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## GERMAN OFFICIAL EXPLAINS DEADLOCK ON REPARATIONS TALKS WITH ISRAEL

FRANKFURT, May 4. (JTA) -- Israel will receive a concrete reparations offer from the West German Government "not later than June 20," Dr. Franz Boehm, head of the German delegation to the German-Jewish compensation talks at The Hague, declared at a press conference here today.

The present deadlock in the talks, he said, was "understandable" in view of the possibility that the \$750,000,000 reparations payment to Israel recommended by the German delegation might be further reduced. Germany, Prof. Boehm pointed out, was only able to meet Israel's demands within the framework of her total obligations.

At the same time, Prof. Boehm declared that there was no reason for Jewish fears that Israel would receive only the "leftovers" from the London conference on Germany's external debts. He stressed that West Germany was the only country prepared to fulfill Jewish claims and pointed out that neither Eastern Germany nor Austria had made any move in this direction. Austria, he said, considered that it was "not concerned" in the matter.

The German official maintained that Israel's claim was not based on any existing law and was not an obvious international obligation although Germany must take full responsibility for the absorption of Jewish refugees in Israel. He said that where the Germans and Israelis differed was in their estimate of the costs involved in absorbing these refugees. Germany considered the costs, as presented by Israel, too high, he said.

### German Press Divided on Israel's Claim for Priority

Comment in the German press on the Israel-German conference is varied, a survey of the German newspapers indicated today. The South German independent newspaper, Die Schwabische Landeszeitung, said: "It is understandable that the Jews demand unrestricted priority for their claims, but it is not up to the West German Federal Government to decide whether the settlement of foreign debts should come after the payments that are to be made to the State of Israel and the Jewish organizations."

"Naturally, the amount of the reparations to the Jews must be fixed in accordance with the total obligations," the paper continued. "The government cannot afford to make promises that it cannot fulfill. It seems unnecessary to point to the heavy burdens of the German refugees, war damages and occupation costs. There is a limit to German capacity to pay which cannot be surpassed, but within this limit, everything should be done according to the will of the German government and the people's representatives to help atone for the horrible guilt that the National Socialist regime bequeathed to the German people."

The Rheinische Post, a Christian Democratic organ published in Dusseldorf, warns against condemning the Israelis for turning down the German offer of

\$750,000,000 and adds that Prime Minister David Ben Gurion has many "internal difficulties." Mr. Ben Gurion's "decision on the German offer," the paper says, "will to some extent be governed by the wish not to provoke his adversaries unduly."

The *Suddeutsche Zeitung*, an independent Munich paper, declares: "Israel's refusal to accept the German offer has aroused considerable attention in Bonn, since it may unfavorably influence Germany's negotiations with the Western powers for a general treaty. On the other hand, the government is not willing to conclude any treaties for the sole purpose of making a good impression, while secretly expecting that they will be reviewed as soon as the ink has dried."

"When refusing exaggerated claims, the Federal Government cannot but always point to the priority of our debts to the western powers," the paper says. "Although the claims of the State of Israel may have a moral priority and claim, they come only next to the other legal and formal claims. This awkward situation, for which Germany cannot be blamed, naturally calls for double care when negotiating with the Jews."

The *Dusseldorfer Nachrichten* says: "It is evidently overlooked by the Jews that the German offer constitutes an acknowledgment in principle of Israel's claims. When the Bundestag acknowledged the principle of reparations last year, this did not mean that it acknowledged particular reparations to the State of Israel." If the Israel delegation "fears" a sound discussion with the Germans on the amount would provoke new difficulties within Israel, "this is a matter that should be settled with the people of Israel alone," the newspaper said. It added that if "the Israel delegation wants to break off the negotiations at this point because of the tension within their country, they should not make the German offer responsible for this break."

#### JEWISH DELEGATION SEEKS U. S. SUPPORT ON CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- Continued support on the part of the U. S. Government for Jewish and Israeli claims against Germany was urged by a Jewish delegation this week-end in a conference with Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

The delegation, which consisted of the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, reported to Mr. Acheson on the progress of the German-Jewish reparations talks at The Hague. The Jewish leaders advised the Secretary that a settlement of Jewish claims against Germany can only be reached within the framework of agreements which will satisfy the claims presented by both the Government of Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The delegation emphasized the unique moral character of the Jewish claims against Germany which call for the restoration of plundered Jewish property, indemnification to victims of Nazi persecution, and the payment for the rehabilitation of survivors. It stressed that speedy and satisfactory action by the German government is required in order to bring about a settlement of these claims. Any delay would raise serious doubts regarding the value of the declarations of Chancellor Adenauer, who acknowledged that the crimes committed during the Nazi regime impose on the German people the obligation to make amends.

The delegation consisted of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency and presiding officer of the praesidium of the Conference; Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee; Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and chairman of the Conference negotiating team.

U.S. RUSHES \$19,500,000 TO ISRAEL; AID ACKNOWLEDGED BY EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy today expressed its government's gratitude "for the cordial cooperation of the State Department and its Technical Cooperation Administration and of the Mutual Security Administration in expediting the completion of the payment of monies voted to Israel under the terms of the Mutual Security Act of 1951."

The Embassy's action followed a State Department announcement this week-end that it planned to release \$11,583,000 in refugee relief funds remaining from the \$50,000,000 allocated under the Mutual Security Act for the relief and rehabilitation of Jewish refugees in Israel, and another \$8,000,000 in general economic assistance. Although the Department gave no explanation for its emergency action, it was reported here that it was taken in response to a plea for immediate help from the Jewish State.

U.S. Mutual Security aid is normally allocated after specific projects have been approved. However, Israel will use the \$11,583,000 to pay bills resulting from the resettlement of refugees rather than to finance specific rehabilitation projects. The \$8,000,000 will go for the purchase of commodities "essential to the economy" of the Jewish State.

(In Tel Aviv today, U.S. Ambassador Monnett B. Davis and Bruce McDaniel, American technical aid director in Israel, called on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett to open negotiations for the allocation of the nearly \$20,000,000 which the State Department announced it will release to Israel shortly.)

U.S. Makes \$10,000,000 Payment to Arab Refugee Aid

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- The United States Government has transmitted to the United Nations a check for \$10,000,000 as payment of part of the U.S. contribution to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees, it was reported here today. This brings the U.S. payments for this year to \$30,000,000 of a total of \$50,000,000 voted by Congress.

Sen. Paul H. Douglas this week-end told an Israel anniversary celebration here that he could see "no greater conciliatory force" to bring about Arab-Israel peace than if "the Jewish people of this country" would make contributions to the relief of Arab refugees. He said it would be a sound move "if, when the Jewish people get compensation from Germany and Austria, they make some restitution to the Arabs for the damages they have suffered." The Illinois Senator added that if such a peace effort succeeds it would benefit not only Israel but all of western civilization.

Sen. Douglas lauded Israel for its "miraculous success in achieving political democracy" and assured the gathering of over 1,000 that Israel will receive continued U.S. aid. He said that American Jews "should not be concerned with irresponsible talk of double loyalties. 'If there should ever be a conflict,' he said, 'I know where the American Jews would line up. They would line up on the side of the United States of America.'"

Eban Reported Resting Comfortably After Influenza Attack

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban was reported resting comfortably this week-end at his home here following an attack of influenza. Mr. Eban's illness followed several weeks of intensive strain under which the Israeli envoy labored, during which he conducted important negotiations here and at the United Nations, participated in several conferences on the Israel economic situation and delivered scores of speeches. Mr. Eban only recently returned to Washington from a flying trip to the West Coast where he delivered 12 speeches in four days.

## ANTI-SEMITISM GROWING IN "IRON CURTAIN" COUNTRIES, A.J.C. CHARGES

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is becoming more and more prevalent in the Soviet Union and its satellite countries, the American Jewish Committee charged today in issuing its latest bulletin on "Jews Behind the Iron Curtain," the seventh of a series in the last three years.

Citing scores of incidents and official actions of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Poland, Hungary and Rumania in the last few months, the American Jewish Committee concluded that a vast purge is now being conducted in many of these countries against their Jewish citizens.

The material obtained, most of it from Soviet or satellite sources, leads to the conclusion that the Communist governments have started an extensive campaign to sweep Jews out of public office and to reduce them to the status of serfs, the A.J.C. indicates. Some of the incidents cited by the American Jewish Committee bulletin as indicative of the new Soviet policy include:

1. Deportation to Siberia from the western border territories of Russia of many thousands of Jews since the summer of 1947.
2. Mass deportations in Hungary of nearly 100,000 persons from large cities, the majority of whom are Jews. The Hungarian government "confiscated" the properties of these deportees to sell them on the world markets in order to obtain foreign exchange. The deportations are continuing.
3. A complete purge of all Jews in Czechoslovakia from government posts, their expulsion from the Communist Party and their imprisonment under charges of "treason."
4. The extensive anti-Jewish purge against Jewish officers and men in the Soviet army, including removal of Jews from the Soviet occupation army in Germany and the arrest of many Jewish soldiers and their deportation to Russian slave labor camps.
5. Liquidation of Jewish cooperatives in Poland and issuance of decrees ordering Jews to work in heavy industries designated by the government.
6. Several waves of arrests of Rumanian Jews and their deportations to the salt mines of Akna Slatina, and to a large new concentration camp in Ruda-Banya. The mass deportations of "unreliable" elements, mostly Jews, from large Rumanian cities.
7. Liquidation of all Jewish organizations and their press in Russia and transformation of the few remaining organizations and periodicals in satellite countries into organs of Communist propaganda.
8. Continued refusal of Russia and her satellites to allow free immigration of Jews to Israel.
9. Encouragement by the officials in the Soviet sector of Berlin of the establishment of the People's Freedom Party with a membership of former Nazis, including a former SS general.
10. Elimination of the names of almost all Jewish writers, artists and scholars from the new edition of the Soviet Encyclopedia.

The A. J. C. revealed also that the Russians are now carrying out in their zone the policy they announced March 10, 1952, which asked for the remilitarization of a "unified" Germany and restoration of full rights to former German officers and Nazis.

J.W.B. CONVENTION DENIES USE OF JEWISH CENTERS TO COMMUNISTS

DETROIT, May 4. (JTA) -- Policies which will affect American Jewish communal life in several vital areas were adopted here today at the closing session of the National Jewish Welfare Board biennial convention. Irving Edison of St. Louis was re-elected president of the organization for another two-year term.

The convention adopted a resolution asking the National Jewish Welfare Board to initiate an intensive review of experiences in local communities in regard to relationships between community centers and Jewish federations and welfare funds "as a basis for developing guiding principles which will help centers and Jewish community organization agencies to develop and maintain healthy working relationships essential to effective Jewish community life."

The delegates adopted a statement on the use of center facilities which reads: "The facilities of the Jewish Community Center should be open to all groups whose purposes and objectives are in harmony with those of the center. Totalitarian groups, whether Communist, Fascist or others, are incompatible with Judaism and American democracy and with the purposes and principles of the center and should be denied the facilities of the center."

The criteria for judging whether a group is totalitarian are: 1. Acknowledgment by the group itself of its totalitarian character; 2. Judicial determination to that effect, and 3. In the absence of either of these, the center's own decision. "The center," the statement reads, "should seek information in as calm, deliberate and dispassionate a manner as possible, and should be scrupulous to give any group under consideration full notice and an opportunity to be heard."

Another statement adopted deals with public forums and controversial speakers in Jewish community centers. Making the point that "consideration of controversial public issues and the presentation of controversial speakers has their proper place in the center" and "the principle of the open forum is basic to Jewish community center philosophy," the statement outlines procedures and techniques of implementation. These include: a broadly representative committee; presentation of various points of view "when a controversial public issue is to be considered in a lecture or forum program"; the disavowal of center endorsement of the "expressions and views of any particular speaker" and the assertion that the center "presents all points of view as a matter of educational policy," and calm and forceful judgment by the center in deciding whether to invite a particular proposed speaker who "is considered personally a controversial figure."

The session also was marked by the presentation of the 1952 Frank L. Weil awards. Those honored were Mrs. Samuel R. Glogower of Detroit, for her "distinguished contribution to the advancement of the Jewish community center movement"; Mrs. Alfred R. Bachrach of New York, for her "distinguished contribution to the welfare of Jewish personnel in the United States armed forces," and Maurice Samuel, author and lecturer, for his "distinguished contribution to the development of an American Jewish Culture."

JEWISH POPULATION OF CANADA INCREASES 36,000 IN DECADE

OTTAWA, May 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Canada has increased from 168,657 in 1941 to 204,836 in 1951, an official census report released here this week-end reported. The Jewish community of Canada now makes up 1.5 percent of the total population.

A total of 6,599 Jewish immigrants entered Canada in 1951 as compared to 2,429 who were admitted in the previous year. The official Canadian statistics designation of "Jewish" refers to persons affiliated with Jewish religious groups.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR ATTENDS CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE

VIENNA, May 4. (JTA) -- Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl was among the 1,000 guests who attended the Vienna Jewish Community Council's celebration of the fourth anniversary of Israel Independence Day here last night. Israeli consul Arie Eshel told the audience that "Israel's doors will always be open to all Jews."

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SEEKS TEACHERS, STUDENT-APPRENTICES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- A drive to recruit qualified teachers in America for service in Israeli schools and a program to give advanced and post-graduate students in various scientific and technical fields an opportunity to serve apprenticeships in Israel were announced here today by the Jewish Agency.

The Agency pointed out that a 100 percent increase in teachers in the four years of Israel's existence has been outstripped by a 150 percent rise in the number of students. It revealed that the Israel Government seeks American teachers to teach general subjects, the sciences and Hebrew for a period of at least two years, although teachers willing to remain for only one year will also be accepted.

The jobs offered advanced students are open for the summer to student architects, engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, chemists, physicists, medical and dental students, laboratory aids, machinists and other technicians. The apprentices will be paid a salary to cover living expenses in Israel, including rentals, but will have to pay their own fare to and from Israel.

U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS FLY TO ISRAEL FOR ACTIONS COMMITTEE SESSION

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, a Hadassah delegation headed by its national president Mrs. Rosensohn, and Dr. Harris J. Levine and Mendel Fisher, president and executive director, respectively, of the Jewish National Fund, flew to Israel this week-end to attend the forthcoming session of the Zionist Actions Committee which opens in Jerusalem May 7. Israeli Labor Minister Golda Myerson flew back to the Jewish State this week-end after a two-month tour of the United States.

Dr. Goldman is scheduled to confer with Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion tomorrow on the final text of a bill granting special status in Israel to the Agency. The document is expected to be submitted to the Israel Parliament this month for final approval.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF GENERAL ZIONISTS TO BE HELD IN SWITZERLAND

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- The World Conference of the General Zionists will convene in Zurich in the middle of August, to discuss current problems of Zionism and the State of Israel, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, announced today.

Over 100 members of the governing bodies of the World Confederation elected last summer in Jerusalem, who are also prominent representatives of the Jewish communities of the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, South Africa, and Australia, as well as from Israel, will participate in this conference.

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