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GERMANY PROMISES RESTITUTION TO JEWS, SEEKS PEACE WITH ISRAEL

BONN, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The West German Republic today offered to negotiate a settlement of Jewish claims for restitution with representatives of the Jewish people and the State of Israel and expressed the desire to achieve peace with the Jewish State. The offer came in a statement before the West German Parliament today by Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, and was overwhelmingly approved by the chamber.

In his statement, previously agreed on by the Cabinet, Dr. Adenauer expressed the "abhorrence" of the German people for the crimes committed under the Nazi regime but declared that the overwhelmingly majority of the German people had not participated in them.

The Chancellor called on the German people to recognize the full equality of the Jews of Germany and to give life to the Convention on Human Rights which Germany had signed. He announced his government would introduce legislation providing heavy punishment for anti-Semitic agitation and promised vigorous enforcement. He declared that further restitution legislation would be introduced and pledged the government to implement it speedily.

Germans Must Reject Racial Discrimination

Dr. Adenauer told Parliament that world opinion had recently given much thought to the attitude of the German Federal Republic towards the Jews and that occasionally doubts had been voiced whether the new German State, on this important question, was motivated by principles taking into account the terrible crimes of the past and by the desire to place the relationship between the Jews and the German people on a new and healthy basis.

The attitude of the Federal Republic to its Jewish citizens, he said, was firmly laid down in Article III of the Constitution which states that all men are equal before the law and no one is to receive unfair or preferential treatment because of race, language, descent, home, origin, faith, religion or political beliefs. Furthermore, he said, Article I of the Constitution states that human dignity is unassailable and it is the duty of the State to respect and protect it.

The German people, Dr. Adenauer declared, therefore acknowledges the inviolable, inalienable human rights as the basis of every human community of peace and justice in the world. These legal standards are immediately applicable and make it the duty of every German citizen, particularly every German civil servant, to reject racial discrimination in any shape or description.

It was in this spirit, the Chancellor continued, that the Federal Government had signed the Convention on Human Rights drafted by the Council of Europe and works

for realization of the legal ideas contained in this document. These standards, however, he said, can only become effective if the spirit which evolved them becomes the common property of the whole people. This, therefore, is the first and foremost problem of education.

The Federal Government considers it most urgent that the churches and educational institutions do all in their power to ensure that the spirit of human religion and tolerance does not merely receive lip service, but becomes a recognized attitude of mind and is translated into practice by the German people, as a whole, particularly the youth. This, he said, constitutes the essential task of all those concerned with education, but it must be supplemented by the example of others.

Pledges Fight Against Anti-Semitism

In line with this task and to preserve the internal peace of the republic, Dr. Adenauer announced, the government has decided to fight those circles still engaged in anti-Semitic propaganda by relentless criminal proceedings. The Federal Parliament will be asked, he added, to agree to proposals strengthening the criminal code to provide heavy punishment for racial propaganda. He promised that the government would unhesitatingly apply these measures.

The Chancellor said that the Federal Government and the vast majority of the German people were fully conscious of the immeasurable sufferings inflicted upon the Jews in Germany and in the regions occupied by the German Army during National Socialism. In its overwhelming majority, he asserted, the German people abhorred the crimes committed against the Jews and did not participate in them. During the National Socialist regime there were many in Germany who were in danger of their own lives because of religious reasons or because they were impelled by their conscience to aid their German fellow citizens.

In the name of the German people, he said, unspeakable crimes were committed which impose the duty of moral and material restitution both as regards individual losses suffered by the Jews and the losses of Jewish property owners who are no longer alive. The first steps have been taken in this direction, the Chancellor declared, but much remains to be done. The Government will see to it that restitution legislation comes into force as soon as possible and that it is carried out. Some of the identifiable Jewish property has been returned and further restitution will follow.

Referring to the extent of the restitution to be made, Chancellor Adenauer noted that in view of the enormous destruction of Jewish property by the Nazis, this was a very important problem. He said there must be borne in mind the bitter necessity of caring for innumerable war victims, refugees and exiles.

He expressed a willingness to find a solution to the problem of material restitution together with representatives of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel which had taken in so many homeless Jewish refugees, in order to facilitate the way to spiritual alleviation of untold suffering.

He said the government was deeply conscious of the necessity of revitalizing and fertilizing the spirit of true humanity and that the Federal Government regarded it as the proudest duty of the German people to serve this spirit with all its might.

Paul Loebe, Social Democratic spokesman, told the chamber that "Germany has moral obligation to try, with all its power, to achieve reconciliation with the State of Israel and the Jews of the world. It is up to us Germans to take the first step. The Social Democrats therefore will heartily support this action of the Federal Government. We would have welcomed it being taken earlier and with greater determination." He asserted that all right-thinking people were ashamed of the infamous deed committed under a misuse of Germany's name to the horror of the "overwhelming majority" of the German people.

Adenauer Statement First Step Which Must Be Followed By Concrete Proposals

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Chancellor Adenauer's statement "indicates for the first time that responsible German leaders are aware that the German people as a whole cannot escape responsibility for the unspeakable crimes against Jewry committed by the Nazis," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, which has been dealing with German restitution problems through the Joint Restitution Successor Organization, said tonight.

He said that any move by the German authorities to combat growing anti-Semitism on German soil "must be considered as meeting the very minimum requirement of a society which wants to adhere to the accepted code of humanity and the principles of the United Nations.

"There can be no expiation for the dead," he declared. "But for those who managed to suffer the Nazi terror and still survive, retribution in some measure can and must be made. Moreover, law and morality demand that the criminal be forced to yield the profits of his crime. It is on this basis that the Government of Israel and the Jewish people, with the support of all decent elements in the world, have made certain claims upon Germany.

"In this connection, Chancellor Adenauer announces the readiness of the Bonn Government to discuss, with representatives of Israel and of the Jewish people, the whole question of restitution and indemnification. It must be obvious that the amounts involved must be in some proportion to the magnitude of the destruction of Jewish assets for which the German people are responsible. Only when the concrete proposals of the West German Government are made known, both as to the extent of its planned restitution and indemnification, and the procedure which it is prepared to follow, can Jewish public opinion judge the significance of the Chancellor's statement.

"Certainly no arrangement could be considered acceptable," he stated, "unless it satisfies not only the claims of individual Jews and of the Jewish people as such, but above all the specific and detailed claims presented by the Government of Israel which have already won the moral support of the western powers and of Jewish organizations throughout the world. Chancellor Adenauer has opened the way to the only restitution, considering the nature of the crime, which it is still in human power to make. As such, the statement must be noted with satisfaction. It is an initial move which must be followed by concrete proposals yet to be made by the Bonn authorities."

Dr. Adenauer's statement was described by the American Jewish Committee tonight as "a significant first step towards Germany's assumption of its moral and legal responsibilities of the unprecedented crimes committed by the German Third Reich against the Jews of Europe and, indeed, its violations of the fundamental tenets of human decency and democratic order." It welcomed the German Chancellor's intention "to achieve a fair and early settlement of the question of restitution of property to Jewish victims, or to their successors."

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JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Peretz Bernstein, General Zionist leader, announced tonight that negotiations between the General Zionists and the Mapai Party for formation of a new coalition government had broken down completely.

ISRAEL TO RECEIVE \$68,000,000 IN U.S. ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Approximately \$68,000,000 in economic aid for Israel is included in the \$160,000,000 for the Near East allocated in the final agreement announced this afternoon by the Senate-House conference on the Mutual Security Bill. An estimated \$41,000,000 for military aid to the Near East, in which amount Israel will share, is separately included in the bill. The measure now goes to the White House for President Truman's signature.

The conference of Senators and Representatives decided to take the Senate's decision on aid to the Near East, which represented a cut from the House figure of \$175,000,000 in the amount of \$15,000,000. Passage of this legislation establishes authorization for Congress to appropriate this amount, but the actual appropriations must be made in additional legislation.

ISRAEL HANDS DRAFT OF NON-AGGRESSION PACT TO UN COMMISSION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The draft of a proposed non-aggression treaty between Israel and the Arab States has been handed to the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine by Maurice Fischer, head of the Israeli delegation to the Paris triangular peace talks, it was learned here today.

While the text of the draft has not been revealed here, it is known to be based on the United Nations Charter and would supplement, rather than supercede, the existing armistice agreements. Israel proposes that the pact be ratified under the auspices of the conciliation commission.

The document stresses the necessity of promoting freedom from fear of aggression. It would bind the signatories to agree not to undertake acts or threats involving force, to recognize each other's right to security and freedom from fear of attack, to agree that no warlike actions would be launched from the territory of one against the other, and to agree not to enter into an alliance harmful to the other party.

JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF PORTFOLIOS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Israel has announced the distribution of portfolios among the members of its executive in Jerusalem.

Berl Locker, who shares the chairmanship of the executive with Dr. Nahum Goldmann of New York, will also be head of the Public Relations Department. Levi Eshkol was named treasurer and head of the Agricultural and Settlement Department; His deputy treasurer, Moshe Kol, will also head the Youth Immigration Department.

George Josephthal and Y. Braginsky were named joint heads of the Absorption Department, while Hayim Greenberg of New York will be in charge of education outside Israel and Rabbi Zeev Gold will be responsible for religious education in countries outside Israel. Eliahu Dobkin will head the Youth and Pioneering Department as well as the Administrative Section; Zvi Herman will be in charge of the Organization Department; Yitzhak Raphael will be in charge of the Immigration Department; and Dr. Emanuel Neumann of New York will head the Economic Department.

Mr. Locker and Dr. Goldmann were also named joint presidents of the Keren Hayesod, the Agency's fiscal arm, and Dobkin, Herman and Dr. A. Hantke were named to the Keren Hayesod's executive committee. That organization's 12-member board of directors will be named at a later date.

FEDERATION, UJA NOT IN COMPETITION, PROSKAUER DECLARES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Ten thousand volunteer workers began soliciting today 100,000 contributions to the \$20,000,000 campaign of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies which was formally launched last night with an address by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer before 1,000 persons at the Yeshiva University.

Judge Proskauer, who pleaded for co-operation in Jewish life, pointed to the opening of the Federation campaign in the Yeshiva University as an example of the kind of unity that could be brought about in the Jewish community. He urged that there be no spirit of competition between the Federation campaign and the United Jewish Appeal, declaring that "we are not going out into the commercial market to try to outbid or outsell each other. We are Jews and we are American Jews and we are enlisted for both these great causes." Stressing his support and interest in the overseas activities of the UJA, he commented that "we are in a position to help because we have been able to build a rich and prosperous life here in America" and asked "where would the UJA be if we Jews of America did not take care of our own in this land which has made us bone of its bone and flesh of its flesh?"

Judge Proskauer, a former president of the Federation, stressed the importance of child care, recreational and cultural services provided by the community by agencies affiliated with the Federation, declaring that they were important in helping children to grow into decent, responsible American citizens. "These cultural and recreational institutions of the Federation are as vital in their way as the hospitals and similar institutions, which are of course utterly essential to the life of America and the life of our city."

VICE PRESIDENT BARKLEY WARNS AGAINST CASTES BASED ON BIRTH

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Vice President Alben Barkley warned last night that "those who seek to create a caste, a sort of classism on account of birth, are just as subversive to the interests of democracy as those who would destroy our government through force and violence." The Vice President spoke at a dinner of the furniture industry and allied trades in behalf of the Joint Defense Appeal.

He condemned "any group of alleged superiors who arrogate to themselves all the rights that are supposed to be incumbent upon a democracy" and said that the JDA agencies were seeking to lay the foundations for a greater and better America.

JEWS GROUPS ASK PROBE OF POLICE IN CICERO RACE RIOTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish community relations organizations have called on Attorney-General J. Howard McGrath to convene a special grand jury to investigate "the egregious miscarriage of justice which has occurred in connection with the housing riots in Cicero, Ill.," it was announced today. In a message sent following an executive committee meeting of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the Cicero police were charged with "cynical disregard of their duties" and with "collusion in mob violence" in the riots which occurred when a Negro war veteran sought to move into a Cicero apartment.

Organizations joining in dispatch of the request to the Attorney-General were the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the NCRAC.

BANKER MAKES HALF-MILLION DOLLAR GIFT TO NEW MEDICAL CENTER

BALTIMORE, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- A \$500,000 gift toward the building of the Sinai unit of the new Baltimore Jewish Center has been made by Eleazer Winakur, 68-year-old private banker and Baltimore resident for 56 years, it was announced today by J. Benjamin Katzner, chairman of the Jewish Medical Center campaign, and Elkan R. Myers, president of the Associated Jewish Charities.

The contribution will be used for the Eleazer Winakur wing of the Sinai Hospital which will contain 28 semi-private and 14 private rooms, all of which, according to the terms of the gift, will be available only for persons unable to pay fully for their use. Ten of the 14 private rooms will be reserved for patients unable to pay any part of the charge for their use. The remaining private and semi-private accommodations will be available only for such persons whose financial status would make them eligible as ward patients.

A total of \$9,500,000 has been raised toward the estimated \$12,000,000 cost of the new center, Mr. Katzner declared. It is expected that the medical center will be completed by July, 1956.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was released from hospital today after a week of medical examination for an internal infection. However, on advice of his physicians, he will rest for several days before resuming his activities in the United States.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Yesterday's weekly meeting of the Israel Cabinet discussed several "urgent matters," according to an official communique. It was reported that the chief subject under discussion concerned the country's food supply situation.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Brig. Yigal Yadin, chief of staff of the Israel Army of Defense, sent a message to commanding officers today commending the endurance, devotion and persistence shown by the troops in the third and final phase of the 1951 Autumn army maneuvers which concluded yesterday. He specially commended the reserve units for their excellent behavior and praised the high command which had arranged the most extensive war games yet held by the Israel defense forces.

LOS ANGELES, (JTA) -- University of Judaism, West Coast branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, reports the largest enrollment ever attained by its teachers' institute since its establishment five years ago. The institute offers a four-year course for Jewish teachers.

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- A program of 15 lectures on the culture and civilization of Israel, offered by the Israel Office of Information in co-operation with the New York Board of Education, was opened here today in the presence of Israel Government officials and ranking members of the Board of Education. Two hundred registrants for the course will receive special credit from the Board of Education.

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- "Socialistic policies" of Premier David Ben Gurion and the Mapai Party are responsible for the severe food crisis and lagging agricultural and industrial progress in Israel, Dr. Joseph Schechtman, chairman of the Zionist-Revisionist World Party, charged last night in an address before a Revisionist conference here.

CORRECTION

Owing to an inadvertent typographical error in a headline in the JTA Daily News Bulletin of September 27, the Union of Italian Jewish Communities was incorrectly referred to as "Communists."