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## ISRAELI QUESTION ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. AID FOR NUCLEAR DESALINATION PLANT

JERUSALEM, March 9: (JTA) -- Israeli political circles and sections of the press in this country voiced second thoughts today about accepting United States assistance for the construction of a desalination plant that would use nuclear power for the production of electricity and the simultaneous desalting of seawater.

"New Look," organ of Rafi, the political faction led by former Premier David Ben-Gurion, expressed fears today that too much reliance on Washington's aid for the building of such a plant might open the way to American demands for the inspection of all nuclear plants in Israel.

"New Look" called for the substitution of British or French aid in the desalination field for American assistance. Other Israeli circles expressed the opinion that United Nations assistance would be preferable to Washington's aid.

The high cost of the fresh water to become available through the proposed nuclear plant was also stressed. Haaretz, one of the leading morning dailies in Israel, declared today that the cost of fresh water from such a plant would be "practically prohibitive," and expressed the opinion that the project would be "financially ruinous" to Israel.

## U.S. CONTRACT TO GERMAN FIRM REJECTING JEWISH CLAIMS NOT YET AWARDED

WASHINGTON, March 9: (JTA) -- No decision has yet been made by the U.S. Government with regard to the controversial issue of awarding a United States munitions contract to the West German arms works, Rheinmetall, which is charged with refusing to honor claims of Jewish survivors who worked for this firm as slave laborers under the Nazi regime, it was indicated here today. The Rheinmetall was formerly operated by the Nazi trust called Reichswerke Hermann Goering.

U.S. Army tests of the Rheinmetall-made cannons are still in progress and the Defense Department must review these tests prior to a final procurement contract decision, it was stated. However, the State Department has informed Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, that the Rheinmetall-made cannon "is the best system currently available to meet military requirements in the immediate time frame" and that "an urgent military requirement for this gun exists for use on armored vehicles."

The State Department also informed Sen. Javits that it was advised of "the financial claims by slave laborers against Rheinmetall" and brought them to the attention of the U.S. Defense Department and the German Ministry of Defense, "which in turn discussed them with Rheinmetall." Assistant Secretary of State Douglas MacArthur, 2nd, said that the State Department has been in touch "with legal representatives interested in the matter."

### 1,000 Claims of Former Slave Laborers Involved, State Dept. Says

Mr. MacArthur, in his formal letter to Sen. Javits, pointed out that the State Department understands that "discussions are now going on between interested parties in Germany regarding possible steps toward a settlement." He said that "there may be as many as 1,000 claims by former slave labor employees involved."

"Many of these appear to derive from employment in plants which were in the Soviet zone in East Germany," the Assistant Secretary of State stated. "Exact information as to the number of claimants, the location of their wartime service is not known to the State Department." (Other State Department officials have been informally alleging that some of the Jewish victims of Nazi incarceration are making "exaggerated" claims for slave labor compensation from Rheinmetall.)

Assistant Secretary MacArthur conceded in his communication to Sen. Javits that "it appears that, of the five present principal officers of the Rheinmetall, three were members of the Nazi Party during World War II. Of these five officers, two, including

one of the Nazi Party members, were plant directors of Rheinmetall Borsig Ag during the war. The degree of active involvement in Nazi Party activities by the three wartime members of the Nazi Party is not known," he added.

### Congressional Armed Services Committee Asked to Hold Hearings

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, today asked the House Armed Services Committee to hold hearings for action on his bill to prohibit purchase by the United States of arms from foreign firms which have used slave labor unless compensation has been made to victims or their heirs.

Rep. Farbstein said: "I am outraged that, today, a German company has the arrogance to maintain that the profits it earned from the blood and indignities of slave laborers are not stained. I will not have our Government be a party to this shameful and disgraceful situation. Our Government must have regard for fundamental decencies -- and dealing with the Rheinmetall Co. of Dusseldorf I regard as indecent."

The Congressman announced that, if the final appropriations bill fails to contain the prohibitory amendment, he would seek a floor fight. He asserted that "there must be no complicity on the part of our Government in excusing the bloody practices of the Nazis and their backers."

### U.N. COMMISSION OPENS DEBATE ON ELIMINATION OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 9. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights opened detailed debate here today on a proposed draft U.N. Declaration and draft U.N. Convention on the Elimination of Religious Intolerance. The subject, stymied for six years through parliamentary moves initiated by the Soviet Union, was given foremost priority on the Commission's lengthy agenda, as demanded at the opening of the current session yesterday by the United States delegate, Morris B. Abram.

At the outset of today's debate, Israeli Supreme Court Justice Haim H. Cohn, submitted an amendment to one draft article under consideration, giving parents and guardians the right "to determine the religion or belief in which their children shall be brought up." Justice Cohn insisted that the principle must be laid down without ambiguity that the right of parents to choose a child's religion be subordinated "to the best interests of the child." "The rights of a child," he maintained, "should always be considered ahead of the rights of the parents."

However, Evgeny Nasinovsky, representing the Soviet Union, told the Commission that the draft article should be "of a more general nature." He held that the child should be protected "from the forceful imposition of any religion or belief." The Israeli amendment, and another submitted by Poland, were only preliminary moves in the religious freedoms debate. It is expected that, as the debate develops further, members of the Commission will voice criticisms, directly or indirectly, against anti-Semitism in the USSR.

### \$10,000,000 DINNER STARTS 1966 U.J.A. DRIVE IN NEW YORK; WARBURG HONORED

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York formally launched its 1966 campaign at an inaugural dinner tonight in the Hotel Pierre, where 500 leading members of the Jewish community announced pledges that put the drive over the \$10,000,000 mark.

Edward M. M. Warburg, on the occasion of his retirement after 25 years as chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, on the 20th anniversary of his establishment of New York UJA's Non-Sectarian Community Committee, received awards for humanitarian leadership.

Gov. Rockefeller made the presentation to Mr. Warburg of the Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Award, which is a medallion bearing a head of the late Governor and U.S. Senator, designed by sculptor Murray Hersh. The inscription to Mr. Warburg read: "In tribute to his life-long devotion to the highest principles of service to his fellow man, in the tradition so nobly exemplified by our late beloved Herbert H. Lehman."

Gov. Rockefeller was presented with a gold plaque commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the creation of the Non-Sectarian Community Committee of UJA, with himself as its first chairman.

### DR. ROSEN, PROMINENT NEW YORK JEWISH PHYSICIAN, HONORED BY RUSSIA

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Rosen, a prominent Jewish physician and a world-famous ear surgeon at Mount Sinai Hospital here, has been elected to membership in the Academy of Medical Sciences of the Soviet Union. Dr. Rosen was notified by cable from Moscow that he had been "unanimously elected as a foreign member" of the Academy. About three months ago, Dr. Rosen was scheduled to go to Communist China to demonstrate his surgical techniques but the invitation was withdrawn by Peking.

UNIFICATION OF ALL CHARITY DRIVES IN MONTREAL SOUGHT; TALKS STARTED

MONTREAL, March 9: (JTA) -- Talks have begun here on unification of all of Montreal's major charity drives, and a committee is expected to be set up soon to work out the formal details. It was predicted today that the unification may come about within two years.

Alan Bronfman, incoming chairman of the Greater Montreal Combined Health Appeal, said he agrees that the charity campaigns should be united. They are the Federation of Catholic Charities, the Federation of French Charities, the United Red Feather Services, the Combined Health Appeal and Red Cross Campaign, and the Combined Jewish Appeal.

Quebec spokesmen, including Welfare Minister Rene Levesque, have complained that the Montreal business community gives much more to the English-speaking than to the French-language charities. Health Minister Eric Kierans has suggested that the charity campaigns unite with the aim of improving the cooperation among the city's different groups.

B'NAI B'RITH BUILDING IN TEL AVIV TO BE OPEN TO ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS

NEW YORK, March 9: (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith acted today to resolve the controversy over the use of the B'nai B'rith building in Tel Aviv for non-Orthodox religious purposes. The B'nai B'rith International Council, at its executive committee meetings here, asked that the 11-member management board of the building maintain "in practice" the organization's traditional acceptance of all religious options in Judaism.

The action was taken in a resolution that reaffirmed B'nai B'rith's "historic commitment to the principles of freedom of religion and religious equality." The resolution also noted "with approval" the Israel Cabinet's unanimous declaration last month that "every person in Israel is entitled to pray wherever he wishes and in the manner he wishes." The B'nai B'rith Council viewed the Cabinet's statement as a "positive development" growing out of the controversy.

The issue erupted in late January when the organizers of Tel Aviv's first Reform congregation complained publicly that their request to rent the building's facilities for regular Sabbath worship had been turned down. The congregation had held its first Sabbath service in the building.

Dr. William A. Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith, disclosed that "the building manager, unmindful of a house rule which precluded its use for Sabbath worship, had accepted the Reform congregation's request for a one-time Friday evening rental. The house rule," he said, "had been instituted following use of the building for services by an Orthodox group. It was then determined that the building, neither designed nor intended for use as a synagogue or temple, was not practicable for worship service in terms of facilities and staff."

During the International Council's discussion, a question was raised whether the building is at present open to Reform, Conservative or Orthodox groups for meetings, lectures and other cultural programs. "Absolutely," Dr. Wexler replied. "This has been the operational policy since the building was opened."

PHYSICIANS REPORT CONDITION OF RABBI ADLER AS BEING VERY GRAVE

DETROIT, March 9: (JTA) -- The condition of Rabbi Morris Adler, spiritual leader of Shaarey Zedek Temple, who was shot by a demented, young parishioner in front of a packed synagogue on February 12, took "a turn for the worse," a medical bulletin issued at Sinai Hospital reported here today.

The medical bulletin stated: "Rabbi Adler's condition is more grave today than at any time since he lapsed into a coma three and-a-half weeks ago. Vigorous medical attention continues." The coma came almost immediately after the shooting. Richard Wishnetsky, who shot himself after firing four bullets at the rabbi, died within a few days after the tragic occurrence.

As a result of the attack on Rabbi Adler by the youth, who had been in two mental institutions prior to the occurrence, the State Bar of Michigan announced today the appointment of a special, 22-member committee to review the subject of commitment to and release from mental institutions. The committee is also to review the state's system of mental institutions, and the preservation of the rights of mental patients.

John G. Clark, president of the State Bar of Michigan, announced the establishment of the committee, and named Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Victor J. Baum as chairman. Among the other members of the committee are Judges Ira G. Kaufman and Joseph J. Pernick, and Leon S. Cohan, Deputy Attorney General of Michigan. In announcing the formation of the committee, Mr. Clark paid high tribute to Rabbi Adler as a "truly great man who has compiled an outstanding record in his community and whose influence has been significant throughout the country."

ISRAEL STARTS COURSE OF TRAINING POLICEMEN FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- Israel inaugurated today a five-month course of training policemen from African countries in general police work, especially in traffic control. The first group of Africans, 10 Ethiopians, was enrolled in the course today. All are officers in the Ethiopian police corps, several of them being deputy superintendents of police. Other Africans to take the course, it was said, are expected in the coming weeks.

One hundred members of the army of Nepal, being trained as parachutists by the Israeli army, staged their first mass jump today at their training base "somewhere in Israel." To mark the occasion, their commander, Major Yaduban, of the Royal Nepalese Army, accompanied by five of his ranking officers, presented a gift to the Israeli Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, at army headquarters here. The gift consisted of a Gutkha knife in a velvet, pearl-studded sheath.

The Nepalese parachutist-trainees are spending a month in Israel. They are scheduled to complete their training in 10 days, after which they will return home to form the nucleus of the Nepalese Paratroop Corps.

ISRAEL OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON TO SEEK EXTENDED LANDING RIGHTS

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- Israel's Civil Aviation director, Naftali Ben-Yehuda, left today for Washington to discuss extension of landing rights to El Al Israel Airlines. He will seek permission for El Al planes to land in Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and other West Coast airports.

Mr. Ben-Yehuda will also seek American agreement to a proposal that El Al planes be permitted to pick up passengers for America at airports in Spain, West Germany and Scandinavia. The aviation expert will discuss his proposals with officials of the United States Civil Aviation Board.

ISRAEL SEEKS U. S. INDUSTRIAL AND MANAGERIAL KNOW-HOW, OFFICIAL SAYS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- American industrial and managerial know-how is being sought in an effort to spur the development of export-oriented industries in Israel, according to Yehuda Gill, director of the Government of Israel Investment Authority in the United States. Mr. Gill was guest speaker today at a luncheon meeting of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce at the Waldorf-Astoria.

"As part of our approach to expansion," he said, "we are looking for investments that are tied in with know-how. We cannot meet our goals without the cooperation of industrial leaders in other countries, especially the United States. We are looking for people who can tell us how to improve and run our industries more efficiently, and I hope they are looking for us."

He cited the particular value of this know-how to the development and expansion of industries geared toward export production. He reported that Israel's industrial forecast calls for industrial exports of \$750,000,000 by 1970. The 1965 total was approximately \$350,000,000.

PLAN TO BRING MORE JEWISH STUDENTS FROM ABROAD DISCUSSED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- A plan to bring at least 1,500 Jewish students from abroad to Israel every year, to pursue their studies in Israel and to serve as a sort of "peace corps" in this country, was decided upon here today at a meeting between Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba Eban with officials of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Eaim Yahil, director of the Center for Cultural Relations With World Jewry, was named as head of the new program. Currently, only about 500 Jewish students come here each year from foreign countries. Under the new plan, the students will not only continue their college studies in Israel but will serve, at the same time, as teachers and social workers in areas inhabited largely by underprivileged.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST CONVENTION IN LONDON URGES USE OF SEPHARDIC ACCENT

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- The Federation of Women Zionists adopted a resolution here today, calling on Jewish educators to adopt the Sephardic pronunciation as used in Israel in synagogue religious classes where Hebrew is taught. The Federation, which held its annual conference today, called on the organization's membership to urge their local synagogues to adopt this measure.

The delegates also voted to increase the organization's contribution to the current budget of the Women's International Zionist Organization by 25 percent, in view of WIZO's critical financial position.