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JEWISH AGENCY CALLS TWO-DAY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS GERMANY'S OFFER

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Representatives of major Jewish organizations throughout the world will meet in New York October 25-26 to review Western Germany's recent offer to discuss with "representatives of Israel and the Jewish people" all Jewish claims arising out of Hitler's persecution of Jewry, it was announced today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, which will sponsor the meeting.

Present at the two-day sessions will be delegations from at least seven countries, including the United States, Canada, South Africa, France, Australia, Great Britain and Argentina as well as representatives of the Israel Government, which in recent months has laid before the Occupying Powers a claim for \$1,500,000,000 against Germany, based on the cost to Israel of giving haven to more than 500,000 surviving victims of the Nazi terror.

In announcing the conference, Dr. Goldmann, who will preside, declared: "Chancellor Adenauer's statement before the West German Parliament last week, and the Parliamentary approval of it which was promptly forthcoming, opens the door to serious consideration by the German people of the material as well as the moral debt they owe to Israel and to Jews of the world. In the light of this statement it is vital that representatives of the Israel Government, and of all major Jewish bodies concerned, have opportunity to meet together to review the whole restitution problem and to achieve a concrete and united program.

"Discussions at the meeting will cover various kinds of claims which have been presented to Germany by various Jewish bodies, and especially the claims of the Israel Government as they have been set forth in two notes delivered in recent months to the Occupying Powers. Included in the discussions will be the restitution owed to the Jewish people as a whole for Jewish property which has been left heirless. We must reach agreement at this conference on methods for arriving at a settlement with Germany in some measure commensurate with the staggering material losses inflicted upon the Jewish people by the Nazis."

The World Jewish Congress in a statement issued here on the West German pledge to make restitution to the Jews, said: "The moral status of the German people in the international community will be determined not by political pronouncements but by Germany's efforts to redress through appropriate material and moral measures the wrongs inflicted upon the Jewish people in Germany's name." The statement stressed the "paramount importance" of the re-education of the German people and the urgency of German governmental action to stem anti-Semitism and a Nazi

resurgence in Germany, as well as upon "the justice and need for substantial material reparations," especially to Israel.

Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, sent a cable to Chancellor Adenauer stating: "American Jewish Committee welcomes your forthright statement and Parliamentary action as a significant first step toward Germany's assumption of moral and legal responsibility regarding what you rightfully call unspeakable crimes against Jews. We look forward to genuine implementation of this promising beginning and to speedy settlement of material reparations problem. As you properly say it is now necessary for your government to take effective action against elements promoting intolerance and toward democratic education German nation especially youth. We hope with you that principles you express will become policy of the German Government and deep conviction of entire German nation."

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, declared: "It will be hard for Jews to forget the sufferings caused by the Nazi regime and the connection therewith of the German people. The wounds are too deep and are still unhealed. There is moral satisfaction, however, in the fact that the conscience of Germany has at last found a voice to speak for it."

ADENAUER'S PLEDGE TO JEWS DRAWS VARIED COMMENTS IN GERMAN PRESS

FRANKFURT, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's declaration in Parliament pledging restitution to Jewish victims of Nazism and offering peace to Israel was widely featured in the German press and drew varied comments.

The right-wing Dusseldorf daily, Der Mittag, commented that "the Jews have not been too popular a subject of conversation in recent years. Everyone remained silent and ashamed when 'flocks of sheep and children destroyed tombstones and ravaged cemeteries.'"

The Cologne Social Democratic daily, Rheinische Zeitung, said that the Adenauer statement had not come too soon and it would have been in the German interest in restoration of mutual confidence with other countries if the statement had been made when the government first took office. The paper charged the Adenauer government with protecting former Nazis in Foreign Ministry posts.

The newspaper Neue Presse, which is close to the Christian Democratic Union, raised the question of the right of the State of Israel to speak in the name of all the Jews. "It is true that Israel perhaps would like to claim this position," the paper asserted, "but the state is the result of the Zionist movement which certainly gained considerable ground among Jews but never embraced them all. A great part of the German Jews refused and will always refuse to be represented by a foreign state in a dispute with their homeland."

BRITAIN MAY USE HAIFA REFINERIES; ABANDONS IRAN INSTALLATIONS

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Finance Ministry, arrived here today for economic talks with the British Government and with various private firms. He is expected to discuss with British officials the possibility of utilizing the Haifa oil refineries to their full capacity to produce refined oil for export.

London newspapers today reported that in view of the British withdrawal from the Abadan refineries in Iran, the staff of the Consolidated Refineries at Haifa has received urgent orders to prepare for increased production. The London Daily Telegraph said that a new cracking plant is being shipped to Haifa and that two British experts have arrived there to train additional workers.

ARABS SUBMIT "SURPRISE PROPOSAL" TO U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION

PARIS, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, which is trying to bring Israel and the Arab states together in the hope of inducing them to reach a permanent peace settlement, today found itself faced with three separate plans for peace in the Middle East.

After more than three weeks discussion at the Hotel Grillon here, during which the Commission presented its own comprehensive five-point plan, the Israeli and Arab delegations have brought forward their own preliminary proposals as well. There is no sign of reconciliation among the three plans.

At the moment, the argument seems to settle on the preamble to the U.N. plan. This section urges the Israel Government and the governments of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon to "settle all their differences at present and in the future solely by resort to pacific procedures." It asks these governments to pledge themselves "to refrain from any use of force or acts of hostility."

This morning the Arab nations presented in writing a counter-proposal to the preamble, shortly before their meeting with the Commission was scheduled to resume. Israel had earlier proposed the conclusion of a non-aggression pact among the nations concerned. The Arab proposal--the nature of which has been kept secret--took the Commission by surprise to the extent that the American chairman of the Commission, Ely Palmer, postponed today's talk with the Arab representatives until tomorrow. The Commission wanted more time to study the new "points of view" presented by the Arabs.

Sharett Warns Against Renewed Arab Hostilities

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The central issue at the Paris talks sponsored by the United Nations Conciliation Commission is whether the Arabs want peace or not, Moshe Sharett, Israeli Foreign Minister, declared here last night on a radio broadcast sponsored by U.N. correspondents.

Replying to questions, the Minister reiterated Israel's willingness to compensate Palestine Arab refugees for lands abandoned in Israel, but pointed out that a final solution of the Arab refugee problem must be found through the U.N. He stressed that Israel recognized that it has a special concern with the problem and would cooperate in a U.N. solution. He also warned of the danger of renewed hostilities in the Middle East.

ISRAEL CABINET MAY BE COMPOSED OF MAPAI AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The possibility that the Mapai Party will join with the various religious parties in a narrow coalition government, banking on the Progressives not to oppose such a government on a vote of confidence in Parliament, was reported here today. However, the Mapai general council and the members of the party's Parliamentary group are meeting here tonight to take final action on the General Zionist demands for joining a Mapai-led government.

A Mizrahi spokesman today declared that his party had protested bitterly to Premier David Ben Gurion last week when it was reported that the Mapai and the General Zionists had agreed on a uniform national education system which the religious parties feel would discriminate against them. This attitude is one of the factors which may affect a Mapai-Orthodox coalition.

GEN. RILEY CITES SYRIA AS AGGRESSOR IN HULEH FIGHTING

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. William E. Riley, United Nations truce supervisor in Palestine, today supported the Israeli contention that Syrian Army units were involved in the Huleh fighting last May.

In a report to United Nations headquarters here, Gen. Riley said that allegations that personnel of the Syrian Army participated in the operations at Tel el Metullah "must in my opinion be considered as having been proven." The proof, the report said, was the publication of two orders of the Syrian Ministry of Defense in the Syrian Official Gazette awarding decorations to Syrian troops for valor in the Tel el Metullah engagements. Publication of the orders, Gen. Riley said, "furnish, in my view, proof of the Syrian aggression which suppresses the necessity of a discussion in the next Mixed Armistice Commission."

The publication of the orders was brought to Gen. Riley's attention in a formal complaint lodged by the Government of Israel.

UNITED NATIONS BODY ADOPTS DEFINITION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A definition of national minorities who should get United Nations protection was adopted here by the U.N. Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The definition, approved by 10 votes against two--Soviet Union and Poland--stipulates:

"A. The term minority includes only those non-dominant groups in a population which possess and wish to preserve stable ethnic, religious, or linguistic traditions or characteristics markedly different from those of the rest of the population; B. Such minorities should properly include a number of persons sufficient by themselves to preserve such characteristics; C. Such minorities must be loyal to the state of which they are nationals."

At a meeting of the Commission on Human Rights, Dr. Gerhard Jacoby, representative of the World Jewish Congress, pointed out that the definition of minorities for purposes of protection by the world organization restricted such protection to minorities with considerable numbers of people. Very small groups must also be given aid and legal protection, Dr. Jacoby told the Commission. He pointed to the fact that recent large-scale immigration has reduced the Jewish population of Iraq from 120,000 two years ago to 15,000-20,000 today; the Jewish population of Syria from 40,000 twenty years ago to 6,000 today; and the Jewish minority of Libya from 30,000 four years ago to 8,000 today.

The W.J.C. representative also challenged the portion of the definition which required "loyalty" to the state as a criterion for the right to protection. "It would flout every sense of justice," Dr. Jacoby said, if the United Nations should recognize that the members of a minority who are driven to despair by acts of persecution and therefore appeal, for instance, to the United Nations or request help from foreign organizations, have thereby lost the right to protection. Under a blanket clause of "loyalty" such acts could be considered by the government concerned as warranting forfeiture of the right to enjoy the status of a member of a recognized minority, Dr. Jacoby said.

WARBURG ASKS U.S. JEWRY TO RESPOND "GENEROUSLY" TO UJA DRIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- An appeal to American Jewry to bear with the people of Israel "the task of completing the absorption and integration of Israel's newcomers, and providing haven and opportunity for the tens of thousands who still must come to its shores," was issued here by Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Calling attention to the launching by the United Jewish Appeal of an emergency three-month campaign to raise \$35,000,000 in cash to give Israel urgently needed food stocks and to ship large quantities of housing materials and medical and health supplies, Mr. Warburg expressed the hope that "American Jews, as in the past, will understand the need and respond swiftly and generously." He urged that the High Holy Days serve as a period of rededication "to the task of extending fullest help to Israel's people in overcoming their present difficulties."

Mr. Warburg lauded especially Israel's role in welcoming "nearly 700,000 homeless and endangered refugees from the DP camps, Eastern Europe, and Arab and Moslem lands" in the last three-and-a-half years, urging that "this splendid record" be continued in the new year through support of the United Jewish Appeal.

U.S. JEWISH GROUPS TESTIFY AGAINST SENATE FILIBUSTERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Representatives of major Jewish organizations today testified against Senate filibusters at the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. They emphasized that filibusters play into the hands of totalitarians and blocks civil rights legislation.

Speaking on behalf of the American Jewish Committee and the Synagogue Council of America, Irving M. Engel of New York said that the two groups favored the curbing of filibuster and the installation instead of a reasonable cloture rule. Will Maslow, testifying on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, expressed the same view.

SANTA MONICA PAPER ASSAILS LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Communal defense agencies on the West Coast swept into action this week to secure publication of a retraction by the Santa Monica Evening Outlook of an anti-Semitic attack published by that paper against the Santa Monica Jewish community.

The paper, in an editorial attack on the Santa Monica Town Hall, conducted by the Jewish Community Center at the Bay Cities, charged that the forum had become a platform for the "Left-Wing" and that "there is no one on the program discussing public affairs who is not decidedly hostile to the American system of free enterprise." It added that "the Jewish people who started Town Hall include a majority of solid businessmen who should believe in our system."

The speakers to whom the paper took exception are United States Senator Hubert Humphrey who "speaks for the Left Wing of the Democratic Party and for nothing else;" Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church, "a fellow-travelling pinko who has been identified with numerous Communist fronts and is a better socialist than a churchman;" Dr. Max Lerner, "a leading exponent of Socialism," and Dr. Robert Hutchins, "a leading pacifist."

CHANGES AFFECTING JNF DISCUSSED BY AMERICAN DIRECTORS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The J.N.F. has emerged from the Zionist Congress, recently held in Jerusalem, stronger and a more important factor in the upbuilding of the State of Israel than it has ever been before. Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, declared at a meeting of the board of directors of the JNF held at the Commodore Hotel and called specially to receive a report on the proceedings of the recent Zionist Congress as they affect the Jewish National Fund.

Dr. Levine explained that the only change introduced by the resolutions adopted by the World Zionist Congress with respect to the Zionist funds is the following: whereas heretofore the JNF share in the United Palestine Appeal proceeds was turned over directly to the Jewish National Fund of America for transmission to the JNF in Jerusalem, henceforth all the proceeds of the UPA will go through the Keren Hayesod to the Jewish Agency, with the understanding that the JNF receive an adequate allocation from the campaign funds, to be fixed by the Zionist Actions Committee.

Dr. Levine stressed the fact that the traditional collections of the Jewish National Fund which have been carried on over a period of half a century, such as fund-raising for the purchase of dunams of land in Israel, Golden Book inscriptions; blue-and-white boxes, as well as collections in connection with Jewish holidays and family celebrations such as birthdays, marriages and births and the like, will not only continue unabated but will be greatly expanded.

Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, said that the JNF will soon present to American Jewry a number of important plans for the support of the JNF projects in Israel, including the project of the draining of the Huleh swamp region, which has recently figured in the news as a subject of international controversy between Israel and Syria.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FURTHERS MUSIC STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A grant to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for recording secular and sacred music in Israel has been made by the ESCO Foundation, according to an announcement today by Mrs. Rose G. Jacobs, chairman of the Foundation. The grant will insure the continuation of this work by Dr. Johanna Spector, musicologist, who for the past nine months has been in Israel recording traditional and folk melodies of the many ethnic groups in the country. Dr. Spector recently received the first Doctor's Degree in Jewish Music ever awarded to a woman by the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati. The ESCO Foundation was established in 1941 by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cohen of New York to assist various projects in Israel.

ROGOFF ELECTED EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF JEWISH DAILY FORWARD

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The election of Harry Rogoff as editor-in-chief of the Jewish Daily Forward, largest Yiddish daily newspaper in the world, was announced here by the Forward Association. Mr. Rogoff, who has been acting editor for the last five years, succeeds the late Abraham Cahan. He joined the editorial staff of the Forward in 1906 and became managing editor soon after. He is the author of a number of books, including a "History of the United States" in Yiddish.

KLUGER NAMED CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN FOR ISRAEL BOND DRIVE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- David Kluger, prominent New York businessman, has been named campaign chairman for the State of Israel Bond Drive for New York City. Mr. Kluger recently established an organization and fund for revolving credit to aid Israel businessmen. This plan will facilitate the location and purchase, through the Manufacturers Association of Israel, of steel, anti-biotics, citric acids and other essential material for the expansion of Israel's industry.