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## GERMAN-JEWISH REPARATIONS TALKS REPORTED FALSELY IN GERMANY

THE HAGUE, March 27. (JTA) -- Professor Franz Boehm, head of the German delegation which is now discussing the question of indemnification for Jews and Israel, today apologized to the Israel delegation for reports published in the press in Germany concerning the German-Israeli talks which started here this week.

One of the reports to which exception was taken appeared in a newspaper in Hamburg. It stated that there was considerable friction between the Israeli delegation and the delegates representing the Conference on Jewish Material Claims over the latter's request for \$500,000,000 from Germany. The German newspaper claimed that the Israelis fear this request will endanger the claims presented to the West German Government by Israel.

Prof. Boehm also termed "without foundation" a report which appeared in numerous German newspapers to the effect that the German delegation would ask for a 35-to-50-year period for payment of whatever sum is agreed upon at the talks here.

A spokesman for the Israeli delegation said today: "There is no disagreement between the two Jewish delegations. Each informs the other as to what it plans to do. The decision of the Conference to ask for \$500,000,000 was arrived at in consultation with us at our last meeting in Paris."

At this morning's meeting between the Israeli and the German delegations further discussion took place on questions raised by the Germans regarding Israel's figures on the number of immigrants and the cost of rehabilitating each Nazi victim in Israel. "We are clearing up many important points and are making headway," the Israeli spokesman said. The German delegates told reporters at the end of today's talks that the atmosphere at the discussions are "very good."

## POPE RECEIVES SHARETT; DISCUSS CONDITIONS IN JEWISH STATE

ROME, March 27. (JTA) -- For the first time since the establishment of the Jewish State, a meeting between the Pope and a member of the Israel Government took place here today when Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett paid a courtesy call to the Vatican.

During the 15-minute audience, the Israeli Minister presented the greetings of the people and State of Israel and described the religious freedom that the Christian and other sects have in the Jewish State. He also presented a picture of the stable conditions in the country and along its borders and assured the Pope of the safety of the Holy Places.

Pope Pius expressed concern over economic conditions and the refugee problem in Israel and hoped that the Christian communities would develop in the country. After

the audience, Vatican circles said that Mr. Sharett's call on the Pope was a good opening for the development of mutual understanding in the future.

Mr. Sharett, who is here as the guest of the Italian Government, was received by President Luigi Einaudi in a 45-minute audience. He also met with Premier Alcide de Gasperi and discussed with him various Middle East problems. Afterwards, the Israeli Minister and Italian Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Francesco Dominico discussed the release of Israeli assets frozen in Italy and extension of trade between the two countries.

Italy, as a non-colonial Mediterranean power could play an important part in establishing normal Israeli-Arab relations, Mr. Dominico told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. He emphasized that Italy greatly desires peace between Israel and the Arab states.

He also expressed the hope that Israel and the Vatican would reach gradual agreement on the fate of the Holy Places in Israel. Referring to economic issues pending between his country and the Jewish State, the Italian statesman said that the unfreezing of Italian property in Israel would lead to a new phase in Israeli-Italian relations "culminating in the signing of a general friendship agreement."

Commenting on Mr. Dominico's statement, the Israel Foreign Minister told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel would welcome Italian intervention in the Israeli-Arab dispute, although the Jewish State has not requested such intervention. He said that Italy's function in the Middle East could be to demonstrate that its friendship for one party in the dispute in no way interferes with the maintenance of friendly ties with the other party.

#### NEW YORK MEETING ENDORSES U. J. A. PRIMACY; HONORS JERUSALEM MAYOR

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- Israel could achieve peace immediately with the Arab countries "if we are ready to halt the influx of Jewish immigrants, but this we would never do," Shlomo Z. Shragai, Mayor of Jerusalem, declared here today. He spoke at a farewell public appearance before more than 5,000 people at the Manhattan Center.

The meeting unanimously ratified a joint proclamation endorsing the primacy of the U. J. A. in the ranks of philanthropic campaigning. The proclamation was signed recently by the heads of 16 national Zionist organizations. In a special resolution, the meeting termed the U. J. A. the keystone of Israel's economic planning and urged Zionists to assume the "role of peacemakers" in support of the campaign.

At the same time, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, national chairman of the United Israel Appeal, announced that in the three weeks that Mayor Shragai had been in this country, he had been instrumental in helping to raise more than \$2,000,000 for the U. J. A. In a special ceremony, Mr. Sonneborn presented to Mayor Shragai a citation "for his tireless and devoted efforts in behalf of the U. J. A.," and "in token of his courageous lifetime of service toward the fulfillment of the Zionist dream of statehood and the redemption of the Jewish people."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency who just returned from Israel, reported that the free gift dollar provided by the U. J. A. will for a number of years "remain the basis for Israel's development." He stressed that "the great test now is to have the staying power to see the state through its initial period." Calling attention to the fact that Arab leaders are speaking about peace with Israel, Dr. Goldmann termed this "the most impressive indication that even they are beginning to be convinced that the Jewish people will have the patience and devotion to see Israel through."

**CZECHS TO PUT ARRESTED ISRAELI ON TRIAL FOR "VIOLATING SECURITY"**

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- Mordecai Oren, Israeli Mapam leader arrested in Prague on suspicion of violating Czechoslovak national security, will be brought to trial, the Tel Aviv newspaper Yedioth Achronoth reported last night on the basis of a telephone interview with the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry.

The newspaper also reported that the Israeli Consul would not be permitted to interview Oren in jail. It was stated that a Mapam leader would leave Israel shortly for Eastern Europe to attempt to obtain Mr. Oren's release.

The executive of the Israeli Journalists Association today adopted a recommendation urging the Association to dis-affiliate itself from the International Press Association which has its headquarters in Prague. The recommendation was made in view of the fact that the International Press Association has adopted a pro-Communist line.

**LOCUSTS INVADE ISRAEL; GOVERNMENT ACTS TO DESTROY THE PESTS**

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- The first elements of what is expected to be a major invasion of Israel by locusts were sighted on the Sharon Plain yesterday. The government has begun to take steps to destroy the pests.

A serious plague of locusts is expected to sweep over the entire Middle East next month and threaten its crops, the British Government has warned all Middle East Governments.

**INTERNATIONAL MATERIALS CONFERENCE ALLOCATES COPPER FOR ISRAEL**

WASHINGTON, March 27. (JTA) -- Member countries of the International Materials Conference have accepted recommendations that Israel receive 100 metric tons of copper and an allocation of 100 metric tons of zinc in the second quarter of 1952, it was made known here today.

Israel got a similar amount in allocations announced for the first quarter of 1952. The new allocation represents an increase over amounts made available in 1951.

**J.D.C. PREFABRICATED HOSPITALS ARRIVE WITH EQUIPMENT IN ISRAEL**

HAIFA, March 27. (JTA) -- Two prefabricated hospitals ordered by Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee's medical and social welfare program in Israel, have arrived here. The buildings and the full equipment for two 100-bed hospitals have arrived in thousands of cases.

**ISRAEL AND LEBANON REACH AGREEMENT ON VESSELS IN DISTRESS**

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- Israel and Lebanon have come to an agreement on the handling of the vessels of one nation forced to seek refuge in the territorial waters of the other, it was announced here today. The agreement was completed at a meeting of the Israeli-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission which was described as "friendly" by an Israeli military spokesman.

### JEWISH CONGRESS WORRIED OVER ALLIED STAND ON NAZI CRIMINALS

LONDON, March 27. (JTA) -- A delegation of World Jewish Congress leaders has called on British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd to express the concern of the Congress at the proposed establishment of an Allied-West German board to review the sentences of German war criminals.

The delegation said it was particularly worried by the pressure for extending clemency on a wholesale basis to war criminals. The Jewish leaders stressed that review of sentences of war criminals as a political expedient is bound to strengthen the neo-Nazi movement in Germany.

### SOVIET ORDERS RE-TRIAL OF NAZI SENTENCED FOR MASS MURDER OF JEWS

BERLIN, March 27. (JTA) -- The highest Soviet court in the Russian-occupied zone of Germany has ordered the re-trial of Karl Elie, former Gestapo agent charged with actively participating in the murder of some 30,000 Jews in Poland during the war, it was learned here today.

Elie was sentenced to five years and ten months in prison after his conviction by a German court in the East Sector of Berlin. However, the Soviet court ruled that the sentence was "inadequate" and ordered a new trial.

### JEWS AND PROTESTANTS IN MILAN PROTEST FORCED CATHOLIC BAPTISM

MILAN, March 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish and Protestant religious authorities in Milan have united to protest to the officials of this city's hospitals and asylums against the practice in some of the institutions of forcing Catholic baptism on non-Catholics believed to be at the point of death.

The Jewish community has learned that in one hospital an old Jew awoke one night to find a Catholic priest administering to him the last rites for a Catholic. In another hospital, it was discovered that a Jewish woman who died after being in a coma for 15 days, was baptized and declared a Catholic while unconscious.

### SWEDISH GROUP SMUGGLES ANTI-SEMITIC PAMPHLETS INTO HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, March 27. (JTA) -- The local newspaper Vrij Nederland today expressed surprise that Sweden has not cracked down on a group smuggling anti-Semitic propaganda into Holland from Sweden. The latest pamphlets call for the destruction of the Jews in Holland because they are the "driving force behind Communism."

### ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS APPEAR ON WALLS IN SYDNEY'S EXCLUSIVE SECTION

SYDNEY, Australia, March 27. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic slogans have been appearing on the walls of homes in Sydney's exclusive Bondi Beach section, it was reported today. The local council has been asked to take action. One of the slogans calls for the "burning" of Jews.

### U.N. PARLEY OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS OPENS; JEWS REPRESENTED

LA PAZ, Bolivia, March 27. (JTA) -- A regional conference of non-governmental organizations in Latin America accredited to the United Nations opened here today. Jewish groups are represented by Dr. Salomon Steinberg of Brazil. The conference is devoted primarily to discussions on U.N. activities in which non-governmental groups are interested.

## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN UTILIZED TO SPREAD ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, March 27. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish elements are utilizing the Presidential election campaign to disseminate anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist propaganda, it was established here today when Republican national committeemen received "Draft MacArthur" publicity.

The material said that "the Zionists, through a controlled press, are 'hell bent' on naming the candidates in the Republican Party also, but this must be avoided by every means, since the Zionists, a well organized political group with a world-wide Marxist program, have succeeded in placing their representatives in key positions throughout the government structure."

The publicity material, which was prepared by F. C. Sammons, director of the West Virginia Anti-Communist League, said that the "appointees of the Zionists, are all un-American and many are foreign born. And all that is needed for America to become a Marxist satellite country is to permit the Zionists to continue to name our candidates."

## BILL OF RIGHTS SOUGHT IN CANADA; ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION CITED

OTTAWA, March 27. (JTA) -- The Progressive Conservative Party, supported by laborites and members of the Liberal Party, introduced a motion today in the Canadian Parliament asking for a Bill of Rights to guard civil liberties. John Diefenbaker, a leading member of the Progressive Conservative Party, who introduced the motion, pointed out that freedom of speech, religion and press are matters of vital concern. "Freedom needs an anchor in a written bill of rights," he declared.

Supporting the motion, M. J. Coldwell, laborite leader, said that civil rights are frequently denied in Canada to individuals because of their race and color. "We have so-called clubs which are really resorts like the Seignior Club not many miles away from here, where no accommodation can be obtained by anyone of the Jewish race or religion," he stated. "In the city of Toronto, there is the lawyers' club in which no Jewish application is accepted. That is all the more surprising because one of the safeguards of our democracy must come from those who practice the law. They at least should exercise no discrimination in any way."

## JEWS IN ITALY DEMAND BAN ON "DESERT FOX"; AUTHORITIES REFUSE

ROME, March 27. (JTA) -- Prof. Anselmo Colombo, president of the Jewish community of Rome, today made an unsuccessful plea to Chief of Police Dr. L. Antoniucci against the showing in Rome of the American-made film "The Desert Fox," which glorifies the late Nazi Field Marshal Rommel.

The Chief of Police expressed understanding of the view of the Jewish community, but said that since the film had been passed he could not revoke its license. He referred the Jewish leader to the office of Premier Alcide de Gasperi, which he said was the only authority that could act in the circumstances.

## Jews in Brazil Protest Showing of "Desert Fox"

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 27. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Organizations here today protested against the showing of "The Desert Fox" in moving picture houses in Brazil. A young Brazilian Jewish film actor Joseph Levgoi was today named by the Association of Brazilian Film Critics as "best actor of national films for the year 1951."

**NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION RAISES \$14,100,000 IN 1951-52 DRIVE**

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York raised \$14,100,000 in its 1951-52 fund-raising campaign, it was reported tonight by Milton Weill, president, at the annual meeting of the organization.

"This is a little more than \$1,000,000 short of its rock-bottom operational needs of \$15,200,000," he said. He stressed the fact that unless the Federation raised the needed \$1,000,000 the philanthropic network would end the year with a deficit which would force the curtailment of services. A special effort will get underway shortly to raise the "urgently needed" \$1,000,000 before the books close for the current appeal on September 30, 1952, he added.

**600 AMERICAN JEWS INVEST \$1,450,000 IN ISRAEL ENTERPRISES**

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- A group of 600 American Jews have invested \$1,450,000 in industrial enterprises in Israel and this sum has been matched by Solel Boneh, industrial cooperative of the Israel Federation of Labor, it was revealed here today at a press conference by Hillel Don, manager of Solel Boneh, who arrived here from Israel.

The enterprises established by Solel Boneh in partnership with private investors are conducted on a fifty-fifty partnership basis, Mr. Don reported. He said that the purpose of his visit to the United States was to interest American private capital in developing industrial plants in Israel in cooperation with Solel Boneh.

**GOVERNOR DEWEY PROCLAIMS WORLD JEWISH CHILD'S DAY IN NEW YORK**

ALBANY, New York, March 27. (JTA) -- Governor Dewey today issued a proclamation designating March 30th as World Jewish Child's Day in New York State. The proclamation was issued to representatives of Hadassah, the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America and Pioneer Women-Labor Zionist Organization of America.

This is the third annual celebration of World Jewish Child's Day. It has been proclaimed officially as an international event by the Youth Aliyah department of the Jewish Agency under whose auspices almost 60,000 Jewish child refugees from 62 countries have been rescued and rehabilitated in Palestine and Israel since 1934.

**AMERICAN FUND FOR ISRAEL INSTITUTIONS TO RAISE \$800,000 IN NEW YORK**

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- The American Fund for Israel Institutions, which helps support 52 institutions in Israel, opened its New York 1952 campaign last night with a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria at which it was announced that the Fund's income last year was \$1,200,000, of which 55 percent was raised in New York. The goal for New York this year is \$800,000. The national drive seeks to raise \$1,934,000.

**CHAIR IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE ESTABLISHED AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY**

WALTHAM, Mass., March 27. (JTA) -- The establishment of the Jack M. Kaplan Chair in Comparative Literature, at Brandeis University, the 12th chair to be created at the four-year-old institution, was announced today by University president Abram L. Sachar. Professor Ludwig Lewisohn will occupy the new chair.

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