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## SAUDI ARABIA LIFTS BOYCOTT AGAINST AMERICAN JEWISH FIRMS

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- The Saudi Arabian Government has modified a decree barring importers from doing business with Jewish firms to remove the discrimination against American firms owned by Jews, the State Department disclosed today, following intervention by the United States here and in Saudi Arabia.

In a letter to Sen. Herbert H. Lehman who had called the Department's attention to the Saudi Arabian Government's discriminatory tactics and interference with free trade, Assistant Secretary of State Jack McFall said today that action had been taken "regarding Saudi Arabian trade discrimination against Jewish firms in the United States." He said that "as you know, this action and its possible repercussions in this country were matters of real concern to this Department."

Mr. McFall revealed that "several frank but friendly discussions were held with the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington and by our ambassador in Saudi Arabia with appropriate high authorities there. I am now happy to be able to report to you that these efforts have been successful and the broad restrictive Saudi Arabian decree has been superseded as of April 4, 1952."

## SATISFACTORY GERMAN OFFER ON ISRAEL CLAIMS EXPECTED SOON

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- A German offer which would meet Israel requirements and permit resumption of reparations talks between Israel and the West German Republic is expected soon, Dr. P. Shennar, member of the Israeli delegation to the parleys at The Hague, said on his arrival here today. Dr. Shennar, financial expert for the Foreign Ministry, arrived here for consultations.

In view of the firm position taken by Israel and as a result of the resignation of the two principal members of the German negotiating mission, Dr. Shennar said, there is now hope that the Germans will come forward with a reasonable offer.

Premier David Ben Gurion told the Israel Cabinet yesterday that the basis for renewal of the German-Israel reparation talks has not yet been established. The Premier also reported on the status of new grant-in-aid measures in the United States and on plans for their realization as soon as the United States Congress has enacted them. The Cabinet voted to re-examine the current budget in view of higher prices and increased labor costs and cost of living.

(The Times of London reported today that Hermann Abs, head of the West German delegation to the London conference on Germany's external debts, would return to London this week with a new offer for settlement of Germany's commercial debts. The paper, in a dispatch from Bonn, quoted Dr. Abs as expressing belief that a chance exists "of both foreign debts and Israeli claims being settled satisfactorily.")

ISRAEL GETS PRIVATE CREDITS FOR PURCHASE OF OIL SUPPLIES

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Israel's oil requirements have been covered by credits obtained from private sources following the failure of the British Government to extend a five million pound credit to Israel to finance its oil purchases, David Horowitz, Director-General of the Israel Finance Ministry, disclosed on his return from London today.

Mr. Horowitz, who declined to state for just how long these private credits assured Israel's oil supply, said that there had been no discussion with the British authorities on new credit talks.

KNESSET EXTENDS SPRINZAK'S TERM AS ACTING PRESIDENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today unanimously prolonged until September 5 the position of Josef Sprinzak as Acting President of Israel. Mr. Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesseth, was named acting president because of the continued illness of President Chaim Weizmann.

Acting Speaker Benjamin Mintz, announcing the Knesset decision, extended that body's wishes to Dr. Weizmann for his speedy recovery and to Mr. Sprinzak for the successful completion of his tasks.

The Knesset will soon receive the Government's proposed oil prospecting law and the draft of a new law for "crimes against the State," Dr. Haim Cohen, Attorney General, disclosed today. He said the Ministry of Justice was also preparing the draft of an extradition agreement.

ISRAELI COMMUNISTS HIT GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICY, HISTADRUT PACT

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Resolutions protesting the dismissal of workers as a result of the stringent new economic policy of the Israel Government and the cost of living allowances agreement reached last week between the Histadrut, the Israeli labor federation, and the Israeli Manufacturers Association, were adopted here last night at the conclusion of the 12th convention of the Communist Party of Israel.

Shmuel Mikunis, who was re-elected general secretary of the party, told the closing session that an Israeli "popular democracy" would "cancel all territorial acquisitions Israel has made outside the borders decided by the United Nations." He added that such a government "will support establishment of a democratic Arab state in Palestine and will recognize the right of Arab refugees to their homeland and to the restoration of property and land which has been taken from them."

ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH LEGATION IN BULGARIA

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Israel will establish a legation in Sofia, Bulgaria, within the next few weeks, a Foreign Ministry spokesman disclosed here today. Gershon Avner, of the Foreign Ministry, will serve as Israel's charge d'affaires there.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY TEACHERS STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- One hundred and fifty members of the academic staff of the Hebrew University went on strike today for higher salaries. A member of their committee said that the strike was to protest unbearably low salaries which prevent starvation but were not adequate to provide a living. Prof. Benzion Dinaberg, the Minister of Education, intervened in the strike tonight with compromise proposals which were being studied.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE REPORTS ON NEO-NAZI TREND IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Neo-Nazism has continued to rise significantly in Germany during the past year, posing a serious danger to the Western democracies, it was reported today by the American Jewish Committee on the basis of the latest survey prepared by its European headquarters in Paris.

The new survey noted the following trends: 1. The systematic attempt to develop a neo-Nazi philosophy palatable to German public opinion and able to help return to power men holding this philosophy; 2. The German public's receptivity to certain ideas of neo-Nazism as measured in polls taken by the U. S. High Commissioner's office; 3. A gradual return of military men to the public scene through the growth of veterans organizations; 4. While professing a neutralist "line" between East and West, a monthly magazine not yet two years old, "Nation Europa," is actually promoting the German neo-Nazi philosophy with articles from anti-Semites and others who participated in or helped the Nazi movement.

The American Jewish Committee report states that this publication is being used for "the gradual shaping, clarification, and sharpening of a neo-Nazi philosophy to suit the conditions of the post-war world and to promote Hitler-like ideas and programs under a guise more likely to make progress in present day circumstances."

EAST BERLIN PAPER CHARGES GERMAN CONSUL IN U. S. WAS NAZI

BERLIN, June 2. (JTA) -- Gerhard Stahlberg, West German consul in San Francisco, was an active participant in the Nazi campaign to annihilate the Jews of Europe, "Democratic German," a newspaper published in East Berlin, charged today.

The publication stated that on December 11, 1941, Stahlberg, who was then employed in the legal department of the Nazi Foreign Office, drafted and signed a memo random dealing with the treatment of German Jews throughout Nazi-occupied Europe and of foreign Jews living in Germany. According to "Democratic German," Stahlberg also suggested in his memorandum that the satellite states of Germany conclude a collective agreement excluding their Jewish citizens from all rights and privileges of citizens.

JEWISH BUSINESSMEN IN GERMANY SET UP CO-ORDINATING GROUP

DUSSELDORF, June 2. (JTA) -- The setting up of a committee of Jewish merchants to represent Jewish businessmen in all matters affecting their businesses was voted at a meeting here of the economic committee of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

NEW CHIEF RABBI NAMED FOR GERMAN PROVINCE, HELD AMSTERDAM MINISTRY

AMSTERDAM, June 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi R. Geis, Minister of a Liberal congregation in this city, has been appointed Chief Rabbi of Karlsruhe and the Southwest Province in which it is located. The 46-year-old rabbi was born in Frankfurt, studied in Berlin and Cologne and formerly held ministries Munich, Mannheim and Kassel.

CZECHS ARREST PRESIDENT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY OF PRAGUE

PARIS, June 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Wilhelm Bechler, 70-year-old president of the Prague Jewish Community, has been arrested by the Communist authorities on charges of being a "Trotzkite Zionist" and of having misappropriated communal funds; it was reported here today from the Czechoslovak capital.

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AMONG JEWS IN POLAND LAGGING

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- The Polish Communist Party's propaganda campaign among Polish Jews has been only partly successful to date, it was revealed at a conference in Warsaw of the Communist-dominated Cultural Association of Polish Jews.

This development was reported to the conference by Dr. D. Sfar, president of the association, who called for intensification of the propaganda drive, according to dispatches just received here from Poland. Various officials reported to the conference on measures undertaken by Jewish party workers to bring Communist principles to each Jew in Poland. One speaker disclosed that in Silesia a total of 300 Jewish Communist activists visited 2,500 Jewish homes in the last few months. Similar campaigns are being planned in Lodz and other Jewish centers in the country.

W.J.C. AIDE ASKS ARGENTINA TO BAN FORD'S ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK

BUENOS AIRES, June 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Arie Tartakower, delegate of the World Jewish Congress, has appealed to the Argentine authorities to withdraw from circulation and sale all copies of Henry Ford's anti-Semitic book, "The International Jew," it was learned here today. He was informed that the question would be studied.

During a visit to the Foreign Ministry, where he was accompanied by Dr. Ricardo Dubrowsky, president of the DAIA, Dr. Tartakower asked that the United Nations Genocide Convention, which Argentina has signed, be ratified. He was assured that ratification was only a matter of time.

COMMUNITY NEEDS FLEXIBLE STRUCTURE, GOLDSMITH DECLARES

CHICAGO, June 2. (JTA) -- Addressing the 53rd national conference of Jewish Communal Service here, Dr. Ira Eisenstein of the American Society for Judaism called for the establishment of community organizations "to serve the needs which Jews experience as a result of being Jews."

He described these needs as including fellowship, status, tradition, education and religious guidance and protection. The Jewish community, he said, must have mutual responsibility, diversity, constitutionalism and voluntarism.

Dr. Samuel A. Goldsmith, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Chicago, told the session that 80 percent of the Jews of America live in 20 large communities "where a constant accommodation of forces is required." He warned that "if, out of a yearning for traditional Judaism, we should impose a structure on our communities which have flowered here in America, we will find ourselves in a jungle. Flexibility always has been and is today the highest form of community organization. If once we are committed to a particular central fund, or a particular ideal, disregarding all others, we will find out the Jewish community has become a totalitarian state."

In his presidential report, Emanuel Berlatsky, president of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers, declared that the race between salaries paid workers in non-profit enterprises and the rising cost of living has been disheartening. He said there was a greatly accelerated demand for trained professional workers in the Jewish community field and reported that the shortage of qualified workers had become "critical."

HARRIMAN FOR FEDERAL F.E.P.C. TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION

DENVER, June 2. (JTA) -- Continued American economic assistance to the State of Israel was advocated here by W. Averill Harriman, Mutual Security Administrator and aspirant for the Democratic presidential nomination, in an interview in the current issue of the Intermountain Jewish News.

Mr. Harriman denounced the McCarran immigration bill as "unfortunate." He called for a determined fight to eliminate prejudice and discrimination because "we cannot be the leader of democracy in the world unless we practice it at home." Congress should pass the "appropriate legislation," Mr. Harriman said, although an F.E.P.C. law is "not the final answer."

SCHREIBER, NAZI DOCTOR, LEAVES UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter P. Schreiber, ex-Nazi general accused of complicity in war crimes, has left the United States. This was made known today in a communication received by Rep. Jacob K. Javits from Col. K. R. Krebs of the Department of Defense. His destination was not disclosed.

Schreiber, who was employed until early this year by the Government at the U.S. Air Force School of Aviation-Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, has a record of involvement in Nazi medical atrocities and was mentioned at the Nuremberg trials. The Government refused to renew his contract after nation-wide protests complained against his employment. The German doctor remained in the United States, however, and sought other employment. Demands for his deportation were made by members of Congress and a number of organizations.

DR. LOUIS KAPLAN NAMED MARYLAND UNIVERSITY REGENT

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 2. (JTA) -- Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, of Maryland today announced the appointment of Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, dean of the Baltimore Hebrew College and Teachers Training School, as a University of Maryland regent.

JEWISH ARTIST TAKES FIRST PRIZE IN CUBAN ART SHOW

HAVANA, June 2. (JTA) -- First prize in the annual exhibition of painting and sculpture held by the Circle of Fine Arts here, was won by Simcha Glazer, well-known Cuban-Jewish painter. Mr. Glazer's landscape, "Nature at Rest," won critical acclaim and the award. More than 100 artists competed in the exhibition.

SERVICES HELD FOR LOUIS S. BOUDIN, FORMER ORT LEADER

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Louis B. Boudin, prominent labor lawyer and authority on constitutional law who was for 15 years chairman of the board of the American ORT. Mr. Boudin, who was 78, had been ill for a long time. He edited the ORT Economic Review for many years and also served on the central board of the World ORT.

Mr. Boudin retired from the chairmanship of the ORT in 1948 because of ill-health but continued active in the organization's work for another year. He was widely known as a writer on legal, economic and political subjects and was the author of a two-volume study, "Government by Judiciary."