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Economic Parley Blueprints Two Financial Agencies to Further Israel's Growth

JERUSALEM, April 3 (JTA)--Two major financial ventures in which investors from abroad will participate with Israeli businessmen took shape at the world economic conference here last night. They are a \$45 million re-insurance company and a finance and investment firm, to be capitalized at more than \$50 million, that will go a long way toward furthering the growth of Israel's industry.

The economic conference, called by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol after last June's war, opened on Monday. It brought together 500 Jewish business leaders from all parts of the world, among them 216 Americans, and a like number of Israeli businessmen and industrialists. One of its purposes is to work out deals in manufacturing and science-based industries that will help make Israel less dependent on aid from abroad. Another is to give Israeli entrepreneurs the benefit of the experience and advice of foreign businessmen, all of whom are eminently successful in their fields. The delegates were greeted at the conference opening by a broad program of tax rebates and other incentives instituted by the Israeli Government to make investments in Israel more attractive.

The re-insurance and investment ventures were the subject of discussion in the conference's finance committee which is chaired by Sir Sigmund Warburg, of Great Britain with Israel's Finance Minister, Pinhas Sapir, as one of its participants. The re-insurance firm is to be established in Israel by 300 investors, each to contribute at least \$150,000. It will back up Israeli and other insurance companies, according to Sir Isaac Wolfson, of Britain, who proposed it. The finance and investment company would provide Israeli companies with working capital to relieve their dependence on loans which now forces them to operate on excessively high profit margins.

Conferees Report Plans for New Investments and Enterprises in Israel

The conference split into committees and sub-committees last night, each composed of businessmen in a particular field. In the committee on films, Victor M. Carter, of Los Angeles, chairman of the Republic Corp., proposed the establishment of a color film processing laboratory in Israel that would serve local and foreign needs.

Charles Clore, British shoe manufacturer, announced that one of his companies will soon establish a new shoe factory in Israel. Two subsidiaries of the Clore group will enter the knitwear and electronics industries respectively. Joseph Hoyt, senior vice president of the Miles Laboratories, which already has plants in Haifa and Rehovoth, said the company will invest an additional \$100,000 for the production of isotopes in Israel for export. He reported that Miles' Israeli subsidiary has been successful since its establishment six months ago and will double its output this year.

Israel's Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, assured the conference that Israel has no intention of resorting to "Zionist rhetoric" to persuade businessmen to invest in unprofitable enterprises. He said that Israel's state-owned industries are seeking commercial results no less than those under private ownership. Earlier, Finance Minister Sapir gave the conference delegates a list of Israeli firms that will put up shares for sale. It included an electric corporation and fertilizer and chemical plants in Haifa and the Negev.

\$2 Billion in Contributions From Abroad Has Been 'Vital Economic Bulwark'

While Israel's ultimate aim, stressed by speakers at the conference, is to greatly reduce its dependence on gifts from abroad, the impact of those gifts on the Israeli economy and the need for their continuance at the present time, was acknowledged. Edward Ginsberg, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, told the delegates that the \$2 billion contributed to Israel since the establishment of the State in 1948 provided an undeniable impetus to Israeli business.

Louis J. Fox, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, elaborated on this theme. "The one and a quarter billion dollars we provided before the war — and the many millions since — has done more than just help the unemployed, the sick and the aged," he said. "It has been a vital economic bulwark for Israel by providing indispensable foreign currency. While our dollar gifts were turned into pounds for humanitarian uses in Israel, the equivalent hard currency was used for the critical purchases Israel had to make abroad."

In an address to the conference this afternoon, Labor Minister Yigal Allon assailed as "ugly gossip" the notion that Israel does not value private enterprise. Mr. Allon also described technical training in Israel. He said that an extremely high proportion of Israeli high school graduates go on to study natural sciences or engineering.

Secretary-General Asks Israel, Jordan to Accept UN Observers on Cease-Fire Lines

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 3 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General U Thant has formally proposed to Israel and Jordan the placing of UN observers in the Jordan-Israel cease-fire sector. It was disclosed today. Mr. Thant sent written proposals to the two governments on Feb. 17, a UN

spokesman said, but neither has yet responded "substantively." Mr. Thant originally made a public proposal for the placing of cease-fire observers in the area last October. He has raised the issue in a number of conversations with the Israeli and Jordanian representatives here since that time. The United States made a strong plea for the stationing of UN observers on the cease-fire line when the Security Council began consideration of the Jordan-Israel cross-complaints on the most recent clash on the cease-fire line. The Security Council is resuming consideration of the complaints tomorrow afternoon and a resolution may then be submitted calling for the deployment of observers. The observers, however, cannot take their positions unless both countries agree to the measure.

Jordanians Open Fire on Israeli Patrol in Beisan Valley Near Tirat Zvi

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA)--A brief exchange of fire took place shortly after midnight today between Jordanian positions opposite the Beisan Valley and an Israeli patrol on the West Bank, near Tirat Zvi. The firing, which lasted for about five minutes, followed a series of explosion in the neighborhood of Maoz Chaim. An investigation found no evidence of sabotage. It is believed that Jordanian mortar shells exploded harmlessly in a field. No casualties were reported.

Eshkol To Ask Goldmann to Explain Statements on Israel Policy Made to Fulbright

JERUSALEM, April 3 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol or Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban will meet soon with Dr. Nahum Goldmann for clarification of the statement he reportedly made to Sen. J.W. Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Israel Government's Arab policy.

Sen. Fulbright said in a question and answer symposium in the Park Synagogue, Cleveland, earlier this week that Dr. Goldmann had "asked me to intercede with Israel to moderate its position." The senator added that "what happens in the Mideast is much more important to us than what happens in Vietnam. A compromise would be in the best interests of Israel."

Dr. Goldmann denied that he had sought Sen. Fulbright's intercession. The President of the World Zionist Organization said that "I had an off the record talk with Sen. Fulbright and conveyed to him my impressions of the situation in the Near East. I told him that the Israel Cabinet has not yet reached a decision on future policy because it represents a large coalition of all the parties from right to left, with very different views. I indicated my belief that it would be useful for the government to formulate a decision on its own, and even told him that in my estimate the moderate elements have a majority in the Cabinet." Dr. Goldmann added that "the purpose of this discussion was to inform him about the situation, but not to get him to bring about any American pressure on Israel."

Israel Government officials declined to comment on Sen. Fulbright's statement or on the reply issued in Dr. Goldmann's behalf by the Jewish Agency. The Israeli press was not so reticent, however, and Tel Aviv's two afternoon papers made blistering attacks on Dr. Goldmann today, questioned the veracity of his denial and called for his removal from leadership of the World Zionist Organization.

Social Welfare Minister Opens Three Health Stations in Town of Hebron

HEBRON, April 3 (JTA)--Israel's Minister of Social Welfare, Dr. Joseph Burg, visited this West Bank town yesterday to inaugurate three new social welfare stations in surrounding villages. He said his Ministry was placing IL 4 million (\$1.1 million) at the disposal of the Military Government for aid to social cases. Dr. Burg was greeted by Sheikh Ali Jaabri, Mayor of Hebron, who deplored last Sunday's fatal shooting of an Israeli border policeman in the local market place and dissociated himself from the crime.

Committee Asks Polish, U.S. Governments to Facilitate Exit of Jews From Poland

WASHINGTON, April 3 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee disclosed today that in meetings with the Polish Ambassador in Washington and State Department officials, it had urged the Polish and United States Governments to expedite the emigration of those Jews who expressed a desire to leave Poland. A three-man delegation representing the Committee had a meeting yesterday with Ambassador Jerzy Michalowski, it was stated, to ask the Polish Government to make good on the promise by Wladyslaw Gomulka, Communist party chief, that Jews not wishing to remain in Poland would be given exit permits permitting them to emigrate.

State Department officials, who met with the Committee's board of governors at its session here today, were urged to use their good offices to speed up emigration procedures at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw so that Jews desiring to proceed to the United States could be processed by the Polish emigration authorities. The delegation which called at the Polish Embassy left behind a memorandum denouncing the recent Polish press attempts to belittle the efforts of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. The memorandum denounced "the obscene attempts by Polish anti-Semites" to revise history and "denigrate the meaning of the agony of Jewish resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto 25 years ago."

Tel Aviv Mass-Meeting Bids Polish Jews to Come and Settle in Israel

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA)--Harassed Polish Jewry was invited en-masse to come and settle in Israel at a public rally held here last night to protest the Polish Government's current anti-Jewish campaign. The rally, sponsored by the Israeli executive of the World Jewish Congress and the Association of Polish Jews in Israel, was addressed by Shimon Peres, former Deputy Defense Minister, and Prof. Ariele Tartakower, WJC chairman.

Polish Jews' Cultural Association Denounces Attacks, Affirms Loyalty to Poland

LONDON, April 3 (JTA)--The Cultural Association of Polish Jews, which has been under attack by the Warsaw regime as one of the "Zionist elements" inciting student unrest, has affirmed its allegiance to the Polish Government though it has not bowed to official pressure to denounce Zionism, according to reports from Warsaw reaching here today. The statement of allegiance was contained in an article in *Folkshtimme*, Poland's only Yiddish language daily, which is the organ of the Cultural Association. It was re-printed in the Warsaw evening newspaper, *Express Wieczorny*.

The article said, "we categorically reject every effort to cast doubt on the patriotic attitude of the association and the institutions connected with it." It conceded that some Polish Jews were "undoubtedly characterized by a nationalist attitude" but said they "are not representative of the overwhelming majority of the Jewish community who are faithful citizens of People's Poland." The article said that Polish Jews had proved their loyalty "by our blood and sweat, by our work and cultural creativeness, by our education work among old and young, by our Socialist internationalism and by our opposition to any signs of nationalism." The article did not mention demands that Polish Jews denounce what the Government termed "a Zionist campaign of slander against Poland."

Agents Report Mounting Difficulties for American Jews Seeking to Visit Poland

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA)--A round-up of several leading tour operators and travel agencies here today confirmed reports current in the travel industry that the Polish Government is denying visas to certain naturalized U.S. citizens or, at least, is making them difficult to obtain. Most of the tour operators queried by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency indicated that the greatest difficulties were experienced by American Jews of Polish origin. This was supported by a story in the April 2 edition of *Travel Weekly*, the country's leading travel trade periodical, which said that "the exclusion reportedly focussed on applicants of the Jewish faith who were born in or resided in Poland and who emigrated before the end of World War II." The *Travel Weekly* story noted that while visa application forms contain no questions bearing on religion, "the trade view was that an obviously Jewish name might cause problems."

All of the travel agents contacted by JTA asked that their names not be mentioned. Several flatly refused to give any information. But one leading tour operator with a large Jewish clientele read a letter from a consular official at the Polish Embassy in Washington pertaining to an application for a six-day tourist visa on behalf of a client with a recognizable Jewish name. The letter read in part: "Since the above has emigrated from Poland in 1946, it is possible that she still holds Polish citizenship and in this case we cannot issue a visa." The letter went on to request copies of the "documents under which the applicant left Poland," and information as to "the circumstances of her immigration," and when she obtained U.S. citizenship. This operator said he was advising Jewish clients to omit Poland from their itineraries.

An official of one of New York's largest travel bureaus told JTA that he had recently noticed certain difficulties in obtaining visitors visas for Poland for both Jewish and non-Jewish clients. He said there had been no outright rejections but "normal delays and complicated forms to fill out in the cases of Americans of Polish origin. He attributed this to what he said was a Polish law requiring that former nationals of that country give up their Polish citizenship in order to be eligible for a visa. He said that the difficulties were encountered only when visitors visas were sought, mostly by people wishing to visit relatives in Poland, and in that category there are more Gentiles than Jews. He said that there was no problem obtaining a tourist visa.

A spokesman for a tour operator that does a large business with travellers to Poland said that recently "it has been a bit tougher for Jews" to get visas. He said he was encountering "bureaucratic and legal obstacles" that were not so obvious in the past and that the process was much slower than it had been.

Bill in Congress Would Provide 1,000 Visas for Jewish Immigrants from Poland

WASHINGTON, April 3 (JTA)--Rep. Benjamin L. Podell, New York Democrat, introduced a bill in the House today to admit 1,000 persons from Poland who may seek refuge in the United States to escape "religious persecution." Denouncing the Polish regime for its current anti-Semitic campaign, Rep. Podell said that "most of those who leave Poland will no doubt choose to emigrate to Israel." But he felt a special number of visas, above existing quotas, should be afforded to those who might prefer to come to the United States.

He said this would demonstrate that America is keeping its doors open to refugees from oppression. The Podell bill specified that "the spouse and children of any such alien, if accompanying or following to join, may be issued special immigrant visas notwithstanding such numerical limitation."

High Police Official in Cologne Arrested for Wartime Murder of Jews

COLOGNE, April 3 (JTA)--The head of the homicide squad of the general crime investigations bureau here was arrested today on suspicion of having ordered the shooting of 18 Jewish civilians when he was head of an Einsatzkommando group during the war.

The suspect is Theodor Lippe, now 44, the rank of United States Commissioner. He is considered one of Germany's leading hard core investigators. His arrest was ordered on the basis of an investigation by the Munich State Prosecutor.

Austrian Jewish Nazi Victims To Discuss Claims with Chancellor Klaus Here

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA)--A delegation representing Austrian Jewish victims of Nazism will meet Chancellor Josef Klaus of Austria here on April 9 to discuss negotiations for compensation. It was announced at a meeting here of the American Council for Equal Compensation of Nazis Victims from Austria.

Rep. James H. Scheuer of New York told the meeting that Austria had consistently refused to recognize its full moral and legal obligations to make restitution, though 50 percent of all Nazi war criminals were Austrians. He urged the Austrian Government to right the wrongs inflicted on Nazi victims and expressed hope that President Johnson would raise the issue with Dr. Klaus when they meet in Washington. Austria has so far paid about \$200 million in restitution under its War Victims Law, compared with more than \$9 billion West Germany has paid to Jewish victims, their families and the State of Israel.

Rumanian Jewish Federation to Start New Program to Attract Youth into Community

BUCHAREST, April 3 (JTA)--The Federation of Jewish Communities of Rumania ended its conference here yesterday after deciding to undertake a program of information and education to induce the younger generation of Jews to join the communities and participate in their affairs. The conference was attended by representatives of 50 Rumanian Jewish communities out of 75 in the country which has a total Jewish population of 100,000. It heard a report by Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, president of the Federation, who thanked the Rumanian Government and the Joint Distribution Committee for their support. Dr. Rosen said the Federation carries on a comprehensive program of social services and education and also contributes to the repair of synagogues and other Jewish institutions.

British Chief Rabbi Names Task Force to Deal With Religious, Educational Problems

LONDON, April 3 (JTA)--Dr. Immanuel Jacobovitz, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, today named a panel of six British rabbis as a special task force within the Anglo-Jewish community to serve as a consultative body in the fields of education and religious problems. Dr. Jacobovitz said the panel would deal only with religious policy but not Halachic rulings. He also announced the elevation of Rabbi Maurice Rose, secretary of the Chief Rabbi's office, to the post of executive director. He will have the added responsibility of coordinating newly established departments, Dr. Jacobovitz said.

South Americans Hold International Symposium on Yiddish in Jewish Life

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, April 3 (JTA)--One hundred delegates from five South American countries attended the opening here of the second Latin American symposium on "Yiddish in Jewish Life," organized by the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress. The delegates, representing Jewish communities, cultural and writers groups in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay, were greeted by Victor Rosen on behalf of the Uruguayan Communities Federation.

Wilkins Ridicules Black Power Offer to Nasser of Regiment to Fight Israel

WASHINGTON, April 3 (JTA)--Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, ridiculed what he said was an offer by the American Black Power faction to President Nasser of Egypt to send a regiment of Negroes to fight against Israel. The offer was said to have been made during a visit by an extremist to Cairo. Mr. Wilkins did not name the individual but it was clear that he referred to Stokely Carmichael. Mr. Wilkins said that Black Power might have promised a regiment to Nasser but could not deliver even a squad. (A regiment numbers about 3,000 while a squad is usually 10 men.)

The NAACP leader, addressing the National Press Club, stressed that Negroes might fight for their own cause in this country but would not go to the Middle East to serve in Arab armies.

Jewish Labor Committee Organizes Boycott to Aid California Farm Strikers

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA)--The Jewish Labor Committee reported today it was helping to organize a nation-wide boycott against California table grapes as part of its campaign in support of efforts by farm workers at the Giumarra Corporation in California to obtain recognition of their union. A strike against the corporation by the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, is now in its eighth month.

A spokesman said that the JLC had organized a number of Jewish organizations for a concerted effort to persuade the New York metropolitan wholesaler of table grapes, Victor Joseph Company, to stop buying grapes from Giumarra. The New York firm handles most of the Giumarra grapes sold in this area.

The JLC regional offices in Detroit, Philadelphia, Boston and Minneapolis all are active in backing the organizing effort and in urging their members and consumers generally to boycott California grapes. In Detroit, the Michigan Committee to Aid Farm Workers, whose activities are being coordinated by the local JLC office, arranged a conference of union and community groups from 12 states to rally support for the farm workers. In Philadelphia, the JLC office co-sponsored a luncheon with the Negro Trade Union Leadership Council at which Cesar Chavez, the farm workers' leader, was the speaker. More than 100 labor, civil rights and religious leaders attended the luncheon and heard a plea for the grapes boycott. In Boston, the JLC office helped to arrange a reception-luncheon for Mr. Chavez which was sponsored by and attended by Sen. Edward Kennedy. The JLC spokesman said the organization's Los Angeles office was playing a major role in helping the farm workers and seeking support for their organizing drive.