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JEWISH DELEGATION PRESENTS CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY TO STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A delegation of American Jewish leaders today visited Under Secretary of State James E. Webb and informed him that the Jewish communities of the free world were united in demanding that Germany make practical amends for the staggering material losses inflicted upon Jewry by the Hitler regime.

Presenting a declaration to this effect signed by 20 major Jewish organizations of seven countries, including seven American central bodies, which sponsored a two-day Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany in New York last month, the delegation told Mr. Webb that "no indemnity, however large, can make good the destruction of human life" wrought by the Nazis.

At the same time it was stated on behalf of the delegation that "every elementary principle of justice and human decency requires that the German people shall, at the least, restore the plundered Jewish property, indemnify the victims of persecution, their heirs and successors, and pay for the rehabilitation of the survivors.

"In this connection," it was added, "the statement made by the Chancellor of the Federal German Government last September 27, acknowledging that the unspeakable crimes committed during the Nazi regime impose on the German people the obligation to make amends, will be judged by the speed and extent of its implementation."

The delegation, comprising American members of the executive committee of the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany, consisted of the following: Col. Bernard Bernstein of B'nai B'rith; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency; Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the executive of the Western Hemisphere, World Jewish Congress; Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee; Dr. Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress; Seymour Rubin, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee; Michael G. Tress, president of the American section of the Agudath Israel World Organization. Benjamin Ferencz, director general of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, accompanied the delegation.

Seek U.S. Government Support on Jewish Restitution Claims

Presenting to Mr. Webb the declaration of the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany, the delegation declared: "On the night of Nov. 9, 1938, almost 13 years ago to the day, the Hitler regime launched the first of the great pogroms against the Jews. Within 24 hours, the Germans killed hundreds of innocent people, arrested tens of thousands more, put nearly 250 synagogues to the torch and smashed and looted thousands of Jewish-owned stores, homes and factories.

"The German government which instigated and directed the pogrom brought it to a close by ordering the victims to pay for the damage done and then imposing upon

them a punitive fine totaling more than one billion marks. The world now knows that this was only a foretaste of what was in store for the millions of Jews who fell under the Nazi blight. There is no way that the Germans can expiate for the agony they inflicted upon the men, women and children, tortured or put to death by every inhuman device. But the Germans can and must yield the profits of their crimes and pay for the cost of rehabilitating those who managed to survive.

"The Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany, representing the overwhelming majority of organized Jewry in the free world, endorses the claim which the Israel Government has already entered against Germany based on the rehabilitation in Israel of victims of Nazi persecution. We demand from Germany also the satisfaction of all other Jewish claims against her, including claims for restitution and indemnification by individuals, successor organizations and others, and for rehabilitation of the Jewish victims of Nazi inhumanity.

"We respectfully invite the attention of the State Department to the fact that these claims are a logical continuation of the restitution and indemnification programs which the United States Government has wholeheartedly supported in the past. Based as they are upon the highest moral considerations, they must assuredly win the support of all democratic governments and peoples everywhere."

LAST OF YEMENITE JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL, JEWISH AGENCY REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Operation "Magic Carpet" was completed today when 51 Jews arrived here from Yemen together with the staff of the Jewish Agency office in that country, Yitzhak Raphael, head of the Agency's immigration department, told a press conference here. Mr. Raphael reported that Jewish Agency officials toured the entire Arab country twice and found only a few Jews, who wished to remain in Yemen.

He also revealed that the Agency expects the evacuation of Libyan Jewry to be completed toward the end of the year. Only three or four more ships are expected to arrive with immigrants from Libya. In addition, he stated, 3,000 to 4,000 Jews are expected from Czechoslovakia, while prospects appear good for continuation and expansion of migration from Rumania. Little hope is held for the migration of Hungarian Jews, he added. Over 164,000 immigrants have arrived so far this year and another 16,000 are expected before the end of 1951.

JAPANESE TECHNICAL MISSION TO LEAVE TOKYO FOR ISRAEL

TOKYO, Japan, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A Japanese technical mission will leave for Israel in the near future in connection with a transaction involving the sale of vessels, rolling stock, and electrical equipment to Israel.

A shipment of copper and copper alloy for electrical expansion in Israel will be made from Yokohama by the end of this month. An Israel economic delegation which just left Japan was informed of the agreement of the Japanese Export Bank to grant credit to Israel.

BEN GURION ATTENDS SOVIET RECEPTION IN HONOR OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion and other members of the Israel Cabinet attended a reception at the Soviet Legation here last night in honor of the October Revolution in Russia. The majority of the Israeli guests were leading personalities in leftist circles.

RABBINICAL ORGANIZATIONS CLARIFY THEIR STAND ON THE MACIVER REPORT

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Opposition to the suggestion by Prof. Robert MacIver that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations be regarded as the sponsor and general director of programs concerning interfaith activities in the field of combatting anti-Jewish prejudice, was expressed in statements issued here today by Conservative and Orthodox rabbinical groups. Prof. MacIver's suggestion is part of his report evaluating the work of Jewish groups engaged in combatting anti-Semitism in the United States.

The United Synagogue of America declared its "absolute and complete disapproval" of the suggestion. "It also emphasized in its statement that it entertains "some doubt" regarding the advisability of the main thesis of the MacIver Report, namely that "various aspects of community relations be framed out as a special concern of specific presently existing organizations."

"The United Synagogue of America is, however, of the opinion that if the main proposals of the MacIver Report are to be implemented and interfaith relations are to be assigned to religious bodies, then an incontrovertibly logical and cogent case can be made out in behalf of assigning this area to the Synagogue Council of America," the statement said.

The Rabbinical Assembly of America, which represents the Conservative rabbinate, made public a statement declaring that it considers "clearly valid" the contention of the MacIver Report that inter-religious work should be carried on by religious bodies, not by secular agencies. "However," the statement adds, "we submit that the problem cannot be solved by entrusting interfaith activity to only one segment of the Jewish religious community which cannot represent the total religious community in American Jewry."

"Furthermore, much of the most important interfaith work is being done in communities throughout the country by the local synagogues and their rabbis. These represent all the three interpretations of the Jewish religion. We therefore maintain that the interfaith work now carried on by the defense agencies should be entrusted only to that body which represents all of the Jewish religious groups and which is now effectively engaged in the interfaith field. Obviously this body is the Synagogue Council of America," the statement emphasized.

Orthodox Rabbis Agree with Views of Conservatives

The Rabbinical Council of America, which comprises about 450 American-trained Orthodox rabbis, called upon the evaluating committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council to give particular attention to that part of the MacIver report which recommends the designation of a religious body as the sole agency for the directing of all interfaith activities. However, the Orthodox group took issue with the MacIver report which designated a single section of the American religious community as the custodian of interfaith activities. "In all fairness," it said in its statement, "interfaith activities must be vested in the Synagogue Council which is representative of the three groups in American Jewish religious life. It must not be surrendered to one particular segment of the religious community."

Quoting from a resolution which was passed by the executive committee of the Rabbinical Council, the statement declared: "The Synagogue Council of America

which represents all sections of the American Jewish religious body is best suited to present Jewish life and practices to the non-Jewish world. As a co-operating agency of the Synagogue Council, it will then be possible for us to aid in the presentation of our traditions in the proper light. We are happy to see that an attempt is being made to bring order into the American Jewish community. We feel that the time has come to remove the conflict of interest and the duplication of effort which has frequently characterized the national Jewish scene. It is, however, most important that the proper agency in each instance be designated to guide and direct these common efforts."

J. D. C. SOLVING SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN NORTH AFRICA, LEAVITT REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Problems of Jewish needs in North Africa, once considered insoluble, are now assuming manageable proportions, Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, told a press conference here today following his return from an inspection tour in that area.

Mr. Leavitt, who also visited Israel, said that the J. D. C. has made marked advances in meeting another "insoluble" problem--that of the "hard core" immigrants in Israel: "Faced with a great many economic, political and other difficulties the leaders of the Israeli Government could do but little for the thousands of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers who poured into the Jewish State from DP Europe, Rumania, Yemen, Iraq and other areas," Mr. Leavitt stated. "The need to care for this 'hard core' group led to the establishment of Malben, today wholly staffed and financed by J. D. C., with funds provided by the United Jewish Appeal."

Since its inception in October 1949, more than 11,000 newcomers have been aided in a network of 73 Malben old-age homes, sanitarium, custodial care centers, hospitals, "sheltered workshops," clinics and other installations in Israel, Mr. Leavitt reported. These included many thousands from all areas who were formerly barred from immigration into most countries of the world because of the special care which they required. The J. D. C. leader predicted that during 1952 between 10,000 and 12,000 men, women and children would receive Malben's aid.

With regard to North Africa, Mr. Leavitt cited a number of important developments which he called "not a solution, but the beginning of a solution" to the needs of Jews in that part of the world. Among these were:

1. The J. D. C. feeding program in Morocco, which provided some 4,000,000 hot nourishing meals during the first ten months of 1951 to 16,000 Jewish boys and girls in a network of 80 canteens.
2. A medical program in the same country which gave some 2,800,000 medical treatments in 15 J. D. C.-financed OSE health centers.
3. The recent establishment in Gabes, in Southern Tunisia, of the first tuberculosis control program in the history of the Tunisian Jewish community.
4. The establishment in Tripoli of a combined hospital-school and feeding center known as the Pietro Verri School, for nearly 1,000 children suffering from tuberculosis, trachoma and tinea.
5. The reduction of the mortality rate among Jewish babies under the age of three in Libya by 92 percent during the past year, through a combined feeding, medical and hygienic program. This program included the establishment of a J. D. C. "baby center" in the heart of Tripoli's ghetto district.
6. The enrollment of more than 28,000 boys and girls in 74 J. D. C.-financed Alliance Israelite schools in North Africa, as well as 1,000 youngsters in J. D. C.-aided ORT vocational training centers.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE CRITICIZED BY LOUIS LIPSKY

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A statement criticizing the American Jewish Committee for its resolutions on issues concerning the relations between American Jewry and Israel was issued here today by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council.

Taking issue with the Committee's objections to the Government of Israel giving "political" status to any non-Israel organization or non-governmental body, Mr. Lipsky declared that "the Zionist Congress did not ask for, nor is the government expected to grant, the Jewish Agency or any other 'non-governmental' body any special or exclusive status with respect to the activities of Jews and Jewish communities in the United States or elsewhere."

The question on the agenda was what kind of legal recognition--not "political" or "diplomatic" status--should be given to the World Zionist Organization, which continues its half-century old program of developing the Jewish homeland within an agreed, limited program, he explained.

Referring to the Committee's complaint that the "ingathering of the exiles" must not refer to American Jewry, Mr. Lipsky declared that it is but natural that Israel "should issue a call for the return home of those who feel themselves in exile for whatever reason it may be. From a practical view Israel has more than it can bear to facilitate the return of those who must leave the lands where they have been living and now find themselves displaced; and there is no need for mass immigration from any free, democratic land. But the principle of the right of the individual to return must be maintained."

As for the Committee's declaration that American Jews should be protected against "foreign invasion," Mr. Lipsky maintained that the American Zionist organizations are responsible for Zionist education in the United States, "but they feel free to accept the co-operation of like-minded Zionists from other lands. It is fantastic to imagine that any group of American Jews will heed for a moment the plea of the American Jewish Committee for exclusive American jurisdiction over education and propaganda in the United States in the narrow sense indicated by the Committee."

THREE-DAY PARLEY OF J. D. A. TO REVIEW BIGOTRY PROBLEMS

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Problems facing the American Jewish community in the work of combating anti-Semitism will be discussed at a three-day conference of the Joint Defense Appeal this week-end. More than 300 Jewish leaders from all parts of the country are expected to attend the parley. The J. D. A. is the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

ANTI-SEMITISM INJECTED INTO CASE OF OUSTED WEST POINT CADETS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Members of Congress have been informed of the injection of anti-Semitism into the issue involving the action taken against 90 West Point cadets who were accused of cheating.

Robert Daru, counsel to the committee on justice of the New York Criminal and Civil Courts Bar Assn., reported that "a well-known person" said the case had "the markings of a minor Dreyfus affair."

"As a result," Mr. Daru said, "an unfounded rumor has spread that there was a large number of young men of the Jewish faith among the 90. This is untrue. There was one lad, possibly two, of the Jewish faith among the group."

AMPAL TURNOVER WILL BE \$45,000,000 THIS YEAR, PRESIDENT REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The American Palestine Trading Corporation, Ampal, will have a turnover of approximately \$45,000,000 in the current year, it was reported here today by Abraham Dickenstein, president of the corporation, on the occasion of Ampal's 10th anniversary.

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Dickenstein said the Ampal operations this year include about \$20,000,000 in financing and investing; \$18,500,000 in purchases for Israel, about \$6,000,000 in shipping and \$500,000 from the sale of Israeli merchandise, mainly diamonds, in the United States.

"Ampal now completes the first 10 years of its existence, which has been marked by a dynamic growth and the building of far-flung interests in numerous aspects of Israel's economy," Mr. Dickenstein said. "The capital funds raised by Ampal have been used to grant loans to many institutions active in or on behalf of Israel. A subsidiary of Ampal, the Israel Purchasing Service, Inc., has supplied increasing amounts of machinery, raw materials, and other goods to industrial and other enterprises in Israel."

SO. AFRICAN ZIONISTS PURCHASE LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD FOR ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Large quantities of frozen fillet, yeast, jam, canned vegetables, butter, canned fish and dehydrated potatoes have been purchased by the South African Zionist Federation's supply committee for shipment to Israel, it was reported here.

Negotiations are also under way for the purchase of a large supply of blankets for Israel. Through an arrangement with the South African Government, funds of the Israeli United Appeal are being used for the export of goods from this country to Israel.

U. S. EDUCATIONAL MISSION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL, WELCOMED BY OFFICIALS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Three members of an American educational mission arrived here today and were received by representatives of the Israel Ministry of Education and the United States Embassy. A fourth member is to join the group here, coming from Jordan. The mission members here are James Boxan, of Washington, A. B. Bones and George Zuckerman.

U. S. Ambassador Monnet B. Davis and other American representatives today participated in the planting of trees in Yaar Hakdoshim, a forest established in the vicinity of Jerusalem to commemorate Nazi victims.

JEWISH AGENCY SENDS CULTURAL ENVOY, 20 HEBREW TEACHERS TO BRAZIL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA) -- Nahum Levin, Jewish Agency special cultural envoy to Brazil, flew to the South American country yesterday. He will be followed by a party of over 20 Hebrew teachers who will help set up and operate a Hebrew education program in Brazil.