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ISRAEL SEEKS \$1,500,000,000 REPARATIONS FROM GERMANY; DELIVERS NOTE TO FOUR POWERS

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Government seeks reparations from Germany of \$1,500,000,000 as a "minimum claim" in behalf of the Jewish sufferers of the Nazi regime, it was announced here today.

In identical notes delivered yesterday in London, Paris and Washington and to the Soviet Minister in Tel Aviv, the Israel Government asked that this claim be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming conference of Foreign Ministers which is now being discussed in Paris. The note demanded that full powers should not be handed over to any German Government without arrangements for reparations.

"The Government of Israel trusts that your government will accept the justice of its claim," the note stated. "It urgently requests that the occupying powers should not hand over full powers to any German Government without express reservations being made for payment of reparations to Israel. It would welcome an early expression of your government's views concerning the practical steps which might most effectively be taken towards implementing the proposals outlined in this note."

The document stresses that "no German reparations can be regarded as equitable on moral or legal grounds which would not meet this minimum claim in behalf of the major sufferers of the Nazi regime. Nor can there be any approach to Germany's rehabilitation in the community of nations until this basic measure of reparations has been effected."

Note Recalls German Atrocities; Estimates Jewish Damages at \$6,000,000,000

The note recalls the extermination of European Jewry and the German atrocities and stresses that Israel accepted and resettled the survivors. Therefore, it stated, Israel was the only country entitled to claim reparations and it expects Germany to pay at least indemnification to the survivors since Germany is still in possession of looted goods.

Israel, the note continued, is unable to specify the full amount of damage estimated at \$6,000,000,000, but claims expenditures of \$1,500,000,000 for resettlement of 500,000 immigrants. This amount is not too much for Germany, the note states, since it is equal only to the value of West Germany's exports last year. These exports will certainly be higher this year. The note concludes by asking the big powers to make reservations for these reparations before transferring full powers to any German Government.

The lengthy document recounts in detail the process whereby 6,000,000 Jews were exterminated in Germany and Nazi-occupied countries and declares that the case of the Jewish people against Germany is without precedent. There is no record in

history of such gigantic slaughter and rapine as that perpetrated by the German people against the Jews of Europe, the note points out.

"Over 6,000,000 were done to death by torture, starvation, mass execution and asphyxiation," the note says. "Many were buried alive. Neither young nor old were spared. Children were torn from the arms of their mothers and flung into the furnaces. Old men and women were hunted and sent to the death camps. In Poland and in the occupied zone of Russia, over 4,000,000 Jews perished. Murder was accompanied by vast scale robbery.

"According to conservative estimates," the note continues, "Jewish property confiscated and plundered by the Germans is authoritatively estimated to aggregate over \$6,000,000,000. This includes the collective fine of 1,000,000,000 marks imposed on the Jews following the government-organized pogrom of November, 1938, as well as other fines, seizures and discriminatory taxes imposed by the Nazi authorities on German Jews, for which the German Federal Government appears to have assumed liability when it recently acknowledged itself the successor power to the Third Reich."

#### ISRAEL TO INTRODUCE SAVING BONDS BASED ON DOLLAR VALUE; AIMS TO CHECK INFLATION

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- In a move to control the inflation in Israel the government will shortly issue savings certificates whose repayment will be guaranteed on the basis of the present dollar value of the Israeli pound, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan announced in Parliament last night. The announcement was made when the Minister presented his four-month budget to Parliament.

The dollar-based certificates, Mr. Kaplan revealed, will mature in eight years. Adults will be restricted to ownership of 250 pounds worth, while children will be allowed to own only 100 pounds worth. It is thus hoped to siphon off the excess currency now in circulation which is endangering the stability of the Israeli pound.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL CONFERS IN ISRAEL ON ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RAW MATERIALS

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- Lewis Jones, director of the Middle East Division of the U.S. Department of State, who arrived here last night on a three-day visit to Israel, was received today by Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. U.S. Ambassador Monett Davis was present at the meeting.

Mr. Jones' visit here is reported to be in connection with American allocation of raw materials. Israel is short of raw materials for many of her industries and requirements and is seeking supplies in the United States.

#### GEN. RILEY RETURNING TO U.S.; KIDNEY OPERATION AT HADASSAH HOSPITAL SUCCESSFUL

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- United Nations Truce Chief Gen. William E. Riley will leave Israel for the United States tomorrow for treatment of severe burns on his feet sustained during a stay at the Hadassah Hospital here, a U.N. official announced today.

Hadassah Hospital personnel, who stressed that Gen. Riley is recuperating from a successful kidney operation, said that the U.N. head had suffered second degree burns when an overheated hot water bottle was placed at his feet immediately after anesthesia was applied. An investigation was pressed, but the negligent nurse responsible for the accident was never discovered.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRIA PREVENT RESTITUTION OF JEWISH PROPERTY; CLAIM IT FOR USSR

VIENNA, March 13. (JTA) -- Soviet insistence on the principle that German-held property in Austria, even though it had been illegally acquired from its rightful Jewish owners, is to be considered reparations for the U.S.S.R. under the Potsdam Agreement, has prevented restitution of property to the heirs of its original owner, although the present holders of the property are prepared to surrender it, it was learned today.

One of the heirs affected by the Soviet stand is Mrs. Helene Berger, of Los Angeles. The other is Mrs. Anni Becker, of Geneva. The property, originally owned by Henriette Leiser, who died in a concentration camp, was seized by the Nazis and came into the possession of the Wiener Neustadt Maschinen Werke. The firm informed the heirs that it was prepared to surrender the property to them. The estate consists of realty located near Wiener Neustadt.

Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl submitted the formal application for restitution but action was blocked in the four-power Allied Council when the Russians raised objections. The Western powers argued that acquisition of property by force or duress on racial or political grounds did not render it legitimate German assets and the Control agreement did not prevent restitution of this property. The Soviets, however, insisted that this property was reparations and that the sole decision rested with the Soviet High Commissioner.

BUDAPEST AND VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITIES ESTABLISH CONTACT; CONCLUDE PACT ON MATZOTH

VIENNA, March 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Budapest has agreed to supply the Jewish community of Vienna with matzoth for Passover, it was learned here today.

An official of the Budapest community will supervise the baking of the matzoth in a special bakery and will also make all arrangements for transportation, according to an agreement between the two communities. This is the first official contact between the communities since the end of the war.

Representatives of the Agudas Israel here are negotiating with Austrian publishers to print 1,000,000 Hebrew books for export to Israel. The cost of the books is expected to be about 30,000,000 shillings, which the Agudah representatives want to pay for partly in hard currency and partly in Israeli goods. Other negotiations are under way, it is reported, for the export of large quantities of kosher meat from Austria to Israel.

STATE-SPONSORED JEWISH THEATRE IN RUMANIA PREPARING TO PRESENT ANTI-ZIONIST PLAYS

VIENNA, March 13. (JTA) -- The state-sponsored Jewish theatre of Bucharest, ITRF, is preparing a series of anti-Zionist plays for presentation later this season, it was reported here today from Rumania. First of the series is I. Taranu's "Under the Shadow of the Palm," described as depicting the "fight of honest Jews in Rumania against the Zionists."

The theatre, which receives an annual subsidy of 25,000,000 lei from the state, employs 105 actors and other personnel. At present the theatre is presenting two Soviet plays, a play about Jewish life in a concentration camp and a fourth production about Rumanian life since the establishment of the present regime.

BAVARIAN RESTITUTION AUTHORITIES HALT ALLOWANCES TO YESHIVA STUDENTS; TWENTY AFFECTED

MUNICH, March 13. (JTA) -- Twenty students at a yeshiva near here were today reported to be destitute after the Bavarian restitution authorities halted their weekly allowances.

YOUNG JEWISH PHYSICIST, CONSIDERED HAIR-APPARENT TO EINSTEIN, TO BE HONORED TODAY

PRINCETON, N.J., March 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Julian Schwinger, 33-year-old Jewish scientist whom the scientific world considers hair-apparent to Prof. Albert Einstein, will be honored here tomorrow. He will share with Prof. Kurt Goedel, a refugee scientist who came to this country from Vienna in 1939, in the first Einstein Award for achievements in national science. The award, which carries with it \$15,000, was established by Lewis L. Strauss, Jewish leader who served as a rear admiral in the Navy during World War II and later as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, in memory of his parents.

The award to the two scientists was voted by a commission of scientists headed by Prof. Einstein. The winners will each be given a medal bearing the likeness of Dr. Einstein. Dr. Schwinger, who was born in New York and studied at Columbia, is now Professor of Physics at Harvard, one of the youngest to achieve the rank of professor in the Harvard's 300-year history. Dr. Goedel, a mathematical logician, is a colleague of Prof. Einstein at the Institute of Advanced Study here.

During the last war, Prof. Schwinger worked at the radiation laboratories of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he discovered new methods for the treatment of electromagnetic waves, which became the basis for further theoretical and practical work said by the awards committee to have "had great civil and military significance."

His most recent work has given science a new understanding of the interaction of light and matter and the properties of electrons and light. While he was still in his early twenties, the physicist who was made a full professor in 1947, "contributed many important suggestions about the structure of atomic nuclei" and other matters.

Czechoslovakia-born Dr. Goedel's work in mathematical logic is regarded, according to the awards committee, "as one of the greatest contributions to the sciences in recent times."

BOSTON UNIVERSITY PRESENTED WITH RARE SET OF JEWISH RITUAL SILVER

BOSTON, March 13. (JTA) -- One of the rarest collections of Jewish silver in the world was presented here to Boston University by Daniel and William Weisberg, local Jewish philanthropists. The collection includes 70 filigree handwork, in elaborate and intricate design, preserving the rich symbolism of religious significance.

The gift was made by the Weisberg brothers in memory of their father, Samuel. A provision of the gift will make it possible for the synagogues in Greater Boston to borrow pieces of the silver for use in special holiday observances and ceremonies.

UNIVERSITY OF CORDOBA WILL ESTABLISH CHAIR IN HEBREW; FIRST AT ANY ARGENTINE UNIVERSITY

BUENOS AIRES, March 13. (JTA) -- A chair in Hebrew, the first at any Argentine University, will be established at the University of Cordoba before the end of the year, it was announced today. Prof. Mordechai Rachal, it was stated, will give the first Hebrew lectures.

JEWISH POET IN CUBA HONORED BY GOVERNMENT FOR POEM ON 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLAG

HAVANA, Cuba, March 13. (JTA) -- Eliezer Aronovsky, a Jewish poet, was honored today by the Cuban Government for his poem--in Yiddish--on the 100th anniversary of the Cuban flag. He was presented with a medal and his poem will be included, in Spanish translation, in a book of one hundred selected poems devoted to the Cuban flag.

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