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FIRST PHASE OF GERMAN-JEWISH COMPENSATION TALKS NEARS COMPLETION

THE HAGUE, March 30. (JTA) -- The first phase of the negotiations between the Federal German Republic and delegations representing the State of Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany was nearing completion this week-end and it was indicated that both the German-Israeli and German-Jewish talks would settle down within a few days to the basic question of how much Germany is to pay in reparations and in what space of time.

Clarification of technical details in the German-Israeli talks was virtually completed and delegates of the Jewish claims conference expressed belief that the technical phases of their discussions would be completed by Tuesday. Plenary sessions of the delegations will then start. Up to the present, only sub-committees are meeting.

"It is very likely that in the course of this week, the need for consultation with our governments may arise on either or both sides," Gershon Avner, spokesman for the Israeli delegation, said today. This was an apparent reference to the original German statement that "after having examined the results of the first stage of the deliberations, the Federal Government will then decide to what extent the Israeli and Jewish claims can be met."

(The West German Government's Foreign Office, 85 percent of whose personnel are former Nazis according to Radio Munich, is "violently resisting any German concessions at the conference between Western Germany and Israel" at The Hague, the Labor newspaper Reynold's News in London said today.)

Members of the Israeli delegation left for Amsterdam this week-end to pay their respects to Itzhak Besner, Israeli financial expert, who was killed in an airplane crash near Frankfurt while en route to the conference.

Beigin to Organize Propaganda in U.S. Against German-Israeli Talks

TEL AVIV, March 30. (JTA) -- Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, today announced that he intends to leave soon for Europe and the United States "to alert public opinion there against the Israeli-German compensation talks which are now taking place at The Hague.

Mr. Beigin told a press conference that he is certain that the talks will fail. He said that all German goods that are brought to Israel will be destroyed by those who oppose any contact with Germany. At the same time, he warned that if the pro-Government Mapai Party takes to itself the right to create "a private army" in Israel to check anti-German demonstrations, other parties "will establish private armies as well."

ISRAEL WILL NOT ELIMINATE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, MINISTER SAYS

TEL AVIV, March 30. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government does not intend to eliminate private trade and industry but will support private initiative in enterprises important to the state and the "ingathering of exiles," Dov Joseph, Minister of Commerce, said here. He spoke at the opening session of the annual conference of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, co-chairman of the economic department of the Jewish Agency, warning that economic dependence endangered Israel's political independence, called for an all-out effort by world Jewry in support of Israel's economy.

ISRAELI SHIPYARD WORKERS HOLD "WARNING STRIKE" ASK HIGHER WAGES

TEL AVIV, March 30. (JTA) -- About 150 workers at the Ogen shipyards and harbor launch service here held a two-hour "warning strike" this week-end to underscore their demands for a wage increase. The shipyards are owned by Solal Boneh, Histadrut-sponsored construction cooperative.

It was reported this week-end that the Vulcan Foundry has discharged 150 of its working staff in a retrenchment program forced on the company by the import restrictions of the government's new economic policy. Israel's lack of foreign currency has cut the amount of money the company can spend abroad for raw materials.

JEWISH AGENCY WILL NOT PAY ROMANIA FOR PERMITTING EMIGRATION

TEL AVIV, March 30. (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency spokesman today denied press reports that the Agency had agreed to pay the Rumanian Government \$15 for each prospective Jewish emigrant from that country.

The spokesman declared that there were signs of some easing in the Rumanian emigration situation. Nineteen hundred Jewish immigrants had been brought to Israel from Rumania in three transports in March, he said, and another transport of nearly a thousand would be leaving the Black Sea port of Constantza soon.

He reported that 103 Indian Jews would be sent back to India by air tomorrow but declared that the Jewish Agency will incur no further expenditures in repatriating immigrants to their former homes.

LEADERS SUMMONED TO NEW YORK TO DISCUSS DOLLAR INCOME FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders in all parts of the country have been invited to attend a conference here on April 5 to consider measures for the mobilization of maximum dollar income for Israel, it was learned today. The conference, similar to that held here on March 15 at which agreement was reached on special measures for this purpose, has been convened by Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban.

ISRAELI STONE TO BE USED IN U.N. HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN NEW YORK

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Some 40 tons of stone from the Casul Quarries near here will be sent to New York within three months as Israel's contribution to the United Nations headquarters building, it was learned today. The stone will be used for some 300 square yards of panelling in the U.N. building.

TRUMAN'S ROLE IN AIDING ISRAEL HAILED AT BRITISH ZIONIST PARLEY

LONDON, March 30, (JTA) -- President Truman's decision not to run for re-election may have world-wide repercussions, Dr. S. Levenberg, Jewish Agency representative in Britain, declared here today at the annual convention of the British Zionist Federation.

Dr. Levenberg said that the Jewish people "would ever be grateful" for the historic part President Truman played in the establishment of Israel. He recalled the American President's demand for the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine after World War II and the speedy recognition of the Jewish State after its establishment. The Jewish Agency leader asserted that it was mainly because of the President that the Negev and the Akaba area were included within the boundaries of Israel.

He also advocated the convening of a "Jewish Congress for Israel" in all countries outside Israel in 1953 to demonstrate the strength of the Zionist idea among Jews abroad.

Addressing the opening session of the conference last night, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, former president of the Hebrew University, suggested that the Jews call off the negotiations with West German for reparations because the Germans have begun to express "doubt, ask questions and say they cannot afford to pay." He suggested that the Jewish delegation make it clear to the Germans that the Jews have "no intention of waiting until the Germans can afford to pay or until their other debts are paid."

SHARETT LAUDS ITALY; IS HONORED BY ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

ROME, March 30. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was the guest of honor here at a reception by the Italian Jewish community held at the Grand Hotel. The Israeli diplomat, here on an official visit as guest of the Italian Government, was welcomed by Renzo Bonfiglioli, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and Carlo Viterbo, president of the Italian Zionist Federation. Representatives of all Italian Jewish communities and organizations were present.

The Israeli Foreign Minister praised Italian Jewry's contributions to Israel and declared that Italian immigrants were among the best of Israel's citizens. He expressed pleasure at addressing the world's oldest Jewish community and said that it was only since the rebirth of Israel that the Arch of Titus no longer symbolized present reality.

(The Arch of Titus was erected in 70 A. D. to commemorate the victory of the Roman general Titus over the Jews and Titus' Jewish captives were paraded under the arch. An old legend says that subsequently Jews never passed under the arch in order not to be reminded of their fate. After the liberation of Rome from the Germans in World War II, Palestinian Jewish units marched under the arch in a symbolic gesture to end the legend of Jewish enslavement.)

His visit to Italy, Mr. Sharett said, marked a new phase in Italian-Israeli relations. Two Mediterranean democracies, he said, were now meeting as equals. The freedom accorded to Jews collaborating in the Zionist effort, he declared, demonstrated that Italy was a real democracy. Wherever such freedom was not enjoyed, democracy does not exist. He called on the Jews of Italy to continue and intensify their aid to Israel.

RUMANIA SETS STAGE FOR TRIAL OF FORMER LEADERS AND ZIONISTS

TEL AVIV, March 30. (JTA) -- The Communist authorities in Rumania are now setting the stage for a great propaganda trial of a number of former political leaders and Zionists, according to information brought here by recent immigrants from Rumania.

A number of former Communist officials, including Vesila Luka, ex-secretary of the Rumanian Communist Party, will be tried for "Titoism." Former Foreign Minister George Tatarescu will face the court on charges of handing over secret information to the Western powers. The Zionists, arrested in roundups in recent months, will be charged as conspirators and "cosmopolites" and will be accused of establishing contacts with the Western powers.

The new arrivals reported that mass deportation from Rumanian metropolitan centers is continuing. The deportees are described by the Rumanian authorities as "non-productive elements." Many Jews and others have been deported from Braslov, an armaments center, and from points along the Yugoslav frontier.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS FACING FINANCIAL CRISIS

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews is facing a serious financial crisis, its finance committee revealed here today in a report which warned that unless new sources of income were found the Board's fund for fighting anti-Semitism would be exhausted by the end of the year.

The finance committee said that the Board's commitments had outstripped its income and that unless receipts from the voluntary tax in effect in the Jewish community increase greatly in the coming months and are maintained at an "adequate level" the Board will have to cut its commitments.

SHOCHTIM STRIKE IN LONDON; JEWS CAN GET NO KOSHER MEAT

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- Orthodox Jews in London spent a meatless weekend as a result of a strike of Jewish ritual slaughterers over working conditions. The president of the Board of Schechita announced that as a result of the strike, no kosher meat rations were available.

No kosher meat may be available next week and for Passover, which commences April 9, although officials said there was a "good chance" that part of the ration will be honored next week.

ROSENSAFT TO NEGOTIATE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JEWISH GRAVES

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- Joseph Rosensaft, former chairman of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone of Germany, has been authorized by the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress to conduct negotiations with the occupation authorities regarding the projected internationalization of the mass graves of Jewish victims of Nazism in Germany.

HITLER'S "JEWISH EXPERT" REPORTED ADVISING EGYPTIAN MONARCH

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- Adolph Eichmann, Hitler's Palestine-born expert on Jewish affairs who was responsible for the extermination of Austrian Jewry, is currently advising Egyptian King Farouk on administrative matters, the Labor newspaper Reynold's News reported here today.

ARMY SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF NON-EMPLOYMENT OF JEWS CRITICIZED

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations today announced that they considered unsatisfactory the explanation of Secretary of the Army Frank R. Pace, regarding discrimination against Jewish workers by Army contractors in recruiting labor for military construction projects in Saudi Arabia. Mr. Pace had stated that neither the Army nor its contractors practiced discrimination, but that it avoided hiring Jewish workers for the Saudi Arabian project because Saudi Arabia refused to grant visas to Jews.

The Jewish groups, including the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States and Union of American Hebrew Congregations, through the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body for them and for 27 local Jewish councils throughout the country, addressed a letter to Dwight R. G. Palmer, chairman of the Committee on Government Contract Compliance, declaring:

"We take note of the statement of Hon. Frank Pace, Jr., Secretary of the Army, that contractors recruiting workers in this country for military construction in North Africa have conformed to the policies laid down by President Truman barring discrimination based on race, creed, color or national origin in the recruitment of such workers. We also note, however, that contractors are, in fact, discriminating against workers of Jewish faith in recruiting for military construction in Saudi Arabia. Although the contractors assert that they are doing so contrary to their own wishes, and solely because Jews are refused visas for entry into Saudi Arabia by officials of that country, the net result is discrimination on government contracts in clear violation of Executive Order 10308."

The Jewish organizations asserted that acceptance of this Saudi Arabian policy without objection would be for the United States "to acquiesce in undemocratic discrimination against American citizens by a foreign power with which we are co-operating for the defense of world democracy." In their letter, they called attention to a precedent for dealing with such situations established during the administration of President Taft. At that time, they pointed out, in retaliation against Russia's refusal to grant visas to American citizens, including those of Jewish faith, the United States abrogated its trade treaty with Russia.

"It is our belief," the letter stated, "that the government of the United States, if it is to remain true to its basic democratic principles, must advise the government of Saudi Arabia that it will not accept the discrimination against U.S. citizens practiced by that country in granting visas, and will insist that Saudi Arabia admit those American citizens hired by our country to work on military construction there."

JEWS WAR VETERANS LEADER PRAISES TOKYO JEWISH COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Paul Ginsberg, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, returning today from a three-month world tour, praised the Jewish community of Tokyo for providing high standard entertainment and recreation at the local community center for American GI's. Mr. Ginsberg, commenting on his visit to Israel, called the Jewish state a fortress for democracy in the Middle East and said the Israeli people feel a bond of brotherhood with the American people.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL LEADERS IN U.S. URGED TO CO-OPERATE

CINCINNATI, March 30. (JTA) -- Jewish religious and cultural leaders of America were called upon this week-end to join in exploring the possibilities of co-operation with a view to ultimately achieving unity, but not uniformity, in terms of a national organization which will represent the Jewish people of this country. This effort, it was emphasized, should be initiated on local levels in the hope that these will culminate in national federation.

The call was issued by Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, of Cleveland, in an address at Founder's Day ceremonies at the Cincinnati school of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion here. Rabbi Brickner urged restoration of the primacy of the synagogue and an interdenominational convocation of religious leaders to plan greater unification in American Jewish life. Balfour Brickner, his son, conducted the service. Like his father, who was ordained at the Hebrew Union College in 1919, he is preparing for the rabbinate here and will be ordained in June.

FORD FOUNDATION GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS TO STUDY MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- The Ford Foundation's Board on Overseas Training and Research announced this week-end that it was prepared to grant fellowships to as many as 100 American men and women who wished to pursue studies dealing with Asia and the Near and Middle East. The fellowships would be granted for periods of from one to three years.

A sum of \$500,000 has been allocated for the fellowships and for administration expenses. The fellowships are subject to the general limitation that the candidates must be United States citizens and "ordinarily" not have reached their fifty-fifth birthday. They will be available to students who will complete their undergraduate work this year and to men and women who have done graduate work relating to the specified areas. Also eligible are persons who have had experience or are now engaged in business, government, agriculture or labor relations or training in economics, education, engineering, journalism, law and other fields regardless of whether they have lived and worked in the areas.

TECHNION GRADUATE TO GET FELLOWSHIP TO STUDY IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, March 30, (JTA) -- A three-year fellowship in Agricultural Engineering for a graduate of the Technion in Haifa, partly at an American institution of higher learning, is being sponsored jointly by the Export Division of Aluminum Company of America, the Palestine Endowment Funds, Inc., and the Technion, it was announced today by Robert Szold, chairman of the board of directors of Palestine Economic Corporation.

The holder of the fellowship, Mr. Szold stated, will be brought to the United States this summer to begin two years of graduate study in the department of Agricultural Engineering at the State College of Washington. The third year will be spent in Israel at the Technion. The Planned course of study will cover both agricultural engineering and agronomy in order to provide the holder of the fellowship with a sound knowledge of up-to-date American methods in relation to soil, soil management, fertilizers and hydraulics.

DR. GOLUB RETIRES AS MEDICAL CHIEF OF JOINT DISEASES HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- The retirement of Dr. Jacob J. Golub as medical director and executive vice-president of the Hospital for Joint Diseases was announced this week-end by Ralph F. Colin, president. Dr. Golub, who is 60 years old, joined the hospital in 1929. He has been asked by the trustees to serve as adviser and consultant to the new and future administrations.