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GERMANY IS NOT OFFERING \$750,000,000 TO ISRAEL, OFFICIALS SAY

BONN, April 23. (JTA) -- Officials of the West German Government today indicated that the sum of \$750,000,000 which the German delegation at The Hague talks accepted as the amount of compensation due Israel should not be considered an offer on the part of the German Government.

The officials here emphasized that the German delegation "did not make an offer to pay \$750,000,000 to Israel," but only made a recommendation to this effect to the Bonn Government. They reiterated that the German-Israeli reparations talks must be linked with the conference on German external debts now taking place in London.

"It would be unwise to resume the German-Israeli negotiations before the West German Government has reviewed all its obligations to nations abroad and is fully informed of the country's financial capacity to meet these obligations," one Bonn official declared.

ISRAEL'S STAND ON TALKS WITH GERMANY REPORTED TO STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- A "brief account" of the German-Israeli reparations talks at The Hague was given the State Department today by Ambassador Abba Eban during a visit he and Israeli Minister David Goltin made on Henry A. Byroade, newly-installed Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Eban, who is leaving Washington for a speaking tour on the West Coast, told Mr. Byroade where Israel stands with regard to the reparations talks with Germany. Assistant Secretary Byroade, who formerly headed the State Department's Bureau of German Affairs, indicated that he will visit Israel soon, probably this summer.

Mr. Byroade will attempt to expedite the flow of Mutual Security assistance to Israel to provide the maximum possible benefits as early as possible from funds allocated to Israel for this fiscal year, it was learned following today's visit by the Israeli diplomats.

Mr. Eban reported after the conversation that he had asked Mr. Byroade to expedite the assignment of the remaining portion of the Mutual Security funds allocated for the present fiscal year. The Israeli Ambassador said that the discussion of the Mutual Security and technical assistance programs was included in the talks, which covered "a number of mutual problems."

HISTADRUT URGES WORKERS TO BOYCOTT MAPAM-COMMUNIST STRIKE TODAY

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- The Histadrut executive last night urged "loyal members" of the Israeli Labor Federation "who believe in the Socialist-Zionist mission" not to participate in the one-day strike called for tomorrow by Mapam and Communist workers committees as a protest against the government's new economic policy.

The Histadrut executive's plea was contained in a statement issued here which charged the leftists with endangering Histadrut unity and acting against the interests of the labor group. The statement insisted that the strike was the most important weapon in labor's arsenal and must only be used at the discretion of the Histadrut. It also said that the economic policy at which the Thursday demonstration is aimed, is a plan for the economic recovery of the Jewish state.

ISRAELI WAR INVALIDS STAGE SIT-DOWN STRIKE AT TREASURY DEPARTMENT

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- About 400 invalids staged a sit-down strike this morning in the Treasury Department in protest against the government's failure to arrange "proper rehabilitation" for 400 invalids who are classified as "hard-core" cases.

A spokesman for the strikers said that the budget for rehabilitation of invalids has been cut by the Treasury thus interfering with the rehabilitation of war veterans.

ISRAELI PRESS SUSPENSION AVERTED AS GOVERNMENT PROVIDES NEWSPRINT

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- The suspension of publication by the entire Israeli press today due to a newsprint shortage was averted by speedy government action. Yesterday, the publishers notified the government that unless they received new stocks of paper they could not appear today. The government obtained enough newsprint to last for several days, by which time a new supply is scheduled to arrive from overseas.

KEREN HAYESOD TO BE REGISTERED AS ISRAELI CORPORATION

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- The Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the Zionist movement, will soon be turned into an Israeli corporation known as the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Campaign, it was decided here last night at a meeting of the fund's board of directors. Since its formation, the Keren Hayesod has been registered as a British corporation.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reported to the meeting on the results of the Joint Palestine Appeal campaign in Britain, which he helped launch in February and which raised about as much money this year as last.

Levi Eshkol, Minister of Agriculture and Jewish Agency settlement official, reported that since the State of Israel was established the Keren Hayesod has financed the settlement of 20,000 families on 250,000 acres of land and that since 1936 it has helped 110 settlements reach economic self-sufficiency.

During the four years of the state's existence, Minister Eshkol said, the fund has spent and invested over 136,000,000 pounds as follows: 10,000,000 pounds for immigration expenses; 44,000,000 pounds for absorption purposes; 11,000,000 pounds for Youth Aliyah; 47,000,000 pounds for agricultural settlements; 17,000,000 pounds for national organization and security purposes; 1,500,000 pounds for cultural purposes; and, 5,000,000 pounds for Jewish Agency administrative expenses and various other purposes.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP IN LYONS CALLS ON POPULATION TO ACT AGAINST JEWS

PARIS, April 23. (JTA) -- Thousands of anti-Jewish leaflets, calling on the population to attend a mass meeting against Jews, were distributed today in Lyons by an organization calling itself "French Anti-Semitic Movement."

The leaflets urged the residents of Lyons to assemble with the chant "Send Jews to Israel." A counter-demonstration is being organized by the Jewish ex-servicemen's organization in the city. The Movement Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, which is supported by many non-Jewish notable in Lyons, posted protest placards all over town against the action of the anti-Jewish group.

ITALIAN PENAL CODE TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

ROME, April 23. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities today conferred with legal experts on the modifications which they intend to suggest on the articles against anti-Semitism and racial discrimination which are to be included in the new penal code now being prepared.

The Union also intends to ask the Italian Government to put the provisions against anti-Semitism and discrimination into effect before the entire penal code is approved, it was indicated today.

ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT REPORTED GROWING IN ENGLAND

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- A marked increase in the number of complaints of discrimination in employment investigated by the Trades Advisory Council was reported here today by Maurice Orbach, its general secretary.

The council, which operates under the auspices of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, investigated 212 cases during the last two years as compared to a total of 159 in the three previous years. Lord Silkin, former Laborite minister, was elected president of the Council today at its annual meeting.

LAWYERS' CLUB IN TORONTO RESCINDS BAN ON JEWS, NEGROES

TORONTO, April 23. (JTA) -- The Lawyers' Club of Toronto has rescinded a by-law limiting membership to white and Christian males and voted overwhelmingly to permit any lawyer regardless of race, creed or color to become a member. This discriminatory by-law was retained for more than 30 years despite strong protests. The vote was about 3 to 1 in favor of admitting Negroes, Jews, Orientals and other races, but the ban on women lawyers remains. Under the old by-law, Jewish lawyers came under the ban of the 600-member organization, but the Jewish lawyers of the city simply went out and formed their own association and threw its doors open to all members of the profession.

ILSE KOCH LOSES APPEAL IN GERMAN COURT; SENTENCED TO LIFE TERM

MUNICH, April 23. (JTA) -- The West German Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal by Ilse Koch, known as the "Witch of Buchenwald," from a sentence of life imprisonment for crimes she committed against inmates of the Buchenwald concentration camp. As the mistress of the camp, she ordered inmates executed in order to use their tattooed skins for lamp shades and book marks. The notorious prisoner is now serving her sentence at the Bavarian women's prison in Aichbach.

HOUSE STARTS DEBATE ON IMMIGRATION BILL OPPOSED BY JEWISH GROUPS

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- Attempts by chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee and other Congressmen to amend provisions of the Walter Omnibus Immigration Bill, described as objectionable by major Jewish organizations, were defeated today as debate on the measure opened in the House. One amendment which would have done away with racial discrimination was beaten by 102-29.

Rep. Francis Walter of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee and sponsor of the legislation, said he resented any charges of prejudice. Rep. E. L. Forrester of Georgia said it was an "exalted privilege" to come to the United States and added that "the men yelling most about discrimination in Washington are living in the most luxurious apartments and are driving the finest automobiles." He was applauded by more than 50 members of the House.

Rep. Claire Hoffman of Michigan said that he agreed with Rep. John Rankin and that he was "glad to see him here" fighting any attempt to liberalize the measure. He said "if any people in this country need protection it is the White Gentiles."

U.S. ARMY WILL REVIEW ORIENTATION COURSE LAUDING GERMANS

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, today notified Rep. Jacob K. Javits that the Army will review the wording of an Army orientation course which praised the German Army and condemned those who believe Germans to be untrustworthy.

Rep. Javits had written the Army in reference to the wording contained in an addition to an orientation course for American troops. Army instructors, using the official text, were praising the German Army and lauding Germans while pointing out that "prejudices" against Germany, or any feeling that the Germans have not proved themselves trustworthy "will work to weaken the forces of freedom."

In his letter, Rep. Javits cited High Commissioner John J. McCloy's most recent report on the resurgence of Nazism. In replying to Rep. Javits, Gen. Collins stated that conditions in Germany have changed and said that a review of the orientation course is under way.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY MISSOURI RIVER FLOODS

OMAHA, April 23. (JTA) -- Crisis conditions are facing the larger Jewish communities which were affected by the Missouri River floods, although life in the area is gradually returning to normal. All communal activities, including scheduled meetings of the United Jewish Appeal, had to be cancelled on account of the crisis situation.

The Jewish community center in Sioux City has been closed temporarily. One of the local synagogues served as the city's emergency feeding station during the flood. On Easter Sunday the Jews of Sioux City took over most of the key defense points in fighting the flood in order to enable the Christians to observe Easter Sunday at church. The Jewish community center was turned over to the Red Cross for its headquarters.

SHOLEM ASCH ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL REFUTE AMERICAN ATTACKS

HAIFA, April 23. (JTA) -- Sholem Asch, noted Jewish novelist, arrived here today. "I came as a Jew who always loved and longed for Israel," he declared upon landing at the port. He said that he intends to publish statements explaining the attacks on him in the American Jewish press in connection with his "Nazarene" and other recent books.

U.S. FILM COMPANY COMPLETES PRODUCTION OF "SALOME" IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- A Columbia Pictures production unit headed by director William Dieterle, has completed shooting of scenes here for the Hollywood production, "Salome," which will star Rita Hayworth. More than 2,000 Israelis, including Arabs, Druzes and Yemenite Jews, were used in scenes filmed here. Two Israeli actors were given parts as John the Baptist and Pontius Pilate.

Mr. Dieterle told the press that he was pleased to find spots in Israel "unspoiled by civilization" and expressed thanks to the Israel Government and people for facilitating the production. He said the Israeli climate lent itself to film production but said that the basis for a film industry here must be a nucleus of trained technicians.

AMERICAN FIRM CONCLUDES PACT FOR IMPORTATION OF ISRAEL CANDY

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- An agreement for the export of Israel chocolates and candy to the United States and their sale there by the Barton chain of candy shops was announced here today by Stephen Klein, head of the New York candy firm. He said that Israel's chocolate and candy exports to the United States this year under the agreement would be valued at about \$100,000.

Mr. Klein reported further negotiations with Israeli vintners for distribution of Israeli wines in the United States and said that he was conducting negotiations with the Israel Government for a group of American investors on a secret plan which he said would ease the Israeli food shortage.

EXHIBITION OF ART DEVELOPED IN GHETTOS OPENED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- An exhibition of literature and art developed in the ghettos of Europe during the Nazi regime was opened here last night at a ceremony attended by various cultural and political leaders including the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Israel Rokach. The exhibit was formally opened by Dr. Nahman Blumenthal, of the Ghetto Fighters Archive.

The Warsaw Ghetto revolt of 1943 was marked in two more kibbutzim yesterday, one of which is named for a leader of the uprising who perished in the fight. At Yad Mordechai, named for Ghetto fighter Mordechai Annilevitz, a military parade was held to honor the rebellion, while a rally marked the occasion at Mordei Hagetaoth, ("the Revolutionaries of the Ghettos.") In the latter settlement an exhibition of ghetto art and literature was opened.

JEWS IN BUENOS AIRES OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT

BUENOS AIRES, April 23. (JTA) -- Jewish stores were closed here yesterday during a huge memorial meeting marking the observance of the ninth anniversary of the revolt in the Warsaw Ghetto. The meeting was arranged by the DAIA, central Jewish representative body, in cooperation with all major Jewish and Zionist groups. Principal speakers included Israel Minister Yaakov Tsur and the heads of all leading Jewish organizations.

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