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## GERMANY READY TO PAY ISRAEL IN CASH OR GOODS, SHARETT REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Germany is ready to pay Israel a certain sum either in the form of cash or goods as settlement of the Jewish State's reparations claims, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared here today.

Speaking at a meeting of the central committee of the Mapai, Mr. Sharett criticized the centrist General Zionist Party for voting in Parliament against direct negotiations with Germany on reparations. He asserted that "their hearts are not in the vote." He also denounced the left-wing Mapam Party stating that the Mapam is anti-democratic "but ready to benefit from democracy." Many parties held meetings in various cities and towns throughout Israel this week-end on the reparations question and on the demonstration and riots outside the Parliament building last Monday.

The Foreign Minister stressed that the utmost attention must be paid to the anti-government riots last Monday, but added that the importance of the incident must not be exaggerated. Asked whether the government planned to take action against Herut leader Menahem Beigin for his part in the affair, Mr. Sharett said that Beigin would not be expelled from the Knesset because such an act would be anti-democratic.

He also declared that the government is calling on the nation to isolate the anti-democratic forces. The central committee decided, among various moves designed to prevent recurrences of the Monday riots, to call upon the workers to be prepared to defend the Parliament and the Government whenever they are needed.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet today took action to prevent future occurrences of a similar nature by approving the draft of a law providing for punishment of persons who attack policemen. Many of the persons arrested following Monday's riots were released today, leaving only 19 to face trial.

## General Zionists Will Continue to Oppose Talks with Germany

At a General Zionist mass meeting here, Mayor Israel Rokach, General Zionist deputy, said that his party would continue to agitate against direct negotiations with Germany and will attempt to persuade the public not to agree with the government's intended move, despite the vote in Parliament. He also denounced the Monday riots.

A statement published today by the Herut Party said that no attack was intended on the Knesset last week when its members demonstrated against proposed Israel-German negotiations on reparations. The announcement said the flare-up was the result of police attacks on the demonstrators. (In New York a group of Revisionist youths demonstrated before the Israeli Consulate General here to protest against negotiations with Germany.)

BONN ANNOUNCES READINESS TO BEGIN DIRECT TALKS WITH ISRAEL

BONN, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The West German Government this week-end expressed its willingness to enter into direct negotiations with Israel over the Jewish State's reparations claims.

In a comment on the Israel Parliament's decision last week to seek direct talks with Germany, the Bonn Government's official bulletin expressed the hope that the negotiations would get under way soon. "A friendly solution to these material problems is regarded as the first possibility to ease the relations between the German and the Jewish people, which are strained by the crimes of the National Socialist regime," the bulletin declared.

NEW YORK PARLEY EXPECTED TO ENDORSE KNESSET DECISION ON GERMANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The belief that the policy committee of the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany, which is to meet in New York next Sunday, will endorse wholeheartedly the position taken by the Israel Government and the Knesset with regard to negotiations with Germany on reparations for Nazi-looted Jewish property, was expressed here today in a statement issued by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive.

"The vote of the Knesset," Dr. Goldmann said in his statement, "showed that the majority of the members were moved by a realistic appraisal of the fact and of the justice of Israel's claims against Germany. The policy committee of the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany, comprising representatives of some 20 central Jewish bodies in seven countries, will review the Knesset decisions and lay plans for the future.

"I am certain that the committee will endorse wholeheartedly the position taken by the Government and Parliament of Israel, and will be prepared to cooperate fully with Israel representatives in seeing to it that Germany repay, to the utmost limit of her capabilities, her material debt to the Jewish people. I want to take this opportunity to repeat what Foreign Minister Sharett told the Knesset during the recent debate in Jerusalem. The fact that we may negotiate with the Germans to achieve some repayments of huge material losses suffered by the Jewish people, involves no measure of forgiveness. We are simply claiming what is ours."

\$101,647,300 SUBSCRIBED FOR ISRAEL BONDS IN U. S. DURING EIGHT MONTHS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A total of \$101,647,300 was subscribed for Israel Bonds in the United States during the past eight months, it was reported here today at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the State of Israel Bond Issue, which was convened at Pierre Hotel to plan the 1952 bond drive program.

Approximately 287,000 individuals, including a substantial number of non-Jews, have bought Israel bonds, Henry Morgenthau Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors, announced. The cash received on the subscriptions as of December 31st was \$54,100,000, he said. He expressed confidence that the full \$500,000,000 Israel Bond Issue will be sold on or before May 1, 1954.

Henry Montor, vice-president of the State of Israel Bonds, outlined the program for 1952. The experience of the past eight months, he reported, had demonstrated that Christians as well as Jews were purchasing the Israel bonds.

ACTING PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL ENTERS TEL AVIV HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Acting President Joseph Sprinzak, who is also the Speaker of the Israel Parliament, today entered the Beilinson Hospital here for several days observation.

## ISRAEL PROPOSES REPLACEMENT OF U. N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION

PARIS, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A resolution proposing the dissolution of the U. N. Palestine Conciliation Commission and the creation by the United Nations of a Good Offices Committee to be available to help Israel and the Arab states to settle their disputes, was introduced yesterday by Israel's chief delegate Abba S. Eban at a session of the U. N. Special Political Committee which is now debating the Palestine issue.

The Israeli diplomat suggested that the proposed Good Offices Committee should have its seat at the United Nations headquarters in New York and should be composed of representatives of Turkey, France and the United States. He told the Political Committee that the basic causes for the deadlock between Israel and the Arab states was the latter's refusal to negotiate directly with Israel and their refusal to recognize Israel as a sovereign state.

Declaring that there were three main problems between Israel and the Arab states--territory, internationalization of Jerusalem and refugees--Mr. Eban said: "Perhaps the greatest achievement of the United Nations to date in the field of international security were the agreements on territorial relations between Israel and the Arabs. Not one inch of land has been occupied by Israel that was not covered by agreement."

Touching on the issue of internationalization of Jerusalem, Ambassador Eban pointed out that the main concentration of Holy Places lay outside Israel territory. "If that group could be placed under international supervision, Israel would not object to similar supervision over the Holy Places in her territory," he stated. On the refugee issue, Mr. Eban said: "It must be recognized that the authors of vast misery for the Arab refugees were those who resorted to force."

Israel, he declared, would certainly be prepared "to relieve the international community of responsibility for the Arabs within its borders." He suggested three stages for the settlement of the compensation problem: 1. Global settlement of the amount; 2. Decision on the proportion that Israel could lay out; 3. Agreement on the time for payment.

### U. S. Delegate Says America is Interested in Arab Refugee Problem

Dr. Philip C. Jessup, United States delegate, said the American Government and the American people were "deeply interested" in the problem of the Arab refugees. He added that he would have more to say on that when the Political Committee got down to a specific discussion of that problem.

The Pakistan delegation proposed that the Conciliation Commission be enlarged to seven members and be charged with implementing the Assembly's 1948 and 1950 resolutions. The Pakistan proposal also called for the Commission to maintain its headquarters in Jerusalem and empower the Commission's refugee office to administer the property of the Arab refugees, paying them rent and other funds.

Support of the four power resolution on extension of the work of the Conciliation Commission was voiced in the Political Committee by the representative of Brazil. He said the efforts at conciliation between Arabs and Israelis should continue despite the lack of success achieved to date. He noted "with regret," he said, that "previous General Assembly resolutions have not yet been implemented, especially on the subjects of repatriation of refugees and the Holy Places."

The delegate of Iran expressed hope that appropriate steps would be taken at this time for solution of the Arab refugee problem. He said his delegation considered

worthy of further consideration proposals to have the Conciliation Commission continue its work in New York to ensure observance of the United Nations resolution.

A sharp attack on the four power resolution was made by the representative of the Yemen who charged that the motive behind the proposal to move the Conciliation Commission to New York was the conviction that the Commission could achieve nothing and the move was a measure to shelve the whole Palestine question. The Arab delegate also attacked the Soviet Union's position, declaring that the Soviet, which had called for termination of the Conciliation Commission, was equally responsible for the present situation with the other powers.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS ASK MERCY FOR CONDEMNED JEWS IN IRAQ

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith this week-end appealed for the lives of two Jewish youths in Iraq condemned by Iraqi courts to death on charges of responsibility in the bombing of the American Information Center in Bagdad last March.

In cables to the Regent and Prime Minister of Iraq, Jacob Blaustein, A. J. C. president, said: "The extreme penalty visited upon the unfortunate youths has stunned the democratic world, particularly since the men were convicted under highly irregular procedures--procedures not only contrary to every known principle of democratic law but contrary to every spirit and letter of the laws of Iraq." Mr. Blaustein pointed out that "an act of clemency will serve not only the interests of justice but increase the sincere regard of democratic nations for Iraq's loyalty to the principle of human rights."

In an appeal to United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie, Frank Goldmann, president of B'nai B'rith, asked him to use his good offices to persuade the Iraqi Government to suspend the executions. Mr. Goldmann declared that "these youths are persecuted victims of anti-Jewish discrimination" and were convicted on the basis of a confession "extorted by torture."

(The Israeli delegation at the U. N. General Assembly in Paris has circulated among the other delegations a letter to the president of the Assembly asking him to intervene to obtain clemency for the two Iraqi Jewish youths. The letter, signed by Abba Eban, chief Israeli delegate, points out that in no case has Israel put to death any Arab residents brought before its courts on capital offenses.)

#### U.S. SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL BURIES RELIGIOUS OBJECTS INJURED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A rare and ancient ceremony--burial of religious objects plundered by the Nazis from European synagogues and injured beyond repair--took place in consecrated ground at Beth El Cemetery, Paramus, N. J., today under the auspices of the Synagogue Council of America, which represents Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewry in America.

The rites, presided over by Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, president of the Council, consisted of interment accompanied by the chanting of appropriate prayers, following the form prescribed by religious law to prevent desecration of the name of the Almighty by secular use of the objects. The sacred articles included spice boxes, embroidered ritual cloths and parchment Scrolls of the Law, reclaimed from religious treasures looted by the Nazis, and brought to the United States by Jewish Cultural Reconstruction.

U.S. N. A. SPENT \$1,436,000 LAST YEAR; WILL NEED \$800,000 IN 1952

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Expenditures of United Service for New Americans during 1951, when 17,000 Jewish refugees arrived in the United States, was \$1,436,877, it was announced today by Walter H. Bieringer, president. The estimated budget requirements for the agency's immigration and resettlement program in 1952 will total \$799,200. A minimum Jewish immigration of 8,500 is expected this year, Mr. Bieringer reported.

ALIENS AND DP'S ORDERED TO FILE THEIR 1952 ADDRESSES THIS WEEK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Attorney General J. Howard McGrath this week-end reminded all aliens residing in the United States of the address report requirements of the Internal Security Act of 1950, the so-called McCarran Act. Mr. McGrath said that some aliens are apparently under the impression that if they registered under the Alien Registration Act of 1940, they need not comply with the address report requirements of the McCarran Act. He made it clear that the McCarran Act requires resident aliens to file an address report every year.

The fact that an alien registered in 1940 and filed an address report in 1951 does not relieve him of the responsibility of filing a report in 1952 and in each succeeding year, Mr. McGrath stated. The address report must be filed even though a change of address was reported during the year. Also, displaced persons, whether or not they have filed the semi-annual report of immigrant displaced persons, must file the address report. If an alien has applied for naturalization papers but has not yet been naturalized, he must comply with address report requirements. Forms for submitting the alien address report will be available at all U.S. Post Offices up to and including January 19, 1952.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL TO CHECK RACIAL TENSION IN FLORIDA URGED

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The establishment of an intergroup council in Florida to reduce racial and religious tensions, and the elimination in Miami Beach of precedent prohibiting Negroes from being on its streets after dark, was urged today by Emanuel Muravchik, director of the Anti-Discrimination Department of the Jewish Labor Committee, after a survey of the sites of the recent Florida outbreaks.

A spokesman for the Justice Department in Washington today declined to comment on word from informed sources that a suspect has been arrested by the F. B. I. in Florida in connection with the terroristic incidents. Sources close to the government said that a suspect has been apprehended in Florida and agents are now seeking those higher-up in the terror ring.

TRUMAN NAMES ENGEL TO COMMITTEE TO COMBAT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Irving M. Engel, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, and five others have been named by President Truman this week-end to serve on a new committee established to help enforce anti-discrimination clauses written into government contracts with private companies.

The committee will cooperate with government purchasing agencies to seek ways of strengthening the enforcement of clauses in government contracts which specify that there shall be no discrimination because of race, color, or creed. Dwight R. G. Palmer, chairman of the board of the General Cable Corp., was named by Mr. Truman to serve as committee chairman. Other members include James B. Carey, C. I. O. secretary-treasurer; D. H. Davis, general manager of the Kansas City Call; Oliver W. Hill, a Richmond, Va., attorney, and George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. L. Mr. Hill and Mr. Davis are Negroes.

INTEREST IN JEWISH LIFE STRONG IN U.S., TEL AVIV CHIEF RABBI SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Interest in Jewish life, particularly in the sphere of religious education, is widespread among American Jews, Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Isar J. Unterman declared here last night. Speaking before 3,000 people at Carnegie Hall at a meeting sponsored by the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds, Br. Unterman reported that he had also found during his current visit to the United States that American Jews are "profoundly interested" in the upbuilding of Zionism and the welfare of the Jewish State.

The greatest growth in Israel since its establishment as an independent state has been "in the spiritual revival that has taken place," Rabbi Unterman declared. He added that Israel "is destined to play a historic role as a powerful spiritual force for world peace and brotherhood." He also called for support of the Israel bond drive in this country, pointing out that "it is impossible to build a modern country without capital" and that this capital must be provided by American Jewry.

MORGENTHAU PREDICTS ISRAEL SELF-SUFFICIENCY; RETURNS FROM TRIP

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau Jr., chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Drive in this country, this week-end predicted that Israel would achieve self-sufficiency within five years after immigration ceased, which he said would take place within a year. Mr. Morgenthau made his statement upon his return here with Mrs. Morgenthau from a five-week honeymoon trip during which they visited Israel, France and Italy.

Renana Ben Gurion, 26-year-old daughter of Israel's Premier, arrived here this week-end to undertake a two-month lecture tour in behalf of Hadassah. The topic of her lecture series will be "Israel Through the Eyes of her Youth." This is Miss Ben Gurion's first trip to the U.S.

BEN GURION AND SCHNEOUR AWARDED BIALIK PRIZES FOR HEBREW LITERATURE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The Bialik Prizes for Hebrew literature and Israeli knowledge, awarded annually by the municipality of Tel Aviv, were presented last night to Zalman Schneour, Hebrew poet, and to David Ben Gurion, the Israeli Prime Minister. The award to Schneour was for two volumes of poems and to the Premier, for a book of essays on Israel's fight for liberation and the future of the country.

Presentation of the awards, named after the great Hebrew poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, was made by Mayor Israel Rokach, in the presence of the city council and a host of notables at a heavily guarded ceremony. Special security measures had been taken to prevent demonstrations by the right-wing Herut Party at the ceremony. Herut, Mapam and Communist members of the city council had voted against giving the award to Mr. Ben Gurion as a protest following the rioting in Jerusalem last Monday.

In accepting the award, Mr. Ben Gurion stressed the need to develop science and literature for the conquest of the desert and national education. The awards carry 500 Israel pounds each.

U.S: EXPERT LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON LABOR

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Boris Stern, chief of the division of industrial relations of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, left for Israel on a one-year U. N. technical assistance assignment, under which he will advise the Israeli Government on improvement of methods of measuring the productivity of labor. Dr. Stern is the fourth expert to go to Israel under an agreement with the U. N. signed last July.