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## GERMAN-JEWISH REPARATIONS TALKS SHIFTED TO NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM, March 18. (JTA).-- The reparations talks between representatives of West Germany and Israel and Jewish groups from other countries will not take place in Brussels, as originally planned, but "somewhere in the Netherlands," it was learned here today.

Delegates who are to participate in the talks are expected to arrive at The Hague tomorrow or Thursday, it was indicated. The exact location of the negotiations will be kept secret, as will the negotiations themselves. From time to time official communiques will be issued to the press.

(The discussions of members of the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany with members of the Israeli delegation to the German negotiations have concluded and some members of the praesidium are preparing to leave for New York tomorrow, it was learned in London today. Both the members of the praesidium and of the Israeli delegation visited Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who is ill with the flu in London, to consult him on several points.)

## German Delegation to Include Five Financial Experts

FRANKFURT, March 18. (JTA) -- Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the West German delegation to the reparations negotiations with the delegations of Israel and Jewish organizations outside the Jewish State, today announced that Otto Kuester, Wuerttemberg-Baden state commissioner for reparations, will be his deputy at the talks.

Prof. Boehm, who revealed that his delegation will include five financial experts, refused to hazard a guess as to the length of the negotiations. He said that the delegations would have to study each other's proposals, after which the German experts would consider the Israeli and Jewish claims in the light of the German external debt situation and in the light of the amount of reparations already paid by the German states.

## Herut Will Hold Demonstration Against Negotiations on March 25

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA) -- The Herut will hold its anti-German negotiations demonstration in this city on March 25, it was learned today. The right-wing party will not ask for a permit to hold the rally, but will inform the police of the time and line of march of the demonstration.

The Histadrut today issued a call to all workers to maintain "party discipline" and not permit themselves to be provoked by the Herut. While police today prepared to protect the demonstrators and Histadrut buildings, it was reported that 4,000 Mapai members have volunteered to help protect Histadrut institutions in Tel Aviv.

NEW WEAPONS ACQUIRED BY ISRAEL; INSPECTED BY HIGH OFFICERS

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, accompanied by members of the Cabinet and high ranking military officers, today inspected new weapons acquired by the Israel Army and brought to the Jewish state recently, it was revealed this afternoon by an army spokesman.

(The New York Herald Tribune today reports from Beirut that "the Arab press is being kept busy knocking down rumors of Arab-Israeli peace feelers." These feelers emanate from Egypt, and the report emphasizes that "even there they lack open endorsement from responsible officials.")

RELEASE OF \$14,500,000 U.S. GRANT-IN-AID ANNOUNCED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Government last night announced the release of another \$14,500,000 of American grant-in-aid funds. The sum will be divided as follows: \$5,500,000 for agricultural development; \$4,750,000 for the purchase of crude oil; and the remainder for the purchase of foodstuffs.

The 34-man economic advisory board met for a second time today under the chairmanship of Premier David Ben Gurion. The board, whose function is to advise the government on the implementation of the new economic program, discussed methods of preventing a black market in building materials while still encouraging much needed construction activity. It approved a number of measures which will be promulgated shortly, and approved the granting of credits for agricultural development. The question of priorities for credit for industrial purposes will be considered at the board's next meeting.

A Ministerial committee, also headed by the Premier, today decided to permit all Israeli students studying abroad to complete the current semester. After that, only students studying vital professions who cannot continue their work in Israel will be permitted to remain abroad. These actions will be taken to conserve Israel's foreign currency stocks.

SIX-MONTH AGREEMENT REACHED ON FUND-RAISING FOR ISRAEL IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- At the invitation of the Ambassador of Israel, the president and national leaders of the United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the bond organization conferred in New York during the week-end on Israel's financial problems during the year 1952, it was learned here today.

Mrs. Golda Myerson participated in the consultations which were also attended by representatives of the Jewish Agency. Ambassador Abba S. Eban presided. Agreement was reached by the organizations represented on special measures to be taken during the coming six months to assure steadier and higher income for the agencies which have undertaken to mobilize dollar income for Israel.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Ambassador Eban expressed gratification at the constructive and harmonious atmosphere which had prevailed during the consultations.

U.S. GOVERNMENT REPORT ON ISRAEL OUTLINES AID OBJECTIVES

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- An analysis of the present situation in Israel, coupled with concrete recommendations on American technical cooperation with the Jewish State, was made public here today by the executive branch of the U.S. Government.

The analysis is part of a report prepared for the U.S. Congress containing basic data on the Mutual Security Program under which the Jewish State will get technical assistance in addition to the \$76,000,000 for Jewish refugees in Israel. It suggests, on the basis of experience in Israel, that technical cooperation can succeed there in specific objectives; namely, to aid in reducing the present economic crisis, to contribute significantly to development, and to increase productivity.

"The Israeli economy is faced with serious difficulties due in part to efforts to establish a modern state while integrating immigrants in large numbers from diverse cultural backgrounds," the report says. "Heavy development expenditures occurred in absorbing these immigrants have contributed to serious inflation, and foreign exchange reserves have been badly depleted by the need to import half of the country's food requirements and nearly all its requirements for capital goods. For the solution of these difficulties Israel requires substantial aid comprising supplies for relief, settlement, and economic opportunity.

"Technical cooperation is needed to help implement the large programs which the country must undertake for economic and social absorption of these immigrants," the report continues. "It is obvious that technical cooperation, by itself, cannot provide the solution of Israel's economic problems, but experience to date suggests it can succeed in its specific objectives; namely, to aid in reducing the present economic crisis, to contribute significantly to development, and to increase productivity. Under the program, the United States will furnish experts in the fields of agriculture, transportation, health, industry, and public administration.

"In addition, the program includes \$76,000,000 of economic aid to relieve the emergency created by the large influx of immigrants, which is a necessary supplement to the generous, but as yet inadequate contributions from public lending, and private institutions. This consists of supplies required for relief and resettlement, as well as for the development of additional productive capacity. The provision of economic aid is a part of a program begun in the fiscal year 1952 designed specifically to help Israel settle her present backlog of refugees.

"Some of these emergency funds will be applied to general developmental projects because of the importance of expanding power, irrigation, transportation, and industrial facilities in connection with the integration of the backlog of immigrants. Other funds will be applied to the immediate relief needs. Finally, funds will be used in settling refugees by providing them the housing, seed, tools and equipment, livestock, and other items required in order to permit productive employment."

COMPROMISE AGREEMENT REACHED ON STATUS FOR JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive's plenary session closed here last night following the adoption of a number of resolutions on the immigration of youth and skilled personnel and professionals.

Earlier, Berl Locker, Agency co-chairman, reported that the Agency negotiators had arrived at a compromise agreement with the Israel Government committee headed by Premier David Ben Gurion on a status for the Agency in Israel. This agreement, he said, would be submitted by the Premier to his Cabinet and then to Parliament for final approval.

## ORT SPENT \$2, 390, 000. LAST YEAR ON WORK IN TWENTY-FOUR COUNTRIES

PARIS, March 18. (JTA) -- A sum exceeding \$2, 390, 000 was spent last year by the ORT in maintaining 270 institutions in 24 countries where Jews are being taught to become skilled workers, it was reported here today at the annual meeting of the executive of the World ORT Union.

Dr. Aron Syngalowsky, chairman of the executive, also reported that the ORT's budget for 1952 is \$2, 470, 000. The ORT received \$950, 000 from the Joint Distribution Committee last year, he said, and will receive \$1, 000, 000 in 1952. The remainder of the organization's budget is raised in other countries than the United States.

The number of students in ORT courses throughout the world last year totalled 19, 174, as compared with 21, 294 in 1950, Dr. Syngalowski stated. He explained that the drop was due to the fact that the organization had contracted its operations in Germany and Austria as the Jewish DP population dwindled and because the ORT has no figures on the number of students in its Chinese schools. He revealed that the ORT has had no communication with the Chinese ORT in over a year.

In other countries, the ORT leader reported, the student body has increased and 30 new operations were established last year at a cost of \$500, 000. These included: nine day schools with four-year technical courses in Israel, Iran and Tunis, and 21 centers for adults. In addition, 26 laboratories and workshops were opened in existing student centers. Some 3, 780 students were graduated from ORT courses and over 6, 000 left in the middle to immigrate to Israel.

Reporting specifically on the Israeli program of ORT, Dr. Syngalowsky disclosed that new schools were erected by the organization in three Israeli municipalities. New activities and courses were introduced in 19 centers in the Jewish State where workers come for four-month refresher courses. In addition, the ORT founded a publication company for the issuance of technical books in Hebrew.

## 1, 000TH STORE OPENED IN ISRAEL WITH AID OF J. D. C. LOAN

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA) -- The 1, 000th shop operated by a disabled immigrant with the assistance of a loan from the Joint Distribution Committee was opened near Lydda yesterday. The store, a grocery, was opened by Doussa Janach, 31-year-old father of four children, who suffers from a chronic heart condition and a partly-paralyzed leg.

Since its inception in 1949, Malben, the J. D. C.'s welfare organization in Israel, has granted loans for similar purposes totalling over \$688, 000. In addition, Malben maintains 14 "sheltered workshops" for over 300 men and women--former hospital patients learning new skills under the supervision of trained rehabilitation technicians.

## NO. AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN JEWS CONTRIBUTE \$6, 000, 000 TO ISRAEL

PARIS, March 18. (JTA) -- More than \$6, 000, 000 was contributed by Jewish communities from 19 North African and European countries to Israel during 1951, it was reported here today by the European headquarters of the Keren Hayesod. This figure represents an increase of more than 15 percent over the amount raised in the same countries during the previous year.

British Jewry gave more than a half of the total contribution. The Jewish community of Belgian Congo which numbers only 200 families contributed 55, 000, 000 francs. This is more than the contributions made by the Jewish communities of Italy and Austria together.

HITLER'S SECRETARY FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS SENTENCED IN GERMANY

MUNICH, March 18. (JTA) -- Franz Rademacher, Hitler's secretary for Jewish affairs, was sentenced by a German court in Nuremberg yesterday to three years and five months imprisonment for his part in the mass annihilation of 1,300 Jews in Yugoslavia during the Nazi occupation of that country. In issuing the verdict, the judge declared that Rademacher's expense account showed that he knew what was happening to the Jewish victims.

GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE FULL OF NAZIS; MANY ACTED AGAINST JEWS

MUNICH, March 18. (JTA) -- Radio Munich broadcast last night that a larger percentage of former Nazi party members are officials of the West German Foreign Ministry now than served under Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop during the Hitler regime. The broadcast said that 85 percent of the present Foreign Office staff are ex-Nazi party members. It added that many of them helped in the mass deportations and mass killings of Jews under the Nazi regime.

Two cases were singled out as being "unsurpassed even in the Foreign Office." They are those of Werner von Grundherr, Ambassador to Athens, and a man identified only as von Bargaen, who has the rank of minister in the legal section of the Foreign Office. As political adviser to the Nazi war-time commander in Denmark, von Grundherr was charged in the broadcast with having taken an active part in the deportation of 6,000 Jews. Von Bargaen was Minister in Brussels during the war. He is charged with having co-operated in sending hostages to Germany to be shot and having recommended the deportation of Belgian Jews to the East.

"The Foreign Office is a rat's nest of former hangers-on of the Third Reich," the broadcast charged. A parliamentary committee is conducting an investigation of the Foreign Office personnel and has so far recommended five dismissals out of 19 cases reviewed. The broadcast said none of the five has yet been suspended.

REP. MADDEN WITHDRAWS ENDORSEMENT OF RANKIN'S ANTI-JEWISH REMARKS

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- Rep. Ray J. Madden of Indiana has asked and received consent of Congress to have stricken from the permanent record of Congress his words which expressed agreement with an anti-Semitic outburst by Rep. John Rankin. Rep. Madden had said that "the gentleman is absolutely correct" after Rankin attacked Jews.

Rep. Madden explained that he "did not listen" to Rankin's remarks as he was reading a letter while Rankin was talking. The Indiana Congressman told of his high regard for the Jewish people, described his support of Israel, and praised the record of American Jewry in the military service. "I need not mention to the members of this House that I do not in any way subscribe or endorse the import of a statement such as that made by Rep. Rankin," he declared.

BENJAMIN COHEN VOICES PLEA FOR TOLERANCE; GETS HONORARY DEGREE

PHILADELPHIA, March 18. (JTA) -- Benjamin V. Cohen, United States representative to the United Nations, yesterday voiced a plea for tolerance as the only hope of civilized survival at an academic convocation of Dropsie College of Hebrew and Cognate Learning here. Honorary degrees were awarded to Mr. Cohen, Viscount Samuel, first British High Commissioner for Palestine, Dr. John W. Nason, president of Swarthmore College, and Dr. Harry A. Wolfson, author and Harvard University professor.

**MICHAEL WURMBRAND DEAD; WAS J. T. A. EDITOR IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS**

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Michael Wurmbbrand, for many years editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency service in a number of European capitals, died at his home here today. He was 68 years old.

Born in Sadagura, Bukovina, he took an interest in journalistic work long before the outbreak of World War I. Prior to joining the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, he was editor of a German-language newspaper in Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, where he also joined the Zionist Labor movement.

In 1924, he assumed editorship of the J. T. A. service in Berlin, acting at the same time as J. T. A. correspondent in Germany. He remained at this post until the Nazis came to power in 1933. He then moved to Prague where he established a J. T. A. office and edited its daily news bulletin. When the Nazis occupied Prague, he moved to Paris where he continued his J. T. A. service until the fall of Paris in 1939. Several months later he came, with his family, to the United States.

In New York, Mr. Wurmbbrand worked on the staff of the Aufbau German-Jewish weekly publication. He is survived by his wife, Fanny, who was the administrator of the J. T. A. offices in Berlin, Prague and Paris, and by a daughter living in England. Funeral service will take place tomorrow morning from the Riverside Memorial Chapel. He will be buried at the New World Club cemetery.

**"MISS ISRAEL 1952" ARRIVES IN U.S. TO TAKE PART IN U. J. A. DRIVE**

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Miss Israel 1952, 20-year-old Michal Harrel of Jerusalem, arrived in New York today to take part in the United Jewish Appeal's nationwide campaign. The young Israel beauty queen, a veteran of the 1948 War of Liberation and a kindergarten teacher in an immigrant work village, will spend the next three months visiting communities all over the United States on behalf of the U. J. A.'s \$151,500,000 campaign.

The same flight brought Ezra E. Haddad, leader of the 110,000 Iraqi Jews whose transfer to Israel last year was made possible with funds raised through the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Haddad, like Miss Israel, has come here for the U. J. A. and will tell the story of the dramatic air rescue from Iraq to campaign communities from coast-to-coast.

**DR. MIBASHAN ARRIVES IN U. S. FOR WEIZMANN INSTITUTE CONSULTATIONS**

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Mibashan, secretary general of the Argentine Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, arrived here to consult with American leaders of the Weizmann Institute Committee and to plan activities in behalf of the Institute.

Dr. Mibashan declared that the Argentine Jewish community was in a good position from the economic and political point of view. He expressed the opinion that the Argentine Committee for the Institute would soon become the center of the Pro-Institute movement in Latin America.