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## BONN GOVERNMENT HOPES TO PREVENT DEADLOCK IN GERMAN-ISRAELI TALKS

BONN, April 13. (JTA) -- The West German Government hopes to be able to overcome the present impasse in the German-Israeli reparation negotiations and thus prevent a complete deadlock, it was indicated in government circles here today.

How it intends to do this was not made clear. There is no intention on the part of the West German Government to increase its offer of \$750,000,000 to Israel, which government circles consider "quite fair." Nor is there any evidence that the Bonn Government is prepared to withdraw its condition that reparations payments to Israel should be coordinated with Germany's payment of debts and to foreign countries. The latter problem is now under consideration at the London debt conference.

Emphasizing that the West German Government "still has the utmost desire to make reparations" to the Jews, officials here said that Israel should not disregard Germany's capacity to pay, adding that the idea of reparations would be an empty gesture if the inability to find the wherewithal to meet its obligations prevented fulfillment of the German promises.

(Two members of the Israel reparations delegation, arriving in Israel to report to the government on the Hague talks, refused to make any comments to newsmen today. An emergency meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee has been called for Tuesday to hear a report on the talks by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.)

## Syria Asks for Part of German Reparations to Israel

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- The Department of State has received a note from Syria which asked that money to aid Palestinian Arab refugees be diverted from any sums Germany may pay Israel as restitution for losses caused by the Nazi persecution of the Jews. The Syrian Government asked the United States to use its influence with the Bonn Government for this purpose.

The note, it was learned today, was presented at the State Department by diplomatic representatives of Syria. It is now being studied by this government. Official sources in Washington have indicated that they do not think the problem of restitution for Nazi persecutions should be merged with any settlement of the claims of Arab refugees.

(The British Government will not assist the Arab States to secure a share of any reparations payments the West German Government may make to the State of Israel as a result of the negotiations at The Hague, it was reported today from London. The Syrian and Lebanese Governments were said to have sent identical notes to Britain, France and the United States requesting their assistance in obtaining part of the funds that may be allocated by Bonn to Israel.)

BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO PAY FOR UNCLAIMED JEWISH PROPERTY

MUNICH, April 13. (JTA) -- An agreement has been signed here between the Bavarian Ministry of Finance and the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization under which the State of Bavaria will pay the Jewish organization 20,000,000 Deutsche marks in exchange for heirless and unclaimed Jewish property administered by it. The agreement is subject to ratification by the Bavarian Parliament.

The City Senate of Bremen was in receipt of a letter today from John J. McCloy, United States High Commissioner for Germany, expressing satisfaction at the co-operation of the city authorities in settling reparations claims put forward by the local Jewish community.

SWITZERLAND TO APPROPRIATE UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS OF NAZI VICTIMS

GENEVA, April 13. (JTA) -- All unclaimed funds deposited in Swiss banks by victims of Nazism will shortly be taken over by the state, it was indicated here today. An official statement to this effect will be issued soon.

The International Red Cross will arrange shipment of food and clothing parcels for Jews in Hungary deported from their homes in the cities to outlying regions, it was announced following negotiations between the international agency and the World Agudas Israel Organization. Consideration is also being given, it was reported, to extension of this plan for Jewish deportees in Rumania.

U. S. COMMISSIONER RULES GERMAN COURT CAN TRY DR. AUERBACH

MUNICH, April 13. (JTA) -- The United States Commissioner for Bavaria, Prof. Oron J. Hale, today ruled that the German court assigned to try Dr. Philip Auerbach, former Bavarian Commissioner for Restitution, is competent. Dr. Auerbach, who has been under arrest for a year, is charged with fraud in office.

Dr. Auerbach's defense counsel had contended that the German court was incompetent to try the former Commissioner, since he was appointed by the U. S. military authorities. Investigation is still continuing of the charges that the German judges appointed to hear Dr. Auerbach's case had once been members of the Nazi Party and high officials in Nazi legal institutions.

MANY JEWS LOSING JOBS IN BRITISH TEXTILE INDUSTRY RECESSION

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- Many British Jews have been adversely affected by the current recession in the British textile industry, it was revealed here today at a meeting of the British section of the World Jewish Congress:

The meeting, called at the request of the secretariat of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, was attended by representatives of groups in Britain which are interested in migration problems. Besides the British-born Jews who are losing their jobs as a result of the recession, there are many aliens who, when they lose their jobs, have additional problems, speakers at the parley emphasized.

ISRAELI FIRM TO MANUFACTURE NEW U. S. ANTI-TUBERCULIN DRUGS

TEL AVIV, April 13. (JTA) -- The new anti-tuberculin drugs discovered in the United States by a Jewish chemist recently will soon be manufactured in Israel by the Assia Pharmaceutical Company, the corporation announced today. The company will use the same formula as the American pills which it obtained under a license.

NETWORK OF MODERN TELEPHONE LINES TO BE OPENED IN ISRAEL TODAY

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Twenty-four new radio-telephone lines serving Israel's three major cities--Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa--will be opened for public use tomorrow at noon. Israeli Minister for Communications David Zvi Pinkas, sitting in his office here, will throw the switch which puts the lines into operation.

This major improvement in Israel's communications network was made possible by the installation of equipment obtained from the United States with grant-in-aid funds. Two American engineers, assisted by local technicians, installed the equipment.

In a statement to newsmen today, Minister Pinkas declared that "in a few more years Israel will be one of the most modern countries, and you will be able to dial directly from one city to the other." In addition, he pointed out, almost no time will be lost in contacting other countries. He reported that the Ministry of Communications is also busily engaged in improvement of cable communications.

JEWS HOLD HIGH POSTS IN LEBANESE ARMY, DEPUTY REVEALS

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- A suggestion that Jews serving in the Lebanese Army should not be given access to military documents was made in the Lebanese Parliament by Socialist deputy Emil Boustany, it was reported here today from Beirut, capital of Lebanon.

Mr. Boustany told the Parliament that a Jew of Russian origin was serving as commander of an artillery unit and that a Greek Jew was head of the Army's medical board. Replying to the deputy's suggestion, the Foreign Minister said that the question should not have been raised publicly as it affected the "dignity of the Army," the report said.

EGYPT SEEKS TO RECRUIT 500 GERMAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, April 13. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has sent a mission to western Austria to recruit 500 former Wehrmacht officers for the Egyptian Army, the neo-Nazi newspaper, Der Unabhaenige, reports here. The paper said that two former Nazi generals are already working for the Egyptians in Cairo.

FRENCH DEPORT TWO JEWS FROM TUNISIA FOR AIDING ARABS

TUNIS, April 13. (JTA) -- Two Jewish businessmen sympathetic to the Arab nationalist cause in Tunisia have been deported by the French authorities from this city to Remada, in the southern section of the country. The two, Victor Baranes and Andre Barouch, are said to have financed the Arab nationalist daily newspaper in Tunis.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT READY TO GRANT FELLOWSHIPS TO ISRAEL STUDENTS

TEL AVIV, April 13. (JTA) -- The Indian Government has informed the Israel Ministry of Education of its readiness to grant a number of fellowships to Israeli students who wish to continue their studies in India, it was learned here today.

ISRAEL CELEBRATES JOYFUL PASSOVER; WEIZMANN UNABLE TO ATTEND SEDER

TEL AVIV, April 13. (JTA) -- The Jews of Israel celebrated the Feast of Passover under warm, smiling skies and pleasant weather which followed a week of the "khamsin," the hot wind from the Mediterranean. Public seders were held throughout the country, in the cities and in all army camps. In the villages and settlements, hundreds of youths danced in the fields.

President Chaim Weizmann, confined to bed by illness, was not able to participate in the seder at his Rehovoth home where Yehudi Menuhin and Prof. B. Zondek were guests. Gov. and Mrs. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland, who are now visiting Israel, were the guests of Chief Rabbi I. J. Unterman, of Tel Aviv, for the seder services.

The richest man in Israel, for one week, is Yani Petergi, a Greek dockworker. He "bought" all the Chometz in Tel Aviv and Jaffa, estimated to be worth ten million pounds. According to tradition, Petergi acquired all the non-Passover food in the two cities by making a small "down payment" and receiving the keys to the food stores. After Passover, as in past years, he will return the keys and go back to his job as port laborer.

U. S. Secretary of Interior Addresses New York Seder

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- The United States has recognized from the beginning that in order to survive, Israel would have to depend in large measure on the good will and financial and moral assistance not only of the American people but also of the U. S. Government, Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman told an audience of 5,000 Jews last night at the Histadrut Third Seder here.

The Secretary emphasized that if "some dark force of evil" is permitted to strike at Israel, that blow would constitute an attack on the way of life Americans hold so dear and cherish so much. Rep. Jacob K. Javits, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who was also one of the speakers at the seder, called upon the NATO powers to admit Israel into the NATO organization. Other speakers included Mordecai Namir, former Israel Minister to Moscow, who is now the secretary-general of the Histadrut in Israel.

Religious Jews in Poland Provided with Matzoth

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- The Polish Government allocated 120 tons of wheat and 15 tons of flour for the manufacture of matzoth for sale to religious Jews, it was reported here today from Warsaw. The report, which quoted the chairman of the Jewish religious community, added that kosher meat and fat was also available for the Passover festival.

Vienna Community Imported Passover Food from Holland

VIENNA, April 13. (JTA) -- Matzoth and other Passover food, imported by the Vienna Jewish community from Holland, were distributed free to 1,200 needy Jewish families here.

"VOICE OF AMERICA" BROADCASTS PASSOVER PRAYER TO EAST EUROPE

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- A Passover prayer, recited by Rabbi David N. Panitz in Washington, was recorded for broadcast by the Voice of America to areas behind the Iron Curtain. Rabbi Panitz expressed the hope that the world's oppressed people might "hold the conviction that iron curtains shall be broken and replaced by a tapestry of brotherliness and cooperation."

U.S. PROFESSOR CONFIRMS FIND OF ANCIENT HEBREW BRONZE SCROLLS

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Prof. A. Henry Detweiler of Cornell University, chairman of the Jerusalem Committee of the American School of Oriental Research, confirmed this week-end a report that a pair of tightly rolled bronze sheets with a lengthy text engraved in Hebrew letters have been discovered in a cave near the Dead Sea.

The scrolls are now in Jerusalem in the possession of Pere Roland deVaux and Dr. William L. Reed, directors of a French, American and Palestinian expedition to the Dead Sea caves. The indications are that the sheets may be important Old Testament documents, Professor Detweiler said. In the same region in 1947 were found parchment scrolls with a Hebrew text of the Book of Isaiah and other Biblical manuscripts. Because the new sheets are of bronze, Professor Detweiler suggested that they might contain material regarded by the ancients as of the greatest importance.

Only a fragment of the text on the tightly rolled metal sheets is visible, according to the report received by Professor Detweiler. Until some technique to unroll the delicate scrolls without shattering them is devised it is impossible to do more than speculate about the find, he said. However, other scholars have described the discovery as "a most sensational find." Prof. Millar Burrows, Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology at Yale University, said it was "surprising, quite new and totally unexpected."

ENDICOTT JEWS TO SHARE THEIR SYNAGOGUE WITH EPISCOPALIANS

ENDICOTT, N. Y., April 13. (JTA) -- Members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church here will, beginning this week and continuing for an indefinite period, worship in Temple Beth-El, a Conservative synagogue built here three years ago.

St. Paul's, which has 600 members, will be torn down to be replaced by a new structure. In the meantime, the altar and closet for vestments will be moved into the synagogue basement to remain until the new church is built. Permission to share the synagogue was obtained from the Rabbinical Assembly of New York and the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Syracuse.

PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES IN AUSTRALIA DIES

SYDNEY, April 13. (JTA) -- Funeral services took place here today for Dr. Saul Symonds, president of the Board of Jewish Deputies and of the Australian Jewish Welfare Society, who died suddenly at his home at the age of 58. He was one of the outstanding Jewish leaders in Australia and was especially active in securing admission of more Jewish refugees to the country.