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HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTS TO PROVIDE \$1,000,000 FOR HADASSAH IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 1. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee adopted today an amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill to provide \$1,000,000 in Israeli pounds for Hadassah medical needs in Israel. The amendment was offered by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat and member of the Committee, after the Administration denied the Hadassah request.

Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national Hadassah president, testified May 11 before the committee to ask backing for the amendment. She did this after the U.S. Agency for International Development rejected Hadassah's application for inclusion under a provision benefiting American institutions assisting medical and educational programs abroad.

It was noted by members of the Committee that the Administration aided institutions in Arab nations under this provision, Section 214, but denied the Hadassah request. Chairman Thomas Morgan, Pennsylvania Democrat, stated that he had favorably noted the Hadassah activities abroad and would vote for the amendment. The vote today took place in executive session.

PREMIER ESHKOL'S VISIT TO AFRICAN LANDS TERMED IN PARIS AS SUCCESS

PARIS, June 1. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol's tour of six African nations, which began Monday, is a success because of the care which the Israel Government has implemented its program of technical aid to those countries, the influential Paris daily newspaper, *Le Monde*, declared today. Mr. Eshkol is visiting the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Congo-Leopoldville, Madagascar, Uganda and Kenya.

The newspaper attributed the effectiveness of the Israeli program to three conditions. One of these is that Israel avoids giving the former colonial powers the impression that it intends to take their place. In those programs, Israel has given no cause for such concern to France, Belgium or Britain.

At the same time, *Le Monde* pointed out, Israel seeks to avoid giving the new African countries any impression that it is acting as an assistant to those powers. Third, unlike the actions of Arab diplomats officially called upon in countries like Chad or Senegal, the Israeli diplomats always stay out of the international political quarrels of those nations.

Attention to these cautions, the newspaper added, is backed by the efficiency of the technical experts Israel sends to the new African nations, which *Le Monde* said might very well be the fundamental reason for the Israeli success in Africa.

NO U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL'S STAND ON SOUTH VIET NAM, EBAN REPORTS

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban told Parliament today that there had not been any United States pressure on Israel to reverse a refusal to meet a request from South Viet Nam for experts. Mr. Eban said that the Saigon regime had made the request for agricultural and other experts several months ago with United States Government blessing.

In reply to a question, Mr. Eban also said that Israel was ready in principle to establish diplomatic relations with any government asking for such ties. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said later that Mr. Eban had expressed only the juridical aspect of the question and that a prior Government statement that Israel felt that establishment of relations with South Viet Nam was currently inopportune.

ISRAEL SEEKING TELEPHONIC LINK WITH U.S. BY 'EARLY BIRD' SATELLITE

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Government was reported today to be examining the possibilities of establishing telephonic communications with the United States via the American Early Bird satellite. Israeli postoffice engineers had been scheduled to begin shortly experiments to establish the quality of such relays via the satellite. The first such experiment had been scheduled for today but it was postponed to a later date for technical reasons.

FORD ANNOUNCES TALKS ON AUTHORIZING TRUCK ASSEMBLY IN ISRAEL

DETROIT, June 1. (JTA) -- Ford Motor Company announced today it was negotiating to authorize truck and tractor assembly in Israel by one of Israel's leading automotive dealers. The company said that if an agreement was reached, Palestine Automobile Corporation Ltd. would build United States and British Ford products in an assembly plant to be in operation in 12 months. The site for the plant has not been selected.

Ford has given a letter of intent to Dr. Saul Lipschitz, a director of Palestine Automobile Corporation, confirming the plans, subject to completion of financial arrangements. The assembly agreement will be limited initially to commercial vehicles and tractors. Palestine Automobile Corporation now imports a variety of completed American, English and German Ford vehicles for sale through outlets in 11 Israeli cities.

The agreement will follow the pattern established by Ford in several other developing nations where automotive markets have evolved from the import stage to permit local assembly of vehicles in relatively small volume. The parts are shipped from major United States, British and German Ford manufacturing centers for assembly in plants owned by Ford dealers and operating under Ford quality control standards.

Ford will be the first major United States manufacturer to authorize truck and tractor assembly in the Israeli market which has almost doubled in volume since 1960. About 25,000 new vehicles are now being sold annually in Israel, with demand rising sharply.

Similar Ford dealer assembly operations are in effect in Morocco, Pakistan, Turkey, Thailand and the Philippines and other countries are expected to be added, according to Ford. The Israeli firm has been a Ford distributor for 30 years. One of Israel's largest automotive dealers, the firm has headquarters in Tel Aviv.

ISRAEL MINISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS DENOUNCES BIRTH CONTROL

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, the Minister for Religious Affairs, denounced today birth control methods which he said were contrary to Jewish religious law. He spoke at the Be spoke at the Feichel Shlomo, the Supreme Religious Center.

The Minister particularly assailed a birth control clinic set up by the Israel Birth Control Association. The Association has urged the legalization of medical abortions and conception controls. The Minister said that since the Nazi holocaust which killed 6,000,000 European Jews, it was a Jewish family duty to increase the Jewish birth rate.

DANGER OF SEPARATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JEWS IN OTHER LANDS SEEN

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- The danger that Jewry may become separated into two parts -- Israeli Jewry and other Jewries -- was stressed today by Aharon Yadin, Deputy Education Minister, at the first session of the newly created committee to examine the structure of Zionist movements.

The committee includes members of Parliament, professors, educators and other representatives of interested groups. Mr. Yadin was elected its coordinator. The first session was attended by Jewish Agency executive chairman A. L. Pincus, who said the prime task of the committee was finding ways to promote the idea of the interdependence of Israeli and other Jewries, particularly among the younger generations.

U.S. CHIEF JUSTICE TO ATTEND UNVEILING OF KENNEDY MEMORIAL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren has accepted an invitation from the Jewish National Fund to attend the unveiling of the President Kennedy Memorial on July 4 in the Kennedy Forest near Jerusalem, Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the JNF, said today.

Confirming the Chief Justice's acceptance, Mr. Tsur said that invitations also had been extended to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and Senators Robert and Edward Kennedy.

ISRAELI MINISTER TO SEEK TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs, told Parliament today that he planned to ask the Cabinet for legislation to exempt Jewish religious institutions, particularly yeshivot, from customs duties and purchase taxes. He noted that Christian religious institutions in Israel now have this privilege and that there was no reason for discriminating against the Jewish institutions.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SPAIN PUBLISHES DATA ON SPANISH JEWRY

MADRID, June 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish population in Spain now totals 7,000, according to estimates released today by leaders of the Spanish Jewish community. About 3,000 Jews live in Madrid, another 3,000 in Barcelona and most of the remaining 1,000 in Valencia and Malaga. The bulk of Spanish Jewry consists of European Jews who found refuge there during the Nazi era and Sephardic Jews from Spanish Morocco.

NINETY PERCENT OF THE JEWISH STUDENTS IN SANTIAGO ARE NATIVE-BORN

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, June 1. (JTA) -- Ninety percent of the Jewish students in this city are native-born Chileans, while 63 percent of their parents were born in countries outside Latin America, it was reported here today on the basis of a research study on the characteristics and attitudes of the Jewish students enrolled in the University of Chile, the Technical University and the Catholic University.

The study was conducted on behalf of the Latin American office of the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations by Professors Eduardo I. Rogovsky and Gunther Boroschek, members of the University of Chile faculty. Dr. Rogovsky is director of the AJC's social studies department here.

The data showed that there are 506 Jewish students in the three local institutions of higher learning, representing roughly six percent of the total student population in those institutions. Among the Jews, 89 percent were born in this city.

Among all the Jewish students here, 29 percent said they had received a Jewish education, 18 percent said they had had "some" Jewish studies, and 31 percent reported they had no Jewish education. By comparison, Dr. Rogovsky reported, 37 percent of the fathers and 20 percent of the mothers of the Jewish students said they had attended Jewish schools in their youth. Of the parents who had had no Jewish education, 46 percent said they felt the lack of such schooling.

Among the students, 35 percent said they had some knowledge of Yiddish, but only four percent of them speak Yiddish correctly; 27 percent of them had some knowledge of Hebrew, seven percent of these being able to speak Hebrew correctly. On the other hand, 97 percent of the Jewish students said they know English.

Figures on participation in religious services showed that only 12 percent of the Jewish students attend "fully" the services during the High Holy Days and Passover. However, 59 percent said they participate in sedorim, 60 percent attended Yom Kippur services and 44 percent participated in Rosh Hashanah services.

Almost half of the Jewish students are affiliated with some Jewish institutions, 25 percent of them belonging to the Jewish University Center, and 65 percent saying they were "interested" in working with Jewish institutions. Thirty-five percent of the students said they were affiliated with non-Jewish institutions. Questioned about anti-Semitism in Chile, 64 percent of the Jewish students said there was no danger of such bias in this country.

PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL BANS USE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES ON RADIO

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 1. (JTA) -- A bill passed by Congress, permitting the use of foreign languages, including Yiddish, on Brazilian radio and television broadcasts, was vetoed today by President Humberto Castelo Branco.

Marshal Castelo Branco explained that he was opposed to the use of foreign languages in broadcasting because he wants to avoid "the perpetuation of racial differences in the Brazilian community" and because the Government lacks the facilities to monitor broadcasts in all non-Portuguese languages. The bill now goes back to Congress where the President's veto could be over-ridden by a two-thirds majority.

19 JEWISH CADETS TO BE COMMISSIONED AS OFFICERS OF U.S. FRCES

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- Eighteen Jewish cadets will be commissioned as officers at graduating exercises next Sunday at the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval and the U.S. Air Force Academy. A 19th cadet was commissioned today as an ensign at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The Military Academy at West Point will commission eight Jewish cadets as second lieutenants. The Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., will commission six Jewish cadets as ensigns. The Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs will commission four Jewish cadets as second lieutenants. The 1966 graduating class at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy has no Jewish members.

BRAZIL TO ISSUE POSTAGE STAMP IN HONOR OF ISRAEL PRESIDENT'S VISIT

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 1. (JTA) -- The Brazilian Post Office Department announced today that it will issue a special postage stamp in honor of Israeli President Zalman Shazar when the Jewish chief of state pays his official, state visit here, from July 18 to July 25. The postage stamp, the announcement stated, will carry a portrait of Mr. Shazar.

At the same time, the Brazilian Congress, in Brasilia, announced it is naming a special commission, composed of members of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, to greet President Shazar in the name of the two legislative houses. That commission was named, it was explained, because Congress will be in adjournment at the time Mr. Shazar comes to Brazil.

Uruguay to Issue Special Postage Stamp on Shazar's Visit

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, June 1. (JTA) -- A special stamp will be issued here in July, in honor of the visit of Israel's President Zalman Shazar, it was announced here today by the Ministry of Posts. Mr. Shazar is to visit Uruguay as part of his tour of several Latin American countries. The stamp, the Ministry stated, will bear an engraved portrait of President Shazar.

ISRAEL'S AGRICULTURE MINISTER ARRIVES ON VISIT IN VENEZUELA

CARACAS, June 1. (JTA) -- Chaim Gvati, Israel's Agriculture Minister, arrived in Venezuela on a four-day official visit that will wind up a tour of Mexico, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

He was met at the airport by Venezuela's Agriculture Minister and other dignitaries as he began a crowded program of trips by special plane to various agricultural regions, including development areas where Israeli planners and technicians have been involved.

Mr. Gvati is scheduled to be received by President Raul Leoni and to address a joint session of the agricultural committees of the two Houses of Congress. He also is scheduled to meet with a large number of Venezuelan technicians who visited Israel on official missions or for training.

NAZI VICTIMS ORGANIZATION IN U.S. TO BUILD SETTLEMENTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- Two settlements in Israel for victims of Nazi persecution will be built, one near Tel Aviv, and the other near Haifa, by the Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America, Inc., it was announced here by James B. Donovan, general counsel of the organization. The settlements, according to Mr. Donovan, will be built on land made available by the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency.

Moses Socachevsky, president of the Nazi Victims Organization said that each of the settlements will be in the form of a garden-type apartment of two, three and four rooms and will have capacities of 150 families each.

ISRAELI PRODUCER DECIDES AGAINST PRESENTING HIS FILM IN BERLIN

PARIS, June 1. (JTA) -- Menahem Golan, the Israeli film producer, disclosed here today he had decided not to present his film, "The Girl of the Dead Sea" for the Film Festival in Berlin because of the problems of German-Israeli relations.

He said he made his decision after a campaign in parts of the Israeli press opposing the development of cultural relations between Israel and West Germany. He said he had notified the Israel Government that, to avoid offense to Israelis opposed to such relations, he had decided not to go to Berlin. A committee had chosen the film to represent Israel at the Berline Festival scheduled for the end of June.

ANNIVERSARY OF SHOLEM ALEICHEM'S DEATH COMMEMORATED IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 1. (JTA) -- A series of special events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of Sholem Aleichem was held here by the Jewish community. Sholem Aleichem died in New York in 1916.

A series of four lectures devoted to the works and thinking of Sholem Aleichem was concluded here yesterday at the Bialik Library. The lecturers were Leah Schmeltzinger and Hersch Schwartz, both well known writers. Special readings of Sholem Aleichem's works, and performances of plays based on his writings, were given during the weekend at the Mount Sinai Center and at the Center for Yiddish Culture in this city.

MRS. ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL, WIFE OF N.Y. RABBI DIES; WAS ACTIVE ZIONIST

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- Mrs. May R. Levinthal, wife of Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal, spiritual leader of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, died here after a long illness at the age of 77. Mrs. Levinthal was one of the founders of the Eastern Parkway group of Hadassah and she was active in the Women's Division of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and other organizations.