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DR. GOLDMANN OUTLINES PLAN OF ACTION ON GERMAN REPARATIONS TALKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, today outlined a plan of action for reaching an agreement with Germany on Jewish reparations claims as decided upon by the New York Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Dr. Goldmann told a press conference here that he is leaving for London February 10 to meet Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and director-general of the Israeli Finance Ministry David Horowitz to discuss the forthcoming preliminary talks with the West German Government. He revealed that his meeting with the Israeli Government leaders will be aimed at reaching an agreement on the amounts of claims--of the Israel Government, Jewish successor organizations and others--and on the methods of procedure to be followed in dealing with Bonn.

It is expected that the preliminary exploratory talks will be conducted in some neutral country, presumably Belgium, Holland or Switzerland, by experts representing the Government of Israel, the New York Conference on reparations and the West German Government.

Dr. Goldmann told the newsmen that the executive of the New York Conference will meet tomorrow to elect a five-man praesidium, of which he will be chairman. He disclosed that experts of the New York Conference are already at work preparing the basis of the Conference's claims to be submitted to Germany.

Hopes Preliminary Talks Will Start in Few Weeks

He said that the conference will call on the Bonn Government to adopt and implement laws for the entire country on restitution and reparations. Since the central government of Germany was mainly responsible for the confiscation of Jewish property and for damage to Jews, he pointed out, and only the Federal Government would have the resources needed for compensation, a Federal law is necessary.

Dr. Goldmann stated that both the Israel Government and the New York Conference are of the opinion that the talks should begin as soon as possible and he expressed the hope that the preliminary talks would commence in a few weeks. He expressed the opinion that the greatest part of the reparations would be in goods, although it is conceivable that a part would be paid in cash.

He declared that the reparations paid on account of Israel's claims would go to Israel as would probably the greatest part of the claims paid the conference, although the form and manner of this aid to Israel has not yet been determined. He also said that he believed that a small percentage of the Conference's claims--possibly five percent--would be reserved for welfare purposes for German Jewish victims of Nazism still living in Germany and that a token amount might be reserved for the purposes of some of the organizations represented in the New York Conference.

ISRAEL PLANS NO CURRENCY DEVALUATION OR FREEZING OF ACCOUNTS

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- There will be no devaluation of the Israeli currency and there will also be no freezing of bank accounts in Israel, Benjamin Mintz, Deputy Speaker of the Israel Parliament, declared at a press conference here today upon his arrival from Jerusalem.

Mr. Mintz said that new currency will be issued soon in Israel but this will not affect the value of the Israeli pound. "Israelis will receive pound for pound, when the new currency is issued," he stated.

(The New York Times today reported from Jerusalem that Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan was understood to have told the Israeli Cabinet that the Treasury could not be committed to meet the monthly quota of \$6,500,000 in foreign currency needed to maintain present food rations. He did not recommend cutting the quota, which would mean reducing rations, but he saw no guarantee that the funds would be available in time, the report said, adding that this may mean another food crisis, such as that of four months ago, when the Government was unable to meet the promised food ration.)

STRIKE AT KAISER-FRAZER PLANT IN ISRAEL ENDS; WORK RESUMED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The strike at the Haifa plant of the Kaiser-Frazer automobile company ended today following the reaching of an agreement between the strikers and the management. Involved in the strike were 44 foremen and office workers, who returned to work immediately after the agreement was initialled.

The agreement today was reached through the mediation of the Ministry of Labor. The strike was called with the approval of the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor. Histadrut leaders claimed that the demands of the strikers were similar to those in effect in other industries in Israel.

ARAB INFILTRERS SENTENCED TO JAIL BY ISRAELI MILITARY COURT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A military court at Beersheba today sentenced six Arab infiltrers, captured after a gun battle with Israeli forces, to 8-12 years in jail. This is the harshest sentence yet meted out by an Israeli court to infiltrers.

The six were convicted of illegal entry into Israel, carrying firearms, attempting to steal livestock from Arab residents of Israel and firing on Israeli forces. The prosecutor demanded the death sentence on the grounds that 12 Israeli soldiers had died in clashes with infiltrers last year. The defense pleaded for mercy, asking the court "not to act like Iraq," which last week publicly hanged two Iraqi Jews on charges of "terrorism."

TEACHING OF ENGLISH DECLINES IN ISRAEL DUE TO SHORTAGE OF TEXTBOOKS

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The standard of English taught in Israeli schools has declined drastically from that in effect during the Mandatory regime, the London Times reported today in a survey of the teaching of English in the Jewish State.

The survey, which established that there is a severe shortage of English textbooks in Israel, said that while a high standard of written and spoken English is being maintained on the university level, the elementary and secondary schools are not keeping to a high level. The Times article expresses the opinion that this "may be a reflection of the Israeli policy which aims at proficiency in the written language, but neglects the value of the spoken language during schooling."

TWO MISSING ISRAELI YOUTHS DISCOVERED IN JORDAN PRISON

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Two members of the Gadnai, Israeli youth battalions, who disappeared several days ago while on a hike in the Lydda area were today reported by the Jordanians to be captives of the Arab Legion.

The report was made by Jordanian representatives on the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, who said the two youths were held in the Ramallah jail. Lt. Col. Shaul Ramati, Israeli chief delegate, immediately demanded the return of the youths, the return of property recently stolen by infiltrators and asked the Jordanians to join with Israel in an anti-malaria project on the Yarmuk River.

The informal session also discussed the case of three Arabs, apprehended by the Jordan authorities after they had raped and murdered a Jewish girl. The Jordanians agreed to permit the Israeli authorities to interrogate the three men on Friday.

ISRAEL WATCHING UNREST IN ARAB COUNTRIES WITH ANXIETY, EBAN SAYS

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Israel is today a center of stability in a world of violence, Ambassador Abba S. Eban said today at a luncheon of the Anglo-American Press Association here. He was referring to the unrest in Egypt and the other Moslem countries.

"Naturally, it is uncomfortable to be in the midst of nationalistic turmoil and violence which may take many unpredictable forms, including turning itself upon Israel," he continued. "We look upon it, therefore, with anxiety but not with fear."

Mr. Eban expressed the belief that there is opportunity for the Arab states and Israel to unite in a program of progress and security for the Middle East. At the same time, he pointed to the danger of Egypt's action in seeking to abrogate unilaterally its treaty with Britain. "Israel has four armistice treaties with Arab states and, naturally, cannot look upon such precedent with indifference," he said.

JEWISH AGENCY OBJECTS TO SEPARATE DRIVE BY BRITISH AGUDAH LABORITES

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency office here today issued another statement condemning the intention of the Agudah laborite organization to conduct an independent fund-raising campaign in England as a "serious breach of national discipline."

The Agudah Labor Party indicated that it will start its drive prior to the arrival in London of Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett who will launch the 1952 Joint Palestine Appeal here. In its statement, the Jewish Agency said that the timing of the Agudah campaign was "most unfortunate," and called upon the Orthodox laborite group "not to undermine the national appeal."

(In Israel, the Jewish Agency executive today took up a request of the Agudah Labor Party for representation on the Agency. The executive decided to refer this request to the plenary session of the Agency which opens in Jerusalem March 4.)

TURKISH COMMISSION FINDS NO EVIDENCE OF "SECRET ZIONIST ORGANIZATION"

ISTANBUL, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A Turkish commission of experts investigating an alleged "secret Zionist organization" in Izmir has found no evidence to support the charges and has closed the case, it was learned here today. The documents on which the charges were based have been returned to their owner.

U.S. WILL ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN ISRAELI TRADE EXHIBITION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The American embassy here today indicated that it will give maximum assistance for American participation in the "Desert Conquest Exhibition" which will take place in Israel during the months of April and May. About 400 industrial and commercial firms from 40 countries will participate in this exhibition.

ISRAEL NEEDS MORE AMERICAN CAPITAL, TEL AVIV CHIEF RABBI SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- "Israel has done much with American capital," Rabbi Isar Jehuda Unterman, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, declared at a farewell banquet tendered him last night by the Mizrahi Organization of America at the Commodore Hotel, following the completion of his ten-week tour in this country for the State of Israel Independence Bond issue.

"For the moment," the Chief Rabbi explained, "our problem is to stabilize the economy so that there shall be no unemployment in Israel, because a man who is hungry is liable to revolt. To establish our economy on firm foundations, we need American dollars. American dollars will help to build up the Negev, Israel's southern desert territory, which alone, when properly cultivated, will be able to feed the entire population of Israel."

AMERICAN TECHNICIANS AND FARMERS OFFERED HOMESTEADS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A house and homestead, at a moderate price, in a fast growing rural area of Israel where employment is assured, is offered to Americans skilled in the operation and maintenance of agricultural and automotive equipment, it was announced today by the Jewish Agency.

Moshe Lefebvre, representative of the Union of Private Farmers in Israel, declared the offer was directed primarily to truck and tractor drivers and mechanics familiar with modern agricultural machinery. Such urgently needed technicians are now being recruited by the Immigration Department for numerous middle class settlements of Israel, the nature of which, he explained, is a synthesis between private enterprise and cooperative farming.

An outstanding example of this type of community is afforded by four villages in the fertile coastal belt south of Tel Aviv, populated by middle class immigrants from England, Poland, Egypt and Iraq, Mr. Lefebvre said. This community will be joined shortly by a village of American settlers for which homesteaders--farmers as well as technicians--are being sought.

Available to the technicians in this community is a new three-room house with a small plot of land suitable for vegetable gardening. The required investment is about \$4,000. Available for farmers is the house plus six-and-a-half acres of land complete with livestock and farming implements, requiring an investment of about \$8,400. Up to \$2,400 of this sum may be had, if necessary, on a long term loan from the Jewish Agency. Terms of the investment may vary according to circumstances.

Mechanics, truck and tractor drivers, who buy the house with a small parcel of land, are assured of employment in either their own or one of the neighboring villages, Mr. Lefebvre said. Farmers purchasing the entire tract are free to engage in any branch of agriculture they choose and will own their land, stock and implements. Only heavy agricultural equipment is owned by the community which also provides water for irrigation and electric power.

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ANTI-SEMITIC MANIFESTATIONS IN ROME REPORTED BY CHIEF RABBI

ROME, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic manifestations following the showing here of a film on Italian resistance to Fascism were brought to the attention of Italian Minister of the Interior Mario Scelba by Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff during a call he paid on the Minister. The showing of the film, "Achtung Banditti," was followed by neo-Fascist demonstrations here.

The Chief Rabbi told the Minister that he has been receiving telephone calls of a threatening nature. The Minister expressed concern over the resurgence of Fascism in this country and pointed out that the government was pressing for passage in Parliament of a law restricting neo-Fascist parties.

The Chief Rabbi also reported that garbage had been thrown all around a memorial to the Italian Jewish war dead of the first world war. The memorial is located beside the main synagogue in Rome.

U.N. ASSEMBLY WILL NOT DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS AT PRESENT SESSION

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A decision to recommend that the United Nations General Assembly should not consider at its present session here the substance of the proposals on measures of implementation of the International Covenant on Human Rights, was adopted yesterday by the U.N. Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee which deals with the human rights issue.

The committee approved a revised version of a proposal sponsored by Denmark, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden, the substance of which would refer the relevant documents to the Commission on Human Rights, so that the Commission could submit recommendations to next year's session of the Assembly.

HITLER-LIKE YOUTH MOVEMENT LINKED TO SYNAGOGUE BOMBING IN U.S.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The formation of an organization patterned after Hitler's "Youth Movement" was reported here today as an aftermath to the attempted fire-bombing of the B'nai Israel synagogue on January 18.

Stories of secret meetings at the Onley High School at which teen-agers flaunt swastika armbands, the symbol of Nazi intolerance, have reached the police and are being investigated. Two youths who were arrested confessed that they threw a "Molotov cocktail"--a milk bottle filled with lighted, gasoline-soaked newspapers--through the synagogue window. One of them, the police said today, demonstrated with Nazi salute as he told of the anti-Jewish activities of his gang.

The police believe that the young vandals may have been recruited by older persons, possibly remnants of the German-American Bund of the pre-war days. The arrested youths are being held for further hearings. One of the young prisoners told the police that he and several of his friends had planned to set several synagogues afire.

HADASSAH LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR 40,000 NEW MEMBERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, Hadassah president, today launched a nationwide drive for 40,000 new members. "Now more than ever Hadassah must mobilize its energies to continue its two-fold program of aid to Israel and work to help strengthen our democratic heritage at home," she told a gathering of 500 Hadassah leaders from all parts of the country.

MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS INSIST ON BASIC CHANGES IN SENATE RULES

NEW YORK, Jan. 30, (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations today issued a joint statement opposing the proposed change in Senate rules which the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration reported out yesterday. The statement emphasized that the proposed change "does little to disturb the present veto power which a minority can exercise through the filibuster."

The statement was signed by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It was released by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating agency for the foregoing and 27 local Jewish community councils throughout the country.

"The proposed change from two-thirds of the Senate to two-thirds of the Senators present and voting has more the appearance than the substance of an improvement, for in any significant debate attendance of the Senate is likely to be complete," the statement of the Jewish groups pointed out.

"Termination of debate," the statement continued, "should be possible whenever a majority of Senators present and voting come to the conclusion that the question at issue has been adequately discussed - with proper safeguards, of course, against the abuse of majority power to gag the minority. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting is required by the Constitution, only in exceptional cases, such as overriding a Presidential veto or impeachment of the Chief Executive.

"It is preposterous that a similar number should be required to permit the Senate to proceed to a vote when the vote itself, on issues which may fundamentally affect the welfare of the nation, may be decided by a simple majority. No civil rights law has been enacted since 1875, and none is likely to be as long as the two-thirds cloture requirement stands. The proposed change leaves undisturbed the present provision forbidding any cloture at all on resolutions to change the rules, an act of legislative abdication unparalleled in the history of legislative bodies.

"The Senate Committee had before it proposals that would have permitted termination of debate by a majority vote after assuring ample opportunity for every point of view to be heard. This is the sensible democratic way. Any other procedure can only be regarded as designed to obstruct and render impotent the will of the majority, even on trivial issues," the statement concluded.

WEST VIRGINIA. RABBI NAMED "MAN OF THE YEAR"; RECEIVES AWARD

FAIRMONT, West Virginia, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Rabbi Harold A. Friedman of Temple Beth El has been named Fairmont's "Man of the Year" and was awarded a scroll and key to commemorate the award. This is the first time in West Virginia history that a Jew was so honored.

Rabbi Friedman, who was named "Man of the Year" by a board consisting of one Catholic and three Protestants--one a clergyman--was honored for his manifold activities in behalf of the town. He was active in organizing a Brotherhood Week program, is a Boy Scout Commissioner and a chaplain at a nearby veterans hospital and has broadcast over local radio stations on a program sponsored by the town's ministerial association.

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