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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES PROCEDURE OF GERMAN REPARATIONS TALKS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the procedure to be followed in starting the Israel-German talks on reparations. The Cabinet also took up the question of coordinating its policy on negotiations with Germany with the policy that will be decided upon by the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

(In Bonn, a West German Government spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today he felt sure German-Israeli negotiations on Israel's reparations claims against Germany would open soon. He added that neither the time nor place for such talks had been fixed.)

At a press conference today Ehud Avriel, director-general of the Premier's Office, categorically denied that Israel had ever purchased from Germany irrigation pipe or any other commodities.

ISRAEL TO FIX NEW DOLLAR-POUND RATE; HOPES FOR NEW U.S. GRANT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will fix a new value on the Israeli pound in relation to the dollar sometime next week-end, Ehud Avriel, director-general of the Premier's office, announced here today.

Mr. Avriel, who is the Israeli coordinator for American mutual security aid to Israel, revealed that Israeli Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan and Bruce McDaniel, American coordinator of U.S. technical assistance, will confer next week-end on an agreement for the allocation of the remaining \$40,000,000 of American grants in aid. Mr. Avriel, who paid high tribute to Mr. McDaniel for his cooperative attitude, told a press conference that Israel has already spent some \$26,000,000 in U.S. aid allocated in the past two months.

The Israeli official also disclosed that of the approximately \$65,000,000 allocated by the U.S. Congress for Israeli needs, \$17,000,000 will be spent for food; \$17,000,000 for agricultural development; \$5,300,000 for electrical equipment; \$9,300,000 for fuel; \$7,000,000 for raw materials; \$3,000,000 for housing; and over \$2,000,000 for communications equipment and development. He expressed the hope that a further grant will be made by the U.S. Government.

The local press, meanwhile, has reported that the Cabinet is contemplating a series of moves aimed at improving the country's economic situation. Among them are: the establishment of a priority system for foreign currency allotments; an increase in indirect taxes, particularly a luxury tax; the floating of a compulsory internal bond issue; and the introduction of further credit restrictions for banks, thus forcing them to invest more funds in government securities. Also, the newspapers speculate that the government will introduce three different exchange rates to adjust the pound's purchasing power, and will freeze wages and profits.

SHARETT TO VISIT LONDON; WILL ADDRESS MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett will pay his first official visit to Britain as Israel's Foreign Minister and will, on February 19, address a joint meeting of members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, it was reported here today.

During his stay in England, the Israeli Minister will open the 1952 campaign of the Joint Palestine Appeal at a banquet at Dorchester Hotel. He will visit Glasgow, Manchester, Leeds and Liverpool where he will address Jewish gatherings.

PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MIDDLE EAST COMMAND REPORTED SHELVED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Plans for the formation of the proposed Middle East Command have been temporarily shelved, it was learned today, as American diplomacy finds itself lending total concentration on the prevention of further deterioration in the Egyptian crisis.

Informed sources said that although the situation is very fluid, the newly-appointed Egyptian Government is welcomed by the west because it is considered a movement in the right direction. The new government is depicted by government officials here as being less extreme than the coalition led by ousted Premier Mustapha Nahas Pasha.

U.N. COMMISSION FINDS JORDAN GUILTY OF 59 ARMISTICE VIOLATIONS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, at its meeting this week-end, found Jordan guilty of 59 armistice violations and Israel guilty of one, it was reported here today. The commission disposed of 78 Israeli complaints.

In Beersheba, six infiltrators today went on trial before an Israeli military court on charges of looting Israeli property, shooting at Israelis and illegally carrying firearms. Meanwhile, a military spokesman announced that 13 infiltrators were killed and 30 others captured by Israeli forces last week.

PAPER SHORTAGE LIMITS ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS TO SINGLE SHEET

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Owing to a severe shortage of newsprint all Israeli daily newspapers have been reduced, beginning today, to one sheet on week-days. The week-end editions, published on Fridays, will be limited to four pages. The next shipment of paper from abroad is not expected in less than four weeks.

(In Washington this week-end, the International Materials Conference granted Israel an emergency allotment of 400 tons of newsprint. This is the first time Israel has received such an allocation.)

JEW SENTENCED IN ISRAEL FOR MISTREATING PRISONERS IN NAZI CAMP

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A Tel Aviv court sentenced Mordecai Friedman to three years' imprisonment after finding him guilty of mistreating Jewish fellow prisoners in a Nazi concentration camp where he served as a trustee-supervisor. Testimony was introduced to prove that a number of Jews died as a result of beatings administered by him.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT URGED TO PROTECT 70 ARRESTED JEWS IN IRAQ

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Government was urged today to save the lives of 70 Jews arrested in Iraq under various charges as well as to speed up the emigration of Jews from Iraq to Israel.

A resolution to this effect was adopted at a special memorial prayer meeting held at the Great Synagogue here for the two Jewish youths who were hanged in Baghdad last week. Thousands of Jews attended the prayer meeting which was followed by speeches delivered by representatives of the Jewish Agency, the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the Iraqi Jewish community in Israel.

JEWISH AGENCY CONSIDERS MEASURES FOR PROTECTION OF JEWS IN TUNISIA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Measures for the protection of the 100,000 Jews living in Tunisia received urgent consideration from the Jewish Agency executive here today following receipt of alarming reports on the situation of the Jews as Tunisian nationalists continued rioting against the French authorities. The executive is expected to take final decisions on a line of action tomorrow.

In view of the deteriorating situation in Tunisia, the Jewish Agency is considering increasing immigration from that country to Israel and will start the transfer of Jews from Tunis immediately.

(According to information received in Paris by central Jewish agencies today, attacks on Jews and Jewish premises in Tunisia do not appear to be anti-Jewish excesses but developments incidental to the nationalist inspired riots.)

CHASSIDIC SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED IN REMOTE VILLAGES OF MOROCCO

PARIS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Fifty religious schools have recently been established in remote mountain villages of French Morocco by representatives of the Lubavitcher Rabbi's European office under the direction of Rabbi Benjamin Gorodetzki, it was reported here today.

During a 300-mile expedition into the roadless wilderness south of Marakesh, the Chassidic teachers--traveling on donkeys--found what must be one of the poorest, disease-ridden Jewish communities in the world. The Jews in this area dwell in mud huts and caves and eat the pickings of refuse from the markets of their Moslem neighbors. When they can afford it, they eat a sort of unleavened bread which is baked with mud. Horrible skin, scalp and other diseases abound among these Jews, who mend shoes and ply other simple crafts when work is available.

The Lubavitcher Rabbi's representatives found that the Jews in this region marry off their daughters from the age of eight. They spend much time in the study of the Talmud, Rabbi Gorodetzki, whose mission was financed in part by the Joint Distribution Committee, established a boarding school for 150 students in Meknes and a girls' seminary in Sefrou. It is hoped that when these students complete their studies, they will serve as teachers in a network of religious schools in Morocco.

IRANIAN LEADER CONFERS WITH JEWS ON SUPPORT FOR INTERNAL LOAN

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Ayatulla Kashani, Iranian religious leader and supporter of the present Mossadegh Government, met last week with the leaders of the Iranian Jewish community to discuss the country's difficult financial situation, it was reported here from Teheran. The report said that the Jewish representatives were asked to state to what extent the Jews in Iran would support a national loan.

WESTERN POWERS APPEASE ARABS AT ISRAEL'S EXPENSE, BROWDY SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The charge that "the Western powers are appeasing the Arabs at Israel's expense" was made here by Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, at an all-day meeting of the national executive of the Z. O. A.

Mr. Browdy warned the Big Powers against relying "on the ruling cliques in the Arab countries." He emphasized that "the only dependable factor in the whole of the Near East in time of national emergency is the State of Israel which alone has the will and the power to stand up to aggression, be it from without or within."

At the same time, the Zionist leader voiced pleasure that the United Nations Assembly in Paris, under strong pressure mainly from the United States, had reversed the decision of the Political Committee both on the Arab refugees and the Palestine Conciliation Commission, accepting a formulation that was found satisfactory to Israel.

The Z. O. A. president revealed that he has personal knowledge - he was in Washington twice during the last two weeks - that it was President Truman's personal insistence in fairness to Israel on both those matters - the Palestine Commission and Arab refugees - that was mainly responsible for the new turn in the Assembly.

Turning to the internal situation in Israel, Mr. Browdy dwelled upon the deepening economic crisis there. "We are fast approaching a period in the life of Israel that will test the heart of every Jew in the world and his devotion to the Jewish homeland," he said. He pledged that American Zionists will stand by Israel under all conditions.

ISRAEL DEDICATES FOREST IN MEMORY OF COUNT FOLKE BERNADOTTE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A forest was dedicated today to the memory of the late Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Mediator for Palestine, who was assassinated in Jerusalem on Sept. 17, 1948. The forest is located on Jewish National Fund land at Neve ilan, a settlement near Jerusalem.

The first trees were planted by G. Hendergre, Swedish Charge d'Affaires in Israel, Gen. William E. Riley, Chief of Staff of the United Nations truce supervision organization, Moshe Sharett, Israeli Foreign Minister and Yigal Yadin, Israeli Chief of Staff. An honorary scroll was handed to Foreign Ministry officials for transmission to Countess Bernadotte.

At a brief reception which followed the tree planting, cabled messages were read from Secretary-General Trygve Lie and Dr. Ralph Bunche, Count Bernadotte's successor. Tribute to the late mediator was paid in speeches by the above-named principal guests and by other high ranking personalities, including the Deputy Speaker of the Knesset; Dr. Abraham Granott, chairman of the Jewish National Fund; and Dr. W. Eytan, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Sharett pledged that in the spirit of the work of Count Bernadotte Israel will seek a lasting peace with the Arab states. "We shall not spare any effort to bring it nearer until it is finally achieved," he said.

Gen. Riley recalled the late United Nations Mediator's efforts to establish a truce. "This forest will pay an enduring tribute to an outstanding peacemaker, a great internationalist and humanitarian and a devoted servant of the United Nations. As it grows, may it ever flourish in that atmosphere of peace and goodwill among men for which Count Bernadotte gave his all," Gen. Riley concluded.

HUNGARY STIPULATES CONDITIONS FOR EMIGRATION OF 25,000 JEWS

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- At the suggestion of the Israeli Minister in Budapest, the Hungarian Foreign Ministry has recommended that 25,000 Hungarian Jews be allowed to emigrate to Israel, it was reported here. However, a final decision has been delayed because of the Hungarian Foreign Ministry's demand that the transfer of assets by the emigrants be limited and by the Labor Ministry's objections to the departure from the country of skilled persons.

The reports circulating here say that the Hungarian authorities are also demanding trade concession as a quid pro quo for their agreement to Jewish emigration. Although details of the Hungarians' demands are not available here, it is believed the Hungarians--in an effort to improve their trade relations with Israel--are asking for certain raw materials, machinery and shipping facilities.

U.S. JEWS CONTRIBUTED 80 PERCENT OF \$210,000,000 INVESTED BY J.N.F.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- One out of every five people in Israel lives on land acquired, owned and developed by the Jewish National Fund, Elias M. Epstein, overseas director of the J.N.F. in Jerusalem, stated today on his arrival in New York to confer with leaders of the Fund in this country. He added that in the course of more than 50 years of its existence the J.N.F. has invested in land purchase and development in Israel the sum of \$210,000,000, about 80 percent of which was contributed by American Jews.

"As many as 310,000 people, constituting 22 percent of the Jewish population in Israel," Mr. Epstein explained, "are now living on J.N.F. territory in town and in country. The majority is to be found in rural zones, but a substantial number lives in towns and urban suburbs on building sites owned by the Jewish National Fund."

In analyzing the ownership of the land in Israel, Mr. Epstein pointed out that of the less than 10,000,000 dunams of arable land in Israel, the Jewish National Fund owns or has contracted for 3,217,587 dunams, or more than one-third. Of the 610 towns and villages and local councils, as many as 79 percent are established on J.N.F. land; of the agricultural settlements as many as 92 percent have been built on Jewish National Fund land.

N.C.R.A.C. CHAIRMAN REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MACIVER REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Significant and specific steps already have been taken to implement important basic recommendations in the MacIver report for better and more effective coordination of community relations work among national and local Jewish agencies, "it was reported here by Irving Kane, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council. He spoke here at a dinner at the Fairmont Hotel sponsored jointly by the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Oakland.

Mr. Kane told of events leading up to the study by Prof. MacIver more than a year ago. He discussed the MacIver report itself and told of its consideration at the Atlantic City sessions of the N.C.R.A.C. last November. "There were differences between the Jewish agencies--strong differences--divergent views that were based on moral principles--principles that seemed too strong for compromise. But in the end leaders with divergent views recognized that they were engaged in a common cause, and therefore accountable to the entire Jewish community. In that spirit they agreed to a set of commitments in principle for the improved organization of this field of work," he reported.

PERON PROMISES TO LEGALIZE STATUS OF ILLEGAL JEWISH IMMIGRANTS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- President Juan Peron received a delegation of the DAIA, central Jewish representative body in Argentina, and promised to legalize the status of Jewish immigrants who entered the country illegally.

The DAIA today issued a statement expressing horror and indignation over the hanging of two Iraqi Jewish youths in Baghdad last week. The statement charged that since 1948 Iraq has flouted the doctrines of the United Nations by pogroms and discriminatory acts.

JEWISH VETERANS TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Testimony on behalf of universal military training of American youths to provide a national security training corps was delivered today before the House Armed Services Committee by the Jewish War Veterans. Bernard Weitzer, national legislative director, testified for the J.W.V. The Jewish War Veterans joined with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets, and the American Veterans Committee in taking a stand in favor of the proposed training program.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans joined with the American Legion Auxiliary and six other auxiliaries in walking out of the "Womens' Patriotic Conference on National Defense," a national gathering which is held annually.

Last year the conference included on its program an anti-Semitic speaker, Joseph P. Kamp, who denounced the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. This year's trouble occurred when extreme right-wing groups sought to pass resolutions condemning the United Nations, the Administration, and Secretary of State Acheson.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OPENS INSTITUTE TO STUDY JEWISH LIFE ABROAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A report on the Institute for the Study of Jewish Life Abroad, established recently at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was presented here yesterday at a meeting of the American Friends of the Hebrew University by Dr. Arie Tartakower, member of the University's faculty and acting director of the Institute.

Dr. Tartakower reported that the principal aims of the Institute are: First, the compilation of all data, both published and unpublished, relative to the history of world Jewry from the turn of the century to date, to be used as the foundation for a Central Jewish Archive in Jerusalem. Secondly, to closely investigate and study this material for the possible development of a social policy adapted to the needs of the present crucial period in Jewish history.

\$400,000 GIFT MADE TO BALTIMORE JEWISH MEDICAL CENTER

BALTIMORE, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A \$400,000 gift to the new Jewish Medical Center from the Solomon and Anna Rosenbloom Foundation was announced today by J. Benjamin Katzner, chairman of the Jewish Medical Center campaign. The gift, Mr. Katzner said, will be used to provide a residence for the male members of the medical staff of Sinai Hospital who are of professional rank.