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EDEN AND SHARETT DISCUSS BRITISH-ISRAELI RELATIONS, MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- Problems concerning British-Israeli relations and Israel's role in the Middle East, as well as international problems, were discussed here today by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Israel's Foreign Secretary Moshe Sharett. The meeting of the two Ministers lasted one hour. No details of the discussion were revealed.

Later, addressing a Foreign Press Association luncheon tendered in his honor, Minister Sharett made it clear that Israel does not contemplate establishment of any relations with Germany. The German-Israeli reparations talks which are to start within a fortnight are not the first step in this direction, he insisted.

Outlining Israel's stand on conciliation with the Arab countries, Mr. Sharett said it was the absence of peace with the Arabs which forced Israel to strengthen its ties with countries further afield. "These contacts," he declared, "will stand Israel in good stead long after her relations with her immediate neighbors are normalized. Therefore, far from weakening Israel, in the long run the Arab challenge has enhanced her immunity to the dangers of isolation. But Israel is not in the least anxious to perpetuate her loneliness. She is only too eager to reach a settlement with her Arab neighbors."

Mr. Sharett said that the Arab attitude toward Israel is based on two outdated and irrational notions: "the first, that one can indefinitely disregard a solid fact created under one's very nose; the second, that it is possible under modern conditions to strangle a country, or at least bring it to its knees, by sealing off its land frontiers."

This policy, he emphasized, had worked harm to Arab interests. He said that Israel had found other suppliers for materials it could have bought from the Arab states and found other markets for goods it could have shipped to the Arabs. He pointed out that the Arab boycott could not cripple the Jewish State as long as the air and sea lanes were kept open, adding that aviation had assured Israel's survival at this critical stage.

Turning to the problems of the Arab refugees, the Foreign Minister maintained that vital security considerations forbid Israel's acceptance of their return to their former homes. He stressed that the best that could happen to the refugees this year would be for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to proceed with its task of finding homes and jobs for them. Israel is willing to accept on a permanent basis the 20,000 displaced Arabs now living in Israel and to pay compensation for the lands of the Arabs who fled, he stated.

PLACE OF GERMAN-JEWISH REPARATIONS TALKS TO BE KEPT SECRET

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- The exact location of the reparations negotiations between the West German Government and Jewish and Israeli representatives will be disclosed only to persons directly connected with the conference, it was learned here today on good authority. It was stated that the public and the press would be barred from the talks, but that communiques, approved by the parties concerned, would be issued. The opening of the negotiations, scheduled for next Monday, has been postponed for several days.

The London Council of the World Jewish Congress today discussed the question of Jewish claims against Germany at its first conference here. A. L. Easterman, one of the leaders of the W. J. C., reported at the parley that the bill which the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany will present the Germans will consist of three main parts:

1. A demand to improve and extend the existing restitution legislation in Germany, particularly its transformation into federal legislation.
2. Repayment to legitimate heirs, or to their authorized representatives, of compulsory taxes imposed upon Jews under the Nazi regime, such as the special Jewish flight tax estimated at 2,000,000,000 German marks and the collective penalty of some 1,000,000,000 marks imposed upon German Jewry as "revenge" for the assassination of the German diplomat, von Rath, in Paris by the Polish Jew Hershl Grynszpan.
3. Compensation for property confiscated and looted en-masse from Jewish communities in Nazi-occupied countries, most of which was brought to Germany and sold there. Mr. Easterman revealed that German sources estimate that the contents of almost 70,000 Jewish houses in Austria, Holland and France alone were physically removed to Germany and sold there.

Where the owners or heirs to claims are no longer alive, the Conference would demand compensation to be paid to the Jewish Successor Organization which is composed of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency, Mr. Easterman said. He emphasized that there can be no question of reparations or compensation for the murder of 6,000,000 Jews by the Nazis. The forthcoming negotiations with Germany, he said, would be for the restitution of Jewish assets stolen, confiscated or expropriated by the Nazis and for refund of the minimum cost of the resettlement in Israel of Nazi victims.

Ex-Nazi Diplomat Reported Directing German Restitution Talks

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- Herbert Blankenhorn, described as a former top-ranking Nazi diplomat associated with directing anti-Jewish propaganda in the United States, is now "the controlling voice in the negotiations for German restitution to Jewish victims," the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League today charged in communications to Secretary of State Dean Acheson and U.S. High Commissioner for Germany John J. McCloy.

Reporting that Blankenhorn was deported from Washington at the beginning of World War II, the Anti-Nazi League said that "the presence of a man of Blankenhorn's antecedents as the key voice in planning for Jewish restitution is a grave insult to the decent opinion of the whole world." It urged that Secretary Acheson and Mr. McCloy "exert every effort to bring about his removal from any degree of control over restitution matters, as well as from his present key post in the direction of West German foreign affairs." Blankenhorn occupies the post of Ministerial Director in the West German Chancellery.

DEPORTATION OF MIDDLE CLASS JEWS FROM RUMANIAN CITIES STARTED

TEL AVIV, March 11. (JTA) -- The deportation of middle class "unproductive elements," including a large percentage of Jews, from the larger Rumanian cities to forced labor on farms has already started, it was reported here today. The report estimated that as many as 100,000 families, mostly Jews, are affected.

The report stated that the deportations are taking place from Bucharest, Ploesti, Galatz, Timisoare, Jassy and Krayvo. Former land owners, factory owners and other middle class elements who are unemployed at present are permitted to choose the area to which they are sent, the report stated. It added that convicted political prisoners are sent to labor camps without being accompanied by their families.

An appeal by the Jewish Agency executive to the Rumanian Government to halt the arrest of Zionist leaders in Rumania was voiced last night by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Agency executive.

Speaking for the current plenary session of the executive, Dr. Goldmann said that the meeting had "heard with anxiety about the wave of arrests of Jews in Rumania because of their Zionism. World Zionism, while appreciating the Rumanian Government's positive attitude toward Israel and the continuation of Jewish immigration from Rumania, cannot comprehend the punishment of those who are faithful to the Zionist ideal," he added. He called for the release of Zionists now under arrest and their migration to Israel.

NAZI GUARD GETS LIFE TERM IN MURDER OF JEWISH PRISONER

MUNICH, March 11. (JTA) -- Hans Steinbrenner, former Nazi guard at the Dachau concentration camp, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for the murder of a Jewish inmate of the camp. The same German court sentenced him to 10 years in jail for another murder and an accomplice to six years on various charges of assault.

Steinbrenner defended his killing the Jewish prisoner on the grounds that as a guard he was "a tool of a legal state, and I believe orders are orders." He explained that he had entered the cell of one of his victims, thrust a knife in the Jew's hand and then shot him in "self defense."

HIGH WIND SWEEPS THE NEGEV; CAUSES DAMAGE; NAVAL OFFICER KILLED

TEL AVIV, March 11. (JTA) -- A 50-mile an hour wind swept the Negev causing damage and the death of at least one person, it was announced here today. The fatality occurred when an Israeli naval craft going to the aid of fishing boats off Eilat, on the Gulf of Eilat, overturned. A naval officer was killed and one seaman was hurt.

Over 1,000 children participating in a Trumpeldor Day celebration at Tel Hai yesterday were drenched by the heavy rains and sought shelter in the Nebi Yosha police station and at nearby Kibbutz Malakiya. Early this morning the police commandeered buses to take the children to their homes.

Sandstorms in some sections and rainstorms accompanied by high winds kept inhabitants indoors in various parts of Israel today and interfered with the Purim feasts in many communities and settlements.

INDIANAPOLIS WANTS BOND CAMPAIGN HALTED DURING FEDERATION DRIVE

INDIANAPOLIS, March 11. (JTA) -- An open letter to the Jewish community of Indianapolis from the committee set up to coordinate aspects of the four-point Israel aid program said this week that the committee had unanimously recommended that the Indianapolis Jewish community should devote itself exclusively to the campaign of the Jewish Welfare Federation from March 1 to June 15 and that during this period, "there be no organized effort to sell bonds for Israel in Indianapolis."

On completion of the federation campaign, the letter stated, "all efforts and energies (will) be redirected once again to the campaign for the sale of bonds for Israel." The letter voiced the belief that by following this plan, "our community will be better able to discharge its responsibilities to the utmost." It points out that both campaigns were most successful in 1951 than the general average throughout the country because of the coordination arranged between them.

"There has been an announcement on the national level that the sale of bonds for Israel is to continue on an all year-round level," the letter declared. "We interpret this statement to mean that there is to be no cessation of the sale of bonds during the period of our welfare federation campaign."

NEW YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY CONDEMNS IMPORTATION OF NAZI DOCTORS

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- The executive of the Medical Society of New York County, at its meeting last night, adopted a resolution condemning the practice of importing "Nazi doctors" to the United States. The resolution censured the practice of "these medical monsters."

The resolution was adopted in connection with the hiring by the U.S. Air Force of Dr. Walter Schreiber, former general in Hitler's army, who was charged at the Nuremberg war crimes trials with being an accessory to "medical experiments" conducted on prisoners in Nazi concentration camps.

Secretary of Air Force Thomas A. Finletter, yesterday informed the Medical Society here that Dr. Schreiber will leave the United States "in a few weeks." Secretary Finletter explained that Dr. Schreiber, who until recently had been working at the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas, on a six-month contract, was "hired because of his extensive experience in the fields of epidemiology and military preventive medicine." The Secretary said the Nazi doctor "has not occupied a position of trust, responsibility or importance in the school, nor has he taught there."

VANDALS DESECRATE GROUNDS OF PHOENIX JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 11. (JTA) -- Vandals were held responsible here for the destruction of 18 palm trees on the grounds of the Phoenix Jewish Community Center.

The vandalism followed shortly after the community here was shocked by an attack on the Jewish community made by Joe Worthy, a local radio commentator, who assailed Bartley Crum for his recent appearance at a United Jewish Welfare Fund dinner. Previously, he had attacked Eddie Cantor and other prominent Jews for alleged Communism.

The Phoenix Jewish News said this week that Worthy's broadcasting "is now a matter of official concern by the Jewish community and its friends and on the highest possible levels."

ISRAEL BOND DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED IN CANADA; \$7,000,000 QUOTA SET

MONTREAL, March 11. (JTA) -- Steps to organize the sale of Israel bonds in Canada have been taken by a special committee set up by the United Zionist Council, representing all Zionist groups in the country.

The National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation has delegated to the United Zionist Council of Canada the task of floating the sale of Israel bonds in Canada for the next three years with an objective of \$7,000,000 for that period. The bond sale will be under the aegis of the National Conference with the United Zionist Council acting as the functioning arm for this project. All Jewish organizations from coast to coast are expected to participate.

The executive of the National Conference has also taken important decisions towards the organization of the 1952 United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Relief Agencies. A joint minimum quota of \$5,250,000 was set for the 1952 campaigns.

JEWISH DOCTOR MAKES IMPORTANT DIPHTHERIA RESEARCH DISCOVERY

SEATTLE, Wash., March 11. (JTA) -- An important new discovery on the source of the spread of diphtheria has been credited to the research work done last year by Dr. Victor Freeman at the University of Washington Medical School. The findings may prove applicable to other bacterial diseases and may provide an answer to the age-old medical riddle of disease "carriers," it was pointed out here today by Dr. Leland E. Fowers, head of the university's Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

While serving as assistant professor of public health and preventive medicine at Washington University, Dr. Freeman discovered that non-poisonous diphtheria bacteria sometimes are converted into poisonous form by a virus which feeds on the bacteria. Confirmation of Dr. Freeman's findings is announced in the latest issue of the Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine. Dr. Freeman is now doing graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

J. W. B. GROUP STARTS PROGRAM FOR U.S. SERVICEMEN IN FRANCE

PARIS, March 11. (JTA) -- A Purim party for Jewish members of the U.S. armed forces in the Paris area today launched the activities of the newly-formed Jewish Welfare Board Armed Services Committee of Paris. In addition to soldiers from the immediate area, a group of men were brought to the party from the Orleans area.

The J. W. B. Armed Services Committee of Paris was organized under the direction of the National Jewish Welfare Board of New York, to meet the growing need for providing hospitality and special services to American Jewish soldiers visiting Paris. The committee consists entirely of American Jews resident in France. Emanuel Rosen is chairman.

PROF. KATCHALSKY TO HEAD WEIZMANN INSTITUTE'S SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- Prof. Avraham Katchalsky was elected chairman of the Weizmann Institute's scientific council for the coming year. Prof. Katchalsky is a scholar whose specialty is the study of polyelectronics, and has written a book on the subject, in collaboration with his brother, which will be published in the near future.