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INTERNATIONAL JEWISH PARLEY ON GERMAN REPARATIONS CONVOKED IN N.Y.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations demanding reparations from Germany will hold their second international conference in New York on January 20, it was announced here today by a Jewish Agency spokesman.

At the same time, it was indicated here that the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Israeli Parliament will meet early next week to make a final decision on the manner in which Israel will approach Germany on the \$1,500,000,000 in reparations claimed by the Jewish State. The Foreign Affairs Committee was given a free hand yesterday by the Parliament to take any action it sees fit in connection with the proposal of the Israel Cabinet for direct negotiations with Germany.

The Jewish Agency spokesman revealed that 700,000,000 deutschmarks had been received in reparations claims from the states in the American zone of Germany by individual claimants. Some 20,000 claims have been filed by Israeli residents alone, he said, adding that 30,000,000 deutschmarks were paid to Israeli residents from the American zone.

He also disclosed that 31,500,000 deutschmarks had been paid out in restitution of Jewish public property in West Germany and that claims for another 120,000,000 are yet to be submitted in this category.

Extremists in Israel Threaten to Burn German Goods

Meanwhile, it was announced here that over 200 of the 410 Israelis detained following the demonstration and riot in front of Parliament Monday in protest against direct negotiations with Germany, have been released. A total of 188 still face charges of organizing unlawful demonstrations and causing public disturbances. All of them have been remanded for ten days to permit the police authorities to prepare more detailed charges against each of the defendants.

The evening newspaper Yedioth Achronoth, quoting "informed sources," today reports that Irgun and Stern Group members who claim adherence to no political parties have warned that they will "wipe out" every German official or private person who visits Israel. They have also threatened to burn all German goods arriving in Israel, the same sources said.

Eight Germans with passports issued by the Bonn Government today passed through the Lydda airport en route to the Far East. No arrests were made because none of the eight were on the official Israeli "wanted persons" list. However, they remained isolated since no one would speak to them.

UN TO VOTE TOMORROW ON FATE OF PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION

PARIS, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The question of whether the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission should continue its existence will be decided by a vote in the U.N. Special Political Committee, which will probably be taken on Saturday. In the meantime, discussions on this subject continued in the Committee today.

Soviet delegate Semen Tsarapkin claimed that the Commission was "an instrument" of American imperialist policy in the Middle East. He said that the Palestine question could only be settled when the United States and other Western Powers stop "interfering" in the Palestine question and other Middle Eastern affairs. He also asserted that the Western Powers regard the Arab countries as a military springboard for an attack on the Soviet Union and said that proof of this was contained in the plan for the establishment of a Middle East Command.

The Australian representative John B. Hood said that his delegation would support the joint resolution proposed by the United States, France, Britain and Turkey that the Commission continue. None of the basic facts had changed since 1948, when the United Nations established the Conciliation Commission to work out a settlement between Israel and the Arab countries, he pointed out.

The Greek view was that, in the present political climate, a Conciliation Commission would not produce results, but the Greek delegate hoped that causes of friction would disappear in time. The representative of Greece, Alexis Kyrour, recalled the "fortunate evolution" of relations between Turkey and Greece, which once had been quite strained.

Dr. Fadhil Jamali of Iraq said that the Arab states had yielded much ground since 1947 by agreeing to United Nations resolutions, while the Israelis had progressively demanded more concessions. Dr. Jamali said that the Commission had utterly failed to carry out its proper work and had yielded to "Israeli pressure."

CO-ORDINATION OF BRITISH-AMERICAN VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST PROGRESSING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The State Department made known today that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Secretary of State Dean Acheson made "very good progress" in aligning British and American views on the Middle East. The questions discussed, believed to include the Israel-Arab situation, are expected to arise at forthcoming international meetings.

Secretaries Acheson and Eden have been holding talks which they concluded today. The talks were aimed at harmonizing British and American policies in the Middle East. They were supplemental to the discussions between British Prime Minister Churchill and President Truman.

BRITAIN TURNS DOWN EGYPTIAN OFFER OF MILITARY BASE AT GAZA

LONDON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- British Foreign Office officials have informed the Egyptian authorities that Britain must reject the Egyptian offer of a base in the Gaza strip instead of the Suez Canal zone; the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned here today. After an intensive study, a special committee set up by the British military chiefs ruled out the area as a practical solution of the problem of a military-naval base close to the Canal area.

ISRAEL ARMY OFFICERS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND TO RECEIVE MILITARY TRAINING

LONDON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Israeli Army officers have arrived in England to attend training courses at a school for senior officers and an infantry battle school, the press here reported today.

TEL AVIV COURT ACQUITS JEWISH DOCTOR OF COLLABORATING WITH NAZIS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A Tel Aviv district court today acquitted and released Dr. M. Pshitatzki of charges of crimes against humanity and of collaboration with the Nazis.

The indictment had charged that Dr. Pshitatzki, who had been a physician at the Volanov concentration camp, had given injections of poison to sick inmates. He was also accused of turning over lists of sick prisoners to the Germans who executed them.

REVOCATION OF DEATH SENTENCE ON IRAQI JEWS SOUGHT BY WORLD BODY

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- If the death sentence imposed on two Iraqi Jews in Baghdad were carried out, "it would shock the conscience of the civilized world," Roger Baldwin, chairman of the Board of the International League for the Rights of Man, declared in a letter today to Abdullah Bakr, Iraqi Minister to the United States.

The two defendants, Shalom Saleh Shalom and Yusuf Ibrahim Basri, were convicted Nov. 5, 1951 of throwing a bomb at the United States Information Center on March 19, 1951. Several persons were injured. An Iraqi appeals court confirmed the death penalty last month.

Pointing out that information coming exclusively from Iraqi sources showed that the men were convicted under procedures contrary to Iraqi law, Mr. Baldwin, for many years executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, stated that "these facts, if true, constitute an obvious miscarriage of justice, and certainly would not appear to justify a death sentence."

FIRST TRANSPORT OF JEWS FROM IRAN GOES TO ISRAEL VIA TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The first organized transport of Jews from Teheran, capital of Iran, bound for Israel via Turkey has made the trip. The group, consisting of 128 immigrants escorted by Jewish Agency officials, travelled in five buses.

Owing to the worsening economic and political situation in Iran and the consequent mounting insecurity of the Jewish population, organized groups of immigrants will continue to arrive here all winter despite anticipated harsh weather conditions. Originally, it was planned to initiate organized immigration after the spring.

MORE THAN 830 JEWS LEFT FRANCE FOR ISRAEL DURING NINE MONTHS

PARIS, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A total of 839 Jews migrated from France to Israel between January and October, 1951, it was learned here today. Of this total, 45 percent were refugees from other parts of Europe. Thirty-five percent of the immigrants had their fares paid by the International Refugee Organization, 18 percent travelled at their own expense and the Jewish Agency provided transportation for the remainder.

According to a report on the Israel radio heard here, the Jewish State is negotiating with the Hungarian Government for the migration to Israel of an additional 25,000 Hungarian Jews.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA RAISED \$22,500,000 IN 1951

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of America raised more than \$22,500,000 in 1951, it was reported here today at a meeting of the J. N. F. board of directors held at the Commodore Hotel.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, told of the negotiations he conducted with the leaders of the Jewish Agency for the purpose of reaching an agreement regarding the activities of the J. N. F. and general cooperation of the J. N. F. with other fund-raising organizations. Emphasizing that the Jewish National Fund, under the agreement reached in Jerusalem, no longer receives any funds from the United Jewish Appeal, Dr. Levine said: "We now more than ever rely on the masses of the Jewish people to directly provide the J. N. F., through the system of the traditional, time-hallowed collections, with the large sums required for the soil redemption program in Israel."

In reporting on the income of the Jewish National Fund of America for the year ending September 30, 1951, Jacob Sincoff, treasurer, also gave the breakdown of the total income which was \$22,539,279.73. Of this sum, Mr. Sincoff said, \$2,400,518.27 represents the income from traditional collections and the sum of \$20,138,761.46 represents the J. N. F.'s share from the United Palestine Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal collections. The income from the U. P. A. this year shows an increase of \$1,789,052.55.

Dr. Yosef Weiss, financial director of the J. N. F. in Jerusalem, reported on the J. N. F. financial operations and the assistance rendered to the Israel Government institutions. "In the course of the last six months," he said, "we have made available to Israel Government institutions the sum of \$16,000,000 in cash. In addition, we have provided the Israel Government institutions with credit facilities to the amount of \$20,000,000 in the United States alone. We obtained 300,000,000 Belgian francs from Belgium for the purchase of raw materials which could not be acquired anywhere else. Credit of \$7,000,000 which we obtained in Switzerland, provided the owners of 800 factories in Israel with the possibility of acquiring new equipment and spare parts."

Reporting on J. N. F. activities throughout the country, particularly those of the last three months, Mendel N. Fisher, executive director, said: "Everywhere Jews are beginning to realize that one sure way of building the State of Israel as well as the Zionist movement on firm foundations, is to strengthen the Jewish National Fund. All the J. N. F. functions in the course of the last few months have invariably been a success."

The board decided that a committee be appointed to work out a solution of all outstanding problems with the Jewish Agency with a view to submitting a joint proposal to the meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee which is to take place in the middle of March in Jerusalem. Dr. Levine announced the appointment of the following as members of the committee: Dr. Harris J. Levine, Mrs. Louis Brill, Mendel N. Fisher, Rabbi Max Kirshblum, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Abraham Redelheim and Louis Segal.

INCREASING INTERMARRIAGE OF JEWS IN U.S. DEPLORED BY RABBIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A resolution deploring increasing intermarriage of Jews in the United States was adopted here today at the conclusion of an all-day session of the Orthodox Rabbinate of America, a group of Orthodox rabbis.

The group decided to conduct religious seminars for those contemplating marriage. "We hold that the first essential of a happy marital union is a religious marriage and consecration ceremony by a duly ordained rabbi," the resolution says.

CANADA IS URGED TO SUPPORT ISRAEL'S CLAIMS FOR GERMAN REPARATIONS

TORONTO, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The 31st national convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada closed here with a resolution urging the Canadian Government to support Israel's claims for reparations from Germany.

The resolution was adopted after an address by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, who justified the stand taken by the Israel Government with regard to negotiations with the government of Western Germany. "If Israel were to get \$1,500,000,000 from Germany, it would solve its acute housing and economic problems," he said.

Avraham Harman, director of the Israel Office of Information in New York and former Consul-General of Israel in Canada, told the delegates that the creation of the State of Israel was the beginning of a new era for the Jewish people. The people have suffered continuous difficulties and pressures for the past 20 years, he said. Mr. Harman urged the people of Canada and America to continue to support Israel.

Edward E. Gelber of Toronto was elected president by the Organization. Other officers elected were: Hyman Grover, Montreal, vice-president; Joseph N. Frank, Montreal, national treasurer; Leon Levin, Montreal, honorary secretary.

JEWS IN BRAZIL OPPOSE DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND GERMANY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Council of Delegates of Jewish Institutions here today voted to inform the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Agency that it opposes direct negotiations with Germany for reparations claimed by Israel.

A central office for the furtherance of the educational and cultural activities of Brazilian Jewry was opened here today under the direction of Nahum Levin, special representative of the Jewish Agency education department.

Mr. Levin, who announced that 15 teachers will soon arrive here from Israel, predicted that the new office will double the number of pupils attending Jewish schools within a year and will also raise the pedagogical level of the Jewish schools. Some 300 Jewish leaders yesterday attended a testimonial dinner honoring Mr. Levin and his wife, Dania, who will handle the kindergarten and art departments.

AUSTRIA TO SHIP 2,800 PREFABRICATED HOUSES TO ISRAEL THIS MONTH

VIENNA, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Some 2,800 prefabricated wood houses will be shipped to Israel by Austria this month, it was announced here today by the Austrian Lumber Organization, which has already delivered 4,000 prefabs to Trieste where Israeli vessels pick them up. The orders were placed by the Jewish Agency.

Arie Eshel, Israeli consul here, has just opened a new consulate in this city at a ceremony attended by 200 persons, including representatives of the major Jewish organizations. The building in which the consulate is located was a gift to the State of Israel from a local Jew.

U.S. ARMY SEEKS PASSOVER FOOD FOR ARMED FORCES IN KOREA AND JAPAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The American military authorities have called on the National Jewish Welfare Board to provide some 50,000 pounds of holiday food stores to help Jews in the U.S. armed forces in Korea and Japan celebrate Passover this year, the J. W. B. announced here today. The organization has already helped provide such supplies for 34 previous Passover holidays.

