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ISRAEL PRESENTS NOTE TO BIG POWERS ON JEWISH INDEMNIFICATION CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Israel envoys to Washington, London and Paris today delivered identical notes to the American, British and French Government outlining the Jewish people's claims on Germany for the murder and spoliation of six million Jews in Nazi-dominated Europe. A similar note was handed to the Soviet charge d'affaires here. The communication made the following five points:

1. Six years after the surrender of Germany Allied decrees are largely unfulfilled requests. The powers of the Allies under the occupation statutes should be retained by the four powers.
2. Israel, which has accepted the largest number of Jewish immigrants, is especially interested in the satisfaction of their claims, and supports their claims for compensation for physical injury sustained in Germany prior to and during the war.
3. The Israel Government requests that the occupying powers utilize legal machinery to ensure speedy and effective settlement of these claims. It suggests that a special law be enacted to cover all the German states where claims cannot presently be processed because of arbitrary restrictions concerning dates and residence requirements. The general law should prevent a victim's claim being invalidated because the claimant left the place of the crime after a certain date and now resides outside Germany.
4. These claims are forwarded not only in the name of Israel, but for the Jewish people as a whole. The handling of claims against Germany is rendered illusory because of lack of currency transfer facilities. It is immoral to apply currency transfer restrictions to the claims of persecutees, permitting Germany to benefit from the mass murder and rapine wrought by the Nazis.
5. Apart from the satisfaction of individual claims, Israel reserves the right to forward general claims for the wholesale destruction of European Jewry.

No official estimate has been released of the total of the individual claims for compensation. Informed sources here believe that it exceeds 100,000,000 pounds (\$280,000,000).

Ambassador Eban Presents Israel's Note on Germany to Secretary of State

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel today presented to Secretary of State Dean Acheson a note outlining the claims of the Israel Government against Germany for restitution of Jewish property and indemnification of Nazi victims now in the Jewish state.

The note points out that while certain laws for restitution and indemnification were enacted by the occupation authorities in Germany, the provisions remain largely unfulfilled. "The claimants are now seriously disturbed lest such prospects

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exist of having their claims met should be nullified by the steps being contemplated by the occupying powers to divest themselves of control of the affairs of the Federal German Republic," the note says. "It is imperative that the Federal German authorities accept financial liability under the existing legislation, jointly and severally with the laender."

"A unified general claims law is required for the whole of Germany, modeled on the law enforced in the U.S. zone, but dispensing with the arbitrary restriction in the claims of displaced persons based on qualifying dates for sojourn in Germany," the note recommends. Existing rigid exchange regulations, it is further pointed out, bar claimants outside Germany from obtaining any material advantages from their claims of property, the benefit whereof thus continues to accrue to the German economy.

#### Protests Currency Restrictions for Payment of Claims of Nazi Victims

"The general currency restrictions are meant to apply to German inhabitants or foreign investors who wish to transfer funds in the normal course, and there can be no justification for applying them to those Jews who escaped or survived the Nazi regime and now desire to utilize the proceeds of their assets and claims to make possible their rehabilitation elsewhere," the Israel Government emphasized.

"Those Jewish losses for which Germany must be held accountable, and which do not fall within the scope of the laws providing restitution and indemnification, can only be made good on a collective basis, by the satisfaction of reparations claims on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people," the note said. In respect of such claims, as well as in regard of the historic indemnity which Germany owes to the Jewish people for the wholesale destruction of European Jewry, the Government of Israel makes an express reservation, which will form the subject of a separate note."

"Atonement by the German Government and people for the injury inflicted upon the Jewish people is a necessary prelude to any political and moral rehabilitation of Germany in the eyes of the civilized world. The Government of Israel cannot reconcile itself to the enjoyment by Germany of the fruit of its rapine and murder, while the victims of an unholy German regime are denied all comfort and redress," the note declares.

#### JEWISH LEADERS FROM ALL ZONES OF GERMANY NAME CENTRAL REPRESENTATIVE BODY

HAMBURG, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- For the first time since the organization of the Central Council of the Jews of Germany last July, representatives of provincial and zonal communal bodies met here to decide the composition of the Council.

The members of the body are: American zone, Dr. Philip Auerbach, and P. Piehacs; British zone, Norbert Wollheim; Berlin and Eastern zone, Heinz Galinski and Julius Meyer; French zone, Leonard Baer. Dr. H.G. Van Dam was named secretary general and Dr. L. Livneh, Israel consul, was elected honorary chairman.

#### IRAQI JEWS DEMONSTRATE IN TEL AVIV AGAINST PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN ARAB COUNTRY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Iraqi Jews demonstrated in the streets of Tel Aviv yesterday against the current wave of persecution suffered by the Jews of Iraq.

A resolution adopted during the rally urged the Israel Government and the United Nations to take immediate action to halt the cruelties. The demonstrators also urged the major world powers to intervene in the situation and called for speedier Jewish emigration from Iraq.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES PLEDGE PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES TO MEET NEEDS OF ARMED SERVICES

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Recommendations for establishment of coordinating committees by local communities to seek maximum cooperation in the timing, publicity and clearance of campaigns on behalf of Israel's "four point program" marked the three-day annual assembly of the Western States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, held here this week. More than 200 delegates representing 26 western Jewish communities participated.

Other major resolutions adopted at the conference included: 1. Strengthening of local community organizations as the best means for the planning and financing of Jewish services; 2. Pledging the support, cooperation and participation of the Jewish communities in activities to meet the needs of the armed services and the civilian population during the present national emergency.

Pointing out that American Jewry has come to realize that the needs at home, in Europe and in Israel are indivisible, Herbert R. Abeles, CJWF national vice-president, declared that through the principle of central organization the Jewish communities are bringing together all groups for the goals in which "all of us believe and for which all of us can work." The Jewish federations, welfare funds and community councils "have survived the test of time and experience," he stressed.

Harry Lurie, CJWF executive director, emphasized the role of the Jewish community in the planning and financing of local services. He noted that these programs are divided into two groups. "The first group has in some respects a non-sectarian character for it consists of basic services such as health, welfare and recreation which are made available to the entire community," he explained. "The second category includes services for education, cultural development and religious life and it is essentially sectarian to meet the needs of our Jewish population."

Raphael Brandes of Tucson was reelected 1951 president of the Western States Region. Howard Desky, Oakland; Eli Levenson, San Diego; and Robert Sinton, San Francisco; were elected vice-presidents; and Ben Solnit, Los Angeles, was named treasurer.

FOUR JEWISH CHAPLAINS SERVE WITH U.S. ARMED FORCES IN KOREA; U.S.O. REVIVED

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Four Jewish chaplains with the American armed forces in Korea are keeping in constant touch with the troops and are continuing religious and cultural programs for Jewish personnel, it was reported here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The United Service Organization of World War II, in which the National Jewish Welfare Board represented the Jewish community in the work of providing religious, welfare and recreational services to the armed forces, was revived this week. The J.W.B. is once again a member.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENTS FOR RABBIS JOINING U.S. ARMED FORCES

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Ways and means of providing spiritual leaders to congregations as replacements for rabbis who are entering the armed forces as chaplains stands high on the agenda at meetings of all religious bodies, Lester A. Jaffe, chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, declared here today.

The procurement of replacements to serve in American congregations will be one of the subjects to be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of the College-Institute in Cincinnati, Mr. Jaffe said. The Board will also hear the report of Dr. Wilson Gluck, president of the rabbinical school of Liberal Judaism, on program and perspectives for the coming year.

ARGENTINE EDUCATION MINISTRY PLEDGES TO GUARANTEE JEWISH CHILDREN FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Argentine Ministry of Education has promised the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jews, that all efforts will be made in the future to guarantee Jewish children in the state schools full "freedom of conscience."

The pledge was made in response to a number of complaints from the DAIA that Jewish children had been forced to remain in classrooms during Catholic instruction hours, locally required in the Argentine school system. The DAIA had suggested that Jewish children be released from Catholic instruction classes and be taught ethics instead during that time.

The Ministry asserted that an investigation had disclosed that Jewish children remained in the classrooms during Catholic instruction at their own request, but that in the future all measures would be taken to prevent limitations of the "freedom of conscience recognized by the law."

PLAN TO ESTABLISH AMERICAN VILLAGE IN ISRAEL PRESENTED AT EARLY OF U.S. JEWISH FARMERS

VINELAND, N.J., Jan. 17. (JTA) -- More than 30 applicants have registered for the first American village which will be established in Israel near the settlement of Sadera, according to a plan presented at a conference of Jewish farmers here by Itzhak Korn, secretary of Temut Bamoshavim, which is engaged in the settlement of middle class families in Israel.

The plan provides for the settlement of 100 families in the American village. Each family is to receive 35 dunams of land for farming and the raising of livestock. Each colonist will have to contribute \$10,000 toward the cost of constructing the village and setting up its economy. Half of this sum he will be able to secure as a loan from the Jewish Agency.

EX-AMBASSADOR McDONALD NAMED CHAIRMAN OF ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ISRAEL BOND ISSUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- James G. McDonald, who recently resigned after having served as the first U.S. Ambassador to Israel, has accepted the chairmanship of the Advisory Council for the \$500,000,000 bond issue to be floated in the United States by the Government of Israel, it was announced today.

Mr. McDonald declared that he had accepted the post of chairman of the Advisory Council for the Israel bond issue because "the economic development of Israel is a matter of direct concern to all Americans who are interested in strengthening the cause of democracy in the Middle East and other parts of the world." The Advisory Council will consist of leading Americans who are interested in extending moral support to the Israel bond issue.

YIVO JUBILEE CONFERENCE CONCLUDES WITH ADOPTION OF \$450,000 BUDGET FOR 1951

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The 25th Jubilee Conference of the Yiddish Scientific Institute -- YIVO -- concluded today with the adoption of a budget of \$450,000 for 1951.

The convention presented two awards of \$200 each for studies on American Jewish life. One award was made to I. Gans, of Chicago, for a study on Jewish community life, and the other was made to Joseph Rappaport for his work "The Attitude of the Jewish Press in America Toward World War I."