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LEADERS OF GERMAN DELEGATION TO HAGUE REPARATIONS TALKS RESIGN

FRANKFURT, May 20. (JTA) -- Declaring that "under the present circumstances a satisfactory solution of the German-Israeli reparations problem is impossible," Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the West German delegation to The Hague reparations talks, today announced officially his resignation from that post.

Dr. Boehm, who is a professor at the University of Frankfurt, charged in a statement that he had met "insurmountable" resistance to settling the problem among those Bonn officials responsible for issuing instructions to the delegations at The Hague and at the London conference of Germany's pre-war creditor nations.

Prof. Boehm insisted that the belief expressed among Germans that fulfillment of the Israel claims is beyond Germany's abilities, is wrong. He said that it was impossible for him to carry out the instructions which he had received for continuation of The Hague talks with Israel and with the delegation of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Otto Kuester, Prof. Boehm's deputy on the delegation, who resigned yesterday, today commented that his action had not been taken because of the attitude of Hermann Abs, head of the German delegation to the London talks, but because of the "intransigent" attitude of the Bonn officials who had put the German delegation to The Hague "in an embarrassing position."

It was learned that Prof. Boehm had sent his resignation to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer on Sunday, but that the resignation had only arrived in Bonn yesterday. It was reported here today that the German delegation head had stated at The Hague last March 25 that if he were not firmly convinced of the sincere desire of his government to make amends to the Jews he would not have accepted his post.

Israel Concerned Over Resignation of German Reparations Delegates

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman today expressed concern over the resignation of Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the West German delegation to The Hague reparations talks, and his deputy, Dr. Otto Kuester. Their resignations were reported officially in Bonn this morning.

The spokesman declared that there are signs that many circles in Germany would like to pay the smallest possible amount in settlement of the Israeli reparations claims, while other circles are ready to pay a reasonable sum. The resignations of the two leading members of the German delegation is a sign that the majority has not yet come around to the latter point of view, the spokesman said.

ISRAEL INFORMS STATE DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENTS IN TALKS WITH GERMANY

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- An aide memoire expressing Israel's concern over the latest developments in the reparations talks with Germany was presented today to the State Department by Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban.

The aide memoire, which contained a report on the German-Israel negotiations, was presented by Ambassador Eban to Geoffrey Lewis, director of the State Department's Bureau of German Affairs, for submission to Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

CONFERENCE PRESIDIUUM TO MEET ON NEW SITUATION IN REPARATIONS TALKS

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, head of the delegation representing the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany at The Hague, today announced that a meeting of the presidium of the Conference will be held in New York to deal with the situation arising from the resignation of the two leading members of the West German delegation.

The discussions between the Germans and the Conference delegation were originally scheduled to be resumed today at The Hague, but Mr. Leavitt had informed the German delegation some time ago that the Conference would not resume negotiations until the Bonn Government makes a satisfactory offer to Israel since the Conference is pledged to "full support" of the Israeli claim against Germany.

BRITAIN WILL NOT INTERVENE WITH GERMANY ON ISRAEL'S CLAIMS

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The British Government has no intention at the present time of approaching the German Government to urge it to take concrete steps in the matter of Israeli reparations claims, it was indicated here today following the announcement in Germany that the leaders of the German delegation to The Hague had resigned in protest against the policy of high German officials with regard to Israel's claims.

Sources close to the government said that Britain had throughout the negotiations considered them "exclusively an affair between Israel and Germany." They also indicated that the British Government has not been requested by anybody to ask Germany to make concrete proposals to Israel.

Jewish circles here close to both the Israeli and Jewish reparations negotiators believe that there are two possible developments which may follow the resignation of Prof. Franz Boehm and Dr. Otto Kuester. One is that the Western powers may step in and ask the West German Government to speed a satisfactory offer to and settlement with Israel. In the event the Western powers show no inclination to take such action, the German Government will probably appoint a new delegation with whom the Israelis and the Jews will have to start again from scratch.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN LONDON

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The European conference of the World Jewish Congress will be held here June 29-30, it was announced today by W. J. C. headquarters.

The European conference will discuss the organization's activities in Europe and will hear reports on work in the political and cultural fields. The North African constituents of the W. J. C. will meet in Algiers June 7-9. Delegations are expected from the Jewish communities of Algiers, Morocco and Tunisia.

ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO ENLARGE MUNICIPAL AREA OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today announced that it had decided to enlarge the municipal area of Jerusalem by about ten miles. This would involve extension of the city limits northward to include Ein Karem and the area beyond in which the Hadassah Hospital nurses' home and quarters for physicians and other staff members will be built. The Hebrew University's new premises will also be located in this area.

Commenting on this decision, Jerusalem Mayor S. Z. Shragai welcomed the Cabinet's action and pledged that the municipality would take immediate steps to provide the necessary municipal services to the area.

The senate of the Hebrew University several days ago strongly protested against the Israel Government's intention to erect a university building ten kilometres outside Jerusalem, enumerating the difficulties arising from the government plan. The senate demanded that the university be built in the center of the city, where sites are available.

ISRAEL MAPS PLANS TO CONSERVE OIL; USE OF BUSES MAY BE CUT

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Plans and problems concerning the conserving of oil, which is in short supply in Israel, were discussed at a meeting here last night of the government's economic council. Premier David Ben Gurion presided.

Dr. Peretz Naphtali, Minister without portfolio in the Cabinet, revealed that that body had appointed a Ministerial committee to prepare a plan for saving oil through cutting the use of buses and diverting more passengers to the railroads.

ISRAELI EDITORS PROTEST GOVERNMENT POWER TO SUPPRESS PRESS

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- A delegation of Israeli newspaper editors today called on Minister of the Interior Moshe Shapira to protest a proposed amendment to the laws governing the press which the editors claim will actually worsen the position of the press.

The amendment would give the government extended powers to suppress any newspaper by a simple order of the authorities for "causing panic, spreading rumors" and similar charges which in the opinion of the government officials "may harm the state." After conferring with the editors, the Minister pledged that the Cabinet would reconsider the amendment before submitting it to Parliament.

EGYPTIANS PERMIT FIRST ISRAEL-BOUND CARGO THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- The first cargo of goods bound for Israel to pass unmolested through the Suez Canal arrived here yesterday.

The cargo consisted of a shipload of beans from Abyssinia valued at 89,000 pounds. The vessel which carried it was the Italian freighter Isola di Caprera. The shipment was clearly entered on the ship's manifest, which was inspected by the Egyptian authorities.

(In London the report of the arrival of the Isola di Caprera was featured prominently in most papers with such headlines as: "Egypt Allows Israel-Bound Vessel Through Suez Canal.")

SENATE TO VOTE TODAY ON LEHMAN-HUMPHREY IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- The Senate agreed today to vote tomorrow on the Humphrey-Lehman substitute immigration bill which liberals hope will be adopted to replace the controversial McCarran Omnibus Bill. The McCarran Bill has been widely opposed as "racist" and "undemocratic."

A move to return the McCarran Bill to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further study was defeated yesterday by a vote of 44 to 28. Liberals, however, have introduced 189 amendments to the McCarran Bill. Sen. McCarran has charged that "subversive organizations" are spurring on the fight against his bill and are seeking to return it to committee.

Although defeated by yesterday's vote, a number of liberals said today that they believe they showed enough strength to uphold an expected Presidential veto should the bill pass. Except for a few exceptions, the McCarran Bill supporters have given the "silent treatment" to Senators Lehman, Humphrey, Douglas, and others who have spent several days enumerating objectionable provisions in the McCarran Bill. Liberals have found that they were mostly talking only to each other and to the empty chairs of the Senators supporting the McCarran measure.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION ADVOCATES PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING

BOSTON, May 20. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for an expanded program of pre-marital counselling and education "as a means of strengthening the bonds of family life and preserving the sanctity of the home as a place where the integrity of character and the spiritual quality of Jewish manhood and womanhood can flourish" were adopted here at the closing session of the national convention of the United Synagogue of America.

Stressing that modern civilization, "with its innumerable strains and tensions demands the retention of traditional family loyalties and devotion to the home," Samuel Rothstein, honorary president of the United Synagogue, who was chairman of the closing session, declared:

"The Jewish family, historically, has nurtured love and companionship, devotion and fidelity, among its members. Through the utilization of modern techniques of pre-marital counselling by the Conservative rabbinate, we will be able to insure that the Jewish home remains as a sanctuary of purity and mutual trust."

The convention delegates also resolved to call upon all political parties engaged in the forthcoming national elections to condemn such practices as vilification of character by irresponsible accusations which do not give the accused the opportunity to reply. Decrying this practice as infringing upon the traditional rights of American citizens, the convention called for "the establishment of procedures which will protect the fundamental rights of freedom and justice upon which American liberty is based."

VIENNA JEWS DEDICATE MEMORIAL TO 121, 500 VICTIMS OF NAZI CAMP

VIENNA, May 20. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Vienna Jews today travelled to the site of the former Nazi death camp at Mauthausen to dedicate a memorial to the 121, 500 Jews who died there at the hands of the Nazis.

A religious service was conducted by Austrian Chief Rabbi Eisenberg while Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, and Dr. Heinrich Gleissner, Governor of Upper Austria, the province in which the camp site is located, spoke. Dr. Maurer pointed out that of the 122, 768 persons known to have been murdered in the camp, 121, 500 were Jews. In addition, he said, 35, 000 other Jews were gassed at a satellite camp at Castle Hartheim and 70, 000 Jews died on marches to and from the camp, bringing the total to 190, 000 Jewish victims.

WINNIPEG TO ACT ON BILL URGING REVOCATION OF LICENSES FOR BIGOTRY

WINNIPEG, May 20. (JTA) -- A sub-committee of the Winnipeg City Council has scheduled public hearings on a bill to amend the licensing by-laws of the city to provide for revocation of licenses in cases of discrimination on grounds of race, color or creed.

The bill received strong backing on its introduction in the council. Two delegations, one headed by Dean W. J. Waines of the University of Manitoba, and the other representing the Joint Labor Committee to Combat Racial Intolerance, appeared before the council to support introduction of the bill.

SEN. KEFAUVER PLEDGES TO FIGHT BIGOTRY; PROMISES AID TO ISRAEL

DENVER, May 20. (JTA) -- If the Democratic Party writes an FEPC into its platform Sen. Estes Kefauver, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, will support the plank, the Senator declared here in an interview with the Intermountain Jewish News.

The Senator added that he is "against the oppression of any minority in this country" and that he feels "there is no place in the make-up of our nation for intolerance and bigotry." He volunteered the information that he is opposed to racial immigration laws and urged that America not close its doors to the oppressed.

Regarding Israel, Sen. Kefauver said that he has always supported aid to the Jewish State and would continue to do so if elected President of the United States. "Israel is one of the outstanding bright spots in the world today," he declared. Praising Israel's democratic government, he called the country "a haven for the oppressed which has shown what can be done in other lands."

WINNIPEG JEWISH CHILDREN ATTEND "ART CLASSES" CONDUCTED BY MISSIONARY

WINNIPEG, May 20. (JTA) -- About 35 Jewish children aged seven to 14 are attending "arts and crafts classes" conducted by a missionary seeking to convert Jews, the Israelite Press reported here. The paper quoted a Jewish school official as saying that the parents of the children were probably not aware of the nature of the sponsorship of the school.

NEW JERSEY BODY DISCUSSES CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION BY HOTEL

NEWARK, N. J., May 20. (JTA) -- The State Division Against Discrimination announced yesterday that it could find no evidence that the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel in Atlantic City had refused Justice Meier Steinbrink of the New York Supreme Court a reservation because of his Jewish name. The announcement said that the charge of religious discrimination brought by Justice Steinbrink against the hotel has been dismissed.

PALESTINE LAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ESTABLISHES QUARTERS IN U. S.

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- The establishment of New York offices by the Palestine Land Development Company of Jerusalem was announced here today by Aminadav Ashbel, managing director of the company who is now in this country. "The company will offer for immediate sale to American investors, for their own use in Israel and for the use of their relatives there, homes, apartments, stores and workshops, in various parts of the country," Mr. Ashbel said.