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## U.S. SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S CLAIM AGAINST GERMANY; GAVE "HINT" TO BONN

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA) -- The American Government supports Israel's demand for reparations from Germany, a Foreign Office spokesman declared here today. He said Washington gave a "friendly hint" to the West German Government to this effect, but did not exercise any pressure.

## U.S. ZIONISTS FIGHTING ASSIMILATION, DELEGATES REPORT IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA) -- The question of how to strengthen the World Zionist movement continued to be the center of debate here today at the session of the Zionist Actions Committee.

Zalman Shazar, former member of the Israel Cabinet, announced a decision to set up a Zionist "brain trust" consisting of approximately 50 Zionist thinkers and writers who will meet in Jerusalem in August and will try to determine "scientifically" the reasons for the present decline in the Zionist movement. They will also outline new methods for increased Zionist activities.

American delegates, including Mrs. Rose Halprin, said that the Zionist movement in the United States is fighting assimilation among Jews and is trying to give the Jewish youth a Zionist education. They insisted that methods of Zionist propaganda and education for the United States must be left to the American Zionists to determine. Dr. Emanuel Neumann said that American Jewry gave great leaders to the Zionist movement and will continue to do so. He said a new Zionist strategy is needed.

Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency executive, said that the Zionist Actions Committee still has a great future. He opposed those who are of the opinion that the Zionist movement is displaying a trend towards liquidation. The Mapam leader Bar Yehuda similarly called for the dismissal of any "liquidation" talks and urged promotion of a stronger Chaiutzim movement and mutual tolerance between the various Zionist groups.

Religious delegates to the meeting maintained that Zionist education is possible only where Orthodox education is available and where Jewish youths are educated in a Jewish spirit. Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum said that the present crisis in the Zionist Organization resulted from the fact that the latter was unable to "adequately assist Israel, as expected."

Zalman Aranne, Mapai leader, appealed to the Actions Committee not to disregard other Jewish organizations assisting Israel in its need. "We all hope Israel will stand on its own feet in a couple of years," he said, "but until then, let everybody who can and who desires, help the state and let the Zionist Organization be the pioneer force mobilizing all forces in the nation to aid Israel."

## U.S. AND ISRAEL SIGN AGREEMENTS ON \$14, 300, 000 AID TO JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, May 11. (JTA) -- Two agreements for the release to Israel of \$13, 500, 000 in American economic assistance funds and \$800, 000 for technical aid were signed here this week-end at the Foreign Ministry by Ambassador Monett B. Davis for the United States and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett for Israel.

The agreements cover the balance of the \$64, 300, 000 granted to Israel by the United States under the Mutual Security Act for 1952. High officials of the Israel Government and members of the American Embassy staff witnessed the signature of the two documents and heard Mr. Sharett express the hope that the agreements were in the best interest of both nations while Mr. Davis expressed satisfaction at completion of the first grant to Israel.

Negotiations for a Swedish-Israeli trade pact under which Israel will export Kaiser-Frazer cars assembled in Israel, citrus fruits and possibly textiles to Sweden are proceeding in Stockholm. The Jewish National Fund has obtained credits for Israel from Swedish private interests to the extent of 10 million kroner ((\$1, 930, 000)).

## ISRAEL DECLINES TO CONFIRM REPORT ON DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO JAPAN

TEL AVIV, May 11. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry declined today to confirm reports that Israel will soon establish a diplomatic mission in Japan. An Israel trade mission visited Tokyo some months ago and concluded a trade agreement with Japanese interests.

I. Bagdanoff, the first Bulgarian Minister to Israel, today called at the Foreign Ministry. He was accompanied by his First Secretary, Constantin Polerov.

## SHARETT DISCUSSES TRANSFER OF FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH JERUSALEM MAYOR

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett yesterday visited Mayor S. Z. Shragai of Jerusalem and officially told him that the Israel Foreign Ministry will move to the Israel capital from Tel Aviv. They discussed some technical aspects of the transfer.

## INDIAN JEWS GO ON HUNGER STRIKE IN ISRAEL; DEMAND RETURN TO INDIA

TEL AVIV, May 11. (JTA) -- Twelve Indian Jews went on hunger strike here demanding that they be returned to India. Last month, 120 other Indian Jews were returned by the Jewish Agency. The hunger-striking group declared that climatic conditions in Israel prevent them from being absorbed into the State.

## ISRAELI AUTHORITIES DROP CHARGES AGAINST HAIFA JOURNALISTS

TEL AVIV, May 11. (JTA) -- Charges were dropped this week-end against the three Haifa correspondents of Tel Aviv newspapers who refused to disclose to the police the source of confidential information they obtained. The correspondents disclosed a confidential exchange of letters between a Minister and the director of the government office in Haifa.

## IRAQ ORDERS JEWISH "FOREIGNERS" TO LEAVE COUNTRY WITHIN FIVE DAYS

LONDON, May 11. (JTA) -- The Beirut radio announced today that Iraqi authorities have asked a number of Jewish "foreigners" to leave Iraq within five days. The order is said to cover about 200 persons involved in Iraq's commercial life.

## AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR PROMISES TO CONSIDER JEWISH COMPLAINTS

LONDON, May 11. (JTA) -- Chancellor Leopold Figl of Austria, on his visit here en route to the United States, promised to give his closest attention on his return to Vienna to Jewish complaints against restitution laws and procedures in Austria. Dr. Figl is due to arrive in the United States today.

The Austrian Chancellor yesterday received Dr. S. R. Bienenfeld, head of the legal department of the World Jewish Congress, to discuss Austrian-Jewish issues, including a proposed formation of a Jewish fund for heirless and unclaimed property, compensation for internment to Austrian-Jewish victims residing abroad and payment of pensions due to Jews living abroad.

Dr. Bienenfeld urged the Chancellor not to permit any changes in the restitution law and submitted proposals for early settlement of the problem of heirless and unclaimed property to be used for Jewish rehabilitation. Earlier, Dr. Figl addressed the British section of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the House of Commons and replied to questions on a number of subjects. Asked about a proposed amendment of the Third Restitution law against which Jewish groups object, the Chancellor promised to see that "justice is done."

## Vienna Jewish Community Seeks Loan from Austrian Government

VIENNA, May 11. (JTA) -- Prior to his leaving for the United States, Chancellor Dr. Leopold Figl received a delegation of the Vienna Jewish Community which submitted a memorandum to him reviewing the situation of the Jews in Austria and requesting a loan of 15,000,000 shillings from the Austrian Government as an advance payment against restitution for Jewish property.

The memorandum stated that 58,500 Vienna Jews perished in Nazi camps. It emphasized that because of the great need in social aid among the surviving Jews in Vienna, the Jewish Community budget for 1952 will face a deficit of more than 3,000,000 shillings. It also reported that because of a shortage in funds, the Jewish Hospital here may be closed by September, unless the loan requested by the Jewish Community is granted by the government.

The memorandum stressed the fact that the Jewish Community is very much concerned over reports that the Third Restitution Law may be amended. It also pointed out that no restitution fund as yet had been established in Austria out of heirless Jewish property.

## ELIMINATION OF JEWS FROM SOVIET POSITIONS REPORTED GROWING

LONDON, May 11. (JTA) -- The extent to which Jews have been purged from the Soviet hierarchy was described today by the London Jewish Observer which reported that there were no Jews in the party leadership with the exception of Lazar Kaganovich.

No Jews remain as members of the various party control commissions, the paper reported, nor are there any in the praesidium of the Supreme Soviet. Only two or three Jews remain among the 130 members of the Supreme Court of the R.S.F.S.R. There are no Jews in the Foreign Office or diplomatic service nor do Jews hold responsible posts either in Moscow or abroad. There no longer are any Jews among the Marshals and generals of the Red Army and there are only about a dozen Jews among the thousand-odd technical ministers and deputies.

"Although Soviet Jewry does not enjoy the same measure of freedom as the Russians, its situation at present is certainly not intolerable," the newspaper commented. "If there is any question about the position of the Jews in the Communist regime, it concerns their future much more than their present situations."

PRESIDENTIAL RACE USED FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA, A. J. C. REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The unified condemnation by the three major religious faiths of racial and religious bigotry in the current presidential primaries and the fall presidential campaign was urged today at the semi-annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee's executive committee meeting in the Savoy-Plaza. More than 100 leaders of American Jewry from every part of the country were told that the presidential political race has sparked anti-Semitic agitation, "which may penetrate into the broader areas of American life."

The urgent appeal to the three major faiths to denounce bigotry in the presidential campaign was contained in a report to A. J. C.'s executive committee by Samuel R. Feller, chairman of the national Domestic Affairs Committee of the A. J. C. He disclosed that on the basis "of evidence in our hands, the use of anti-Semitism as a political instrumentality is currently being stepped up significantly."

"It is vitally important," Mr. Feller added, "that the major presidential candidates join with the religious leaders in unequivocally denouncing the support of hate merchants. If this is not done, it is quite possible that the 1952 presidential election campaign may go down as one of the darkest blots on American history."

"In the campaign now in progress," he revealed, "anti-Semitism is especially prominent as a tactic used by organized professional hatemongers, who have attacked one or two leading candidates in vicious gutter propaganda. These scurrilities know no local boundaries. What was produced in California was distributed in New Hampshire's presidential primaries. Literature published in Kansas is used in Texas. Material from Texas finds a market-place in the Middle West and Far West. Some communities have literally been saturated with this poison."

Blaustein Urges to Counteract German Racism

Addressing the meeting last night, Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, said that Americans must help in every way to encourage and activate the democratic forces within Germany to counteract German reaction, chauvinism and racialism. "American organizations which have developed special skills and competence in community relations areas have a unique responsibility for encouraging Germany to undertake a comprehensive program of education for better democratic living and for solving intergroup problems," he declared.

He also cited the Near East as an example where "both peace and democracy are threatened not only by the persistence of ancient injustice and hatred, but also by the newest and most threatening form of tyranny - totalitarian communism." It is in the obvious interest of the United States, Mr. Blaustein stated, and the cause of democracy throughout the world that peace and stability should be achieved in the Near East. "That is why we are concerned with a meeting of minds between the leaders of Israel and the leaders of the Arab states," he said.

Irving M. Engel, chairman of the executive committee of the A. J. C., reported to the meeting that "the Soviet rulers are breeding a new type of political hybrid in Eastern Germany called a 'communazi.'" Pointing to the confirmed fact that the ranks of officials in the Russian zone of Germany are filled with former Nazis and Wehrmacht officers, Mr. Engel said that this is further proof that "Communism and Nazism are indistinguishable in their motives, methods and objectives."

200,000 JEWS OVERSEAS WILL NEED J.D.C. AID THIS YEAR, REPORT SAYS

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee must aid a minimum of 200,000 needy Jews in Israel, Europe and Moslem countries during 1952, at a cost of \$23,507,300, it was emphasized by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C., in the annual report of the organization issued today.

Mr. Leavitt reported that the J.D.C. spent \$21,555,550 during the past year. With this sum it aided 90,000 Jewish children in Morocco, Tunisia, Tripolitania, Iran and other countries of the Moslem world, provided urgently needed food or cash grants to nearly 100,000, medical care to some 57,000 and educational assistance to 80,000, in addition to thousands of others receiving other types of aid.

Reviewing the Malben work conducted by the J.D.C. in Israel to rehabilitate ill and handicapped newcomers to the Jewish state, Mr. Leavitt said that each month an average of 300 patients were discharged in 1951 as cured and set on the path toward economic self-support--chiefly by means of rehabilitation loans--to enable them to open their own shops and stores and through sheltered workshops. A special project, the "Village for the Blind," near Gadera, saw some 75 blind men and their families, as the year ended, well on the way toward economic independence, earning their livelihoods by means of brush-and mattress-making and other crafts. "In 1952, J.D.C. expects to provide facilities for the care of some 13,000 in need of Malben's care," Mr. Leavitt reported.

In 1952, Mr. Leavitt stressed, the troubled situation in Moslem lands makes it urgent for J.D.C. to: 1. Evaluate Jewish families from isolated villages to larger cities for safety and at the same time provide medical care, training and preparation for emigration to Israel; 2. Provide economic help in the form of tools, loans and training for destitute artisans in North African lands; 3. Extend the fight against misery, hunger and disease to Spanish Morocco, where 40 percent of the Jews urgently require J.D.C. help; 4. Continue, and in some areas increase, the large-scale feeding programs, medical services and educational opportunities for nearly 100,000 boys and girls throughout North Africa and the Near East.

In 1952, despite the large-scale recovery that has come to Europe's Jews, Mr. Leavitt estimated that as many as 80,000 will require J.D.C.'s aid in order to survive. He also said that the J.D.C. hopes to aid some 10,000 men, women and children to emigrate from Europe during 1952.

TRUMAN GREETES JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE ON DEDICATION CEREMONY

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The work of the Jewish Labor Committee was lauded by President Truman in a message sent to the Committee on the occasion of the opening this week-end of their new headquarters at the Atran Center for Jewish Culture. More than 500 guests attended the opening ceremony at which the President's message, addressed to Adolph Held, chairman of the J.D.C., was read.

The headquarters will be devoted to combating discrimination, strengthening democratic institutions and furthering Jewish cultural activity in the United States. The building was a gift from Frank Z. Atran, textile manufacturer and philanthropist, who two years ago gave Mount Sinai Hospital \$1,000,000 toward a new laboratory.

DR. GOLUB ARRIVES IN PARIS ON A J.D.C. MISSION TO NO. AFRICA AND ISRAEL

PARIS, May 11. (JTA) -- Dr. J. Golub, former director of the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York, arrived here today preliminary to a tour of medical institutions in North Africa and Israel maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee.