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## GERMANY MAKES NEW OFFER TO ISRAEL; BASIS FOR NEW TALKS SEEN

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- The West German Government has made new preliminary proposals which may offer a basis for the resumption of the Israel-German reparations talks, it was indicated here last night by Dr. George Josephthal, chief Israeli delegate who was summoned home to report to the government. The proposals were made to members of the Israeli delegation in Paris.

Dr. Josephthal said that Israel is now awaiting an official proposal. The Israeli delegation, he declared, is prepared to accept the general framework of the new German offer, but not its particulars. He refused to disclose what these particulars were, but expressed the opinion that the serious stage in the reparations talks has been passed, although not all aspects of the crisis have been ironed out.

Dr. Josephthal denied reports in the press here that Dr. Nahum Goldmann was planning to meet German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. He said that Dr. Goldmann received no letter from Chancellor Adenauer. Commenting on the resignation of Dr. Franz Boehm, head of the German delegation at the reparations talks at The Hague, Dr. Josephthal said that Prof. Boehm's courage deserves the highest commendation.

## German Minister, Opposing Jewish Claim, Rebukes Delegate

FRANKFURT, May 26. (JTA) -- West Germany's Minister of Finance Dr. Fritz Schaeffer, in a radio broadcast today, bitterly criticized Dr. Otto Kuester, deputy head of the German delegation to the reparations talks with Israel, who resigned in protest against the stand taken by the German Government on Israel's claim.

The German Minister, who has been charged with leading the opposition in the Cabinet against paying substantial compensation to Israel, said that Dr. Kuester had misinterpreted his authority. "Instead of taking instructions from the West German Government, Dr. Kuester had tried to give instructions to the Government and even made himself a spokesman for the Jewish delegates at the reparations talks, forgetting his real task," the Finance Minister said.

## ISRAEL ENVOY WILL QUIT GERMANY WITH AMERICAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Israel's consul at Munich, I. Libneh, will quit Germany at the moment the American High Commissioner for Germany, John J. McCloy, leaves the country, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry declared here today.

He also revealed that a report from Consul Libneh made clear that individual claims of Israeli citizens against West Germany for property stolen from them by the Nazis will be honored by the West German Government after it signs the contractual agreement with the Western Powers and achieves sovereignty.

TRUMAN SPEAKS AT J. N. F. DINNER; ACCEPTS SCROLL FOR AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- Harry S. Truman today became the first American President to speak before a Zionist organization when he appeared before a Jewish National Fund dinner marking the completion of Kfar Truman, a village in Israel bearing his name.

A scroll of tribute was presented to Mr. Truman, extolling his "incomparable leadership of the peoples of the earth in the ways of peace, his matchless championship on behalf of the weak and the oppressed throughout the world and his many acts of friendship, in war and in peace, to the people and the Government of Israel." Dr. Harris J. Levine, J. N. F. president, presented the scroll as 1,000 Jewish leaders from all parts of the nation applauded. (Mr. Truman's speech was not yet available when the Bulletin went to press.)

Sharing the dais with Mr. Truman was Vice President Alben W. Barkley, who served as the honorary chairman of the Kfar Truman project. Mr. Barkley praised Israel as the "front line of democracy in the Near East" and said that Israel's economy was linked with American security. He expressed satisfaction that the proposed allocation for Israel under the Mutual Security Act was not reduced by the House despite the "grievous slash in the appropriations made by penny-wise and pound-foolish individuals."

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, addressing the dinner, expressed thanks to the President for his support of Israel. Mr. Eban said Israel's progress in the last four years would have been impossible without America's moral and material aid.

President Chaim Weizmann of Israel, in a message read at the dinner by Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, said that "the memorable support which the State of Israel has received from the President, the Government, Congress and the people of the U. S. A., at every decisive stage in its establishment and recent development will never be forgotten in the annals of our people."

Dr. Harris J. Levine, in making the presentation of the scroll, said Mr. Truman was "the great man of the great moment in history." Mr. Truman, he stated, found a world at the crossroads, wrecked by indecision. "With firm hands, he has lead this country of ours along the road of freedom and peace and resistance to aggression. At the most crucial moment he saved America and the world from the peril of . . . tyranny," he declared. He added that the greatest moment in 2,000 years of Jewish history found in Mr. Truman its "greatest champion."

Dr. Abraham Granott, world chairman of the J. N. F. board of directors, said in a message that "the Jewish people have neither orders nor decorations to bestow but there is no greater sign of their affection and respect than to associate the name of a great friend with the development and future of their age-old country. It is only fitting and proper that President Truman--the first among all the heads of governments in the world who recognized the State of Israel, and one who consistently has encouraged its growth--will through Kfar Truman be associated forever with our land."

ISRAEL'S LAST IMMIGRANT CAMP TO CLOSE; REPLACED BY WORK VILLAGES

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- Israel's last immigrant camp, the one remaining at Pardes Hanna, will be closed some time next month, it was announced here today. In July 1950, Israel had over 100,000 immigrants in such camps, but shortly after began establishing work camps for immigrants and quickly reduced the number of idle immigrants in transit centers. It is estimated that there are now over 227,000 persons in the work villages.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADE ON ISRAEL

LONDON, May 26. (JTA) -- Labor M. P.'s today forced another exchange in Parliament on British policy regarding Israel when Laborite George Jeger demanded to know what the government was doing to force Egypt to permit Haifa-bound tankers through the Suez Canal.

The Laborite caustically commented that the present Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, had "roared like a rabbit for resolute action" when he was a member of the Conservative opposition and had declared that were he Foreign Secretary, which he is now, he would force passage of oil tankers bound for Haifa even if it were necessary to send along a naval escort. Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd insisted that it "would not be correct" for the British Government to take unilateral action on the United Nations Security Council resolution of September 1, 1951 asking Egypt to open the Suez to Israel-bound vessels.

The questioning was picked up by Conservative M. P. Sir Herbert Williams who wanted to know why the government did not exercise its statutory rights in forcing passage of the Canal by British vessels. The reply was that the government is negotiating with Egypt on other matters and this does not seem the proper time to raise the Canal passage issue. This response did not please Emanuel Shinwell, former Labor Minister, who pointed out that the lengthy Anglo-Egyptian negotiations were not likely to conclude for quite a while.

GENERAL ZIONIST LEADER SEES ISRAEL AT NEW ECONOMIC LOW

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- Israel Rokach, Mayor of Tel Aviv and a leader of the General Zionist Party, today told a party rally here that Israel's economic crisis has reached its lowest possible nadir.

A new Finance Minister--who will replace retiring Eliezer Kaplan--must find a way to improve the situation, he declared. He also said that his party was "prepared to give a hand to any logical scheme to improve the economic situation."

Israel's agricultural output must be doubled to meet the requirements of the country's 2,000,000 population. Agricultural Minister Levi Eshkol told an agricultural conference here today. Agricultural Ministry director Haim Gvati told the parley that this year the "cornerstone of the Lowdermilk Project" will be laid in Israel. He said that large areas will be ploughed in the Negev and plantation areas will be increased by 45,000 dunams (11,500 acres) with special emphasis on the rehabilitation of olive trees and abandoned orange groves.

ITALIAN JEWS PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT AGAINST SAUDI ARABIAN BOYCOTT

ROME, May 26. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has protested to the Italian Ministry of Industry against a Saudi Arabian request that all goods exported from Italy to Saudi Arabia be accompanied by a declaration from the Italian Chamber of Commerce stating that the merchandise was manufactured by non-Jewish firms.

The Union pointed out that such a declaration would be in violation of the Italian Constitution, which forbids any mention of race in official documents. A Saudi Arabian legation spokesman said that similar declarations are required from all countries having trade relations with Saudi Arabia. He added that there were many Jews living in the Middle East and holding Italian citizenship who had never been to Italy.

SEN. KEFAUVER URGES U.S. ACTION TO PROMOTE ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Senator Estes Kefauver, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, has urged the United States Government to take a firm stand in the question of bringing about an Arab-Israeli peace.

In a prepared speech read for him last night at a dinner-forum sponsored by The Nation magazine at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Sen. Kefauver said that "the Western world needs both Israel and the Arab world. If there is a price on peace in the Middle East that price must be no less than security."

Israeli Minister David Gotein said that "Israel can flourish in the Middle East." Dr. Clarence E. Pickett, honorary secretary of the American Friends Service Committee and co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, told the guests that Arab-Israeli peace will come in piece-meal fashion. The first and most important step, he said, is the settlement of the Arab refugee property claims in Israel. The second is the permanent settlement of boundaries, and the third step is the resettlement of Palestine Arab refugees, he declared.

SCIENTIFIC MISSION LEAVES FOR ISRAEL; TO WORK, TEACH THERE

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- A scientific mission, headed by Prof. Israel Wechsler, Columbia University neurologist and deputy chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, sailed yesterday for Israel to teach and work with local scientists in laboratories and schools. The scientists will also attend a Hebrew University Medical School symposium on June 8-10.

Beside Prof. Wechsler, the scientists on the mission include: Dr. Ernest Chain, Nobel Prize winner for the co-discovery and development of penicillin; Prof. David Nachmanson, Department of Neurophysiology, Columbia University; Prof. David Rittenberg, Department of Biochemistry, Columbia University; Prof. Louis Fieser, Department of Organic Chemistry, Harvard University; Prof. Severo Ochoa, Department of Pharmacology, New York University; Prof. Harry Grundfest, Columbia University; Prof. Kurt S. Stern, Department of Chemistry, Brooklyn Polytechnic Inst.; J.H. Quastel, Department of Biochemistry, McGill University; and, Prof. Heinrich Wallach, Columbia University.

Dr. Wechsler is also bringing with him a painting of Prof. Albert Einstein by Mikol Schattenstein which he will present to the Hebrew University.

NAHUM GOLDMANN RECEIVED BY SWEDISH PREMIER DURING STOCKHOLM VISIT

STOCKHOLM, May 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, was today received by Swedish Premier Tage Erlande who escorted him through the Swedish Parliament. Dr. Goldmann, and Israeli Minister Avraham Nissan, who accompanied him, expressed appreciation for the Swedish press' sympathetic handling of the Israeli and Jewish reparations claims on Germany. Dr. Goldmann is visiting Sweden as a guest of the Swedish Zionist Federation and the local section of the World Jewish Congress.

PROF. KINSEY SAYS U.S. SEX LAWS PRESERVE "TALMUDIC TRADITION"

CHICAGO, May 26. (JTA) -- Prof. Alfred C. Kinsey, author of "Sex Behavior in the Human Male," criticized American sex laws as impracticable in a speech before the National Probation and Parole Association in which he said that much of our pattern of law regarding sex "merely preserves Talmudic tradition."

SO. AFRICAN GOVT. NOT PURSUING ANTI-JEWISH POLICY, LEADER SAYS

JOHANNESBURG, May 26. (JTA) -- The South African Board of Jewish Deputies took issue with publications abroad which are trying to create the impression that the South African Government is pursuing an anti-Jewish policy. In a statement made by E. J. Horwitz, chairman of the Board's executive council, to the Government newspaper "Die Transvaler" the Board said:

"There have been occasional articles in the oversea press which seem to give the impression that their writers believe that the Government of this country is pursuing a policy of active discrimination against the Jewish community, and that the position of Jews here has become a party political issue. Some of these articles have contained glaring misstatements of facts; and even where such misstatements have not actually occurred, the selection of the facts has sometimes been such that the readers of the publications concerned could not but draw all sorts of incorrect inferences.

"Thus in an article which appeared in the American publication 'Time,' of May 5, which purported to describe the South African scene today, it was stated that 'in the countryside news of Malan's victory sent hooligans on a looting spree directed at Jewish stores.' There is, of course, no truth whatever in this allegation.

"It will be recalled that shortly after the last general election, the Prime Minister assured a deputation of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies that both he and his Government stood for a policy of non-discrimination against any section of the European population of South Africa. The Prime Minister and his Government have scrupulously observed the terms of that pledge. At no time since the Government has come into office has there been any evidence of discrimination against the Jewish community.

"I do not wish to imply, on the other hand, that South Africa is entirely free from all manifestations of anti-Semitic prejudice. In recent months there has been a marked increase in the distribution of anti-Semitic material. Parliament has also recently been the scene of some unfriendly references to Jews. Moreover, the Nationalist press has from time to time published items which have deeply offended the Jewish community.

"I fully recognize that we are living at a time when feelings are running high as a result of the controversy in regard to the Constitution. The controversy has undoubtedly had an adverse effect on race relations in this country. In common with all other South African citizens, Jews share in the disquiet which flows from the grave problems which are before the country today. But I reject any suggestion that the position of the Jewish community today has become a party political issue, and any report which leads to that inference is incorrect and misleading."

COSTA RICAN GOVT. CANCELS PERMIT FOR ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATION

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- Government officials today received word that the Costa Rican Government cancelled a permit for an outdoor anti-Semitic demonstration scheduled for yesterday in San Jose by an extreme right-wing group known as the Costa Rican Patriotic Union. The government refused to allow the group to parade and announced that it would have to hold any gathering inside a meeting hall.

A spokesman for the Costa Rican embassy described the "Patriotic Union" as a group of little significance and said anti-Semitism was virtually non-existent in Costa Rica. The demonstration was to have been in support of a proposed law for the nationalization of commerce. Actually, the measure and the demonstration were viewed by informed sources as directed against recent Jewish immigrants. The "Patriotic Union" charges that Jewish refugees admitted to Costa Rica as agricultural workers turned to commerce and gained dominant positions.

