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ISRAEL MAY NOT RENEW REPARATIONS TALKS WITH GERMANY

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will not continue its reparations talks with West Germany on the basis of the German offer to recognize \$750,000,000 as the sum Germany owes Israel as reparations but not as a sum which West Germany is prepared to pay to clear that obligation, the London Times reported today in a cable from its Tel Aviv correspondent.

The report says that the German reparations offer has "disappointed the Israel Government and angered many of its supporters." It points out that there is an inclination in Israel "to doubt the good faith of the Germans."

"It appears," the report states, "that an agreement was reached between the Germans and Israeli delegations at The Hague that differences of opinion which arose in the early part of the conference should be left over for discussion at the second stage of the talks, and that before the end of the first stage the Germans should state what sum they regard as fair. What the Germans have done is to state the sum as an admitted debt, but not as an amount they are prepared to pay," the report explains. "It is this distinction which caused resentment in Israel."

"If Germany's admitted debt is to be reckoned on the basis of commercial debts which are now under discussion at the London conference on Germany's pre-war external debts, and is to be whittled down to fit calculations of Germany's capacity to pay, and if the final payment is to be stretched over a long period of years, many members of the Israel coalition government--especially those of the Religious Bloc--who voted in favor of negotiating with Germany may now feel compelled to oppose any prolongation of talks," the correspondent says.

Attempt to Steal Documents on German-Israeli Talks Fails

TEL AVIV, April 15. (JTA) -- Unknown persons last night broke into the apartment of Dr. George Josephthal, one of the leading members of the delegation which conducted the reparations talks with the German representatives at The Hague, and ransacked his desk and other pieces of furniture apparently seeking confidential material on the German-Israeli talks.

None of Dr. Josephthal's possessions were taken by the intruders. The police believe that the raid was carried out by extremists who are opposed to negotiations by Israel with Germany.

TRUMAN RECEIVES HISTADRUT LEADER; SPEAKS OF ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- President Truman today told Secretary General Mordecai Namir of the Histadrut--the Israel Federation of Labor--that the Jewish state is doing a remarkable job and that he is very pleased and would like to see Israel live in peace with its neighbors. He called attention to the fact that Israel and Arab states are located in the valley of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, which he described as the cradle of peace and civilization.

The President expressed the hope that the Tigris and Euphrates area would be restored to a breeding place of peace and civilization. He said he was glad to meet Mr. Namir and told him that he would like to see peace not only in the Middle East but all over the world. The President added that he would appreciate it if the Histadrut representatives would help him work for peace.

Mr. Namir, who was Israel Minister to the U. S. S. R. for two and one-half years, is in the United States in connection with the \$10,000,000 Histadrut fund-raising campaign. He called on the President to express appreciation for aid to Israel and the Histadrut.

"Israel aspires with all its might and soul for peace in the world," Mr. Namir told President Truman. "Our state is interested in peaceful relationships and friendships with every nation that is prepared for peace and friendship with us. According to our internal regime and our world outlook, we consider ourselves an integral part of the free democratic world. If danger threatens our democracy, we are prepared to contribute our full share to its defense."

The Histadrut leader added that "the Jewish people are blessed with a long memory and we believe that the United States will never have occasion to regret the aid which it is extending to us." He was accompanied to the White House by Joseph Schlossberg, general chairman of the National Committee for Labor Israel; Isaac Hamlin, general secretary of the committee, Charles Segal, special events director, and Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing.

DISCOVERY OF COPPER ORE OPENS "NEW HORIZONS" FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president of the State of Israel \$500,000,000 Independence Bond Drive in the United States, today confirmed a report that the mining of copper ore had been initiated in the southernmost tip of Israel. The copper was located by technicians of Israel Mining Industries. A government-established company, the Israel mining corporation has undertaken a wide program of exploration and utilization of the country's mineral resources.

"The discovery of copper by the men who are now drilling tunnels in mountains that have been untapped since the days of King Solomon's mines," Mr. Sonneborn declared, "marks the beginning of a new chapter in Israel's planned program of exploitation of the natural resources of her desert area. It is a dramatic proof of the vital role which the Independence Bond Issue is playing in Israel's swift development of her industrial potential, for American Bond purchasers have financed the original explorations and will finance the buying of equipment from the United States for large-scale commercial exploitation of the ore."

The stage of large-scale mining operations has already been reached in the case of phosphate rock, ceramic clays and glass sand, Mr. Sonneborn said. He added that a geological survey for mica, feldspar and quartz is being completed and another has just been started for sulphur. Israel's known reserves of phosphate rock are estimated at 500,000,000 tons, he asserted, pointing out that present phosphate production is already meeting all of Israel's needs for fertilizer and that large quantities of phosphates will soon be available for the export market, as well.

THREE ISRAELIS KILLED, FOUR WOUNDED IN NEGEV CLASHES

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- One Israeli soldier and two workers were killed, two soldiers and two more workers were wounded in two separate incidents in the Negev during the past two days.

One incident took place on the Israeli-Egyptian border when patrols encountered a group of Egyptian soldiers who had penetrated into Israel territory. The other incident occurred on the Sodom-Beersheba road when Arab infiltrators ambushed a truck of the Palestine Potash Company carrying workers from Sodom to Beersheba.

NAZARETH REMAINS UNDER CURFEW; TENSION STILL HIGH IN TOWN

TEL AVIV, April 15. (JTA) -- The Arab town of Nazareth remained under curfew today following clashes between Moslem and Christian Arab youths yesterday. The curfew was imposed last night by Israeli authorities at the request of the Arab Mayor of Nazareth and other town notables, including Catholic Bishop Hakim.

The curfew was lifted this afternoon for two hours only in order to enable the inhabitants to buy food. It was re-imposed after the two hours were over. Jewish and Arab police are patrolling the deserted streets. A number of curfew breakers were arrested and fined today.

Tension in town is still high and the police as well as the leaders of the Moslem and Christian communities pray for the recovery of the 47-year-old Moslem resident who was severely injured during the clashes and is now in a Nazareth hospital. It is feared that should the wounded man die, the situation may get out of hand.

The disturbances yesterday began when Moslem youngsters insulted and attacked Christian-Arab Boy Scouts in the Catholic Church in Nazareth. Police units were rushed to the church to prevent further trouble. In anticipation of new difficulties, police reinforcements were pouring into Nazareth today, while all Israeli military personnel have been ordered out of the town to prevent their becoming involved in any further outbursts.

ISRAEL AND JORDAN EXTEND THEIR AGREEMENT ON ARAB INFILTRATION

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- The temporary agreement between Israel and Jordan to combat Arab infiltration into Israel was extended today till the end of the month.

The agreement was signed three months ago and proved almost satisfactory. However, when the time for renewal came, Jordan forwarded new demands which Israel was unable to meet. After several informal meetings between both sides and representatives on the U. N. Mixed Armistice Commission, Jordan and Israel reached a compromise.

BRAZIL BECOMES 36TH COUNTRY TO RATIFY GENOCIDE CONVENTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 15. (JTA) -- Brazil today became the 36th state to ratify or accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The convention came into force on January 12, 1951 when 20 states deposited instruments of accession or ratification.

ISRAEL'S MEDICAL SCHOOL MUST STRESS SOCIAL MEDICINE, EXPERT SAYS

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- "The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Israel will have to emphasize much more than do most American medical schools the social aspects of medicine," Dr. Harry Grundfest, Associate Professor of Neurology at Columbia University, declared heretoday.

Speaking at the Academy of Medicine under the auspices of the Hadassah and the Medical Advisory Board, Dr. Grundfest said that the great emphasis must be placed on social medicine because "great segments of Israel's population come from lands where they were either subjected to the trauma of the recent horrors of Europe" or to the "endemic starvation, oppression, degrading poverty and ignorance" of the Middle East and North African ghettos.

Other speakers included Dr. Brock Chisholm, director general, World Health Organization, United Nations; Dr. Leo Davidoff, neurosurgeon at Mount Sinai Hospital and chairman of the World Health Organization-Unitarizn Service Committee Medical Mission to Israel; Mrs. Samuel J. Resensohn, national president of Hadassah and Dr. Israel Wechsler, chief neurologist of Mount Sinai Hospital. Grund will be broken for the new Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center on June 5 in the Ein Karem sector of Jerusalem.

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY DISTRIBUTED 80,000 BOOKS IN 1951

PHILADELPHIA, April 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Publication Society distributed during 1951 about 80,000 books dealing with biography, religion, fiction, American Jewish history and juvenile literature, it was reported at the 64th annual meeting of the Society here this week.

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president, revealed in his report that the Bible continues to be the Society's most popular publication, with 23,319 copies distributed last year, representing an increase of 6,453 over the preceding year. Scholars and community leaders from various parts of the country attended the meeting at which Judge Levinthal was re-elected president for a new term.

MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEK OPENS IN ISRAEL; MENUHIN TO PLAY

TEL AVIV, April 15. (JTA) -- The annual music festival week opened at Eingebo, on the shores of Lake Tiberias, with thousands of persons flocking to the village to hear the concerts. Among the leading attractions at the festival are the French Jewish composer Darius Milhaud and the American Jewish violinist Yehudi Menuhin.

MILTON WEILL RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Milton Weill was re-elected to a second term as president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York at a meeting of the trustees last night. The Federation supports a network composed of 116 affiliated hospitals, health and social service institutions, which annually serve more than 480,000 persons of all races and faiths.

ISRAEL GOODMAN, ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN MIAMI

MIAMI, April 15. (JTA) -- Israel Goodman, president of the Miami Zionist Council and member of the executive of the Zionist Organization of America, died at his home here of a heart attack. He was 48 years old. He came to Miami several years ago from St. Louis where he was president of the local Zionist Organization.