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J.D.C. TO GET \$1,000,000 IN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FROM U.S. GOVT.

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee may receive up to \$1,000,000 in excess machinery and equipment from the U.S. Government for use in developing countries, according to an agreement signed by Herbert J. Waters, Assistant Administrator for Material Resources of the Agency for International Development (AID), and Charles H. Jordan, JDC executive vice-chairman.

The agreement provides that JDC will use the equipment in its relief, rehabilitation and technical assistance work in four developing countries -- Morocco, Tunisia, Iran and Israel. Use of the excess property in those countries has been approved by AID's Voluntary Foreign Aid Service (in accordance with requirements established by the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.)

Among the items of surplus equipment JDC may acquire are motor vehicles and components, woodworking and metalworking machinery, maintenance and repair shop equipment, agricultural supplies, water purification and sewage treatment equipment, and plumbing, heating and sanitation equipment.

The use of such property by registered U.S. voluntary agencies is authorized under legislation designed to encourage work by private groups in developing countries. JDC is one of the voluntary agencies registered with AID. JDC will pay for the packing and inland transportation of the goods, while AID covers the cost of ocean freight to the country of destination.

ISRAEL ANTICIPATES \$30,000,000 RICE IN EXPORT TO UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Israeli industry has prospects of increasing exports to the United States by \$30,000,000 annually, Zev Sharef, the Commerce and Industry Minister, told the Cabinet today. A special midweek Cabinet session was held because the Purim holiday led to a brief meeting last Sunday, the regular meeting date.

Mr. Sharef, who recently returned from a visit to the United States and Britain, said that the prospective increased exports were not the "philanthropic kind." He added that businessmen he had talked to who had expressed interest had been both Jews and non-Jews.

He also disclosed that one of the "misjudgments" of American importers had been that Israel had been considered hitherto as an exporter only of "soft" merchandise, such as textiles. He said that importers and prospective investors he had talked to had been impressed with Israel's ability in the fields of metals, electricity and electronics.

He also disclosed that some of the businessmen with whom he had met had already arrived in Israel for further talks and that others would follow. He warned that Israeli industry would have to meet the test of prices, quality and delivery dates to which American importers were accustomed.

EBAN RETURNS TO ISRAEL; BRINGS COOPERATION PROPOSALS FROM JAPAN

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, returned today from an extended visit to Asian countries with concrete proposals for cooperation from Japan, Australia and New Zealand for Israel's plans to devote special efforts to aid the development of certain Asian countries.

The Foreign Minister, who visited nearly a dozen Asian countries, said that most of those nations were ready for closer cooperation with Israel.

Israel and New Zealand agreed today to raise the ranks of their diplomatic representatives in the two countries from Minister to Ambassador. Announcement of the agreement was made simultaneously here and at Wellington. The Foreign Ministry here said that Israel's Ambassador to Canberra, capital of Australia, will become the non-resident Ambassador to Wellington.

AMERICAN-ISRAELI JOINT DESALINATION PROJECTS REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- A review of the projected \$200, 000, 000 joint United States-Israeli nuclear desalination program was held here yesterday at a meeting between Ellsworth Bunker and Gen. Ephraim Beu-Artzi, Israel coordinator for the experimental project. Participants also included Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman and scientific counselor Hillel Aldaag. The meeting reviewed pending questions and aspects of the plan.

Mr. Bunker, who has been serving as President Johnson's personal envoy on the joint project, has been named U.S. Ambassador to South Viet Nam and is terminating his assignment on the desalination program. Government sources said today that no decision had been taken on a replacement of Mr. Bunker in the desalination project, which will seek to determine the technical and economic feasibility of the application of nuclear energy to the desalting of brackish water.

U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL HOPES ISRAEL-SYRIAN TALKS WILL BE RESUMED

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 28. (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant said here today that the United Nations will continue to bring Israel and Syria together again to the extraordinary session of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission which has been in adjournment for nearly six weeks.

At a press conference here today, devoted almost entirely to the Viet Nam situation, Mr. Thant was asked whether any progress had been made by Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, in the ISMAC talks. Mr. Thant revealed that Gen. Bull is now "indisposed" and has gone to his home in Norway for recuperation. "As soon as Gen. Bull comes back to his post with UNTSO, he will try to bring the parties together," he said.

2, 000 MOSCOW JEWS ATTENDED PURIM SERVICES IN MAIN SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, March 28. (JTA) -- Two thousand Jews jammed the Central Synagogue in Moscow beyond the 1, 500-capacity of the sanctuary when the Book of Esther, or Megillah, was read in the synagogue last Saturday night, the eve of Purim, according to a report received here today from Moscow.

Many of the Jews in attendance at the Purim celebration in the synagogue were young, the report stated. Most of those in attendance "stayed for a long time," the report declared, indicating that the celebration of Purim had taken on the character of a silent demonstration.

AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG WILL NOT COMPETE WITH SEN. JAVITS FOR SENATE SEAT

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- The prospect of two Jewish candidates contesting for a U.S. Senate seat next year in New York was dimmed today when the State Department issued a statement asserting that Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, would not run for the Senate.

In response to published reports that leading Democrats expect Mr. Goldberg to run against Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, the State Department issued a statement by Mr. Goldberg asserting that "I am not a candidate" for the Senate from New York.

33 YOUNG BRITISH ZIONISTS INJURED IN ACCIDENT; TEN HOSPITALIZED

LONDON, March 28. (JTA) -- Ten members of Habonim, the Labor Zionist Youth movement, were hospitalized and 23 others slightly injured when the bus in which they were returning from a four-day visit to a Zionist training farm in Britain caught fire. Six passengers were unhurt.

Fifteen ambulances took the injured young Zionists to hospitals in three towns, where their condition was reported today to range from "fair" to "satisfactory." The incident occurred in Westmorland as the bus was returning the 39 Habonim members to their homes in Glasgow after the visit to the David Eder farm in Sussex.

Eyewitnesses said that the vehicle was suddenly enveloped in smoke and flames. The young passengers smashed bus windows and jumped to safety, some with their clothing and hair ablaze. The injured youth were taken initially to a nearby farm where owner Harriet Steel tore up sheets to make bandages. She reported that "some of them were pathetic sights with their clothing practically burned off their backs."

8, 000 GERMAN STUDENTS VISITED ISRAEL DURING 1966, ENVOY REPORTS

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- About 8, 000 West German students visited Israel during 1966, Dr. Rolf Pauls, West German Ambassador to Israel, said today in an interview with the student newspaper, "Durben." He added that further increases in student movements between Israel and West Germany were expected next year.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

MONTREAL, March 28. (JTA) -- Requests that the Canadian Government's plans for revising the immigration laws be strengthened and liberalized were made here before a joint committee of Canada's Parliament by a delegation representing the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

Saul Hayes, CJC executive vice-president, presented the oral submission, to be followed by a written brief, requesting that the new law include a specific nondiscrimination clause, clarify provisions for the admission of refugees, liberalize the rules regarding deportation, and objecting to a proposal requiring a literacy test as a prerequisite to admission into Canada.

The submission was voiced at a public hearing here of a special joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons, dealing with immigration. Regarding the proposal for a literacy test, the Jewish delegation objected to that proposed requirement and also suggested that the concept of "occupational skills" could lead to the exclusion of otherwise desirable immigrants.

The delegation also expressed "uneasiness" over projected identification cards for immigrants; criticized a proposal for placing sole responsibility for counseling new immigrants in a Government department on manpower; and dealt with the problem of "joiner of families" and the possibility of the extension of categories of families who could be sponsored either by citizens or by immigrants who had landed in Canada.

A brief on the issue of immigration law revision was presented by the United Council for Human Rights, of which the CJC is a member organization. This brief called, among other things, for wider sponsorship regulations to permit immigrants to bring in their stepfathers, stepmothers, stepchildren, adopted and illegitimate children. The Council also objected to the fingerprinting of immigrants and to the proposal that they carry identification cards.

The Catholic Immigration Services and the CJC took issue with a policy statement declaring that unsponsored immigrants must qualify for professional or skilled occupation status, or be required to have completed a minimum of 11 years of schooling.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH POPULATION STUDY SHOWS DECLINE IN INTERMARRIAGE

LOS ANGELES, March 28. (JTA) -- Intermarriage within Jewish households has decreased since 1959, according to a Jewish population study completed by the Jewish Federation-Council's Research Service Bureau. Current percentage of intermarriage per Jewish household is estimated at 5.4 percent as compared to 6.3 in 1959, when the United Jewish Welfare Fund-supported Bureau undertook its previous Jewish population study.

The current report submitted by bureau director Fred Massarik gives an intermarriage breakdown according to residential community. Lowest percentage of intermarriage was found in the San Fernando Valley. Fringe areas registered no intermarriage, while the Valley core percentage was estimated at 2.2

Highest percentage is in the Baldwin Hills-Westchester area -- 7.7, with Beverly Hills and West at 7.4. Percent of intermarriage in other community households were estimated as follows: Hollywood, 4.4; Beverly-Fairfax, 3.2; Wilshire-Fairfax, 5.5; Beverly-wood-Cheviot Hills, 6.7 and Santa Monica, 5.4.

Intermarriage in 1951 was estimated as averaging 4.8 percent of Jewish households in the Greater Los Angeles area.

CHICAGO COURT ISSUES ORDER CONTINUING CHARGES AGAINST ROCKWELL

CHICAGO, March 28. (JTA) -- Despite objections by American Nazi Party leader George Rockwell, the State of Illinois obtained today a court continuance of three charges against the Nazi.

Rockwell alleged "harrassment," claiming that "it costs me \$100 to come here from Arlington, Va., every time." He is charged with disorderly conduct, obstructing a police officer, and criminal trespassing as a result of a visit to the office of Sheriff Richard Ggilvie on August 29, 1966.

The Assistant State Attorney explained to the court that the continuance was necessary because of another trial. The charges against Rockwell were continued to May 8.

13,000 REPORTED RECEIVING JOB TRAINING IN ORT COURSES IN POLAND

GENEVA, March 28. (JTA) -- Almost 13,000 men, women and children received job training offered by ORT courses in Poland during the past nine years, it was reported here at a meeting of the organization's central council.

CLEVELAND JEWS OBJECT TO MOVE AIMED AT ELIMINATING SHECHITA

CLEVELAND, March 28. (JTA) -- The introduction of an amendment to the state-wide Humane Slaughter Law in the State Legislature was condemned here today as "aimed at eliminating ritual slaughter in Ohio."

A. M. Braun, chairman of the Kashruth Board of the Kashruth Board of the Cleveland Jewish Federation, said that the amendment which would require that the products of ritual slaughter be "specifically marketed as such," will "definitely bring to an end ritual slaughtering, which the Legislature of Ohio so recently declared 'humane.'"

Noting that rabbinic law banned the eating of hindquarters of all animals -- even those ritually slaughtered -- Mr. Braun said that the amendment would bar all commercial use of such hindquarters which are now sold as non-kosher. "The imposition of such restrictions upon the marketing and sale of ritually slaughtered meat will definitely bring to an end ritual slaughtering," Mr. Braun declared.

The amendment was introduced in the Ohio Legislature by State Representative Ronald M. Mottl of Parma. The Humane Slaughter Law itself, which specifically describes shechita as "humane," goes into effect July 1, 1967. Mr. Braun warned that similar amendments have been introduced in 19 states on behalf of a national organization called Friends of Animals, Inc., which has been engaged in a legislative program which, if successful, "could have the effect of doing away with kosher meat slaughtering."

WASHINGTON JEWISH EDITOR SAYS U.S. JEWRY NEEDS NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

WASHINGTON, March 28, (JTA) -- The Washington Post yesterday published a news feature about specialized newspapers in the national capital area, singling out the "Jewish Week" as distinctive and revealing the Jewish Week's "desire to become a national newspaper."

The story, by John Adam Moreau, said the Jewish Week "stands apart" from other weeklies published here because of its aspirations. Editor Joseph Hochstein was quoted as stating that the more Jews become Americanized, the more they will discover their own distinctive heritage. "A national newspaper is needed to assist this process," he said.

Mr. Hochstein told the Post that "Jewish needs can't be filled by the old, narrow, ethnic publications. The ethnic publication is declining and its staffers are literally dying off." He said "we are Jewish in that we are involved with the many unsettled and troublesome questions of Jewry."

The Jewish week was established as a family corporation by Mr. Hochstein and his father, Philip Hochstein, senior editor of the Newhouse newspaper chain. They bought the old National Jewish Ledger here, which had a circulation of only 1,100 when the Hochsteins bought it in 1965. Now the Jewish Week has a circulation of 11,000 and young Hochstein hopes the figure will be 15,000 within two years. That means, said Mr. Hochstein, that the newspaper will be in half the Jewish households in metropolitan Washington.

EXAMINATIONS IN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES CONFLICT WITH PASSOVER

TORONTO, March 28. (JTA) -- Efforts are being made here by the Central Region Joint Community Relations Committee, representing B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the Hillel Foundation at the University of Toronto to eliminate conflicts between examinations scheduled for late next month and the celebration of Passover.

Most of the colleges in this province of Ontario have indicated that they would make some arrangements to eliminate the conflicts. However, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Toronto is keeping to its scheduled timing of the examinations. Certain students, the Jewish organizations were informed, will be able to take their examinations at a later date at a fee. The Jewish organizations are continuing to work out arrangements that would not conflict with the Jewish holidays.

At McGill University, in Montreal, students who will not be able to take examinations on the set days will be "invigilated" at Hillel House for more than 48 hours, writing the examinations before sundown on the day preceding the first night of Passover and finishing after sundown following the second day of the holiday. The Jewish organizations stated that the conflicts are more serious than usual this year because of the lateness of Passover, which does not start until sundown of April 24.

INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR OPENS IN ISRAEL; 25 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- The third International Book Fair, with some 80,000 books from 25 countries on display, was opened here this evening by President Chazar. More than 1,000 publishing houses from both eastern and western countries are participating.