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## JEWISH GROUPS AND ISRAEL READY FOR REPARATIONS TALKS WITH GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Government and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which represents Jewish communities outside of Israel, have authorized Dr. Nahum Goldmann to inform the German Government that both Israel and the Conference have agreed to accept Germany's invitation to negotiate reparations claims, it was officially announced here today by Conference leaders. The announcement reads:

"Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, who was asked last December by the Chancellor of the German Federal Republic to convey to the Israel Government and to the Conference on Jewish Claims an invitation of the German Government to negotiate on Israel's and other Jewish claims, has been authorized to inform the German Government that both Israel and the Conference have agreed to accept the invitation.

"It has been mutually agreed that these negotiations will begin about the middle of March in a neutral country. The Government of Israel and the Conference on Jewish Claims will be represented by two separate delegations who will discuss respective claims with a special delegation of the German Federal Government."

### Israeli Government Confirms London Announcement

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Government announced here today that it was ready to open negotiations with the Bonn Government for payment of reparations claims based on damages suffered by the Jews in Hitler's Germany.

The announcement said that the negotiations would be based on the invitation extended by the Bonn Government itself and on the basis of the Israeli memorandum to the four occupation powers in March, 1951, in which the Jewish State set forth its demands for \$1,500,000,000 in reparations payments from Germany.

The announcement also revealed that the Israel Government would ask Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency chairman and president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, to inform the Bonn Government that Israel had decided to accept its invitation.

### French Jews Vote Approval of Direct Talks with Germany

PARIS, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Approval of direct negotiations with Germany for reparations to Israel and Jewish communities outside of Israel was voted here today by the CRIF, representative body of French Jewry consisting of all Jewish organizations in the country. The vote was 13 in favor and 8 against. Among those who voted against were the representatives of the General Zionists, the Jewish veterans organizations, and the Jewish Communist group.

**JEWISH AGENCY TO DISCUSS RELATIONS BETWEEN U. J. A. AND BOND DRIVE**

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The relations between the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond drive in the United States will be one of the main questions to be discussed at the forthcoming plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive which is to open on March 6 in Jerusalem, it was revealed here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

Dr. Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told newsmen here that relations between the U. J. A. and the Israel Bond drive are not satisfactory at present. There is no system of coordination and a certain competition has developed, he stated.

The Jewish Agency session, Dr. Goldmann continued, will also discuss the situation of the World Zionist movement and methods for its re-organization. The relations between the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government in the light of the new exchange rates will also be considered at the session, he stated. The new rates, he said, alter the whole budgetary structure of the Agency.

Dr. Goldmann expressed the hope that there will be agreement on the draft legislation providing for the granting by Israel of a special status of the Agency before the Agency plenary session opens. He revealed that he is leaving tonight for Copenhagen and will proceed from there to Morocco from where he will fly to Israel.

**ISRAEL'S MINISTER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUMMONED FOR CONSULTATIONS**

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. L. Kubovy, Israeli Minister to Warsaw and Prague, has been instructed to return to Tel Aviv for consultations with the Israeli Foreign Minister following his meeting with Dr. L. Barak, Czechoslovak Deputy Foreign Minister, it was learned here today. Dr. Kubovy is expected Thursday.

Political circles here attach importance to the summoning of the Israel Minister from Prague for discussions here. They point out that relations between Israel and Czechoslovakia have become tense following the anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish speeches delivered recently by the Premier and President of Czechoslovakia, and as a result of the recent disappearance in Prague of the Israeli Mapam leader Mordecai Oren.

From Vienna it was reported today that Mr. Oren who has been missing since his arrival in Prague almost two months ago has been imprisoned in the Czechoslovak capital for trying to persuade young Czech Jews to migrate to Israel.

**ISRAEL HOLDS THIRD PLACE AMONG NATIONS IN ACCEPTING IMMIGRANTS**

GENEVA, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The role of Israel in accepting hundreds of thousands of refugees from Europe was underlined here in a statement by Eliezer Doron, Israeli delegate to the General Council of the International Refugee Organization, on the liquidation of the I. R. O.

He said that his government was proud that it was in third place among the nations of the world in the number of immigrants accepted. He paid tribute to the co-operation of I. R. O. officials in helping Jewish Agency officers process immigrants for Israel. He added that the tens of thousands of DP's in Israel and elsewhere who received an opportunity to start a new life through the activities of the I. R. O. will always remember the organization with "deep gratitude."

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MRS. ROOSEVELT IMPRESSED WITH ISRAEL'S "COLOSSAL UNDERTAKINGS"

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19, (JTA) -- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today that the care given children was "the happiest thing I saw in Israel." Winding up a five-day visit to this country during which she traveled exhaustively from one end of the state to the other and visited settlements, industries, immigrant camps and other institutions and talked with the nation's leaders, Mrs. Roosevelt gave her impressions of the country to a press conference here.

Comparing the present situation in Israel with the United States in its pioneering epoch, Mrs. Roosevelt said: "Colossal undertakings are being carried out here with such vigor and vitality that it takes away one's breath." Referring to the absorption of new immigrants here, she commented: "I was told that Israel is a melting pot, but I must repeat what I said, 'Israel is not a melting pot but a pressure cooker.'"

Mrs. Roosevelt declined to comment on the refugee question generally but said conditions in the immigrant work camps (maabarot) were incomparably better than in the Arab refugee camps. The immigrant camps, she said, were cleaner and better equipped. In reply to a question about the Palestine Arab refugees, Mrs. Roosevelt said that the Arab refugees were being stirred to discontent and unrest by "professional leaders."

She expressed doubt that the United Nations would be able to assist the Jews of Eastern Europe to emigrate to Israel since "it is not United Nations policy to interfere in the internal affairs of any country." She said, in response to another question, that Israel can play a very important role in defense of the Middle East but "all this depends on the future."

Commenting on the difficult economic situation in Israel, Mrs. Roosevelt voiced confidence that these conditions would be overcome. "I was staying in Paris at a hotel on the doors of which was a plaque saying, 'here France gave the first loan to the United States of America.' You see what became of the United States of America. So I do believe that Israel will overcome the present hardships."

Mrs. Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered tonight by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion attended by U.S. Ambassador Monett B. Davis, members of the diplomatic corps and members of the Israel Cabinet. She will leave Israel tomorrow morning for Pakistan and India. Earlier today, in a ceremony at Kfar Vitkin, Mrs. Vera Weizmann, wife of Israel's president, proclaimed March 30 as World Jewish Child's Day. Mrs. Roosevelt was present at the ceremony and heard an announcement by Hadassah, the American women's Zionist organization, that a vocational training center to be established by Youth Aliyah and Hadassah would bear Mrs. Roosevelt's name.

ISRAEL'S WELFARE MINISTER ARRIVES IN U.S.; REPORTS PROGRESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19, (JTA) -- Israel's progress has been phenomenal in the light of the handicaps and obstacles that the country faces, Rabbi Izchak Meyer Lewin, Israeli Welfare Minister, said at a press conference here today.

The Israeli Minister arrived here yesterday for a four-week tour of major American Jewish communities. Upon his landing, he was officially welcomed to the city by a representative of the Mayor. More than 50 representatives of rabbinical and other Jewish groups were also at the airfield to greet him. He is visiting the United States at the invitation of the American Agudath Israel Organization.

**B'NAI B'RITH INSISTS N.C.R.A.C. MUST REMAIN COORDINATING BODY**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Calling upon all Jews "to recognize the threat to a democratic Jewish life implicit in the proposals for a single centralized community relations agency," B'nai B'rith's national executive committee, at its annual meeting here, ratified the position taken by its constituent agency, the Anti-Defamation League, at the plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council in Atlantic City last November, it was announced here today.

The same resolution "deplores the coercive implications of the C.J.F.W.F. resolution on this subject" adopted at the General Assembly of the C.J.F.W.F. in Chicago, on Dec. 2, 1951. "These resolutions would substitute conformance to the C.J.F.W.F. concept of unification of the community relations field for competence and performance of work in that field as the test in allocations of funds," the B'nai B'rith executive committee stated.

Declaring that "proposals for dismemberment of the A.D.L. will affect adversely the whole Jewish community," the executive committee resolution directed B'nai B'rith representatives "not to enter into, or authorize, or participate in any agreements or actions which would affect the autonomy of B'nai B'rith or its Anti-Defamation League."

Harry Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, today indicated that the B'nai B'rith statement--as well as a similar statement made several days ago by the American Jewish Committee--seems to bring into question the meaning of the decisions on the MacIver Report adopted unanimously at the meeting of the National Community Relations Advisory Council in Atlantic City last November.

He said that the N.C.R.A.C. Special Committee on Evaluative Studies will meet on March 1 in New York and that it is hoped that the two agencies will at that meeting declare what they intend to do about carrying out the resolutions which were adopted at the November N.C.R.A.C. meeting.

**JEWISH CONGRESS PRESIDENT CALLS FOR DEFEAT OF MCCARRAN BILLS**

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Passage of the McCarran-Walter omnibus immigration bills now pending before Congress would draw an iron curtain around the United States, make a mockery of much of our humanitarian tradition and gravely impair our effort to give moral leadership to the freedom-seeking people of the world, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, warned today at a meeting of the national executive committee of the organization.

Defeat of the McCarran-Walter bills, Dr. Goldstein told 75 members of the policy-making body, "is as inescapable an obligation as is resistance to aggression or to the threat of totalitarianism." The measures provide more than a dozen new grounds for excluding future immigrants, more than 20 new grounds for deporting persons already legally admitted and innumerable grounds for depriving naturalized Americans of their citizenship, he pointed out.

"These proposals, if enacted, will draw an iron curtain around our boundaries," Dr. Goldstein warned. "In effect, our doors will be virtually sealed to all but very narrow categories of immigrants. A legislative seal of inferiority will be placed on all persons of other than Anglo-Saxon origin. Millions of naturalized Americans

will live in permanent fear of deportation or loss of citizenship for the most trivial and frivolous of reasons. No country can enact such legislation and hope that its voice will ever be heeded with respect or its declarations of noble intent regarded with anything but scepticism. "

### Report on Philadelphia Vandalism Presented to Meeting

The acts of vandalism and terror which have broken out in several sections of Philadelphia are part of a national pattern, Nathan L. Edelstein, a member of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations which is investigating these acts, declared in his report on the situation to the A. J. C. executive group.

"Whatever the specific conditions which have produced the Philadelphia incidents may be, we cannot blind ourselves to the fact that a pattern of resort to violence and intimidation is now developing throughout the country," Mr. Edelstein, who is national secretary of the A. J. C., declared. "The incidents are no longer limited to any single region. They have occurred in the north and the south, the east and the west. Their victims have been youths and adults, white and colored, Jews and Christians.

"Whether there has been any communication between these groups is less important than the fact that private groups are resorting to the use of terror to intimidate those who are the object of their prejudices and hatreds. A spirit is abroad in the land which can lead to dangerous consequences. There must be both short term and long range action. Law enforcement officers must act with dispatch and efficiency to apprehend and severely punish the guilty persons. Long range educational and community programs must become more realistic and less vague. "

### INJUNCTION ISSUED AGAINST GIDEON BIBLE DISTRIBUTION IN SCHOOLS

HACKENSACK, N. J., Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The New Jersey Superior Court today issued a temporary injunction restraining the Board of Education of the town of Rutherford from implementing its recent resolution to permit the Gideon Society to distribute the King James Protestant version of the Bible in the public schools of Rutherford.

The court ordered the Board to show cause why this injunction should not be continued pending final outcome of the case. A hearing has been set for February 29.

The action was brought by a Catholic and a Jewish parent of Rutherford who asked the court to rule that the proposed distribution was a legal infringement of the constitutional requirement that State and secular interests be kept separate and apart. This is the first court test of the legality of distribution of Gideon Bibles in public schools.

### FEDERAL COMMISSION RECEIVES MANY COMPLAINTS ON RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Federal Communications Commission "receives a lot of mail with respect to unjust attacks against and caricatures of minority racial and religious groups," F. C. C. Commissioner Paul A. Walker told the Temple Mens' Club here today.

In a brotherhood address, Mr. Walker asked for a rededication to the "task of overcoming ignorance, self-indulgence, intolerance, and racial and religious prejudice." He said radio and television were two important instruments with which to promote sound inter-group relations.

ARGENTINA BANS ANTI-JEWISH BROADCASTS BY CROAT CLERGYMAN

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A protest by the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, has brought about the banning of broadcasts in northern Argentina by Vlas Stefanitch, a Croat clergyman, who has been attacking Jews under the guise of fighting Communism.

The DAIA protested to the governor of Salta province and to the provincial police chief as well as to the manager of the local government radio station who previously gave the clergyman time for his addresses. In this form and in letters to the local newspapers the Jewish community has managed to inform the local population of the real purposes of the Croat clergyman's campaign.

JEWISH NEWSPAPER CALLS ON JEWS TO AID CATHOLIC HOSPITAL

WINNIPEG, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Israelite Press, a local Anglo-Jewish weekly newspaper, has called on the Jews of this city to rally to the support of St. Boniface Hospital, a local Catholic institution which is seeking funds to build a new building estimated to cost \$5,500,000.

In its editorial appeal, the Israelite Press points out that St. Boniface Hospital has treated persons of all race, color and creed equally and that the "hospital also is entirely free of religious discrimination in the employment of its medical and nursing staffs, taking into consideration only their abilities to serve the patients." The newspaper points out that the same cannot be said about several other hospital in the city.

Z. O. A. INCREASES ITS SHARE IN HULEH RECLAMATION PROJECT

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America decided to increase the Z. O. A. share in the Huleh reclamation project from 5,000 dunam, as pledged at the meeting in Chicago three months ago, to 6,000 dunam, it was announced today.

"The reclamation of the Huleh, involving 60,000 dunam, is the greatest engineering enterprise undertaken in the history of the Jewish Homeland, and, when completed, will turn the pestilential region into the bread basket of the Jewish State, helping in a great measure to obviate the food shortage which is now Israel's most crushing problem," Dr. Sidney Marks, Z. O. A. executive director, declared.

U. S. MIZRACHI SENDS ENVOY TO ISRAEL ON UNIVERSITY PROJECT

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Henry L. Kraushar, national chairman of the Bar-Ilan University Building Committee of the Mizrahi Organization of America, departed by air today for Israel to complete arrangements for the start of construction on the first buildings of the projected academic institution, which is being established under Mizrahi auspices as the first religious university in the Jewish State.

Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, American Mizrahi president, declared that Mr. Kraushar had been dispatched on his mission "because the stage has been reached in plans for the Bar-Ilan University which makes it urgent that existing plans be coordinated immediately in order to assure the prompt start of construction."