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## AMBASSADOR EBAN CONFERS WITH STATE DEPT. ON GERMAN-ISRAELI TALKS

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today expressed belief that there was no doubt of American concern for a successful outcome of Israeli negotiations with Germany for reparations for Nazi crimes against the Jewish people.

The Ambassador said this after conferring with Y. Burton Berry, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, at the State Department. Mr. Eban's talk with Mr. Berry was principally devoted to the topic of the German-Israeli negotiations.

Government officials today denied reports that the State Department called on Germany and Israel to resume negotiations. They said that there has been no new development affecting the U. S. position on the negotiations through which Israel is seeking restitution from Germany for the persecution of European Jewry.

It was said here that the State Department is still on record, as it has been for some time, in favor of a settlement satisfactory to both Germans and Israelis and indicating "sympathetic interest" in the achievement of such a solution.

## Germany Reported Drafting New Proposal on Israel's Claims

BONN, May 12. (JTA) -- The opinion that Germany's reparations to Israel cannot be separated from her external pre-war debts which are now under discussion at an international conference in London was reiterated here today by Hermann Abbs, head of the German delegation at the London parley.

Herr Abbs refused to divulge details of new German proposals now believed to exist in the form of a draft to be delivered to the Israelis and to the conference in London. He said that he submitted a report to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the West German Parliament and that he made it clear that Germany's ability to pay must be settled before any concrete offers were made.

An article warning Jews not to make any "privileged claims" against Germany appeared today in "Nation Europe," new organ of the Fascist International published in Coburg. The article is entitled "Must Bonn Save Israel?" and tries to create the impression that the Arabs have been "expelled" from Israel.

## Jewish Groups in London to Discuss Claims Against Germany

LONDON, May 12. (JTA) -- Representatives of Jewish groups in England will meet in London this week to consider the present position of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, "particularly in connection with the decision of the Government of Israel to suspend the negotiations," it was announced here today. The Agudas Israel executive today stated it would support the request of the Anglo-Jewish organizations for an early meeting of the Conference executive in Europe. It would also ask for reorganization of the administrative organs of the Conference and reconsideration of the methods of negotiation.

CONFERENCE ON JEWISH CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY PROTESTS BONN ACTION

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany today protested the failure to exempt assets of victims of Nazism from special tax legislation now pending in the Bonn Parliament. Revenue from this tax would be used to assist German nationals whose present hardships are the consequence of Hitler's aggression.

The Conference reiterated its position that it would be indefensible if those who have borne the brunt of Nazi persecution were now forced to surrender any part of assets they have recovered since the war, in order to ease the hardships of Germans. A statement on the subject, issued by the praesidium of the Conference, reads:

"The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany views with grave concern the attempts to subject victims of Nazi persecution to taxation under the proposed Equalization of Burdens legislation in Western Germany.

"The Conference, speaking on behalf of 23 major Jewish organizations in the world, feels constrained to call attention to the grave injustice of forcing victims of Nazi terror to contribute towards the amelioration of certain hardships to German nationals which resulted from Hitler's aggressive policies.

"The draft of the Equalization of Burdens law, which is currently before the Parliament of the German Federal Republic, fails to exempt victims of Nazi persecution from the levy on all capital assets in Germany. If adopted in its present form, this measure would deprive the survivors of Nazi genocide of half of their assets which they may succeed in recovering in Germany.

"In this connection, the Conference also wishes to stress that the vast majority of persecutees would be excluded from any benefits envisaged under the proposed measure since they do not reside in Germany."

BRITAIN REFUSES TO GRANT CREDITS TO ISRAEL TO PURCHASE OIL

LONDON, May 12. (JTA) -- The Israel legation here today announced the receipt of a negative reply from the British Treasury to a request for credits to cover Israeli purchases of crude oil.

On March 20, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett called on Prime Minister Winston Churchill and was believed to have raised the question of credits. Five days later, Mr. Sharett, accompanied by David Horowitz, economic advisor to the Israel Cabinet, called on the Chancellor of the British Treasury, R. A. Butler. At the end of a 45-minute discussion, the request for credits, amounting to some 10,000,000 pounds, was made. The amount would have covered Israel's oil imports for one year.

The negative decision of the British Treasury is likely to have a severe effect on Israel industry. The oil, supplied from British firms, has covered most of Israel's imports of this commodity. Since Mr. Sharett's return to Israel, Mr. Horowitz had remained in London, waiting for the British Treasury's reply. He will return to Israel tomorrow. This is the first big snag in Anglo-Israeli relations for some considerable time.

The Turkish Embassy here announced that Israel imported 360,800 pounds worth of goods from Turkey in 1951 and found buyers in Turkey during this same period for 725,000 pounds worth of Israel exports. The Embassy spokesman said that the three-year-old Turkish-Israel trade agreement "continues to be applied successfully to develop reciprocal commercial exchange."

DR. GOLDMANN URGES ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT PROPOSED STATUS

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, today appealed to the members of the Zionist Actions Committee not to reject the proposed status for the world Zionist movement despite the fact that the draft of the status may not be acceptable to some of the members of the Actions Committee.

Dr. Goldmann traced the efforts to gain the approval of the Israeli Government for the text of the status which incorporates the resolutions adopted by the last World Zionist Congress with regard to this question. He pointed out that the Israel Government could not accept the Zionist Organization as "the representative of the Jewish people" because of the strong opposition raised by non-Zionist organizations which are actively engaged in helping Israel.

On the other hand, Dr. Goldmann said, the Zionist movement won for itself the role of being an agency responsible for the development of the country as "the top organization" working in Israel. This, Dr. Goldmann felt, constitutes a satisfactory compromise which will strengthen the Zionist movement and permit the broadening of the Jewish Agency by drawing in non-Zionist groups.

Ben Gurion Explains Difference Between Old and New Zionism

Premier David Ben Gurion, addressing the Actions Committee last night, said that he spoke not as the Premier of Israel but just as a Zionist. "Ben Gurion, the Zionist, wholeheartedly supports Premier Ben Gurion's address in the Knesset last week with regard to the question of granting a special status to the world Zionist movement," he stated. He emphasized that "yesterday's Zionism died with the establishment of the Jewish state when a new Zionist was born."

Mr. Ben Gurion, who spoke in Yiddish, pointed out that "yesterday's Zionism" fought on two fronts: the internal front combating assimilation and non-Zionist movements, and the external front against the mandatory government in Palestine. "Today's Zionism means wholehearted support of the entire Jewish nation for the State of Israel," he said. "We are a drop in the sea of 60,000,000 in an area twice as big as the United States, and our utmost care is the undivided attention of the entire Jewish nation which Zionism of the past did not encompass," he declared.

"Transition from yesterday's Zionism to today's is hard," Mr. Ben Gurion continued. "I have the greatest reverence for past Zionism, but times change and we must adapt ourselves to the new situation which has arisen after the establishment of the state and which calls for new dimensions and new efforts, since the state is now the most tried and tested instrument of the Jewish nation to complete its redemption. The nation has learned already that this state is not a repetition of a false Messiah, but the beginning of a true redemption."

Mortimer May, American member, asked that the Zionist movement be granted the kind of a legal status by Israel that would give the movement great prestige. Dr. Emanuel Neumann charged that the bill presented by the Israel Government to the Knesset dealing with the granting of a special status for the World Zionist Organization "ignores the real problem of what the status of the Zionist movement will be in the countries outside of Israel."

AMERICAN-ISRAEL TREATY SUBMITTED TO SENATE BODY FOR RATIFICATION

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- The United States-Israel treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation, which was signed last year by Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Ambassador Abba Eban, has been submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for approval. Ratification has been urged in a statement to the committee by Harold F. Linder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

The treaty aims at promoting mutually beneficial economic activities, such as fair treatment of citizens and corporations. It endorses standards to protect persons and property, reduces discrimination in trade and shipping, and protects private investment and enterprise.

ISRAEL IS MOST ADVANCED COUNTRY IN NEAR EAST, U.N. SURVEY SHOWS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 12. (JTA) -- Israel emerged as the most advanced country in the Near East in the first world-wide social survey made by the United Nations. The results of the survey published today bring out the fact that "great inequality in the distribution of wealth" and "an extremely low living standard" of the majority of the people prevail in the Near Eastern countries.

Israel differs widely from the other countries in the region, the report emphasizes. It points out that the Jewish State has the largest number of doctors for its size of any country in the world - one physician for every 318 people. "This compares with Iran's one doctor for every 63,000 inhabitants," the report says.

"Israel is unique," the report continues, "in that a high proportion of the rural population live in settlements organized entirely on cooperative lines; about 45 percent of the population is covered by these and other types of cooperatives."

As for the rest of the population, most of it is concentrated in cities, the report says. "Israel has the highest urban population in the area with 50 percent of its people living in towns, compared with less than 10 percent on the Arabian peninsula."

A tabulation in the report shows that Israel has by far the largest number of newspapers and radio sets: 235 daily newspapers and 123 radio sets per 1,000 people. Next is Cyprus, which is included in the "Middle East" countries in the report, with 86 newspapers and 24 radio sets per 1,000.

U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LAUDS ISRAEL ARMY AT WASHINGTON HEARING

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee was told by Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett that the Israel Army "proved its competency in the past" and that the area in which Israel is a military potential is strategically necessary for our defense.

Testifying before the Committee was also Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold, chief of the American military mission in Turkey. He was asked by chairman James P. Richards if he had occasion to see the Israel Army. Gen. Arnold replied that he saw the Israel Army "only on the border," but added: "They are well equipped. They do not have too many. They are actually mobilized, or were at one time, but I think practically everyone in Israel has a gun and they have a militia."

The general pointed out that "you find the same in Syria and Transjordan." He added that he did not think he saw an Arab who did not have a rifle and noted that "a very intense feeling" exists between Arabs and Jews.

BEIGIN ARRIVES IN U.S. TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISRAELI-GERMAN TALKS

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party in Israel, arrived here today to conduct an "enlightenment campaign" against Jewish reparations talks with Germany. He said he also intends to visit Canada, Mexico and South America.

BAVARIAN MINISTER LEAVES POST TEMPORARILY BECAUSE OF AUERBACH CASE

MUNICH, May 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Mueller, Bavarian Minister of Justice, today announced that he is taking a leave of absence from his post until after a verdict is issued in the case of Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian Restitution Office whose trial here is now attracting wide attention throughout West Germany.

Dr. Mueller was charged by opposition speakers last week in the Bavarian Parliament with accepting a bribe from one of the defendants in the Auerbach case. He admitted taking money, but said that it was used for charitable purposes. He denied that he had at any time interfered with the Auerbach trial.

Before the trial started, a number of German newspapers took it for granted that Mr. Auerbach was guilty in making state restitution payments for non-existent Jewish victims of Nazism. This is no longer the case now as the trial progresses. On the other hand, the trial is being utilized by Nazi elements to stimulate anti-Semitism.

A United States official has been attending the trial as observer since its opening on Passover. American authorities in Germany are also paying special attention to the reaction in the German press with regard to the trial. Reports analysing the press reaction are being sent to the State Department in Washington since the Auerbach case has become a political affair involving Bavarian state officials.

Auerbach Trial May Find Echo at U. N. Human Rights Commission

LONDON, May 12. (JTA) -- A suggestion that the opening in Germany of the trial of Philip Auerbach on a Jewish holiday might raise a matter of principle which should be brought before the U. N. Human Rights Commission was made at a meeting here of the executive of the Agudas Israel World Organization by H.A. Goodman, world Agudah leader.

He said that this would have to be considered if Germany's basic law was proven not to protect religious rights in Germany. This matter is presently before the Federal Constitutional Court in Bonn, at the request of Auerbach's attorney.

While refraining from voicing any views on the trial itself, Mr. Goodman said the democratic world would deplore the anti-Semitic atmosphere of the proceedings and the Nazi-like reports of the trial appearing in the German press.

BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY SEEKS GERMANS WHO SAVED JEWS FROM NAZIS

BERLIN, May 12. (JTA) -- An appeal to Jews throughout the world to supply the Berlin Jewish community with the names and addresses of Christian Germans who saved or supported persons of the Jewish faith during the Nazi regime was published here today. The plea was signed by Rabbi Freier of Berlin.

The Congress of German Authors, meeting here, has adopted a resolution urging the Federal Court to "pay careful attention" to literature which once again propagandizes for Nazism and anti-Semitism.

JEWISH SCIENTISTS AND ARTISTS WIN AWARDS IN HUNGARY

VIENNA, May 12. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish scientists and artists are among the Hungarians awarded the Kossuth prize for outstanding achievements last year, reports from Budapest reaching here said. The prizes are worth between \$1,000 and \$4,000.

SHARETT COMES TO U. S. TO ASSIST THE U. J. A. AND BOND CAMPAIGNS

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett will arrive in the United States on May 20 for a one-month visit to assist in financial efforts on behalf of the Jewish State, a spokesman for the Israel Embassy made known today.

Mr. Sharett will address a large number of meetings arranged by the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel which is conducting the bond drive, and will participate in the special United Jewish Appeal national meeting to be held in Chicago on May 24 and 25. He will also address other U. J. A. gatherings. The Embassy of Israel is coordinating plans for the Foreign Minister's program in the United States.

JEWISH GROUPS PARTICIPATE IN STATE DEPT. FOREIGN POLICY PARLEY

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Representatives of leading Jewish organizations participated in a national conference on American foreign policy arranged by the Department of State for representatives of 200 groups. One of the sessions was addressed by Edwin M. Wright, acting intelligence advisor of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department, who said that American prestige among the Arabs has declined because "we identified ourselves with groups which have exerted pressures."

Robert S. Nyburg, representative of the American Council for Judaism, complained against the aid given by the United States to Israel. Among the groups which participated in the conference, and the representatives of the groups, were: Dr. Simon Segal, American Jewish Committee; Harry A. Steinberg, American Zionist Council; A. B. Kapplin and Stanley Halperin, B'nai B'rith; Mrs. Laurence Koenigsberger, B'nai B'rith Women's Supreme Council, Bernard Weitzer, Jewish War Veterans.

Also Mrs. I. L. Levy, National Council of Jewish Women; Mrs. Sarah Farber, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; Philip Schiff, National Jewish Welfare Board; Rabbi Samuel Rosenblatt, Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi David Panitz, United Synagogue of America; and Rabbi Israel Tabak, Synagogue Council of America.

AMERICAN JEWISH WOMEN VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- The first group of volunteers, recruited by the Pioneer Women, Labor Zionist Women's Organization, from various parts of the United States and Canada for one year's service in Israel, will sail from New York in early July, it was announced here today. This is the first time the organization has sponsored such a project.

Other groups are expected to leave in August and September of this year. The women will be assigned to work among the new immigrants in the various social service and educational institutions conducted by the sister organization, Moatzot Hapalot, in Israel. The first three months in Israel will be devoted to an intensive training course.

The American women, as teachers, social workers, nurses, kindergartners, cooks and housekeepers, will aid in the care of children and in the training of Israeli women for the basic tasks of homemaking and child rearing. These workers will be paid the prevailing wage rate in Israel for their services.