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## TWO-DAY CONFERENCE OF JEWS IN GERMANY DISCUSSES CLAIMS, NEO-NAZISM

DUSSELDORF, Germany, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A conference of representatives of Jews now living in Germany today adopted a resolution recognizing the priority of collective Jewish claims against Germany, particularly the claims of the State of Israel, over that of individual claims for reparations or restitution of Nazi wrongs against the Jews.

The concluding session of a two-day conference here of the Central Council of Jews in Germany discussed moral and material reparations from Germany in the light of the statement by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer--endorsed by the West German Parliament--recognizing German responsibility for Nazi crimes and offering to negotiate on the question of restitution and reparations. In reaching its decision the parley also took into consideration the opinions expressed at the New York conference of major Jewish organizations from nine countries on claims against Germany.

Also discussed at the conference here were the recent intensification of neo-Nazi activities in Western Germany and activities which the Council could undertake in co-operation with Jewish organizations abroad. The conference registered its strong indignation at a statement by neo-Nazi deputy Franz Richter who called Germans who wanted peace with Israel "traitors." It also hailed the German workers in the area of Peine who went on strike on November 10 in protest against the desecration of a memorial to victims of the Nazis on the 13th anniversary of "crystal night," the night of November 9-10, 1938, when the Nazis launched the first of their great pogroms against German Jewry.

## BILL SEEKING NEW FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTROLS INTRODUCED IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A bill providing for the establishment of new foreign currency controls was introduced in the Israeli Parliament today by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. The bill calls for registration of gold holdings of private persons and authority for the government to sell this gold with the approval of the Parliament's Finance Committee.

In introducing the measure, the Finance Minister painted a gloomy picture of the Israel financial and economic situation. In the 42 months that the State of Israel has existed, he said, imports reached the total of nearly 300,000,000 pounds (\$840,000,000). During the same period, he noted, exports amounted to 40,000,000 pounds (\$12,000,000).

About 260,000,000 pounds (\$728,000,000) in foreign currency was mobilized abroad from the Jewish national funds, two international loans and foreign investments, the Finance Minister reported. He lashed out at individuals and settlements and "important public institutions" who, he said, put their own interests above the state by trading in foreign currency. Debate on the bill will be continued next week.

ISRAEL SEAMEN'S STRIKE SITUATION TENSE; UNION DECRIES "VOLUNTEERS"

TEL AVIV, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The seamen's strike situation in Israel today took a turn for the worse with both the union and Histadrut forces intensifying their opposition policies.

A tense situation developed in Haifa this morning when the S.S. Galila arrived this morning and its seamen, under orders from their union, refused to leave the vessels. It is expected that they will not permit "volunteers" to take over their jobs and sail the vessel, possibly even using force to keep them off.

Following the sailing yesterday of the Kedma for Marseilles with a crew of 50 "volunteers" replacing 50 striking seamen, the seamen's union warned that their union members might strike on the high seas if the use of "volunteers" to sail struck ships continued. The secretary of the Haifa Labor Council, Histadrut affiliate, countered by declaring that "volunteers" would be flown to any port in the world to operate ships stranded by the strike. The union today asked the Jewish Agency and the Shoham Shipping Company to guarantee in writing that immigrant vessels manned by its members would sail to no other destination than Tripoli where Libyan Jews are awaiting emergency evacuation.

SITDOWN STRIKE OF INDIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL ENDS; INQUIRY PROMISED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The two-day sitdown strike of over 100 Indian Jews in front of the Jewish Agency offices here ended today when the strikers agreed to return to their homes at Beersheba pending a special investigation of their complaints.

(The New York Times reported from Tel Aviv today that the strikers demanded to be returned to India, charging that conditions in Israel were much worse than they had been led to expect. They also charged that there was discrimination against them in Beersheba because of their color and that they had been assigned to manual labor rather than being permitted to practice their traditional occupations.)

Dr. Emanuel Olsvanger, who headed a commission investigating earlier complaints by the Indian Jews, today said that there is "tremendous exaggeration" in the complaints and that the main causes of the sitdown strike were apparently "psychological," emanating from the difficult situation in the country. I. Klinov, a Jewish Agency spokesman, reported that the complaints would be handled by the Agency on an individual basis.

ISRAEL TO CALL MARRIED WOMEN WITHOUT CHILDREN TO RESERVE FORCES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Married women without children will be called to serve in Israel Reserve Forces, it was announced here today. The first task of the new reservists will be to conduct social and educational work in the immigrant camps.

HAIFA TECHNION OPENS NEW ACADEMIC YEAR; PREMIER ATTENDS CEREMONY

HAIFA, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The opening ceremony of the Technion's academic year took place here today in the presence of Premier David Ben Gurion and members of the Israel Cabinet. More than 250 new students have been accepted this year into the Technion. They include many new immigrants. The Technion has several thousand students.

U.S. GRANT-IN-AID WILL HELP PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH FOOD, OFFICIAL SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Part of the \$65,000,000 recently voted by the U.S. Congress as American grant-in-aid to Israel may be used for the purchase of food and other consumption commodities, Bruce McDaniel, newly appointed Director of Technical Co-operation for Israel, declared yesterday at a press conference here.

Mr. McDaniel said he expects to reach Israel by December 10 and will remain there for two years. He emphasized that the terms of American economic aid to Israel do not require the Jewish state to use the grant-in-aid funds exclusively for purchasing needed material in the United States, but that purchases can be made wherever they are most advantageous. He also stressed the program of training Israeli workers by bringing them to the United States.

ISRAEL MUM ON FAILURE OF U. N. GROUP TO SECURE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE

PARIS, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Official Israeli quarters here had no comment today on the statement by the U. N. Palestine Conciliation Commission yesterday announcing the failure of its attempts to establish peace between Israel and the Arab states. However, the Israeli delegation today released the text of the letter it submitted to the Commission in which comments were made on the Commission's five-point proposals. The proposals were not accepted by either the Arabs or Israel.

In its letter, the Israel delegation, emphasized the fact that the Arab statement at the Arab-Israel "peace" talks initiated here by the U. N. Conciliation Commission could not be considered by Israel as a "goodwill declaration." The talks had been taking place since September 10. In announcing yesterday its failure to bring the talks to a successful end, the Commission placed the blame on the refusal of both Israelis and Arabs to show willingness "substantially to recede from their rigid positions and to seek a solution through mediation along the lines spelled out in the commission's patterns of proposals."

The Commission will now make a full report to the U. N. General Assembly, its announcement said, on the developments of the conference "and the conclusions drawn by the Commission from these developments."

U.S. CONFIDENT ON FORMATION OF MIDDLE EAST COMMAND; MOSCOW WARNS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Confidence that America will progress rapidly on the formation of a Middle East command was expressed yesterday by Under Secretary of State James E. Webb.

(A report from Moscow today said that the Soviet Government last night warned Israel and the Arab countries against joining the Middle East command, which it described as "hostile to the U.S.S.R." The warning was contained in a note handed to the diplomatic representatives of Israel and the Arab countries in Moscow by Andrei Gromyko, Acting Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union.)

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Webb said that intensive efforts will be made to create the Middle East command. He pointed out that it will not be a proposition of agreement on every detail with every nation involved. He emphasized that success would depend on finding an area of co-operation and enlarging on it.

Mr. Webb said the sending of Edwin A. Locke, Jr., into that area as aid co-ordinator indicated the facets of efforts with the nations and peoples of the Near East. He stressed that he had real hope for progress, but noted that it will be a working program which the signing of an agreement will not accomplish. He admitted that there are many difficulties in the undertaking.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT REBUKES DEPUTY FOR INSULTING ISRAEL

BONN, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The West German Government today issued a stinging rebuke to Dr. Franz Richter, Socialist Reich Party deputy, who last week created a scene in Parliament when he assailed the State of Israel and Germans seeking friendship with the Jewish State.

The government statement termed Richter's tirade an insult to Israel and said: "The Federal Government hopes that Richter's words will go unnoticed by the world. If they are noticed, it is hoped they will be recognized for what they are - words by an unscrupulous element which has learned nothing from the past, a past which we regret." The statement repeated expressions of the Government's intention to combat all anti-Semitic tendencies in Western Germany.

U.S. COURT IN GERMANY RULES ON RESTITUTION PAYMENTS TO ISRAELIS

FRANKFURT, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The United States Court of Restitution Appeals at Nuremberg has ruled that citizens of the State of Israel will be granted an exchange rate of one reichsmark to one deutschemark in all restitution claims involving mortgages, the United States High Commission disclosed today.

The court held that as Israel was a former British mandated territory and had been administered by a member of the United Nations, it was to be considered as a member of that group of the United Nations which is covered by Allied laws in all matters with respect to currency conversion, restitution and the securing of claims. The deutschemark is the currency of the West German Republic. The reichsmark was the currency of the German Reich.

U.S. COMMISSIONER FOR BAVARIA REPORTS ON JEWISH SITUATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The greatest single vacuum in Bavaria is the fact that the Jewish population, as Southern Germany knew it, no longer exists, Dr. George N. Shuster, retiring United States Commissioner for Bavaria, disclosed yesterday in Munich, the New York Times reports today.

Dr. Shuster added that he knew many Germans who bemoaned that situation. "Yet there is a frightful ignorance of the Jewish tradition," he continued. "I don't think you have what one might call in Germany 'over anti-Semitism' but you certainly have a misconception of the Jewish role in Europe. There is a definite lack of social contact between Jews and non-Jews."

BAVARIAN INQUIRY COMMISSION TO GET INDICTMENT AGAINST DR. AUERBACH

FRANKFURT, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The indictment against Dr. Philip Auerbach, one-time head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, charging fraud in office will be presented to a Bavarian Parliamentary commission of inquiry investigating the case this Saturday, it was announced here today by the chairman of the commission. He also revealed that the examining magistrate in Dr. Auerbach's case had objected to Dr. Auerbach's appearance before the commission.

GERMAN STUDENTS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO "PEACE WITH ISRAEL" MOVEMENT

HAMBURG, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Students at the Wilhelmshaven College of Labor Politics and Economics today adopted a resolution pledging support to the "Peace with Israel" campaign now being conducted by certain groups in Germany. "We abhor the crimes committed against Jews in the name of the German people," the resolution says. "We strive for peaceful relationship between Germans and Jews the world over."

## ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF U. J. A. TO BE HELD IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, at which the stage will be set for the 1952 campaign, will be held in Atlantic City, it was announced here today by U. J. A. general chairman Edward M. M. Warburg. The conference will open on December 14 and will last three days. More than 1,500 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country are expected to attend the parley.

Mr. Warburg termed the conference "a crucial meeting whose chief functions will be to determine how far American Jews will go in 1952 to continue assistance programs in Israel, welfare and rehabilitation programs in Europe and Moslem countries, and refugee aid programs in the United States." In this connection, Mr. Warburg described the need in Israel at this time as "especially urgent," pointing out that "American Jews must formulate a decisive program at this conference to help the new State overcome grave shortages of food, housing, medicines and medical equipment."

## Z. O. A. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OPENS FOUR-DAY SESSION IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, the ruling body of the Z. O. A. between annual conventions, opened its four-day session here today to discuss problems affecting the future of the Zionist work in this country.

The session will adopt decisions on issues concerning the relationship of the Jews in the United States to Israel. It will also decide on a definitive Z. O. A. program for Israel and on the American scene.

## AGUDATH ISRAEL OF AMERICA OPENS CONVENTION IN BELMAR

BELMAR, N. J., Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The 29th annual convention of the Agudath Israel of America opened here today with 500 delegates from all parts of the country participating. The convention deliberations are devoted to the strengthening of traditional religious observance in the United States and the problems of religious Jewry in Israel.

President Truman, in a message to the convention, emphasized the importance of "religious guidance," adding that "while we build our strength for protection against aggression, we must not stop work toward the conditions necessary for a stable, peaceful world."

## ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OPEN CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The 53rd annual convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America opened here today. About 2,000 delegates representing the 440 congregations affiliated with the Union are attending the five-day parley, which will be devoted to mapping a program of Jewish religious action in this country.

In a message to the convention, President Truman expressed his strong belief "in the power of religion to guide us toward a world order based on righteousness and justice. The ethical teachings of the Hebrew prophets, perpetuated through the centuries by traditional Judaism, are among the moral forces that must be mobilized toward this great purpose."

CANADIAN ORT FEDERATION FORMED AFTER TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

MONTREAL, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A Canadian Ort Federation was launched here after a two-day convention in which more than 200 delegates participated. Leading figures at the convention were Dr. William Haber, president of the American Ort, Dr. H. Sonnabend, chairman of South African Ort, and Pierre Van Paassen, author of the best-selling book "Days of our Years."

In a greeting to the convention, His Excellency Dr. Gaspard Fauteux, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, stated: "I had the privilege, last January, to admire the wonderful exhibits displayed by the Ort Organization at the Exhibition in Montreal. I was then deeply interested to know the great number of centers and schools throughout the world where such an extensive training is being realized for the benefit of those who cannot follow the normal courses of education either because of age, physical handicap, recent immigration or otherwise. I am therefore very pleased to offer my warmest congratulations to the Ort Organization for the wonderful work already accomplished and my best wishes for the success of their next convention."

JEWSH BOOK MONTH STARTS TODAY; NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE ARRANGED

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The ninth annual nationwide celebration of Jewish Book Month begins tomorrow under the auspices of the Jewish Book Council of America, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Hundreds of Jewish Community Centers, synagogues, libraries, schools, bureaus of Jewish education, Jewish community councils, and youth councils will mark the month through exhibits, lectures, forums, symposia, pageants, book fairs and radio and television programs.

In New York, Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri has issued a Jewish Book Month proclamation calling on "all our fellow citizens, Jew and non-Jew, to respond to the call of the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board by appropriate observances throughout the month." Synagogues affiliated with the Synagogue Council of America have set aside December 14th as Jewish Book Sabbath.

"ISRAEL SAFETY VALVE FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST," HIRSCHMANN SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Israel, though placed in the very heart of the Middle Eastern tinder box, is a safety valve for the peace of the Middle East, and may be regarded as the most dramatic demonstration of the superiority of democracy over all other forms of government, Ira A. Hirschmann declared at a press conference here yesterday upon his return from a trip which took him to Yugoslavia and Israel. Mr. Hirschmann is national chairman of the newly organized Foundation of the Jewish National Fund. The Foundation was established to derive funds from living legacies, bequests and insurance to increase the Jewish National Fund's income.

MORGENTHAU MARRIES; LEAVES TO STUDY ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors of the State of Israel Bond Issue, left for Israel yesterday to study the economic situation there and to confer with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan on American financial participation in the development of its industry and agriculture. Mr. Morgenthau was accompanied by Mrs. Morgenthau. The couple were married earlier in the day at a private ceremony by Dr. Julius Mark, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El.