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GERMAN-JEWISH TALKS MUST BRING SPEEDY AGREEMENT, GOLDMANN SAYS

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- The negotiations on Jewry's and Israel's claims against Germany, now in progress in The Hague, must be conducted without "unnecessary delay or dragging out" if they are to be successful, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, declared at a press conference here today upon his return from Europe and Israel.

At the same time, he warned that in view of the many legal, financial and economic questions involved, "no one could expect these negotiations to end in a week or two." He stressed that the Jews will demand "maximum satisfaction in the shortest possible time." It was impossible to foresee how long the discussions with the Germans would last and what the outcome would be, he added.

"The negotiations have started satisfactorily," Dr. Goldmann said, "but only when the German Government will submit her concrete proposals on meeting the Israeli and Jewish claims will we know how determined the Germans are to fulfill the obligations publicly acknowledged by both the Chancellor and the Bonn Parliament."

Discussing the London meeting of the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, Dr. Goldmann said that body felt it was inadvisable for members of the praesidium to participate in the Hague talks but decided instead to send a delegation of four Claims Conference experts to meet with the German representatives. They will act under the instructions and authority of the praesidium, he reported.

Reporting on his talks in Israel with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, Dr. Goldmann scoffed at rumors that the Israel Government had withdrawn its agreement for granting a status in Israel to the Jewish Agency which was reached in principle before the last World Zionist Congress. He stated that:

1. There is complete accord between Zionist leaders and Prime Minister Ben Gurion on the future role of the World Zionist movement. A bill will go to the Knesset shortly to grant the Zionist movement authority to coordinate the activities of all Jewish organizations operating in Israel in the spheres of immigration, absorption and colonization.

2. The Jewish Agency executive and the Israel Government are agreed that efforts must be made to avoid friction and competition among campaigns for Israel in the United States.

3. A global conference of Zionist and Jewish intellectual leaders, writers, scholars, thinkers and publicists will be held in the near future, probably in

Israel, to discuss the status of world Jewry in light of the rebirth and development of the Jewish State.

Dr. Goldmann, who is chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, said that while certain concepts in the resolution of the World Zionist Congress on the requested status were omitted from the draft bill, the essential meaning of the status remains unaltered. The draft bill, he revealed, expresses the desirability of establishing a united front of all sections of the Jewish people, including non-Zionists who are interested in aiding the development of Israel. "Far from being imposed on the Zionist movement, this principle is in line with old established Zionist policy," he said.

The plenary session of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem dealt also, Dr. Goldmann reported, with the situation regarding fund-raising for Israel in the United States and reached the unanimous conclusion that "both U.J.A. and the Bond issue are vital sources of income for Israel and would remain so for quite some time."

"In order to develop both activities to a maximum and secure the best possible results for Israel, the Jewish Agency executive and the Israel Government feel strongly that the two campaigns must be carefully coordinated, in order to avoid competition and the resultant loss of good will for themselves and Israel," Dr. Goldmann said. Certain proposals were made on how to effect coordination but a final decision is yet to be taken, he added.

GERMANS REPORTED "SYMPATHETIC" TO JEWISH CLAIM FOR $500,000,000

THE HAGUE, March 26, (JTA) -- The attitude of the German delegation here toward the claim of $500,000,000 presented by the delegates representing the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany was reported today as being "friendly and sympathetic."

The German delegates declared that they would set up a sub-committee to study the details of the claim. Joint sub-committees may be set up by both delegations within the next few days to study individual phases of the claim and thus expedite a decision, it was indicated.

Moses A. Leavitt, head of the Conference delegation, today told a press conference that his delegation takes the position that Germany must be willing to make sacrifices to meet in full the Jewish claims for restitution and indemnification. The Conference delegation, he said, has made that clear to the representatives of the West German Government.

Replying to a question on Germany's ability to pay the $500,000,000 asked by the Conference, Mr. Leavitt said: "The capacity to pay depends also on the willingness to pay, and willingness calls for sacrifice on the part of Germany to seek to atone for the wrongs done to the Jews. The Conference claim for $500,000,000 was based on laws existing in some of the German states enabling individuals to file claims for damage done to them by the Nazis, including deprivation of liberty, loss of economic opportunity, loss of unidentifiable property, payment of discriminatory taxes, etc.

"Those who died, however, cannot make such claims," Mr. Leavitt continued. "And we, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, are acting as their successors and heirs. The sum of $500,000,000 is a modest estimate of what is coming to them under those laws if they are applied, as we hope they will be, to all Western Germany. The money received would be spent on projects designed to help Nazi victims."

Asked why the Conference set a five-year time limit on payments, Mr. Leavitt stated: "We want this help to be brought to the surviving victims as soon as possible and while it can still do them some good."

BLAUSTEIN EXPECTS EARLY GERMAN ACTION ON JEWISH CLAIMS

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- "The praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany hopes the negotiations which started last week at The Hague between Western Germany and the Conference and the Government of Israel will bring about practical and early implementation of Chancellor Adenauer's September 1951 declaration approved by the German Parliament," Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, stated today upon his arrival from Europe.

This was Mr. Blaustein's second trip abroad this year on this mission as a member of the five-man praesidium of the Conference. He was accompanied by Dr. Simon Segal, director of the foreign affairs department of the American Jewish Committee.

While abroad Mr. Blaustein had further discussions with John J. McCloy, High Commissioner for Germany, regarding various issues, including those arising in connection with the forthcoming Allied contractual agreement with Germany. Mr. Blaustein also conferred in London with Moshe Sharett, Foreign Minister of Israel, on recent developments in that country and the Middle East.

AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR LEADER SECURES SUPPORT FOR JEWISH CLAIMS

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Questions regarding Jewish claims against Germany were discussed by leaders of the German Social Democratic Party at a conference in Paris arranged by Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee and member of the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, it was reported here today by the Labor Committee.

The report said that Mr. Held received assurances that the British, Belgian, French and German labor movements would support the Jewish claims against Germany. It revealed that at Mr. Held's invitation, three important leaders of the Social Democratic Party of Germany came to Paris to confer on the Jewish claims.

The German Social Democratic Party officials informed Mr. Held that they found the demands of the Jewish people more than just, but that the claims could never hope to compensate for the terrible destruction and uprooting of the Jewish communities of Europe. They assured Mr. Held that they would do everything in their power to see to it that the German Government meets the claims now being made against it.

Mr. Held made clear that it is the duty of the German labor movement to give its complete support to this project. "The American labor movement," he said, "will be pleased to see an early and positive solution of the problem with the labor movement of Germany actively supporting the just claims of the Jewish people."

GERMAN SOCIALISTS APPROVE GERMAN-JEWISH REPARATIONS TALKS

BONN, March 26. (JTA) -- The Social Democratic Party of West Germany today issued a statement expressing approval of the German-Israeli and German-Jewish negotiations on reparations claims.

The statement, which asked the German Government to do its best to indemnify the Jews and to ease the way for conciliation between the Germans and the Jews, also said that the Social Democratic Party was aware that the government could not now make full reparation of the material damages inflicted on the Jews. It also urged the government to fight anti-Semitism with all the weapons at its command.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEDES TO DEMAND OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES

ROME, March 25. (JTA) -- The Italian Government agency for the return of Jewish property seized by the Fascists during the war has indicated to the Union of Italian Jewish Communities that it will agree to the Jewish demand that the Jews do not pay the administrative costs involved in returning their property.

In the latest development in a months'-old dispute between the agency and the Union, the former asked the Jews to prepare a memorandum stating their position on why Jews should not be asked to pay the administrative costs. The Agency has indicated that it will accede to the Jewish demands, but is attempting to find a way of doing so that would not require passage of new legislation.

DEPORTATION OF MIDDLE CLASS JEWS CONTINUES UNABATED IN RUMANIA

HAIFA, March 26. (JTA) -- The deportation of former middle class Jews from Bucharest and other Rumanian cities continues day and night, it was stated here today by immigrants who arrived from Rumania late yesterday. The immigrants also said that Soviet specialists are occupying the vacated apartments. Deportees are sent to work on the Danube River-Black Sea canal.

The party which arrived yesterday is one of the smallest to come through in months. They reported that they were subjected to a severe search by customs officials and that a large quantity of clothing was confiscated by the officials for "our brethren in Korea."

HITLER'S AIDE APPEALS SENTENCE FOR HIS PART IN MURDERING JEWS

NUREMBERG, March 26. (JTA) -- Franz Rademacher, one-time secretary to Hitler and Foreign Office official convicted of responsibility in the deportation and murder of 1,500 Yugoslav Jews during the German occupation, is appealing the three-year-and-five-month sentence given him last week by a German court for his part in the death of these Jews. The court's sentence has been criticized in other quarters as too mild.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Culture of the British zone province of Rhineland has ordered all towns in which Jewish cemeteries are located but not maintained by the Jews to take over responsibility for their maintenance. The city of Gelsenkirchen has already asked for a ruling on whether it or the province will have to meet the costs of this operation.

From Stuttgart it was reported today that 13 tombstones in the local Jewish cemetery were overthrown last night. Describing the incident as "serious," the city's mayor, Dr. L. Klett, has ordered the police to carry out a "most careful" investigation.

JEWISH CEMETERIES IN HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA DESECRATED

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- Large numbers of Jewish cemeteries in Hungary and Czechoslovakia have been desecrated recently, according to reports reaching here. Local police officials are said to be investigating the incidents. The reports say that the apparent reason for the desecrations is that thieves are stealing nonferrous metals from the graves and vaults. Both countries are said to be suffering from a shortage of these metals.

INTENSIFICATION OF ANTI-MINORITY PROPAGANDA ANTICIPATED IN U.S.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 26. (JTA) -- Intensification of anti-minority propaganda on a national and regional level can be expected as a result of a conference of anti-minority groups held in Columbus, Ga., Arthur J. Levin, director of the Atlanta regional office of the Anti-Defamation League, reported here.

Featured speakers at the meeting included Thomas Hamilton, Imperial Wizard of the Carolina Klans; Bill Hendrix, Florida Klan leader; Joseph Beauharnais, head of the White Circle League of Chicago; Mrs. Jesse Jenkins, president of the Patrick Henry Society, an anti-Semitic group; Peter L. Xavier, of Dayton, Ohio, who extolled Hitler; Rev. Charles Murdoch, of Los Angeles, president of the Constitutional Alliance, and others.

REDELHEIM PLEDGES LARGE-SCALE DRIVE FOR AMERICAN CHALUTZIM

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- The launching of a large-scale program of chalutziuth in the United States, with an emphasis on technical and professional immigration, was urged here today by Abraham A. Redelheim, chairman of the National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, as part of a policy which he intends to carry out if elected president of the Z.O.A.

Mr. Redelheim outlined his policy after announcing consent to having his name presented for the Z.O.A. presidency at the forthcoming national convention of the Zionist Organization of America. He pledged unlimited support to Israel and strict adherence to the "identification" agreement reached in Jerusalem and approved at the final meeting of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

Other points in Mr. Redelheim's statement of policy include: 1. Insistence on the right of the Z.O.A. to launch a campaign in the United States for its work both in Israel and on the American scene, on the same terms as other Zionist groups in this country; 2. Encouragement of private initiative and promotion of private investments in Israel; 3. Development of projects in Israel as an essential part of the Z.O.A.'s work on the Israeli scene; 4. Recruitment of young adults into the Zionist Organization of America.

AMERICANS INVEST CAPITAL IN RAYON AND SUGAR PLANTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- The participation of American investors in the planned establishment of an $8,000,000 rayon plant in Nathanya, Israel, was reported today by the economic department of the Jewish Agency here.

The new venture is to be financed by Oscar Konorn & Co. of New York, leading international specialists in the construction of rayon mills, and other groups of private American and Israeli investors, the report said. It emphasized that the project is still open to American investors to the extent of $1,000,000, and will be further aided by loans from the Export Bank of Japan and the Israel Government.

The Palestine Economic Corporation today announced that a new factory for the production of sugar from sugar beets will be started in May by private investors with whom the Corporation is associated. The yearly capacity of the sugar factory will be 2,700 tons, which is ten percent of the annual requirement of the country. Up to the present Israel has had to import all its sugar.

DR. GREENBERG ADVOCATES SEPARATION OF RELIGION FROM STATE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Separation of all religious matters from the state in Israel, although not at the present time, was advocated here last night by Dr. Hayim Greenberg, member of the Jewish Agency executive, addressing the Seminary Israel Institute, established jointly by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the Jewish Agency.

Speaking before 200 lay and religious leaders of all faiths on the subject, "Religion and State in Israel," Dr. Greenberg declared that the existing law in Israel "does not recognize the existence of the agnostic or of the non-affiliated religionist." A rabbi of non-Orthodox persuasion is prevented from sanctifying a marriage or issuing a decree of divorce, he said.

The issue of separation, he declared, would best be postponed at the present time because Israel today is "burdened with so many difficult and acute problems of a political as well as of an economic nature, which calls for a maximum of solidarity on the part of its citizenry. The issue of separation cannot be resolved without a severe and prolonged Kulturkampf, and the wisest course would be to postpone it 'for better times,'" he stated.

NEW YORK MAYOR EXTENDS CITY HALL WELCOME TO "MISS ISRAEL, 1952"

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, "in the name of the citizens of the City of New York," today extended an official City Hall welcome to 20-year-old Michal Harel of Jerusalem, the "Miss Israel" of 1952, and expressed his wish that her forthcoming two-month American tour on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal would help raise "many more millions of dollars for early transmittal" to the Jewish State.

"Israel's present struggle to establish a home for the homeless, haven for the oppressed and an outpost of democracy in a critical part of the world merits the wholehearted support of all New Yorkers and all Americans," the Mayor said.

JERUSALEM UNIVERSITY HEBREW EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- The fourth annual examinations for proficiency in the Hebrew language, sponsored by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will be given in this country to some 100 candidates on March 30, it was announced here today by Judah Pilch, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education.

The examinations are given in this country by the American Association and the American Section of the World Union for Jewish Education. A group of 19 American students who successfully passed the third annual examinations received their certificates of "Amit"--proficiency--at a ceremony held here last week.

DR. KLAPPER, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF QUEENS COLLEGE, DIES; AGED 66

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Paul Klapper, president emeritus of Queens College, New York, and teacher and administrator in New York City colleges for more than 40 years, died here yesterday. He was 66 years old.

Born in Rumania, he was brought by his Jewish parents to this country at the age of seven. He attended public schools in the Jewish section of New York's Lower East Side and was graduated from City College in 1904. He was the author of many books on education and was a member of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination.

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