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## ISRAEL NEGOTIATED WITH JORDAN FOR EXCHANGE OF NO MAN'S LAND AREAS

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is "greatly surprised" by the statement in Amman yesterday by Jordan Premier Tewfik Abdul Houda that "Jordan is not prepared to hand over certain areas to Israel," a Foreign Ministry spokesman told newsmen today.

There never were any negotiations calling for Jordan to "hand over" any areas to the Jewish State, the spokesman said. He pointed out that all that has taken place has been a series of conversations pertaining to the exchange of no man's land areas, in order to eliminate friction such as led to shootings in the Latrun region recently. These talks went on in normal fashion as late as last week, the Israeli spokesman reported, adding that it is surprising that the Jordan Premier "needed to use such anti-Jewish language for internal purposes."

Asked whether Premier Abdul Houda's statement would affect further Israel-Jordan talks, the Israeli spokesman said: "It depends on Jordan. We are always ready to negotiate for the benefit of both sides and to secure peace in both countries."

## ISRAELI CLAIMS ON GERMANY IN SEPARATE CLASS, GERMAN NEGOTIATOR SAYS

LONDON, June 1. (JTA) -- Insofar as claims against Germany are concerned Israel is in a category of its own, Hermann Abs, head of the Bonn delegation to the international conference here on Germany's debts, told the Jewish Chronicle this week-end before departing for the West German capital.

Herr Abs, one of the important German leaders standing in the way of a satisfactory West German offer to the Israel Government, declared that he is willing to admit that whatever settlement is accepted by Israel should be paid out in a shorter time than Germany's commercial debts are paid, although he reiterated his view that Israel's claim should not receive priority over those of other nations. He added that there is a moral and "even sacrosanct aspect to this issue."

(The New York Times reported from Bonn today that Herr Abs had offered the Israelis a deal whereby the Jewish State would accept a program of "initial restitution" calling for the delivery of about \$71,430,000 worth of goods, but would agree to negotiate the settlement of the overall claims at a later time. The Israelis refused, according to the Times.)

The Jewish Observer reported that German proposals last week to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, in Paris were of a very different calibre from the offer by Abs. It was said that Prof. Franz Boehm reportedly "informed Dr. Goldmann that the Federal German Government accepted in principle the contention that Israel was entitled to claim \$750,000,000 in reparations." Boehm was also reported to have stated that the payment to Israel could be made in a period of eight years, if the reparations were to be in the form of goods.

ISRAEL COMMUNIST PARLEY DISCUSSES ESTABLISHMENT OF "POPULAR REPUBLIC"

TEL AVIV, June 1. (JTA) -- Delegates at the 12th convention of the Israel Communist Party this week-end debated behind closed doors a program proposed by Shmuel Mikunis, general secretary of the party, which called for the establishment of a "popular republic" in Israel.

In a three-hour address to the delegates Friday at a session which was open to the press, Mr. Mikunis outlined the program for a "popular republic," called for nationalization of all foreign concessions and the formation of a popular militia. The Communist leader also attacked the Mapam for sponsoring and approving the idea of a legal status for the Jewish Agency in Israel, and declared that behind the status is "the State Department."

Mr. Mikunis protested Israeli Government "discrimination against the Arab minority" and demanded an end to the military occupation of Arab areas of this country. He stressed the importance of the Middle East area to the Western Powers "in preparing war against the peace-loving bloc" and called on Israeli workers to "stand up against the government's intention to sell Israel to American imperialism."

Meir Wilner, Communist deputy in the Knesset and a prominent figure in the party, urged the workers in Israel to fight against the "hunger regime" of Premier David Ben Gurion. He also charged that the Ben Gurion Government was taking orders from the Western Powers against the "peace-loving bloc." Mr. Wilner stated flatly that Israeli workers would not participate in any actions against the "peace-loving bloc."

More than 25 percent of the delegates to the convention are Arabs, mostly from the Nazareth area. A delegation from the Mapam, headed by Dr. Moshe Sneh, attended the first session of the convention and was warmly greeted by the delegates, despite the fact that the "rightist trend within the Mapam" was later attacked by many of the Communists.

ANA PAUKER REMOVED FROM RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO

TEL AVIV, June 1. (JTA) -- The removal of Ana Pauker, Rumanian Foreign Minister, from the Politburo of the Rumanian Communist Party means that the extremist trend within the party has gained the upper hand over the moderates led by Mrs. Pauker, according to news arriving here from Bucharest. The same sources predict Mrs. Pauker's resignation from her government post within a matter of days.

Mrs. Pauker, a Jew, has been considered the second most important Communist leader in the country. She is a long-time friend of Premier Stalin.

HISTADRUT PLANS TO SHIFT UNEMPLOYED WORKERS TO AGRICULTURE

TEL AVIV, June 1. (JTA) -- The Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, decided today to divert unemployed persons in Israel from urban areas to agricultural development projects. One plan calls for encouragement of unemployed Israelis to find employment in irrigation projects now under way in the Negev.

(The London Daily Express reported today in a dispatch from Tel Aviv that the Israel Government has discharged 1,007 employees "for reasons of economy.")

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**HUNGARIAN POLICE INVESTIGATING DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS**

LONDON, June 1. (JTA) -- Hungarian state police are studying anti-Semitic leaflets being distributed among workers of the Cespel plant, near Budapest, one of the largest industrial centers in the country, according to reports reaching here from the Hungarian capital.

The leaflets allege that the Hungarian Government is controlled by Jews and describe the State Security Police as a "playground for unemployed Jewish boys." The Hungarian police are said to have received anonymous letters stating that the leaflets were printed by Russian agents. Although 150 workers at the Cespel plant have been questioned, it is reported, police are still unable to track down those who distributed the leaflets.

**ITALY WILL NOT LABEL GOODS IN DISCRIMINATORY MANNER, SAUDI ARABIA TOLD**

ROME, June 1. (JTA) -- Pietro Campilli, Minister for Industry and Trade, has informed the Saudi Arabian Government that the Italian Chamber of Commerce will not comply with a Saudi Arabian request that all goods shipped from Italy to the Arab state carry a statement to the effect that only non-Jewish firms were involved in their manufacture.

The Italian Minister stated that the Italian Constitution does not permit racial discrimination and subsequently the Saudi Arabian request could not be complied with. He acted after a protest by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities pointing out that compliance with the request would violate the Constitution.

**FRENCH ASSEMBLY EXPECTED TO APPROVE AMNESTY FOR COLLABORATORS**

PARIS, June 1. (JTA) -- The expected approval by the French National Assembly's judicial review committee of a general amnesty law introduced last December would pave the way for 3,000 Nazi collaborators still interned in French jails to obtain their freedom, it was learned here today.

If the measure is approved, the majority of the collaborators will be enabled to resume their political activities. It is believed here that the measure will win Assembly approval, since only the Socialists and Communists appear to oppose it. Of the 100,000 Nazi collaborators convicted after the war, only 3,000 still remain imprisoned.

**HIGH PRICE OF KOSHER MEAT TO BE INVESTIGATED IN BRITAIN**

GLASGOW, June 1. (JTA) -- The high price of kosher meat in Britain--which is a sore point with Jewish housewives--will be fully investigated by the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council, it was reported today. Following several prosecutions of Jewish butchers by the Ministry of Food for price overcharges, the Council threatened to suspend Kosher meat licenses for repeated convictions.

The question of Jewish ritual slaughter, which in recent weeks has been made a public issue by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, has produced a large number of letters in the weekly Picture Post, Britain's equivalent of Life magazine. Most of the letter writers oppose ritual slaughter and many demand a petition to the Home Secretary on the subject while others suggest a law banning the traditional Jewish method of slaughter.

SENATE-HOUSE CONFEREES MAY RESTORE SENATE CUTS IN ISRAEL AID

WASHINGTON, June 1. (JTA) -- Senate-House conferees may restore a portion or all of the reductions made by the Senate in the allocation for Israel contained in the Mutual Security bill passed this week-and by the Senate to authorize aid for free nations, it was stated here today.

The Senate approved the bill after voting a reduction of \$200,000,000, representing an across-the-board cut which reduced the final Senate figure for Israel to \$64,456,000. This sum represented aid for Jewish refugees in Israel while an additional amount in technical assistance, between two and three million dollars, was also provided in funds covering technical help for the Near East. A previous cut by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee reduced the \$76,000,000 asked by the Administration for Jewish refugees to \$66,380,000. The House did not touch the \$76,000,000 figure when it passed its version of the M.S.A. bill.

Rep. Lawrence H. Smith, of Wisconsin, in remarks to the House of Representatives, has called attention to an article in the June issue of "Reader's Digest," which complains that "the Arabs don't love us anymore" because of America's friendly attitude toward Israel. Rep. Smith complained of "an insistent and rather biased policy" practiced by this country against the Arab states.

53RD ANNUAL JEWISH SOCIAL COMMUNAL SERVICE CONVENTION OPENS

CHICAGO, June 1. (JTA) -- More than 800 Jewish social workers, center workers and educators from some 300 communities gathered here today for the 53rd national conference of Jewish Communal Service. The sessions will be held through June 5th.

The conference theme, set by President Martin M. Cohn, who is also executive director of the Jewish Federation of Minneapolis, is to determine "how the American Jewish Community can fulfill its heavy responsibilities of world leadership and the provision of financial support for communal services abroad, throughout the nation, and in local communities. Strong local community organization, based on strong local community and welfare services is the key to this conference and to the problem itself," Mr. Cohn stated. "In common with all social work, Jewish communal services require the development of highly competent, professional personnel and the strengthening of local services based on a farsighted appraisal of human needs."

Concurrent annual meetings of the National Council for Jewish Education and of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers are also being held at the conference.

ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN IN COSTA RICA ALARMS JEWISH COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Costa Rica is concerned over a virulent anti-Jewish campaign carried on through advertisements in the press, by anti-Jewish slogans and by a few acts of violence, the New York Times reports today in a dispatch from San Jose, Costa Rica. The dispatch says that the campaign has developed since last Rosh Hashanah.

It reports that the President, who is all-powerful in the country, has refused to take a hand in squelching the Junta Patriotica which is officially behind the program. Those supporting the anti-Jewish campaign point out that earlier statements by President Otilio Ulate Blanco supported their propaganda against the Jews and, adds the Times, "nothing the President has said since has indicated any change in these views." The Jews in Costa Rica number about 2,500, most of whom came from Poland.

CANADIAN LABOR GROUP URGES GOVERNMENT TO ENACT FEPC LEGISLATION

OTTAWA, June 1. (JTA) -- A delegation of leaders of the Canadian Congress of Labor has called on Canadian Government officials to press for the establishment of a fair employment practices act to give protection to workers who have been denied employment or otherwise been discriminated against because of race, creed, color, ancestry or origin.

The delegation specifically urged the government to cancel contracts it had awarded to employers who discriminate in the hiring of labor. The delegation was headed by Donald MacDonald and R. J. Lamoureux, secretary-treasurer of the trade union organization and chairman of its national committee on racial tolerance, respectively. It also included Kalmen Kaplansky, director of the Jewish Labor Committee.

HIAS APPEALS TO TRUMAN TO VETO MCCARRAN IMMIGRATION BILL

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society today sent a telegram to President Truman asking him to veto the McCarran Omnibus Immigration Bill when it reaches the White House. In the message, Ben Touster, president of the HIAS, pointed out that the leaders of HIAS deemed the McCarran Bill, "discriminatory, restrictive and contrary to the principles upon which our country was founded."

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY OFFERS MORE COURSES IN MODERN HEBREW

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- Columbia University has expanded its curriculum offerings in the field of modern Hebrew, it was announced here this week-end by Louis M. Hacker, dean of the School of General Studies, who reported that a gift from the Louis M. Rabinowitz Foundation has made possible the addition of courses and the inclusion of modern Hebrew as an acceptable required language in the University's undergraduate school for adults.

The School of General Studies will offer the following undergraduate courses during the 1952-53 academic year in modern Hebrew: Elementary Modern Hebrew; Intermediate Modern Hebrew; and the Literature of Modern Hebrew. These courses augment the program of graduate work in the Center of Israeli Studies, established in 1950, which offers more than 25 courses in the economics, history, literature and language of Israel.

NEW YORK JEWISH PIANIST WINS FIRST PRIZE IN BELGIAN MUSIC CONTEST

BRUSSELS, June 1. (JTA) -- Leon Fleisher, 24-year-old New York Jewish pianist, and winner in the final tests of the Queen Elizabeth of Belgium international music competition here this week end, will visit Israel in July, he said today. The youth won the \$3,000 first prize in the contest held in the great concert hall of the Palace of Fine Arts, in the presence of the Dowager Queen Elizabeth. Seventy-five pianists from 20 countries had originally entered the competition.

BRITISH WAR HERO APPOINTED AIR ATTACHE AT TEL AVIV LEGATION

LONDON, June 1. (JTA) -- Wing Commander H. B. ("Mickey") Martin, one of the famed British fliers of World War II, has been appointed air attache to the British legation in Israel, it was reported here. He will leave with his family for Tel Aviv within a few days.

ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO PUBLISH WORKS OF LATE JACOB DE HAAN

AMSTERDAM, June 1. (JTA) -- An organization commemorating the late Dutch Jewish lawyer, poet and author, Dr. Jacob Israel de Haan, who was murdered in Jerusalem in 1924, has been founded here and will publish the works of de Haan.