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GERMANY READY TO PAY ISRAEL \$500,000,000 IN REPARATIONS, TEL AVIV HEARS

TEL AVIV, May 18. (JTA) -- West Germany is ready to pay \$500,000,000 in reparations to Israel, which is just one-half of what the Israel Government demanded, it was reported today by Davar, leading Israel newspaper, which attributed the report to "reliable sources."

Addressing the two-day national conference here of the Association of Central European Settlers, Dr. George Landauer, who is leaving today for London to participate in talks of Jewish groups regarding the reparations negotiations with Germany, said that the second phase of the Israeli-German reparations discussions will be a short one.

"If the Germans propose a sum considered inadequate by Israel, no further talks will be conducted," he stated, "but if the sum offered is acceptable, then a general agreement on principles will be signed and details will be worked out later by experts from both sides."

The conference was also addressed by Dr. M. Kreutzberger, of the Jewish Agency office in Munich. He reported that 700,000,000 marks worth of Jewish property has already been returned in West Germany to private Jewish owners. He reported that in the British zone of Germany about 17,000 of the 50,000 Jewish claims have been settled.

A Foreign Office spokesman warned here today that German-Israeli negotiations on Israel's reparations claims would not be renewed automatically on receipt of a reply here from the West German Government. The spokesman said no reply had been received from Germany on Israel's demands for a definite, firm reparations offer and no date had been fixed for renewal of the talks at The Hague.

(The New York Times today reported from Bonn that experts in the West German Federal Government have worked out in general terms a program for restitutions to Israel which, provided Chancellor Konrad Adenauer approves it, they hope will satisfy the Israeli Government and make possible a renewal of the negotiations that were broken off at The Hague in April. "How much money is involved in the new offer could not be ascertained. However, the new program worked out by Federal Government experts this week is understood to meet many of the Israeli demands regarding swift payment," the report said.)

Conference on Germany's Pre-War Debts Resumes in London Today

LONDON, May 18. (JTA) -- Israeli and Jewish observers here will watch with close interest the conference on Germany's pre-war external debts which reopens here tomorrow. Moshe Keren, Israel's Charge d'affairs in London, will attend the conference to keep an eye on Germany's stand toward the claims of the 28 nations represented at the parley. It is believed here that from the attitude of the German delegation at this conference some indication may be obtained of the German attitude towards the Jewish claims.

JEWISH AGENCY TO NEGOTIATE WITH KNESSET ON TEXT OF ITS STATUS

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive was instructed by the Zionist Actions Committee this week-end to negotiate with the Israel Government and the Israel Parliament for the adoption of a draft on the Agency's status slightly different from the text presented by the Israel Cabinet to the Knesset for approval.

A resolution to this effect was adopted at the closing session of the Actions Committee meeting at which a draft of the Agency's status was adopted which differs from the version of the draft proposed by the Cabinet. In closing the meeting, Joseph Sprinzak called upon all Zionist groups to strengthen the Zionist ranks, rally around the State of Israel, and disregard the small, passing divergencies and misunderstandings.

The delegation which represented the Zionist Organization of America at the session of the Actions Committee issued a statement prior to its departure for the United States declaring that "we were greatly impressed by the spirit of understanding and amity that characterized the sessions in complete contrast to the acrimony and bickering that dominated the World Zionist Congress."

The statement declared that "with a few, regrettable exceptions, the Z. O. A. received fair, even cordial treatment." It added that the Z. O. A. delegation, in overwhelming majority, supports president Browdy's stand and believes "it represents the sentiment of the vast majority of the Z. O. A. membership."

ISRAELI CABINET DISCUSSES OIL SITUATION; ACTS TO CONSERVE FUEL

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the oil situation in the country in the light of Britain's refusal to grant the Jewish State credits for the purchase of crude oil stocks. A special Ministerial committee was set up to prepare regulations for a fuel economy program.

(The Sunday Observer of London today reported that the request which Britain turned down was for a 5,000,000-pound loan which was to be used to purchase oil for Israel's industry and irrigation system. The Observer stated that at the present time Israel has about one-month's supply of oil on hand.)

An agreement has been reached between the Soviet Union and Israel for the sale of 500,000 cases of citrus fruits by the Jewish State, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry told a press conference today. Although the agreement is not a barter arrangement and the Russians will pay cash, he said, Israel has agreed to buy oil products, wheat and rye from the Soviet Union. He also said that the U. S. S. R. may buy bananas from Israel.

ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH LEGATION IN JAPAN; TRADE ARRANGEMENTS MADE

TEL AVIV, May 18. (JTA) -- Formal agreement on the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Japan, announced here this week-end, will be followed by designation of an Israeli diplomatic legation to Tokyo, it was said here today. An Israeli trade mission has visited Japan and made reciprocal trade arrangements there.

United States Ambassador Monett B. Davis called on Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett yesterday to discuss a number of pending questions prior to Mr. Sharett's departure for the United States today. Earlier, the Foreign Minister received the Soviet Minister, P. Yershov, who presented the new counselor of the Soviet Legation.

JEWISH LEADERS OPTIMISTIC ON CULTURAL FUTURE OF AMERICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Optimism regarding the future cultural growth of the American Jewish community was expressed here today at the final session of a national two-day conference on "Creative Jewish Living" sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America.

At the same time, speakers warned that the educational and spiritual forces must predominate if American Jewry is to become a healthy, intelligent and dynamic community. Expressing these views were Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Both leaders in Jewish religious life also agreed that the Jew in the United States must fight for the preservation of the American way of life, equality and freedom for all of its citizens regardless of race and religion. Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, chairman of the Z. O. A. Committee on Community Organization, presided at the final session.

Rabbi Bernstein said that "Christians are less interested in learning about anti-Semitism than they are in learning about Judaism" and maintained that "now that Israel is a state, there seems little reason for any Jew to remain in a group apart here in the United States unless that group has spiritual significance." Dr. Glueck said that "a new unified American Jewry is in the process of being created, with the Jewish group of the entire country being fused gradually into a single, homogeneous, dynamic entity."

Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee, reported that 81,000 children or approximately 27 percent of all Jewish children in New York attend Jewish schools of all types in Greater New York. In a breakdown of this total, he reported that 36,000 attend Hebrew afternoon schools, 26,000 are in one- or two-day a week schools, 16,000 in all-day schools, 3,300 in Yiddish schools. Altogether, they are enrolled in 595 Jewish schools of various types.

Addressing the conference last night Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, leader of the Reconstructionist Movement, proposed the convening of a "Jewish world council" to formulate a new covenant on international Jewish unity. He also proposed that all the activities of local American Jewish organizations and institutions "be carried on as functions of the entire local community" and that they be in accord with "the will of the Jewish people." These steps would be designed, respectively, to define the group status of world Jewry and to reconstruct local American Jewish bodies into "organic Jewish communities."

Dr. Salo Baron, Professor of Jewish History at Columbia University, on the other hand, praised the development of unregulated American Jewish communal organization. He called the American voluntarist community system "a revolutionary transformation" from the "secular, national" structures of Jewish communities in central and Eastern Europe, and declared that while the present freedom sometimes seemed to threaten to "engulf the community in total anarchy," it has made the Jewish community more cohesive than ever before.

Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, Professor of Hebrew Culture and Education at New York University, proposed an expenditure of \$5,000,000 by Jewish federations and welfare funds to endow chairs of Hebrew learning in American universities. S. Charney-Niger, president of the Jewish Kultur Congress, predicted that the Yiddish language and culture would continue to flourish. Other speakers included Rev. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Abraham G. Duker, managing editor of "Jewish Social Studies," and Louis Kraft, secretary of the World Federation of Y.M.H.A. and Jewish Community Centers.

GOVT. AGENCIES CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO ACT ON DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- The failure of Federal, state and municipal governments to take forthright action during 1951 to eliminate discrimination and segregation and to curb lawless assaults against minority groups was sharply denounced as "hardly less inimical to our national security than actual subversion," in the joint annual report issued today by the American Jewish Congress and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The report censures the Congress of the United States for giving less consideration in 1951 than in any of the preceding five years to civil rights and related legislation. State legislatures likewise produced no anti-discrimination statutes despite vigorous campaigns by private groups, the report says, pointing out that fair employment bills were defeated in the legislatures of 17 out of 18 states in which they were introduced during 1951.

The fight against discrimination and bias in housing still remained the most difficult of all the anti-bias struggles and one of the most explosive, the report declares. "It is in this area that the most violence has broken out, resulting in bombing, arson and vandalism," it emphasizes. Another alarming development was the unprecedented series of bombings and attempted bombings of Jewish houses of worship in Miami, the report points out.

The survey sharply condemns Federal, state and municipal authorities for failure to prevent such occurrences, and worse, for failure to prosecute. "In only very few instances were the guilty parties punished. Particularly conspicuous was the failure of the FBI, state and local forces to solve any of the lawless acts in Florida."

Among the factors that led to the decline in the fortunes of proposed civil rights legislation in the United States in 1951 was the defeat of many supporters of anti-discrimination legislation in the 1950 elections for the Senate and House of Representatives, state governorships and legislatures, and the changes in the personnel of the U. S. Supreme Court in recent years, according to the report.

N.C.R.A.C. DENOUNCES INJECTION OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN ROSENBERG CASE

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Major Jewish community relations organizations today issued a statement denouncing as "fraudulent" the effort of the Communist-inspired National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case "to inject the false issue of anti-Semitism" into the case of the condemned atomic secret spies.

The denunciatory statement was joined in by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The N.C.R.A.C. is the central co-ordinating body for the organizations named as well as for 27 local Jewish councils throughout the country. The text of the statement follows:

"Any group of American citizens has a right to express its views as to the severity of the sentence in any criminal case. Attempts are being made, however, by a Communist inspired group called the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, to inject the false issue of anti-Semitism into the Rosenberg case. We condemn these efforts to mislead the people of this country by unsupported charges that the religious ancestry of the defendants was a factor in the case. We denounce this fraudulent effort to confuse and manipulate public opinion for ulterior political purposes."

CONFERENCE OF "COMMITTEE TO REVITALIZE Z. O. A." ADOPTS PROGRAM

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- A conference of the Committee for the Revitalization of the Z. O. A., attended by more than 100 Zionist leaders from all parts of the country, tonight endorsed a program of action for the Zionist Organization of America which called for a policy of non-identification with any party in Israel on matters of internal Israeli affairs.

The Committee, which drafted Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland as its candidate for the Z. O. A. presidency, held forth no prospects of a mass migration from the United States, but pledged itself to foster chaluziut and to encourage technicians to migrate to Israel for limited periods. The Committee also came out for democratization of the American Jewish community "not by side-stepping existing agencies, but by greater involvement and cooperation with existing agencies both on the national and local level." It also suggested the establishment of a special Z. O. A. bureau in Israel to assist private investment and permanent and limited migration to the Jewish State.

Among the major speakers at the conference were Mr. Shapiro, Jacob M. Alkow, president of the Southern Pacific Region of the Z. O. A., Rudolf Sonneborn, vice-president of the Z. O. A., Dewey Stone, vice-president, and Louis Lipsky, former Z. O. A. president and chairman of the American Zionist Council. A message was received from Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, endorsing the Committee's attempt to revitalize the Z. O. A. and praised the candidacy of Mr. Shapiro.

Presenting the program which he proposes to enact if elected to lead the Z. O. A., Mr. Shapiro welcomed the work of non-Zionists in the U. J. A., Israel bond drive and private investment campaigns for Israel, but stressed that this work is the primary responsibility of Zionists and that the Zionists must seek opportunities to lead in these operations. He called for the Z. O. A., in collaboration with the State of Israel, to evolve a program of encouraging private investment in Israeli industry.

RABBI MILLER PLEDGES TO EXTEND Z. O. A. WORK IN U. S., ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Pledges of continued efforts by the Zionist Organization of America to take the leadership in fund-raising efforts in the United States in behalf of Israel and of re-establishment of a Commission on Chaluziut within the Z. O. A. were made here this week-end by Rabbi Irving Miller at a press conference called in connection with his acceptance of the candidacy for the presidency of the Z. O. A.

Rabbi Miller, who is the candidate of the National Committee for Zionist Action within the Z. O. A., presented the Committee's program for maintaining the Z. O. A.'s leading role in American Zionism and to expand its work in this country and in the Jewish State. He stated that only through a strong and effective Z. O. A. could harmonious relations be established among the various efforts in behalf of Israel and pointed out that the tens of thousands of businessmen within the Z. O. A. could, if properly mobilized, be used to raise capital, trained personnel and adequate machinery to help revolutionize Israel's economy.

Rabbi Miller pledged that if elected he would work for aid to the Young Zionist Districts to help them enroll the vast numbers of unaffiliated American Jewish young men and women; he promised to work for an adult education program to help bring about a renaissance of the Hebrew language and literature in America. The Committee's platform also calls for Zionism to play a vital and significant role in the creation of a meaningful Jewish life in America.

