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## REPORT U.S. ABOUT TO RESUME SHIPMENTS

### OF VEGETABLE OIL, GRAIN TO EGYPT

IDA Approves \$30M In Credit For Egypt's Railway Rehabilitation Program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (JTA)--State Department sources indicated today that the United States is about to resume government-financed shipments of vegetable oil and grain to Egypt which were suspended when Cairo broke diplomatic relations with the US during the 1967 Six-Day War. According to the sources, the shipments will be resumed in light of the Egyptian government's pledge to resume payments next week on US loans outstanding since 1967.

Egypt has promised to pay back \$147 million in loans over a seven year period. This arrangement will clear the way for a new line of credit to Cairo by the Commodity Credit Corp. which will enable Egypt to purchase more commodities in this country, the sources said.

In a related development, the International Development Association has approved \$30 million in interest-free credit for Egypt to finance the first phase of a five year (1972-76) \$219 million program to rehabilitate Egypt's State-owned railway system. The program will concentrate on the modernization of the Egyptian rail transportation network to meet rising traffic demands, to improve safety and service and reduce operating costs.

The IDA will finance about 46 percent of the foreign exchange costs with the balance covered by credits already available to Egypt under bilateral arrangements and suppliers credits. The credit is repayable over a 50 year period. Though there is no interest charge, there is a service charge of three quarters of one percent a year and a ten year grace period.

Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) met today with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo and with Premier Mahmoud Fawzi and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad. Sen. Cooper, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, voted against a Senate resolution Nov. 23 calling on the Nixon administration to supply more Phantom jets to Israel. The resolution was passed 62-14. Two Democratic Senators reportedly will visit Cairo next week. They are Lloyd M. Bentsen of Texas and John V. Tunney of California.

## RABIN: DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 30 (JTA)--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin said today that there had been a distinct improvement in Israel's relations with the United States in recent weeks and predicted that the Middle East situation would figure prominently on the agenda of President Nixon's summit talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow next May.

Rabin arrived here on a private visit to observe the "shloshim" (30-day anniversary) of the death of his father. He said that just before leaving Washington he met with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco. According to Rabin, such a meeting is routine when the Israeli Ambassador returns home on a private or official visit.

Rabin said the US tends to dismiss as unimportant Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's belligerent public statements and deadlines for resuming warfare against Israel and pays more attention to what Sadat says through diplomatic channels. The Israeli

diplomat said that President Nixon considers the Middle East conflict so important that he may want to discuss the situation with Israeli leaders before he goes to Moscow. He said that at the moment it appeared both sides want to break the deadlock and resume political activity in order to continue the cease-fire. Rabin said the US was encouraged by Israel's more flexible attitude.

Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem said today that they had no knowledge to confirm reports that United Nations mediator Gunnar V. Jarring is coming to the Middle East. Reports in the foreign press said Dr. Jarring planned to visit Cairo and Jerusalem early next year. Ministry officials said the only information available in Israel was that Dr. Jarring would be in New York Jan. 15 to meet with Israeli and Egyptian representatives.

## MOROCCO'S PREMIER ASSURES JEWS OF EQUALITY, FAILS TO REPUDIATE ANTI-SEMITIC STATEMENT OF PARLIAMENT MEMBER

PARIS, Dec. 30 (JTA)--Premier Karim Lamrani of Morocco assured that country's Jewish community yesterday of their full and equal citizenship but failed to specifically repudiate an anti-Semitic statement by a member of parliament last week. Lamrani cabled the Jewish leadership that Jews are considered to be fully responsible and privileged citizens of Morocco and said that his government adheres to the policies laid down by former King Mohammed V and King Hassan II that "There shall be no discrimination among Moroccan citizens whatever their religion."

The cable was in response to a wave of protests in Morocco and abroad after Hillali Bouchahim demanded in parliament the firing of all Jewish civil servants because they were allegedly Zionists and could "corrupt" the administration of the country. Premier Lamrani made no reference to Bouchahim's demand nor did he refute his views.

## ARAB GOVERNMENTS PROTESTING TO BONN GOVERNMENT OVER TAX CONCESSIONS FAVORING GERMAN INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL

BONN, Dec. 30 (JTA)--Several Arab governments have protested officially and unofficially to the Bonn government over tax concessions that favor West German business investments in Israel. It was learned here today. German capital invested in Israel is estimated at well over \$100 million, mainly in industrial growth, hotels, tourist ventures and public transportation.

Investors in Israeli projects enjoy tax write-offs of up to 80 percent under West German financial laws which treat as "privileged" investments in "developing countries." Diplomatic sources here revealed that the governments of Jordan, Algeria, Lebanon and Tunisia have demanded similar tax privileges for investments in their countries or, alternatively, the "removal of preferential treatment" for investments in Israel. The investments in Israel are usually made through brokerage houses one of which has reportedly transferred over \$25 million to Israel during the past year.

The Westdeutsche Immobilienfonds Treuhand, a major investment firm in Cologne, is offering

the public a \$20,000 tax deduction for every \$2,200 they invest in Israel. The firm acts in coordination with the Israel Corporation Ltd. managed by Baron Edmund De Rothschild. German investment brokers prefer to handle their Israeli transactions without fanfare for fear that Arab pressure might lead the government to shut off this source of profitable investments. So far there have been no negative reactions from government authorities.

### 16-VOLUME ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA, FIRST IN 70 YEARS, COMPLETED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (JTA)--Completion of the new Encyclopedia Judaica--the first in 70 years--was celebrated with a champagne party here today. The 16-volume-plus-index work that was five years in the making, was hailed by its promoters as the largest Jewish publishing project of the century. The encyclopedia will be distributed in the Western hemisphere by the Macmillan Co. for about \$600 a set.

The official publication date is Jan. 24 when President Zalman Shazar of Israel will receive a complimentary set. Mayor Teddy Kollek will proclaim Encyclopedia Judaica Day in Jerusalem. The project was begun under the editorship of the late Prof. Cecil Roth who was succeeded after his death last year by Dr. Geoffrey Wigoder. The encyclopedia contains contributions from some 2,000 scholars, about 1,200 of them in Israel and 600 in the United States.

A complete set contains over 11 million words in more than 13,000 pages. There are 8,000 illustrations, maps, charts and diagrams. The encyclopedia was printed by Keter Ltd., a subsidiary of the Israeli Klal Holding Co. The idea for a new Encyclopedia Judaica was first conceived by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress. Keter plans a shortened version of the encyclopedia in Russian for immigrants from the Soviet Union.

### NEW YIDDISH DAILY LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (JTA)--The day after the closing of the Day-Jewish Journal, leaving only the Forward as the nation's major daily Yiddish newspaper, a new Yiddish daily was launched here yesterday under the name Yiddische Zeitung (The Yiddish Newspaper). Its publisher is Sender Deutsch, a 50-year-old native of Czechoslovakia who has published Der Yid for 19 years and Der Yiddischer Kval (The Jewish Fountain) for five years. Each has a circulation of 6-7,000.

Deutsch distributed 11,500 copies of Yiddische Zeitung yesterday in four of the five boroughs (all but Staten Island, which may be added later). He said today it was too early to determine how many had been sold. He edits and offsets all three papers at Deutsch Printing and Publishing Company, a Brooklyn firm of which he is president.

Deutsch, a New Yorker for 23 years, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he expected the Yiddische Zeitung to cost him \$250,000 the first year and hopefully less thereafter. He said the 15-cent four-pager would seek to attract both the older and the younger generations of Orthodox New Yorkers.

It will, Deutsch said, cover "all news," with emphasis on Jewish news, and will appear daily except for Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Subscription rates were not yet formulated. He described Der Yid as a "religious political biweekly" with a "strong" position on Zionism; and Der Yiddischer Kval as an "education and family" journal.

### PAPERS ON HOLOCAUST PRESENTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (JTA)--Most American his-

torians--and consequently, the scholarly works and textbooks they have been writing on the 20th century--lack genuine "historical consciousness" of the Holocaust. This conclusion emerged yesterday from a detailed analysis of "The Holocaust in American Historiography" in a paper by Dr. Gerd Korman, Professor of History at Cornell University. It was presented at a special session on the Holocaust attended by several hundred professors and students participating in the annual conference of the American Historical Association.

The session, the first of its kind for the AHA, was co-sponsored by the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and the Conference Group for Social and Administrative History. Dr. Korman indicated in his presentation that with a few exceptions, the only historians dealing seriously and intensively with the Holocaust are those whose "primary professional preoccupation is Jewish history." The majority of American historians seem to be "unaware" of those writings, he said. Among the many reasons for this phenomenon was the possibility that they consider that the "primary significance of the Holocaust lies in Jewish history and, as such, is parochial in nature," he said.

Dr. Raul Hilberg of the University of Vermont, presented newly-discovered documentation on the Mobile Murder Squads, which accompanied the German army into Russia in 1941 and were responsible for shooting Jews, Communists and other "undesirables." The report, dealing with the Squads which operated in Lithuania from July to December, 1941, reveals that the Nazis "counted their victims one by one" and compiled a detailed body-count with break-downs by category and sex. The report reveals that 98 percent of the victims were Jews.

Dr. Randolph L. Braham of the City University of New York, presented a paper, A Reinterpretation of the Holocaust in Hungary, which stated that it was a myth that the destruction of Hungary's Jews was only caused by the Nazi occupation of that country in 1944. Instead, he said, the fact is that it was the consequence of initiatives of "radical right" elements in the Hungarian government which preceded the occupation by several years and continued under the Nazis.

### JEWISH COMMUNAL, ZIONIST LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

NEW YORK, Dec. 30, (JTA)--More than 100 Jewish communal and Zionist leaders gathered last night to pay tribute to a leader of the world Zionist movement, Dr. Emanuel Neumann. They came to express respect and recall the contributions he made during his 26 years of service as a member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel. It also marked his planned retirement from office.

It was a festive occasion, and the various Zionist leaders, who have been heatedly exchanging charges and counter-charges during the current election campaign for delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, put aside their differences to express admiration for the man all agreed is the personification of Zionist theory and practice.

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, said, "As we pay tribute to Dr. Neumann we pay tribute not only to the Zionist movement in America but to the man who expresses it par excellence. This elder statesman is the conscience of the Zionist world." Melvin Dubinsky of St. Louis, prominent businessman and philanthropist who was named chairman of the United Israel Appeal at its annual meeting in New York earlier this month, said of Dr. Neumann that he is a "great intellectual and deep thinker,

who has devoted his life to the Zionist cause without ever wavering."

Isadore Hamlin, executive director of the WZO American Section, recalled Dr. Neumann's long and varied career as a Zionist and said that "we have learned from Dr. Neumann not to view every setback as an irrevocable disaster, and have learned from him how to fight for the ideas of Zionism. Hamlin presented Dr. Neumann with the first available volume of the 16-volume Encyclopedia Judaica inscribed to "the dean of American Zionists" by friends and colleagues and signed by Mrs. Charlotte Jacobs, former president of Hadassah and a senior member of the WZO Executive, meeting chairman.

#### Enriched Zionist Thinking

Numerous messages from Jewish leaders in Israel and the United States honoring Dr. Neumann were received here. Israeli President Zalman Shazar praised Dr. Neumann as "one of the central pillars of the Zionist movement in the United States, prime leader in the political struggle and devotee of Hebrew education." Israeli Premier Golda Meir lauded his "lifelong service and devotion to the cause of the movement" and his participation "in more than one way in strengthening Israel and in deepening the ties between American Jewry and the (Jewish) State."

Louis Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Executive, wrote Dr. Neumann: "With your clear thinking and analytical mind, with your wise advice and your bright personality, you have enriched all fields of Zionist thinking and creativity." Max M. Fisher, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, wrote of "my own debt to you for the understanding you have given me of Zionism and all that it has meant for our Jewish people." Fisher praised Dr. Neumann's "great personal involvement and responsibility" in Zionism's "historic achievements," and said he "treasured" their association.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli ambassador in Washington said of Dr. Neumann that "his name will forever be linked with the Zionist cause." Israel's chief United Nations representative, Yosef Tekoah, said Dr. Neumann's life "personifies Zionist dedication, perseverance and undaunted leadership" and has made an "indelible" contribution to "Jewish rebirth." Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said Dr. Neumann had "made an important and lasting contribution to (the) development of American Zionism." In New York, Israeli Consul General David Rivlin expressed warm greetings in the name of the Israeli official family.

#### Dr. Neumann: Keep Israel Safe

Dr. Neumann, evidently moved by the tributes, in turn praised his colleagues, co-workers and friends, and said he hoped to devote time to writing his memoirs. He noted that articles and speeches extending over a period of 40 years are being edited and will appear in book form. Discussing the struggles of the Jewish people to attain Statehood and the role of Zionism in this historically monumental achievement, Dr. Neumann declared:

"A legend was born some 1,900 years ago blaming Jews for the murder of a man which served as the basis for centuries of persecution of the Jewish people. Now, another legend is being assiduously nurtured that Jews uprooted Arabs." Rejecting both legends, Dr. Neumann called on those present to continue the task of making Israel safe.

#### TERRORISTS TO GET EGYPTIAN HELP

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (JTA)--Reports circulating here that Egypt may have decided on warfare by proxy rather than resume shunting on the Suez Canal were borne out by this morning's issue of the semi-official

Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram. The paper, reporting on the visit of El Fatah leader, Yasser Arafat to Egypt, said that he was working out a common plan of action with Egyptian leaders concerning the resumption of activities by the Palestinian terrorist organizations.

According to some quarters here, this was being done at the recommendation of the Soviet Union. The latter had warned Egypt not to venture into another round of open warfare against Israel and told its leaders that Soviet troops would not support such action. On the other hand, the Soviet Union was said to be interested in keeping up tension in the area and the terrorist organizations seem like a good means for this end.

(In Washington, there were reports today that Russia has offered training and medical aid to the guerrillas in a major reversal of its long-standing policy of aloofness toward the fedayeen movement. The principal stipulation is reported to be that the guerrillas make an effort to end their political feuding, cease trying to undermine existing Arab regimes and concentrate of the resumption of terrorist and sabotage attacks against Israel.)

#### MOTION DEFEATED FOR PARLIAMENTARY PROBE INTO AFFAIRS OF AUTOCAR CO.

TEL AVIV, Dec. 30 (JTA)--The Knesset voted 54-26 last night to defeat an opposition motion for a full scale parliamentary inquiry into the affairs of the bankrupt Autocar Co., the Israeli subsidiary of the British Leyland Motors Corp. that was put into receivership last month. The alleged scandal is currently being probed by the Knesset finance committee at hearings open to the press.

Gahal wanted a formal parliamentary commission of inquiry appointed, a move opposed by the Labor Alignment though not, apparently, by all of its members. Several Alignment MKs walked out of the chamber before the vote as did three of the National Religious Party, the Alignment's coalition partners. Gahal was supported by the New Communists, Uri Avneri and Shalom Cohen.

Although the Alignment apparently does not want the investigation enlarged, it is not altogether pleased by the way the Knesset finance committee conducts the inquiry. Labor Party leaders in the Knesset have charged that the committee was arrogating to itself the functions of a formal commission of inquiry. The charge was challenged by Mordecai Zar, a Labor MK, who resigned yesterday as head of the Alignment slate of the finance committee.

#### U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP DEFENDED; STEIN CRITICIZES DR. PRINZ

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (JTA)--Jacob Stein, president of the United Synagogue of America, has sharply refuted statements by Dr. Joachim Prinz criticizing the leadership of the American Jewish community as "visibly false" and "totally unfounded." Stein referring to recent statements by Dr. Prinz, chairman of the Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress, that American Jewry is "driven into complete isolation from world problems and from Jewish problems of the world," said this is "totally unfounded."

Stein cited among several examples of American Jewry's involvement his own group which has ongoing educational and informational programs for congregants. He also noted that between now and the next biennial convention of the USA in the fall of 1973 there will be four "conferences on Jewish living," which will examine in detail the major problems on the American Jewish agenda.

