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FIRST STAGE OF HAGUE REPARATIONS TALKS IS COMPLETED; GERMAN DELEGATES CONFER AT BONN ON DEFINITE OFFERS

THE HAGUE, April 1. (JTA) -- Departure of the German delegation late last night for consultations with the West German Government marked the end of the first stage of the negotiations on reparations claims made against Germany by the State of Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The Germans were expected back here tonight or tomorrow with concrete proposals in response to the claim for one billion dollars made by the State of Israel and the claim for 500 million dollars filed by the Jewish conference.

An Israel delegation spokesman said today that by late yesterday afternoon, the discussions had reached a stage where there was nothing left to discuss except the sum itself.

Israelis Pressed Germans for Definite Offer

"We have made it very clear to the Germans," he said, "that the Israel delegation is interested in continuous, undelayed progress. We have no desire to debate indefinite offers but wanted a concrete offer from them. They felt they could not make a concrete proposal without consulting with their government first. While no time limit was set, the two delegations agreed that the German answer would be made within the next few days."

It was made clear here today that discussions of the sum Germany would pay Israel in settlement of Israel's claims for compensation for expenditures in resettling victims of Nazism would not finish the work of the present conference but would represent a 'cross-roads.'

"Once the question of the sum is settled, there remain to be settled the time of payment and the method of payment," the spokesman declared. "Further developments depend now on the answer the Germans bring back from Bonn and whether the Israel claim is accepted."

Spokesman Praises German Goodwill in Talks

The spokesman ascribed the speed and expedition with which the first stage of the talks was completed to two factors. The first, he said, was that the Israeli delegation arrived so well prepared for the talks that what would have required three weeks to clarify was cleared up in less than two. This, he said, was largely due

to the presence of Dr. George Josephthal, director of immigration of the Jewish Agency, who had at his fingertips the answer to every question asked.

The second factor, the spokesman said, was the goodwill shown by the German delegation in their evident desire to keep things moving. "We set the pace, but the Germans kept up with us and made no move which would in any way tend to hold up or delay the talks," the Israeli spokesman commented.

Conference Claims Reviewed in Plenary Session

Prior to their departure for Bonn, the German representatives met with the delegation of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany in a plenary session which reviewed the report of the joint sub-committee.

"We know exactly where we stand now," a Conference spokesman explained. "We have outlined our points of agreement and disagreement and clarified our claims. The first stage of our discussions is also finished and we must now await the return of the Germans from Bonn."

The conference delegation made it clear today that it was not making claims in behalf of citizens of countries which are party to reparations agreements made with Germany in 1945.

"In France, for instance," a spokesman explained, "we cannot presume to speak for those Jews who are French citizens as they are covered by their government. The large number of Jews in France who are not French citizens, however, will be benefitted by the new or improved legislation that may be brought about as a result of these discussions."

Letter Bomb Sent to German Embassy in The Hague

THE HAGUE, April 1. (JTA) -- A letter-bomb addressed to the German reparations delegation here was delivered to the German Embassy last night. Suspicious employees of the legation turned the packet over to the police who found it contained a highly explosive substance.

The envelope bore the name of the "Jewish Partisans Association" and was post-marked Amsterdam. The German and Jewish delegations were immediately notified to be on the alert. Responsibility for a bomb sent to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer last week was admitted by a group using this name but Jewish circles were unaware of any such organization and ascribed the letter to provocateurs.

ASK PRESSURE ON BONN TO AID NAZI RESEARCH VICTIMS

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- Need for urgent action by the Federal German Republic to aid several hundred victims of Nazi medical experiments in the concentration camps is stressed in a memorandum submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Commission by the Agudas Israel World Organization.

The memorandum points out that although detailed information on more than 200 cases of survivors of these experiments had been submitted to the Bonn Government, little has yet been done to aid them.

Information on these cases was submitted to the United Nations by the governments of the Netherlands, Sweden and Israel. A number of victims of these experiments have died since the United Nations launched its inquiry, the memorandum reports. It requests that the Bonn Government be required to grant generous assistance to those who still survive.

KNESSET ADOPTS NEW ISRAEL BUDGET, RECESSES UNTIL MAY 5

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Government's 168 million pounds budget was adopted today in the Knesset after a grilling 34-hour debate by a vote of 48 to 36. The budget, largest in Israel's history and first to include all security and defense expenditures, met with heated opposition and demands for a ten percent cut all along the line but the opposition failed to secure reductions.

The Knesset also adopted two amendments today to the Nationalities Law, the effect of which is to establish the principle of dual nationality in Israel.

The Knesset then adjourned for five weeks and will resume sessions on May 5. Summing up its achievements, Josef Sprinzak, the Speaker, said the parliament had done a "tremendous job" in accepting the budget and expressed hopes that it would help in consolidating the financial and economic situation of the country. He also stressed the significance of the Nationalities Law as a progressive piece of legislation.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today assumed the post of Acting Prime Minister as Premier David Ben Gurion left Jerusalem on two weeks' leave.

THREE-POINT PLAN TO ATTRACT JEWISH YOUTH SUBMITTED TO AGENCY

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- A three-point plan to attract Jewish youths to Israel from foreign countries was outlined here today to the Jewish Agency Executive by E. Dobkin, head of the Agency's department for youth and pioneer settlement.

The plan would establish one year of service in Israel for youths aged 21 or more who are not affiliated with pioneer training organizations; pioneer training in Israel for youths from abroad wishing to settle on the land, and establishment of summer camps here for youths from abroad aged 16-17.

Four thousand one hundred and six immigrants entered Israel during March according to a provisional report today by the Jewish Agency. Of this total, 1,972 came from Rumania; 1,287 from Iran; 577 from North Africa and 49 from Bulgaria.

150 INDIAN JEWS QUIT ISRAEL; PLANES TO BRING NEW IMMIGRANTS

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- A party of 150 Indian Jews were scheduled to be flown back to India today. They were members of a group which last week demonstrated before the Jewish Agency office here demanding transportation to India.

The planes which will fly them to India will make the return trip with 100 Indian Jews who have been waiting for transportation to take them to Israel. The aircraft have been chartered by the Jewish Agency.

ISRAEL ARMY RETURNS CONTROL OF IMMIGRANT CAMPS TO CIVILIANS

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Army's operation of immigrant work camps in isolated areas of the country ended here yesterday when the Army handed back control of all services to the civilian settlement authorities. During the winter rainy season the Army had been responsible for the maintenance of communications and other vital services in the camps.

ANGLO-AMERICAN GROUPS SEEK JORDAN DEAD SEA CONCESSION

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- Anglo-American interests have asked the Kingdom of Jordan for a concession to exploit the mineral wealth of the Dead Sea, the London Daily Telegraph reported from Amman today. It said the government asked the companies to submit plans after which the government will decide whether to permit exploitation by foreign interests or by a national company.

ZIONIST PARLEY ASKS BRITAIN TO EASE TRANSFER LAWS FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- The newly elected executive council of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain was urged in a resolution adopted today at the federation's annual conference to make representations to the British authorities for a more liberal interpretation of the present laws on transfer of money and goods from Britain to Israel.

The conference expressed the belief that such a measure would help expand British-Israeli trade and, from a long-term point of view, would be in the best interests of both countries. The resolution noted the great potentialities for British investment in Israel. Janus Cohen, Palestine-born solicitor, was elected chairman of the federation.

EINSTEIN ASKS ISRAEL TO CURB NATIONALISM IN INTERESTS OF PEACE

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein called on Israel last night to curb nationalism for the sake of better relations with the Arabs. In a message read to a dinner given in his honor by Children to Palestine held at the Astor Hotel, the noted scientist said "the unparalleled persecutions which the Jewish people have suffered, particularly during the last decades, have produced a kind of nationalism that ought to be curbed if only to permit a friendly and fruitful co-existence with the Arabs."

Mayor Vincent Impellitteri addressed the dinner held in connection with a drive to raise \$60,000 for a new agricultural school at Ben Shemen to be named for Prof. and Mrs. Einstein.

VISCOUNT SAMUEL RECEIVED BY TRUMAN AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- Viscount Samuel, British elder statesman and Chairman of the Board of Governors of Hebrew University, accompanied by British Ambassador Sir Oliver S. Franks, today made a courtesy visit with President Truman at the White House.

CANADIAN GROUP PROTESTS AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

MONTREAL, April 1. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has raised with the Department of National Defense at Ottawa anti-Semitic propaganda being used to discredit the Canadian Army recruiting campaign. The Congress drew attention of the authorities to a cartoon in "Vers Demain," organ of the Union of Voters, a splinter group of the Social Credit Party. The cartoon described the recruiting drive as a campaign for Zionism. The Social Credit Party has repudiated the group and the paper.

The Jewish organization has also taken up with the authorities distribution here of anti-Semitic propaganda by a group calling itself the "Canadian Gentile Congress."

HALT BOND SALES FOR DURATION OF LOCAL U.J.A. DRIVE IN TWO CITIES

UTICA, N. Y., April 1. (JTA)—The Israel bond sales campaign in Utica will have a "cessation of activities" from today until May 15 in order to permit the United Jewish Appeal campaign to have full sway during this period, Maurice Levinson, chairman of the Utica Bonds for Israel Committee, announced here. His statement stressed the importance of "free dollars" for Israel as provided by the U. J. A. and urged bond workers to "give their whole-hearted support and effort to the U. J. A. campaign."

The bond drive office will remain open here to handle collections and sale of bonds to those who wish to purchase them of their own accord.

ERIE, Pa., April 1. (JTA) -- There will be no active campaign for the sale of Israel bonds here during the 1952 Erie Welfare Fund drive, Aladar Appel, bond drive chairman announced. He urged complete support of the welfare fund drive, declaring both bonds and philanthropy are necessary to support Israel.

REJECT SINGLE BODY IN COMMUNITY RELATIONS FIELD

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League will not tolerate a "single over-riding authoritarian body in the community relations field professing to speak for all American Jews," Irving M. Engel, chairman of the executive committee of the A. J. C., told the annual meeting of the Joint Defense Appeal executive committee here this week-end.

He declared that in the community relations field, "no premium should be placed on unity as such" and declared that the A. J. C. and A. D. L. "have always been ready in areas of agreement to work together with other agencies on a basis of mutual respect for and mutual understanding of divergent views."

Paul H. Sampliner, chairman of the J. D. A. executive committee, warned that the situation confronting the American Jewish community today required maximum support for the work of the two agencies "to establish the kind of relations between Christian and Jew that will make bigotry and the appeals of bigotry a thing of the past."

Harry E. Schultz of New York told the parley that the Jewish community finds itself in "that vital but dangerous position - the middle ground" and has to defend itself against extremists of both right and left.

PROF. MARX TO STUDY EASTERN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Prof. Alexander Marx, chief librarian of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, arrived here today to study the history of Eastern Jewish communities. His researches will be within the framework of the Institute for Research into Eastern Jewish Culture and Folklore headed by Itzhak Ben-Zvi.

DR. FRANCIS HEVESI, FORMER BUDAPEST CHIEF RABBI, DEAD

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Word was received here today of the death in Honolulu last Saturday of Dr. Francis Hevesi, former chief rabbi of Budapest. He was 53 years old. Dr. Hevesi, who succeeded his father, the late Dr. Simon Hevesi, in the Budapest chief rabbinate, fled from the Communist regime in 1947 and came to this country. His body will be flown to Washington for interment.