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JEWISH TALKS WITH GERMANY TO START NEXT MONTH, GOLDMANN SAYS

LONDON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Jewish reparations talks with Germany will start in the middle of March, it was announced here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency and president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Speaking to newsmen, Dr. Goldmann denied a report published here today that he had conferred last night with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer at the Claridge Hotel here. He added that in the future he would not answer questions as to whom he had met and where.

Dr. Goldmann said that he could not state where the negotiations with the representatives of Germany would be held. However, he emphasized that they will not be held in Germany. He declared that while Israel's claims are quite simple, those to be presented by the delegations of Jewish organizations outside of Israel are complicated.

These organizations, Dr. Goldmann said, ask firstly the full protection of all individual claims for restitution and indemnification; they insist that legislation for the payment of such claims should be alike in all provinces of Western Germany; they also advance other demands with regard to heirless Jewish property.

Replying to questions as to why representatives of British Jewry were not included on the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Materials Claims Against Germany, Dr. Goldmann explained that it was decided that the praesidium be composed of five American members because the work was of a day-to-day nature and it would be impossible for representatives from London to attend meetings called on a day's notice. He also said that if the Board of Deputies of British Jews were to have a representative on the praesidium, leaders of French and German Jewry would demand similar representation.

German Newspaper Challenges Israel's Rights to Reparations

DUSSELDORF, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The right of the State of Israel to claim reparations from Germany was challenged today by the Aachener Nachrichten, right-wing daily. In an editorial, the paper said that since the State of Israel was established after World War II and therefore never had been at war with Hitler, it was questionable whether Israel could claim reparations. It also asked whether Israel had been commissioned by world Jewry to demand billions in reparations.

In the eyes of the Jews, the editorial commented, "Germany will never lose the stigma of unforgiveable crimes and is doomed to remain the eternal debtor of Jewry."

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES DELEGATION TO PARLEY ON GERMAN DEBTS

LONDON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The composition of the Israeli delegation to an international conference on Germany's pre-war debts was announced here today by the Israel legation. The conference, which will be attended by the representatives of 28 nations, will open here February 28.

Dr. Moshe Keren, Counsellor of the legation, will head the delegation, which will include the following: J. Brin, Economic Counsellor of the legation; M. A. Elitzur, the legation's Second Secretary; and E. Margalith, assistant economic attache of the legation, who will serve as alternate member of the delegation. E. Nathan and K. Hirschfeld will serve as legal and economic advisor, respectively.

PRICES RISE IN ISRAEL AS RESULT OF NEW ECONOMIC POLICY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The prices of many commodities and services continued to rise in Israel today as a result of the government's new economic policy even as Parliament began a lengthy debate on the new policy.

In the Knesset the critics of the government opened their attack by demanding a vote of no confidence. The General Zionists, analyzing the new policy point-by-point, emphasized its weak points and charged that it had created "public distrust of the present government." Moshe Sneh, Mapam leader, vigorously attacked the government for "undermining the workers' living standards and driving the country toward unemployment."

Making the first reply for the government forces, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan explained the working of the government's new policy, which he said was an attempt to improve the economic situation by increasing output. He could not promise that the policy would be "100 percent successful," but added that he was sure that the greatest portion of the program can be carried out if "all show good will and if all are cooperative."

The cost of hospital services rose by ten percent today, while rentals which were not fixed have risen. Taxi fares increased 50 percent, although the government has granted no official rise. Urban and inter-urban transport companies are demanding increases while some of the bus companies went on strike yesterday, resuming service this morning only when assured that the government would grant them price increases within two days. The government is also expected to allow increases in the price of cement.

There is a great demand in the cities for goods whose prices are expected to go up shortly, and long queues formed at stores selling clothing and shoes. However, a degree of quiet was returning to the markets and even in the black market prices dipped slightly.

Meanwhile, a resolution demanding that the government fix the rate of exchange earned by citrus products sold abroad at one dollar to the pound was adopted in Tel Aviv last night by a convention of citrus grove owners. It was reported at the parley that citrus exports had earned 6,500,000 pounds sterling for Israel last year and that some 80,000 tons of citrus fruits had been sold locally. The growers demanded other concessions from the government, including an increase in the price of fruit sold on the local market.

LIQUIDATOR ANNOUNCED FOR INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION

GENEVA, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Col. Oliver E. Cound of El Paso, Texas, has been named liquidator of the International Refugee Organization by the I. R. O. General Council.

APPOINTMENT OF ISRAEL OFFICIALS TO BE DIVORCED FROM POLITICS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Legislation designed to divorce Israeli officialdom from politics will soon be presented to Parliament by the Cabinet, it was learned here today. Heretofore, most government officials were appointed on the basis of their political party affiliation.

The Cabinet today concluded discussions on the draft of such a bill, it was indicated. Also, at today's meeting, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reported on his talks in London and in Paris, as well as on the preparations for the Israel-German reparations negotiations which, he said yesterday, will start "in a couple of weeks."

ISRAEL'S SHORTAGE OF NEWSPRINT DISCUSSED AT JOURNALISTS' PARLEY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The Journalists Association here today protested against the failure of the Israel Government to solve the problem of the newsprint shortage. The protest was voiced in a resolution adopted at the biennial conference of the Association.

Speakers at the conference discussed the position of the Israeli newspapers, which are now appearing in two-page editions because of the lack of paper. The conference called upon the government to take measures to ensure sufficient newsprint for the 18 daily newspapers which are published here in various languages.

ISRAEL-AMERICAN LEAGUE HOLDS NATIONAL PARLEY IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Satisfaction with the friendly relations existing between the United States and Israel was expressed in a resolution adopted here today at the national conference of the Israel-American Friendship League. More than 160 delegates representing several thousand members from various parts of Israel are attending the conference.

Addressing the delegates, American Ambassador Monnett B. Davis said he was happy to see the growing development of mutual understanding between Israel and the United States. He stressed the fact that both nations are deeply interested in preserving the principles of democracy, freedom and equality.

MRS. ROOSEVELT VISITS NEGEV; MEETS WITH JEWS AND ARABS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who is now visiting Israel, spent last night at President Weizmann's residence in Rehovot after completing a trip through the Negev, the Southern part of the country.

During her tour in the Negev, Mrs. Roosevelt visited Beersheba where she lunched with the mayor and local notables. Later she visited Sheik Suleiman el Huziel and his tribe. On her way to Dr. Weizmann's home, she stopped at the village for the blind near Rehovot which is maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee. She was presented with an album of pictures of the village.

Dr. Garcia Granados, representative of Guatemala at the United Nations, who is now visiting Israel, today addressed the Commercial and Industrial Club here and expressed satisfaction with the achievements of the Jewish State. Dr. Granados will participate in the U. J. A. campaign upon his return to the United States.

BRITISH JEWS CONGRATULATE QUEEN ELIZABETH ON ACCESSION TO THRONE

LONDON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews held a special session last night at which it adopted a resolution congratulating Queen Elizabeth II upon her accession to the throne. The Board also invited the Anglo-Jewish Association to join with it in the resolution and in the presentation of an address to the new Queen incorporating the sentiments of the resolution.

Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board, eulogized the late Jacob Landau, founder of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, declaring that Mr. Landau was "chiefly responsible for making the JTA the acknowledged news service for Jews throughout the world." He also said that Mr. Landau had possessed "outstanding qualities" and that his death was a "great loss to Jewish journalism."

EXISTENCE OF UNKNOWN JEWISH TRIBES DISCOVERED IN SAHARA DESERT

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Existence of Jewish tribes in the Sahara Desert, hitherto unknown, was reported here today by Andre Chouraqui, assistant secretary general of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, who recently completed an 8,000 mile tour of Africa by car.

Chouraqui said that in crossing the Sahara, he had found Jewish nomads as yet unknown to Jewish historians. He reported finding one Jewish tribe of 3,000 people at an oasis in the Sahara. They were living under conditions of a thousand years ago, he said. He said he met other large Jewish groups elsewhere in Africa.

GROUP FORMED IN PARIS TO ENTERTAIN AMERICAN JEWISH SERVICEMEN

PARIS, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- An armed services committee was established here today by American Jewish residents of the French capital to provide recreational, social and religious facilities for Jewish personnel in the armed forces coming to Paris on leave.

Aaron Brodsky, director of the National Jewish Welfare Board's activities in Germany, told the group that Paris is becoming the primary leave center for soldiers from other parts of France and from Germany and stressed the importance of providing them with Jewish surroundings.

Samuel B. Gershocitz, executive director of the Board, told the group that the USO is now making a survey to determine whether to establish a USO center in Paris. The new committee decided that if this operation is established, the new group will work as part of the overall group. It also voted to make immediate arrangements for facilities for observance of the forthcoming Passover holidays here.

STATE DEPT. DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTRY OF NAZI GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The State Department said today that former Nazi Major General Walter P. Schreiber, who commanded the department of medical science of Hitler's supreme command, entered the United States in U.S. Air Force custody and that he was not cleared by the State Department for a visa.

The Defense Department is authorized to import foreign experts whom the Department considers desirable for defense purposes without clearing such people through normal channels.

ANTI-SEMITIC ORDER BY URUGUAYAN MAYOR DISTURBS JEWS

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Jews in Uruguay are deeply concerned over a recent anti-Jewish order issued in this smallest and most advanced republic in South America by Mayor Rivera Berreta of Canelones, who is also administrative head of the township La Paz, where the only Jewish cemetery in the country is located.

The Mayor's order provides for an unprecedented increase in the tax on burials of Jews in the La Paz cemetery. Instead of paying two pesos--about \$1.00--burial tax, Jews will now have to pay 120 pesos for each person buried in their cemetery. The Mayor is reported as having said that the tax rise should bring about "the suppression of the cemetery of the Jewish race and religion in this province."

ST. PAUL STARTS SURVEY ON EFFECT OF CHANUKAH-CHRISTMAS PARTIES

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 18. (JTA) -- A survey to determine whether it is beneficial to have joint participation of Jewish and Christian children in combined Chanukah and Christmas celebrations was initiated here by the Council of Human Relations.

The survey seeks to establish whether there is greater understanding and more friendly relations where there have been these joint programs, Russel Myers, executive director of the Council declared. The results of the survey are expected to command nationwide attention in view of the trend in recent years to combined celebration of these holidays in schools.

PROF. WALLENROD WINS Z. O. A. AWARD FOR BOOK ON ISRAEL LITERATURE

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Prof. Reuben Wallenrod of Brooklyn College was the winner of the \$500 prize for the best book-length manuscript on modern Hebrew literature in Israel submitted in the course of a contest conducted by the Zionist Organization of America. The purpose of the contest was to encourage publication of books on themes relative to Israel and Jewish culture.

The committee of judges was composed of Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Jewish Publication Society of America, Professor Milton R. Konvitz of Cornell University, editor of "Industrial and Labor Review," and Prof. Abraham I. Katsh, who served as chairman of the Z. O. A. National Commission on Educational Activities when the contest was launched. The contest was administered by Carl Alpert, director of the Z. O. A. education department.

DR. TARTAKOWER NAMED DIRECTOR OF W. J. C. FOR LATIN AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Arieh Tartakower, member of the executive council of the World Jewish Congress, was appointed director of the Latin American headquarters of the W. J. C. here to succeed the late Dr. Jacob Hellman, it was reported today. He was given a leave of absence from the Hebrew University and will take over his new functions next month, the report said.

LOUIS LEVY, PROMINENT FRENCH JEWISH JOURNALIST, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Louis Levy, prominent French Jewish journalist and former foreign editor of the Paris newspaper Populaire under the editorship of Leon Blum, died here yesterday. He was 59 years old.