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U.S. STAND ON GERMAN-ISRAELI REPARATIONS TALKS OUTLINED

WASHINGTON, April 20. (JTA) -- The attitude of the United States toward the German-Israeli reparations talks was outlined here today by informed official sources in connection with reports in London that the United States, Britain and France have turned down a request by Israel that they give diplomatic backing in Bonn to Israel's claims. The London report added that Washington particularly emphasized its "neutrality."

The London reports said that the Allied stand has considerably strengthened the hands of the intransigents at talks now going on in Bonn between the West German Government and the members of its delegation to the German-Israeli reparations Conference at The Hague.

Commenting on these reports, official sources here said it would be incorrect to describe America's position as "neutral." They pointed out that the United States is on record as being sympathetic to any settlement agreeable to both the Germans and the Israelis. The State Department has not been approached by either side to support any specific settlement figure, it was indicated.

Wants Settlement to be Reached Between Israel and Germany

Officials stressed that the U.S. does not consider itself neutral because it has made clear that it does desire an equitable settlement. This stand, it is said, supports in principle the justice of Israel's claims against Germany for restitution for the damage inflicted by Nazi persecutions. But the U.S. is not injecting itself into the talks and is leaving the actual settlement to be ironed out by the Israel and German representatives. A comparison was made to the Saar issue, in which the State Department wants a mutually-agreeable settlement between France and Germany.

It is understood that this government considers Israel's claims against Germany separately and not as a part of other claims against the Bonn Government. However, official sources have indicated that they feel that it is unrealistic not to recognize that there actually exists an indirect connection between Israel's claims and other demands against Germany because of that country's financial situation and ability to pay.

A spokesman for the Israel Embassy said today that the Israel Government has no information which would tend to confirm the London reports that the United States, France, and Great Britain have refused to support Israel's reparations claims against the West German Government.

HOUSE OF LORDS HEARS BRITISH VIEW ON GERMAN REPARATIONS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- The British Government understands that any payments which Germany would make to Israel as a result of The Hague negotiations "would obviously not be in the nature of an ordinary commercial indebtedness, but rather in the nature of some measure of reparation, of moral even more than material value, for the enormities committed during the Hitler regime."

A statement to this effect was made in the House of Lords by Lord Reading, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. He emphasized that as far as the British Government understands, the German payment to Israel would be based "upon the calculated cost of resettlement in Israel of Jews driven out of Europe by the Nazis."

Lord Reading said that the British Government welcomes the talks at The Hague. "We await the outcome with much interest," he declared. "Although press reports have appeared which indicate a hitch in the discussions, we still greatly hope for a satisfactory settlement."

Justice of Jewish Claims Stressed by Lord Henderson

Lord Reading made his statement following a speech delivered in the House of Lords by Lord Henderson, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the last Labor Government. Lord Henderson stressed the justice of the Jewish and Israeli demands for reparations and welcomed the German move in opening the question.

"We are seven years from the end of the war and there is a tendency to forget the shameful martyrdom of the Jews in Germany and in German-occupied territories," Lord Henderson said. "Over 6,000,000 of them were done to death and their property confiscated. But it is unnecessary for me to go into the details of this chapter of evil doings - noble Lords are well aware of them. I think we should agree that these crimes called for repudiation by democratic Germany and for such moral and material indemnifications as lay in its power."

Touching upon the talks at The Hague, Lord Henderson stated: "So far, I believe, these discussions on Jewish claims have been kept quite separate from the London discussions on Germany's external debts. That seems to me to be right and proper, because by no stretch of the imagination can the Jewish claims be regarded as belonging to the category of external debts. Their nature and history are altogether different."

"I hope, therefore, that it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to keep them separate and both they and their two Allies will continue to give their sympathy and encouragement to the efforts to arrive at a satisfactory agreement through The Hague conference. It is regrettable that there has been what appears to be a breakdown in the discussions, and I sincerely hope that it may prove to be only temporary. It is important that the conference should succeed."

"I believe that if it can reach agreement, this conference may make a real contribution towards assuaging the bitter memories of the Jewish people, and the gradual development of a spirit of reconciliation between the peoples of these two countries."

ATTACK ON JEWS MADE IN SO. AFRICAN PARLIAMENT BY NATIONALIST DEPUTY

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, April 20. (JTA) -- An anti-Semitic outburst was heard in South Africa's Parliament yesterday when a deputy of Premier Daniel Malan's Nationalist Party attacked the Jews and blamed them for making him an anti-Semite.

The anti-Jewish attack followed a speech by Dr. Bernard Friedman, a leading member of the opposition to the Malan administration. Responding to Dr. Friedman's political assault on the government, Nationalist deputy J. L. Liebenberg insisted that the Afrikans people have aided the Jews "until they were fat" and now the Jews are deserting the Afrikans people.

"If I am an anti-Semite it is because the Jews have made me one. I am tired of Afrikaners being insulted by Jews," Liebenberg said. "They have no respect for Afrikaners as Friedman has just shown."

The Nationalist speaker was followed by another Jewish deputy, Abe Bloomberg, who is also in opposition to Malan. Mr. Bloomberg denied that Jewish MP's encourage attacks on the Afrikans people, challenging Liebenberg to cite an example. Mr. Bloomberg insisted that many Jews are champions of the Afrikans people who have "stood by" the Jewish people in difficult circumstances.

EIGHT IRGUNISTS CONVICTED IN ITALY FOR BOMBING BRITISH EMBASSY

ROME, April 20. (JTA) -- Eight alleged members of the Irgun who were tried in absentia here last week on the charge of bombing the British Embassy here in November 1946, were this week-end found guilty and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment. However, their sentences were automatically annulled by amnesties decreed in Italy since the bombing took place.

Of the eight, five were arrested in Rome after the bombing and later released on bail. They jumped bail and fled to Israel. The other three were never arrested. The court sentenced the "ringleader," Moishe Deitel, to 16 months' imprisonment and the others to a maximum of eight months. It is believed that all eight now reside in Israel.

AUERBACH PLEADS "NOT GUILTY" TO CHARGES OF FRAUD IN OFFICE

MUNICH, April 20. (JTA) -- Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian Restitution Office who is being tried by a German court here, yesterday pleaded not guilty to charges of having illegally paid out some \$714,000 in false claims to Jewish victims of the Nazis. However, he admitted that he had unlawfully assumed the title of "doctor." The court is composed of three judges, all former members of the Nazi Party, and two laymen.

SYNAGOGUES IN RUMANIA CONVERTED INTO COMMUNIST YOUTH CLUBS

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- More than 20 synagogues in Transylvania have been converted into Communist Youth clubs by the Rumanian authorities, it was reported here today. The religious articles belonging to these synagogues have been transferred to the Jewish community in Cluj.

The report says that the Rumanian authorities are making preparations to occupy the buildings of 40 more synagogues in towns where Jews are getting ready to emigrate to Israel.

ISRAEL MINISTER LEAVES FOR AMERICA TO PURCHASE FOODSTUFFS

TEL AVIV, April 20. (JTA) -- Dov Joseph, Israel's Minister of Trade and Industry, left for New York today to purchase foodstuffs in the United States. He will utilize American aid funds for this purpose.

Meanwhile, S.S. Hoofien, manager of the National Bank of Israel, left for the United States on another mission for the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

ISRAELI GOVERNOR WORKS OUT AGREEMENT TO END STRIFE IN NAZARETH

TEL AVIV, April 20. (JTA) -- An agreement to solve the dispute between the Christian and Moslem Arabs in Nazareth, where communal strife last week cost the lives of two persons and brought severe injuries to eight others, has been worked out by the Israeli military governor of the city with leaders of local Arab groups, it was reported here today.

Meanwhile, eight youthful Arab Catholic boy scouts who were involved in the clashes in Nazareth last week have been charged with murder. They were arraigned before a magistrate in Tiberias today and sent to prison until the court hears the case in two weeks. The curfew in Nazareth was lifted this week-end and life returned to normal.

HADASSAH HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM TO OFFER ISOTOPIC TREATMENTS

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- The first laboratory in Israel for isotopic treatment has been opened at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, the London Daily Telegraph reported yesterday. It said the unit is equipped with Geiger counters from America and radioactive isotopes from the British atomic energy station at Harwell.

From Jerusalem it was reported that the first group of 62 Israeli physicians to be graduated from the Hadassah Hebrew University Medical School, which was opened three years ago, will receive their diplomas next month. The graduates received the first part of their training abroad, then served in the army during the War of Liberation before entering the Medical School. All of them plan to practice in Israel.

ISRAEL'S IRRIGATION NEEDS FORCE CURTAILMENT OF ELECTRICITY

TEL AVIV, April 20. (JTA) -- The reason that Israeli housewives will be forced to put their electric stoves and similar home appliances in storage for the next few months is that the electric power thus saved will be diverted to irrigation pumping stations this summer, it was learned here today.

Last week the government banned the use of such electrical appliances except for a two and one-half period daily, between 4:00 and 7:30 P. M. The failure of the Palestine Electric Corporation to install new equipment to increase available electric power in proportion to Israel's expanding population and economy is behind the present shortage of current.

(Israeli miners in the Negev are now tunnelling into a vein of ore estimated to contain 100,000 tons of copper, which should provide an economic yield of about 3,000 tons a year. The Times of London reported today. The paper said that there are indications that "the Government is relying to a large extent on obtaining mining and smelting machinery from Germany if and when the reparations agreement is concluded.")

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA SEEKS REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America today joined with major Protestant bodies in a plea for a basic revision of U. S. immigration and naturalization laws to provide for the pooling of unused quotas, the elimination of racial discrimination, and the safeguarding of traditional civil liberties.

In a joint statement, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., the National Lutheran Council, and the Synagogue Council also commended the principles of President Truman's program for dealing with immigrants, refugees and surplus populations but declared that "these objectives can be achieved permanently only by a liberalization of U. S. immigration law." "Therefore," the religious groups said, "we are opposed to special legislation as a means of achieving these objectives."

Pointing out that the Congress of the United States is now considering a revision of our immigration and naturalization laws, the statement declared: "It is of the utmost importance that legislation be enacted that will conform with our democratic tradition and with our heritage as a defender of human rights."

The statement proposed establishment of a representative national commission to study the problem of refugees and surplus populations and recommend measures for its solution, and added: "Serious consideration should be given to the pooling or adjusting of unused quotas in order to facilitate family reunion, provide skills needed in our country, and to offer asylum to persecuted victims of totalitarian regimes. Whatever new plans for the use of unused quotas for refugees may be established, admission and transportation should be the responsibility of government and not of the voluntary agencies."

While opposing emergency legislation to deal with the vast problem of surplus populations, the religious bodies endorsed the necessity of "such legislation as may be required fully to complete the Displaced Persons Program to which our country is committed under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 as amended."

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY HONORS DR. BUBER, FORD FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish Theological Seminary's second annual World Brotherhood Awards were today given to Dr. Martin Buber, internationally known Jewish philosopher, scholar and author, and to the Ford Foundation in recognition of their efforts to "bring men everywhere closer in mind and spirit." The presentations were made at a dinner tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel attended by religious and lay leaders of all faiths.

The citation for Prof. Buber's award declared that he is "distinguished in both Jewish scholarship and in lay leadership." It added that "as an educator, he has been particularly helpful in working out the spiritual and cultural problems of the large new immigration to the State of Israel." Dr. Buber is presently in Israel.

The Ford Foundation's citation emphasized that it "has already made remarkable and outstanding contributions to the cause of better understanding among men." Accepting the award, Benson Ford, vice-president of the Ford Motor Company and a trustee of the Foundation, declared that "the basic ethical values of democracy and the high moral principles of the great religions" must be cultivated and put into everyday use "if our success in achieving peace among ourselves is to lead to a wider conception of brotherhood throughout the world."

JEWISH HISTORY WEEK BEGINS IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The fourth annual observance of Jewish History Week began today throughout the country. Sponsored by the Community Education Service on American Jewish History, the "Week" will be noted by Jewish community centers, synagogues, local branches of national Jewish organizations, lodges, and other Jewish groups. Also taking note of Jewish History Week will be public libraries and the libraries of schools from the elementary to the university level. The Community Education Service is a joint project of the American Jewish Historical Society and the National Jewish Welfare Board.

JEWISH LEADERS RAISE \$900,000 FOR U.J.A. AT PITTSBURGH PARLEY

PITTSBURGH, April 20. (JTA) -- More than \$900,000 in cash was presented here today for support of the world-wide humanitarian programs financed through the United Jewish Appeal as 700 Jewish leaders from major communities throughout the Tri-State Region brought Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Ohio into the U. J. A. 's 1952 nationwide campaign for \$151,500,000.

This action highlighted an all-day session at the William Penn Hotel of a regional conference and luncheon which met to consider implementation of urgent immigration, settlement, welfare and rehabilitation programs in Israel, Europe, Moslem countries and the United States.

JEWISH STUDENTS AT NO. CAROLINA UNIVERSITY GET HILLEL BUILDING

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 20. (JTA) -- A red-brick Georgian Colonial building was turned over to 200 Jewish students at the University of North Carolina here this afternoon at impressive dedication ceremonies to which Jews came from all parts of the Tarheel State. Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, delivered the dedication address.

The building is the tenth Hillel building especially constructed by B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish community for Jewish students. Two more, the Northwestern University and the University of Michigan, are also completed and will be dedicated shortly, and another, at Boston University, is under construction. The funds necessary to construct the \$60,000 edifice at Chapel Hill were raised by the North Carolina State Association of B'nai B'rith lodges.

GENERAL ZIONISTS IN CHILE HOLD CONVENTION; 165 DELEGATES ATTEND

SANTIAGO, CHILE, April 20. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for private investment in Israel, and the emigration of Chaltzim and professionals from Chile to Israel were adopted here at a national convention of Chilean General Zionists attended by 165 delegates.

Other resolutions called for Israel to grant a special status to the World Zionist Organization, for unity among the General Zionists in Israel and for the convening of a Pan-American Zionist conference to discuss problems of the movement.

MOSHE DAVID GUISER, NOTED JEWISH POET AND AUTHOR, DIES IN CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 20. (JTA) -- Moshe David Guiser, well-known Jewish poet and author of a number of books, died here last night. He was 58 years of age.

Mr. Guiser came to Argentina from Poland in 1924 and became prominent in Jewish literary circles, editing a magazine. He moved to Chile in 1933 and continued with his literary career.