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NEW CRISIS IN ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AVERTED; DISPUTE MAY BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATIONS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A new crisis in the Israel Cabinet was averted today when a parliamentary debate on the question of religious education for children in the immigrant camps was postponed until next Monday, thus opening the possibility of a settlement of this controversial issue through inter-party negotiations.

The debate was scheduled to follow a statement made last night in parliament by Education Minister David Remez on behalf of the Israel Cabinet. He implied that all the demands of the Religious Bloc on education in the immigrant camps have been fulfilled by the government. He added that the government has been carefully considering all its actions on this issue in order not to sharpen the conflict between the Cabinet and leaders of the Religious Bloc.

The decision to postpone the debate was preceded by direct talks between religious members of parliament and members of the Israel Labor Party. The Laborites had previously indicated that they would not yield to pressure on the part of the religious group.

ISRAEL GOVT. TO PROBE LOCKOUT IN METAL INDUSTRY; WORKERS THREATEN NATIONWIDE STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Israel Government last night announced the appointment of a three-man commission to investigate the lockout in the metal products industry which has thrown 2,500 people out of work and halted one of Israel's major industries.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut has called a nationwide sympathy strike for either Wednesday or Thursday for two hours. Minister of Trade and Industry Yaacov Gori has cancelled his trip to England to help spark the Israel campaign there because of the threatening labor situation, but Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan plans to proceed to London as scheduled.

A resolution supporting the lockout and demanding "equal treatment" by the government for various sections of the country's industry was adopted here today at the biennial conference of the Israel Manufacturers Association. At the same time, the delegates voted in favor of compulsory government mediation in all labor disputes.

The conference authorized the executive of the Association to extend the lockout to other industries, if necessary. It decided to forbid all manufacturers from entering into negotiations, either collectively or individually, with their workers as long as the dispute in the metal industry remains unresolved.

The delegates voted to establish a mutual aid fund to assist the manufacturers now affected by the lockout as well as plant owners who may be affected in the future. It re-elected Arish Shenkar president of the Association and honored him by deciding

to create several scholarships in his name at the Hebrew University and to establish a trade school bearing his name.

Speakers at the conference criticized the government, alleging that it has approved strikes for higher wages when such increases are not justified by conditions in industry. The government's economic policy was also criticized here at a meeting of the General Zionist Party of Israel addressed by Dr. Peretz Bernstein, head of the party. The gathering also heard Dr. Emanuel Neumann, American Zionist leader, who urged that Israel Government officials be replaced in the leadership of the world Zionist movement by Jewish personalities active in Zionist organizations outside of Israel. He reported on the role played by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in mobilizing American aid for Israel.

#### U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION STARTS STUDY OF RESETTLEMENT OF PALESTINE ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Anticipating that the question of compensation to Palestine Arabs who left their properties in Israel and fled to neighboring countries will soon come to the forefront, the United Nations Conciliation Commission today decided to start preparing a study on this subject, as well as on the question of Arab resettlement.

Members of the Conciliation Commission today indicated that they consider the decision of the recent meeting of the Arab League in Cairo to start a resettlement program for Palestine refugees in Arab countries "a step forward to the final solution of the Arab refugee question." They also expressed the opinion that the implementation of such a resettlement program may take another two years, therefore they believe that no immediate rapprochement between the Arab countries in Israel can be expected.

It was learned here that the resettlement program will be financed not only by the U.N. Relief Works and Rehabilitation Agency, but also by an international loan and by funds from the United States granted under President Truman's "Point Four" program. (Israel has on various occasions informed the United Nations of its readiness to contribute about \$3,000,000 as initial Israel aid for the resettlement of Palestinian Arabs outside the Jewish state.)

#### ISRAEL LODGES THREE PROTESTS WITH ARMISTICE COMMISSION OVER KILLING OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Israel has lodged three protests in the last two days with the mixed Israel-Jordan armistice commission, charging Arab Legion troops and Arab infiltrators from Jordan territory with murdering two Jews and wounding two others in the Jerusalem area.

The first victim, Shmuel Avraham, a 25-year-old recent immigrant from Iraq, was killed when Arab Legion troops fired on an abandoned house in no-man's land into which he had moved. The second victim, Joseph Friedman, 24, was seriously wounded by Arab Legionnaires who opened fire on a building he was repairing. The building is in the Deir Abata quarter, overlooking the Jordan lines. Infiltrators, whose tracks led to the Jordan lines, killed a new immigrant and wounded his wife in an attack on their home in Jerusalem's southern outskirts. The household was ransacked.

#### AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS MEET TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AFFECTING WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Leaders of all American Zionist groups met in camera today at the Biltmore Hotel here in the first of a series of conferences called to consider the future structure and functions of the World Zionist Organization. The conferences, held under the auspices of the American Zionist Council, are intended to clarify the basic problems relating to the World Zionist Organization.

GERMAN JEWS SUPPORT ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR RESTITUTION AND COMPENSATION FROM GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Israel's demands upon Germany for restitution and compensation for those Jews now in Israel who suffered bodily injury or property loss during the Nazi regime were backed here today by the recently-elected secretary-general of the Central Council of German Jews, Dr. H.G. Van Dam. Writing in a Jewish publication, Dr. Van Dam said that since Israel has taken in so many victims of Nazism, including orphans, Germany must recognize Israel's reparation demands.

At a recent meeting in Dusseldorf of the Union of Jewish Communities of the British zone representatives of various Jewish communities in northwest Germany expressed concern over the exhibition of Veit Harlan's films in Germany and other disquieting signs of the return of Nazis to power and public acceptance. The conference, which also considered property restitution problems, recommended that individual claims should not be forfeited in a general reparations settlement unless the individual claimant renounces his claim in favor of the proposed Jewish Restitution Trust Corporation.

In Kassel protests have been registered against the municipality's proposal to erect a memorial to the victims of Nazism. The protests are not aimed at the idea of a memorial, but at the fact that of seven persons named to judge entries for the memorial, six are former Nazis or one-time member of the Nazi Party's para-military organizations.

ISRAEL IS WARNED AGAINST POSSIBILITY OF GERMAN GOODS FLOODING THE COUNTRY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A warning against permitting Germany to flood the Israel market with German-manufactured goods in payment of reparations and indemnity instead of making actual payments was voiced here today by Dr. Leon Kubowitzki, chairman of the World Jewish Congress executive council.

He also estimated that \$8,000,000,000 worth of Jewish assets were misappropriated by the Nazis in Germany and elsewhere, including some \$3,000,000,000 claimed by former residents of Germany who are now in Israel. He praised the Israel Government for pressing its claims against Germany and for refusing to establish relations with the West German Government.

Dr. Kubowitzki proposed a plan for the World Jewish Congress to shift its seat of operations to a neutral country in the event of a world war and attempt to save as many Jewish lives as possible by functioning in a manner similar to the International Red Cross.

ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY INVITED TO HELP DRAFT GERMAN ARMAMENT PROTEST

ROME, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Union of Jewish Communities of Italy today accepted an invitation from Senator Umberto Terracini, president of the Italian Association of Political Victims of the Fascist Regime, to participate in the drafting of an official protest against the rearming of Germany.

A measure aimed at expediting settlement of property questions resulting from the deportation of children from Italy during the Nazi occupation of the country has been approved by the Chamber of Deputies and the Cabinet, it was learned today.

Under the old legislation, children deported by the Nazis could not be presumed to be dead until nine years after the date on which they would have come of age. The new measure provides for the presumption of death three years after the date of deportation.

ARGENTINE JEWS PROTEST ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA LINKED WITH NAME OF PRESIDENT

Buenos Aires, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jews has again protested to the government against anti-Jewish propaganda by the pro-fascist Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista. The protest was immediately backed editorially by the Yiddische Zeitung, one of the two major Jewish newspapers in the country.

The Alianza has posted cartoons on walls throughout the city asserting that it is backing President Juan Peron "in the fight against the Jewish-Marxist enemies." Both the DAIA and the Yiddische Zeitung pointed out that President Peron has frequently repudiated all forms of racialism and that this attempt to make anti-Semitism respectable through use of his name is an offense to the President as well as to the Jewish community of Argentina.

LEADER OF BRITISH JEWRY DENIES THAT JEWISH RELIGION IS OPPOSED TO PICTORIAL ART

GLASGOW, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. A. Cohen, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, denied today that Judaism is opposed to pictorial art. Opening the Festival of Jewish Arts here, he recalled that excavations in the Holy Land had unearthed the remains of ancient synagogues decorated with beautiful mosaics.

Dr. Cohen declared that long segregation in ghettos had discouraged the development of a Jewish creative spirit, but that emancipation had produced hosts of Jews eminent in music, painting and sculpture. "With the recreation of a Jewish national home," he said, "it may be anticipated that the creative spirit of our people will receive a powerful stimulus and in time make rich contributions to the world's artistic treasury."

INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES IN ISRAEL OUTLINED BY DIPLOMAT AT BANQUET IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Investment possibilities in Israel have been greatly enhanced in the past two years, Avraham Harman, attache at the Israel Embassy in Washington, said here addressing the second annual meeting of the Canadian Palestine Trading Corporation.

Mr. Harman cited the success of recent efforts to discover industrially useful raw materials in the country. Materials such as kaolin, phosphates, feldspar and others were now being put to use, and a geological survey now in progress is very promising. Blankets, textiles, pharmaceuticals, lumber, aluminum, tires, milk powder and many other products were sold by Canada to Israel through the Canadian Palestine Trading Corporation.

GOESTA HEDENGREN NAMED FIRST SWEDISH MINISTER TO ISRAEL; WILL ASSUME POST APRIL 1

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Goesta Hedengren today was appointed Sweden's first Minister to Israel. He will take up his post April 1. Mr. Hedengren previously held diplomatic positions in Holland, France, Spain, Portugal and Austria.

AMERICAN RABBI INDUCTED AS SPIRITUAL LEADER OF REFORM CONGREGATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Rabbi David Henry Arrow who arrived in South Africa from the United States in response to a call from the Johannesburg United Jewish Reform Congregation, was inducted by the Congregation's Chief Minister, Rabbi Dr. M.C. Weller, at a special service at the Temple Shalom in Johannesburg.