders of the American Jewish Community and the Greater Washington community. It is not owned or controlled by any Jewish organization. It is a private enterprise and is the responsibility and property of the Hochstein family. The editor and publisher is Joseph M. Hochstein, who gave up his position as managing editor of the Newhouse Newspapers' National News Service in Washington to establish the Jewish Week. The president of the publishing company is his father Philip Hochstein, who is the editorial director of Newhouse Newspapers, one of the nation's largest daily newspaper organizations. Mrs. Leah Hochstein, mother of the editor, was born in pre-British Palestine and is the daughter of Zionist pioneers.

ROTHSCHILD FAMILY PRESENTS PRICELESS PAINTINGS TO ISRAEL MUSEUM

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Museum announced today it had been given five priceless paintings of French impressionists by the Edmond de Rothschild Memorial Group. Teddy Kollek, chairman of the Museum, will visit London next week to accept formally the paintings by Gauguin, Cezanne and Van Gogh.

MENDEL MOZES, DIRECTOR OF J.T.A. IN PRE-WAR POLAND, DIES IN ISRAEL

REHOVOT, Israel, March 3. (JTA) -- Mendel Mozes, noted Jewish journalist and former director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in pre-war Poland, died here today at his daughter's home, aged 76. He has been living in Israel since 1955.

Born in Poland, he was active in Jewish communal and literary life there until the Nazis invaded Warsaw in 1939. He was a founder of "Tlomacka 13," the club of Jewish journalists in Warsaw and one of its early presidents. He was also president of the Jewish section of the Journalists Association of Poland and a founder of the Foreign Press Club in Warsaw.

He was also active in the Labor Zionist movement in Poland and served as president of Has in Warsaw in 1938-39. He wrote for numerous Yiddish and Hebrew publications and actively participated in promoting Jewish art. He was a member of the executive of the Jewish Art Society in Warsaw.

When Warsaw was bombarded by Nazi planes during the first day of the outbreak of World War II, he was attending a World Zionist Congress in Geneva. He returned to Warsaw but found the city in flames. He succeeded in reaching Lithuania, together with his family, and proceeded from there, through the Soviet Union, to Shanghai and then he was brought over, with his wife and children, by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to New York.

He remained on the JTA editorial staff in New York until his retirement in 1955 when he left for permanent settlement in Israel. During the years he lived in the United States he was a member of the Jewish Writers Union. Upon settling in Israel, he wrote articles for the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Daily Forward in New York.

GOVERNMENT LAUDS ANTI-POVERTY WORK OF COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Government officials commended the voluntary contributions of the National Council of Jewish Women to the war on poverty during the Council's Washington institute which closed here yesterday.

Hyman Bookbinder, assistant director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, said in an address to the group that the NCJW "can feel particularly proud of the role it has played in WICS (Women in Community Services). And it can take a special bow for providing WICS with its dynamic president, Mrs. Joan Cooper." WICS has helped enroll underprivileged girls for job corps training and performed other functions.

Mrs. Mary Dublin Keyserling, director of the Womens' Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, told the Jewish women "you are doing magnificently through your support of needed legislation, through your schools for community action, and through your participation in WICS, in the 'Head Start' program and in all other instruments for public and voluntary action that are moving us so encouragingly ahead in our efforts to realize more fully than ever before the wonderful promise of America."

GURFEIN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNITED HAS SERVICE; BOARD EXPANDED

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Murray I. Gurfein was re-elected as president of United Has Service. Mr. Gurfein's term of office is his ninth consecutive tenure as president, it was reported today. Max M. Fisher, of Detroit, and Daniel Ifshin were elected vice-presidents. Mr. Fisher is national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Ifshin continues to serve as chairman of the United Has Council of Organizations. A new post, associate secretary, was created by the meeting, and Thomas Baer was chosen to that office.

All the other major officers were re-elected. They included Carlos L. Israels and Ben Touster, associate chairmen of the board of directors, and Harold Friedman, treasurer. Edwin Rosenberg was re-elected chairman of the National Council and Daniel G. Ross, vice-chairman of the National Council. The following were newly elected to membership on the board: Max Alperin, Providence; Louis Broido, New York; Dr. Irving L. Greenberg, Atlanta; and Richard M. Levin, Kansas City, Mo.

PROF. CASSIN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALLIANCE ISRAELITE UNIVERSELLE

PARIS, March 3. (JTA) -- Prof. Rene Cassin has been re-elected president of Alliance Israelite Universelle, and Baron Edmond de Rothschild was elected vice-president of the organization. Prof. Cassin is one of the elder statesmen of France, being honorary head of the French Council of State. One of the world's leading proponents of human rights, he represents France on the United Nation Commission on Human Rights and is also chairman of the European Court of Human Rights. Baron de Rothschild is a grandson of the father of Jewish colonization in Palestine.

Other officers elected by the Alliance Central Committee are: Admiral Louis Kahn as deputy president; Marcel Franco, former Premier Rene Mayer and Jules Braunschvig as vice-presidents; Andre Golder as vice-president-treasurer; Raymond Leven, associate treasurer; and Eugene Weill, secretary-general.