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## GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE NEW REPARATIONS PROPOSAL TO ISRAEL

BONN, May 22. (JTA) -- The West-German Government will make a new reparations proposal to Israel, it was learned here today following a meeting last night between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Prof. Franz Boehm, who resigned as head of the German delegation to the reparations talks in protest against Germany's "insincerity" toward Israel's claim.

Also present at the meeting was Dr. Hermann Abs, head of the German delegation to the London international conference on German pre-war debts. Dr. Abs reported that he had met with Israeli representatives in London and that they had said they would resume the reparations talks at The Hague if a concrete German offer were forthcoming.

Dr. Abs later told newsmen that Prof. Boehm had agreed to withdraw his resignation. However, Prof. Boehm said he had not withdrawn the resignation, but merely wanted to wait several days until the government announces its new proposal. He would then see whether he could support the proposal, he stated.

A plea that Germany should at least make material restitution to the Jews for the property stolen from them since it cannot make up for the moral wrongs inflicted on them, was voiced by the President of the City of Bremen Senate, Wilhelm Kaisen, at a ceremony consecrating a memorial to the Jews of this city who died at the hands of the Nazis. Before the Hitler regime, the Jews of this city numbered about 2,000. Now there are only 100 Jews there. Of the 400 families living in the city before 1933 not a single child survived.

## ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES REJECT A GERMAN OFFER IN LONDON

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- Members of the Israeli delegation here who participated in the German-Israeli reparations talks at The Hague were approached this week with an offer by Dr. Hermann Abs, representative of the West German Government, for the Bonn Government to pay Israel during the coming year the sum of 100,000,000 marks--approximately \$28,000,000. Dr. Abs added that the Bonn Government was not prepared to give an indication of the total amount of reparations it could pay.

A report to this effect was published today in the Jewish Observer, a leading Jewish publication here. The report says that Dr. Abs was informed by the Israelis that his proposal was an insult to both Israel and world Jewry.

British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden was later informed of this meeting. He has also been informed that the reply given by the Israelis was conveyed directly to the German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Mr. Eden was also told that Dr. Nahum

Goldmann had sent a warning to Chancellor Adenauer that there would be violent reaction from Israel and world Jewry if Dr. Abs' offer was Germany's last word on reparations.

The London Times today carries an editorial stating that as a result of the latest reparations moves by Germany, "a very awkward position has arisen in Israel which affects the prestige of the Ben Gurion coalition government and may even threaten its stability."

#### SHARETT NEITHER OPTIMISTIC NOR PESSIMISTIC ON GERMAN-ISRAELI TALKS

WASHINGTON, May 22. (JTA) -- If Germany does not show its "good intentions" soon it will indicate that the Germans are evading the issue of Israel's reparations claim and defaulting on their pledge, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett said today on his arrival in Washington.

Mr. Sharett arrived at the National Airport and was greeted by State Department Chief of Protocol John F. Simmons and Israel Ambassador Abba Eban. He told reporters that he was "neither optimistic nor pessimistic" on the Israel-German negotiations "but merely in a state of expectancy."

The Foreign Minister said he regarded American Mutual Security Aid, including help already extended and the proposed allocations now pending before Congress, as "highly beneficial." He pointed out that Israel is undergoing "a special transformation and cannot do without mutual security help." He said that the American Government program enables Israel "to buttress ourselves against external and internal threats." He described Israel's current economic situation as "very hard but good."

A luncheon in honor of Sharett was tendered today at the Mayflower Hotel by Ambassador Abba Eban. Among the guests were the Ambassadors of Norway, Sweden, and France as well as Senators, Congressmen and American governmental officials and several Supreme Court Justices.

#### ISRAEL RETURNS ALL PROPERTIES OF GERMAN LUTHERAN FEDERATION

JERUSALEM, May 22. (JTA) -- The properties of the German Lutheran Federation in Israel, hitherto in the hands of the Enemy Property Custodian, were returned today to the owners after lengthy negotiations between representatives of the Israel Government and the Lutheran World Federation.

#### BRITISH ENVOYS IN MIDDLE EAST SUMMONED TO LONDON FOR PARLEY

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has summoned home all British envoys stationed in Middle East countries for a conference on the position of British troops in the Middle East and on the oil situation, it was learned here today. The parley will take place at the end of June.

The last time such a meeting was called was in 1949 when Ernest Bevin was Foreign Secretary. Participating in the conference will be the Ministers to Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Israel.

#### CZECHS REFUSE TO PERMIT ISRAELI OFFICIAL TO VISIT OREN IN PRISON

TEL AVIV, May 22. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Government has refused a request from the Israeli Legation in Prague to permit an Israeli official to visit Mordecai Oren, an Israeli citizen who has been under arrest in Prague since last December.

APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN TO RABBINICAL POSTS DEMANDED IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, May 22. (JTA) -- A demand that the rabbinical authorities in Israel appoint women to the position of dayan, a subordinate rabbinical post, was voiced in the Knesset last night during a debate on the first reading of a bill designed to give legal status to the rabbinical courts. The demand was voiced by two women deputies, one of whom was Ada Maimon, Mapai, who is the sister of Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, former Minister of Religion and leader of the Mizrahi movement.

The bill passed its first reading. It gives legal status to the position of all rabbis and dayanim appointed during the Mandatory regime or by the Ministry of Religion. In the course of the debate, deputies representing all parties agreed to the need for preparing a law to define the status of rabbinical courts and a procedure for their establishment, as well as a procedure for the appointment of rabbis and dayanim.

FIRST MERCY KILLING IN ISRAEL; TRIAL AROUSES NATIONWIDE INTEREST

TEL AVIV, May 22. (JTA) -- The arraignment of a mother on the charge of killing her five-year-old son, the first mercy killing in Israel's history, is arousing great interest throughout the country.

When the defendant appeared before a magistrate here yesterday, the child's physician testified that he had informed the mother that the boy, born mute and mentally retarded, had no chance of recovering.

According to the prosecutor, who said that he believes that the physician's verdict convinced the mother to kill the child, she took him to the seashore and drowned him. The mother told the police that the child's death was an accident, but, according to the prosecutor, she later confessed to the police that she had murdered the boy.

"IRREGULARITIES" IN MEDICAL SET-UP IN ISRAEL REPORTED BY PHYSICIAN

JOHANNESBURG, May 22. (JTA) -- The South African delegation to the Congress of Jewish Physicians which will be held in Israel later this year will put forth a demand for the establishment of a medical council in the Jewish State "to wipe out present irregularities" in the medical set-up in Israel, Dr. Jack Penn, chairman of the medical department of the South African Zionist Federation, announced here today.

Dr. Penn, one of South Africa's foremost plastic surgeons, revealed that the Zionist Federation has asked a doctor and a lawyer here to draft a public health scheme for Israel modelled along the lines of the Union's. Dr. Penn insisted that the "situation in Israel where laymen of the Histadrut hire and fire doctors is something which must be corrected. It would not be tolerated in any other country," he said.

OSE PARLEY OPENS IN TEL AVIV; HEARS REPORTS ON HEALTH

TEL AVIV, May 22. (JTA) -- A national conference of the Israeli OSE opened here with some 50 delegates present. Drs. N. L. Wolf and Joseph Shatnai, secretary and chairman, respectively, of the organization, reported that it is currently maintaining 20 recreation centers in the Negev, and is active in promoting and maintaining health and hygiene services in the immigrant camps through the facilities of mobile clinics.

### AMERICAN COMMISSIONER SCORES AUSTRIANS FOR LAW AIDING NAZIS

VIENNA, May 22. (JTA) -- Walter J. Donnelly, United States High Commissioner for Austria, has loosed a blast at the Austrian authorities for the consideration of legislation to give Nazis repatriated as prisoners of war relief from the punitive provisions of the denazification law.

"I am disappointed to find legislation intended for the relief of ex-Nazis preceding that for their victims," the Commissioner declared. "Had this law under consideration been accompanied by corollary legislation intended to redress those who suffered under the Nazi regime, I could give it much more sympathetic consideration." The measure will not be implemented because the three western powers object to it.

### QUEEN ELIZABETH RECEIVES REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH JEWISH GROUPS

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and of the Anglo-Jewish Association today visited Queen Elizabeth and presented to her an address of sympathy on the death of her father, the late King George VI, and a message of congratulations on her accession to the throne.

Lord Cohn, famed British jurist, introduced Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board, and Ewen Montagu, president of the A. J. A. The Queen shook hands with both men. Also present on the Jewish delegation were representatives of Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and of the Sephardic community in Britain. The Queen thanked the Jewish leaders for their messages.

### PLANNED ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATION IN COSTA RICA WORRIES JEWS

WASHINGTON, May 22. (JTA) -- Representatives of Jewish organizations today visited the State Department in connection with an expected anti-Jewish demonstration in San Jose, capital of Costa Rica, announced to take place on Sunday.

The demonstration has been organized by a demagogic group known as the "Costa Rican Patriotic Union." Permission for the rally has been granted by the Costa Rican authorities. The demonstration is technically in support of a proposed law for nationalization of commerce which the "Patriotic Union" is advocating. Actually, the measure and the demonstration are both directed against Jewish immigrants who have established themselves in commerce.

The "Patriotic Union" charges that Jews admitted to Costa Rica as agricultural workers turned to commerce and have gained dominant positions in it. The organization published an advertisement in the Costa Rican press denouncing Jews of Polish origin.

### ALL MONTREAL STORES MUST BE CLOSED ON CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS

MONTREAL, May 22. (JTA) -- A special squad of 100 policemen visited stores throughout the city today--the Feast of Ascension--to check whether they were closed in accordance with a by-law ordering all stores to close on Roman Catholic holidays.

The penalty for being open is a \$40 fine or two months in jail. Jewish and Protestant organizations are strongly opposing the law. Seven large stores are challenging the legality of the law.

JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS U. N. TO CHECK INCITEMENT TO RACIAL HATRED

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- Incitement to racial or religious hatred and intolerance directed against groups is even more dangerous than attacks on rights, freedoms or the reputation of the individual which are now protected by the Draft First Covenant on Human Rights, the World Jewish Congress said today in a memorandum on the Covenant's first 18 articles submitted to U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie for transmission to the Commission on Human Rights, now in session.

Pointing out that "atrocities unparalleled in human history occurred when such attacks against groups were allowed and organized by the Nazi Government," the Congress strongly urged that a provision "preventing the dissemination of racial or religious hatred and intolerance" be inserted in the Draft Covenant. Propaganda of this nature is contrary to the U. N. Charter's preamble which asks its member states "to practice tolerance," the memorandum said.

The World Jewish Congress also asked for the inclusion of a provision containing the right of victims of persecution "to seek and to enjoy asylum." No Covenant on Human Rights can be complete without a provision for the right of asylum, "one of the most ancient rights of human beings," the memorandum declared.

REDELHEIM OUTLINES STAND ON ISSUES FACING Z. O. A. CONVENTION

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- A statement outlining his attitude toward the various issues facing the forthcoming national convention of the Zionist Organization of America was made at a press conference here today by Abraham A. Redelheim, one of the candidates for Z. O. A. presidency.

Mr. Redelheim pledged unlimited support to the State of Israel as well as to the United Jewish Appeal and to the Israeli Bond Drive. He advocated the launching of a program for Chalutzith on a large scale in this country with emphasis on technical and professional Chalutzith. He insisted on the right of the Z. O. A. to launch a campaign in the United States for its work both in Israel and on the American scene, on the same terms as Hadassah and the Labor Zionists. He also emphasized that he will encourage the work of stimulating private investments in Israel.

Continued support was also pledged by Mr. Redelheim to Z. O. A. work in the promotion of the Hebrew language and in the establishment of youth villages and trade schools in Israel. He stressed the need for unity within the range of the Zionist Organization of America and declared that he will adhere strictly to the "identification" agreement reached in Jerusalem and approved at the final meeting of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

BROWDY REPORTS TO Z. O. A. EXECUTIVE OF JEWISH AGENCY STATUS

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- "The draft agreement concerning the special status of the World Zionist Organization in Israel reached by the Jewish Agency and the Israel cabinet, showed very little variation from the resolution calling for such status adopted by the last World Zionist Congress," Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization, reported today at a closed session of the national executive of the Z. O. A.

He said that the present draft "differed from the resolution of the Congress in the vital respect that it did not contain the designation of the Jewish Agency as 'representative of the Jewish people.' However, in the draft agreement, the Jewish Agency was still accorded the special status as the recognized agency in the sphere of immigration, colonization and absorption. "For practical purposes then, the Jewish Agency, working with the Israel Government, holds a monopoly on those important spheres, and all other Jewish groups wishing to operate in Israel within these fields have to clear with the Jewish Agency," he stated.

CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FUND DRIVE ENDS; \$4,209,000 RAISED

CLEVELAND, May 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal ended here this week with a total attainment of \$4,209,387. The result tops the 1951 total of \$4,166,839. The campaign is conducted annually under the auspices of the Jewish Community Federation, of which Henry L. Zucker is executive director.

BRANDEIS YOUTH FOUNDATION LAUDED ON ITS ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- The work of the Brandeis Youth Foundation, which is seeking to instill in young Jews an appreciation of their Jewish cultural heritage and to create a desire for active leadership in Jewish communal affairs, was praised today by Mayor Vincent Impellitteri on the occasion of its 11th anniversary. The Foundation is named after the late U. S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

The total yearly budget of the Foundation is \$400,000 which is provided by grants from individuals and from national and local organizations. The Foundation maintains three summer camps in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and California, as well as an art institute and a Year-Round Institute. Currently, the Foundation is making available 200 scholarships valued at \$100,000. Louis Levine of Leominster, Mass., is president; Dr. Shlomo Bardin has been director of the Foundation since its establishment in 1941.

ITALY GRANTS FULL "FREEDOM RIGHTS" TO ISRAEL AIRLINES

ROME, May 22. (JTA) -- An agreement was reached this week between the Italian and Israel Governments granting to El Al Israel Airlines fifth freedom rights in Rome. Fifth freedom gives to El Al, which formerly could carry passengers between Rome and Tel Aviv the further rights of transportation from Rome to New York, Athens and Vienna.

The Italian Government has made a grant of 510,000 lira to a fund to enable Israeli students to continue their studies in Italian high schools.

ISRAELI CAPTAIN RECEIVES BRITISH DECORATION FOR HEROISM

TEL AVIV, May 22. (JTA) -- The British Minister in Tel Aviv today presented his country's Distinguished Conduct Medal to Captain Joseph Pollack of the Israel Army for his courage during World War II.

In 1941, while serving as a private in a British unit, Pollack was captured in Greece and imprisoned on Corinth. He later succeeded in escaping and joined a group of British officers who helped other prisoners of war escape. Entering Rome with British troops in 1944, Pollack prevented the sabotage of several vital points.

JOHN GARFIELD, NOTED ACTOR, DEAD; WAS SON OF SYNAGOGUE CANTOR

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- John Garfield, one of America's best known actors who was born Julius Garfinkle in New York's lower East Side, died yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 39 years-old. He will be buried tomorrow at the Westchester Hill Jewish cemetery.

Mr. Garfield, who starred in numerous plays and movies, often spoke of the fact that his father was a pants presser in a factory during the week and a cantor in a synagogue on week-ends and Jewish holidays. He was known in Hollywood as an actor with no interest in night clubs, fancy cars or other frills. Once he turned down a studio offer reputed to be \$250,000 a year to go into a Little Theatre production at \$80 a week.