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GERMAN OFFER WILL DECIDE FATE OF CLAIMS TALKS, GOLDMANN DECLARES

NEW YORK, June 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, said today that the situation with regard to negotiations with Germany was "still unclear." He pointed out that the Government of Israel had decided to resume formal negotiations only when there would be an indication of a German offer which could serve as the basis for a settlement and noted that the material claims conference had identified itself with this position.

Dr. Goldmann said that "in unofficial talks which I have had while in Europe, some suggestions were made on behalf of the Germans which, with some modifications, could serve as the basis for resuming the official negotiations. However, these suggestions did not yet represent a formal offer on behalf of the German Government. In the talks which I had with the German Chancellor in Paris last week, he explained that his Government had not yet reached a decision primarily because of preoccupation with the negotiations with the Western Allies in preparation for the new contractual agreements signed ten days ago.

"The Chancellor promised that once these negotiations are completed, his Cabinet will be free to deal with the offer to be made to Israel and to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Such new offer is expected in the very near future. Only when this offer will have been made will it be possible for the Government of Israel and the Conference to decide whether, and when the formal negotiations should be resumed. Predictions and prophecies on what the Germans may offer are premature, and I fully agree with Mr. Sharett's statement that there is no reason to be either pessimistic or optimistic. I am hopeful that a concrete German offer will soon be forthcoming, thus clarifying the situation."

Germans Reported Drafting New Proposals

LONDON, June 4. (JTA) -- The Germans are now drafting new proposals to be submitted to Israel to meet the Jewish State's reparation claims, it was reported here today by sources close to the Israel reparations delegation. These sources said that after receipt of these proposals it would have to be decided whether they offered a satisfactory basis for renewing negotiations. They stressed the recent statement by Premier David Ben Gurion that there was as yet no basis for renewing the talks.

A member of the Israel delegation recently visited The Hague but it was stated here that his visit was to ensure that quarters would be available if and when the talks are eventually resumed. It was stressed that there was no intention of holding the talks anywhere else but at Wassenaar.

HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE AGREES ON \$70, 000, 000 FOR ISRAEL AID

WASHINGTON, June 4. (JTA) -- Israel will receive \$70, 228, 000 for the relief and rehabilitation of Jewish refugees in the compromise of the Mutual Security Aid Bill approved by the Senate-House conference. In addition, Israel will receive \$2, 772, 000 in technical assistance.

The compromise restored half of the difference between the Senate and House allocations for Israel. The House had retained the full amount of \$76, 000, 000 recommended by the Administration, but the Senate had slashed this amount to \$64, 456, 000 in general across-the-board cuts. Both Houses are expected to approve the compromise.

Communal Support Assumed in Mutual Security Program, Javits Declares

NEW YORK, June 4. (JTA) -- Inclusion of Israel in the Mutual Security program involves reliance by the United States on support by the American Jewish community enabling Israel "to deal with its very difficult problems and to secure its independence," Rep. Jacob K. Javits told the annual donor luncheon of the Mizrahi Women's Organization here today. The American Jewish community, he said, "must assume the need for extraordinary assistance for Israel alone in the magnitude of \$100, 000, 000 a year for a period of another five years," in addition to basic investment in Israel's industry and agriculture through the bond drive.

DAVID HOROWITZ RESIGNS ISRAELI FINANCE MINISTRY POST

TEL AVIV, June 4. (JTA) -- The resignation of David Horowitz as Director General of the Israel Finance Ministry was announced here today. Mr. Horowitz will remain at his post until the appointment of the new Minister of Finance to succeed Eliezer Kaplan who recently resigned because of continued ill-health. Mr. Horowitz will also retain his post as economic advisor to the Government.

Mr. Horowitz' resignation followed his return from London where he had attempted unsuccessfully to obtain a five million pound credit from the British Government to finance Israel's oil imports for the year. He reported, however, that he had arranged private credits which would assure Israel's oil supply for some time.

ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL IMPROVE IN TWO YEARS, JOSEPH SAYS

TEL AVIV, June 4. (JTA) -- Israel's economic situation will improve greatly within the next two years, Minister of Trade and Industry Dov Joseph said here today

He reported prospects of early progress toward economic independence for Israel, pointing out several developments which are expected to yield Israel foreign currency or save the expenditure of dollars. One such example, he said, is the factory producing fertilizer from phosphates in the Negev, which is expected to save the Jewish State an outlay of \$8, 000, 000 next year. He also reported government plans for expanding Israel's export trade.

Speaking of the reception he received in the United States during his recent visit there, Mr. Joseph declared that he had been "greatly encouraged" by the friendliness of the American officials he met and by the hopeful attitude of American Jews.

SYRIAN RADIO TO TELL "TRUTH" TO ISRAELIS IN HEBREW BROADCASTS

TEL AVIV, June 4. (JTA) -- The Syrian Radio will begin a program of news broadcasts in Hebrew, the Damascus station announced today, to "tell the truth about happenings in the Middle East" to the Jews of Israel.

## ISRAEL ARMY PREPARING FOR NEW LARGE-SCALE MANEUVERS

TEL AVIV, June 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Army of Defense is now preparing for new large-scale maneuvers to be held in the near future, Brig. Yigal Yadin, its Chief of Staff, disclosed today. Addressing a passing-out parade of graduates of the Army's officers training course, Brig. Yadin told the newly-commissioned officers that the Army faced a number of important peace-time tasks including training for land settlement, patrol of the frontiers and prevention of marauding. The Army chief praised the high standard reached by the graduates.

## FAILURE OF FRONTIER TALKS WITH JORDAN SEEN AS BLOW TO ISRAEL

LONDON, June 4. (JTA) -- The failure of the Israel-Jordan talks on ratification of the frontier is a blow to Israeli hopes of persuading other Arab states to enter into direct negotiations, the Times of London reported from Tel Aviv.

The dispatch stated that Israel had hoped that completion of an agreement with Amman would convince Syria to enter into direct negotiations on mutual frontier problems. By these talks Israel had expected to convince the Arab states of the advantages of direct negotiation over third-party mediation. To these ends, Israel had made what she believed to be important concessions in order to assure the success of the negotiations, the Times correspondent said.

Throughout, the talks were of an informal character and a complete agreement had been reached between the delegates of the two nations on territorial exchanges which were "roughly on a dunam for dunam basis" when the Jordan Premier, Tewfik Abdul Houda, turned thumbs down in a public statement Saturday. The Times concluded that "Israel would naturally have profited considerably by obtaining the use of the Latrun section of the main road from Jerusalem to the coast and by the restoration of its source of water to the potash works at Sdom; but the Arabs, too, would have benefited immeasurably by the reunion of villages and land separated as a result of the Rhodes decision on the frontier, and both sides would have gained from the removal of serious causes of frontier incidents."

## MOTHER GETS ONE YEAR SENTENCE IN ISRAEL'S FIRST MERCY KILLING

TEL AVIV, June 4. (JTA) -- Gerda Weinstein, 29-year-old mother, who killed her five-year-old deaf and incurably crippled son, has been sentenced to one year in prison. The case, Israel's first mercy killing, aroused interest throughout the country.

The judge in district court here, imposing the sentence, said that the light sentence was occasioned by the fact that there is no institution in Israel for the care of such handicapped children. The prosecution had contended that after a doctor had told the mother that there was no hope for the child she took it to the seashore and drowned it.

## PROF. EINSTEIN HAILS NEW MEDICAL CENTER IN JERUSALEM.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 4. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein said today that the new Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem "is of great significance to Israel itself, its relation to the neighboring countries and the status of Jews everywhere." He accepted a special scroll, presented by a delegation representing Hadassah and the American Friends of the Hebrew University, marking the breaking of ground in Jerusalem tomorrow for the \$10,000,000 project. The noted scientist's name will be incised on the "Wall of Healing," a feature of the new center.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO PRESS FIGHT AGAINST SAUDI ARABIAN BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, June 4. (JTA) -- The State Department's action in securing modification of Saudi Arabia's ban on trading with Jews was praised today but it was pointed out that the problem of the boycott remains for Jews of other lands and even for American citizens whose firms are represented in Israel.

Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, World Jewish Congress consultant to the United Nations, said today that the congress would continue to press for a hearing in the U. N. Economic and Social Council on the Saudi Arabian policy which he charged was in "direct violation" of the U. N. Charter.

While praising the State Department for acting to secure a removal of the boycott as it affected American Jews, Dr. Perlzweig warned that "the problems created by the Saudi Arabian boycott are still very far from being solved." The situation "remains unchanged so far as Jews of British, Italian or other nationalities are concerned," he said, charging that the Saudi Arabian decrees have "no commercial or economic justification," are "clearly and deliberately designed to serve political purposes," and have in effect "resulted in the export of discrimination to other countries."

The Saudi Arabian delegation to the United Nations, Dr. Perlzweig asserted, has for the past two weeks succeeded in blocking the efforts of the World Jewish Congress to secure a review of the discriminatory decree in the U. N.'s Economic and Social Council. The congress seeks review of the boycott as a violation of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter, which oblige the U. N. and its member governments to promote universal observance of human rights and freedoms, without discrimination as to race, sex, language or religion.

JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS BRITAIN TO RATIFY GENOCIDE CONVENTION

LONDON, June 4. (JTA) -- The executive of the World Jewish Congress today called upon the British Government to move in Parliament for ratification of the United Nations Convention on Genocide. In a letter to Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd, A. L. Easterman, political director of the congress, noted that "it has been some time since our appointment to us that the British Government should for so long a time after adoption of the convention not have seen their way clear to recommend to Parliament the ratification of this most important international instrument designed to protect groups against such crimes as mass annihilation which the German Nazi regime committed against Jews and other groups in Europe."

The letter recalled the historic scene in Parliament in 1942 when Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden informed the House of the massacre of Jews by the Nazis and pledged the Allied Powers to punish the crime, and declared that Parliament would not find any difficulty in accepting a Government recommendation to ratify the convention.

J. D. C. SPENT \$10,000,000 ON REFUGEE AID IN AUSTRIA SINCE 1945

VIENNA, June 4. (JTA) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee has spent more than \$10,000,000 in Austria since resumption of its operations here following World War II, Harold Trobe, retiring director of the J. D. C. here, said today. The Jewish refugees in Austria, who reached the total of 200,000, now number 4,000, of whom 1,500 still require support, he said.

Mr. Trobe was the guest at a farewell party given by the Vienna Jewish Community prior to his departure for Geneva where he will become associate director of the International Social Service. United States High Commissioner Walter J. Donnelly attended the affair at which Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the community, spoke in praise of Mr. Trobe's services and made a presentation to him.

JEWISH LIFE WILL WITHER UNLESS IT CENTERS ON JUDAISM, SILVER WARNS

CHICAGO, June 4. (JTA) -- Jews in America and other lands will have a "most sympathetic relationship" to Israel and will help it so that "it will become a land of which Jews everywhere can be proud, but the Jews of Israel will be Israeli citizens and the Jews of the United States will be citizens of the United States and similarly with Jews in other lands," Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver told the 53rd National Conference of Jewish Communal Service here last night.

He said that the Jews will "owe undivided allegiance to their respective countries and they will discharge loyally their full duties as citizens, and they will participate actively and whole-heartedly in the social and cultural life of the lands of their birth or adoption as Jews have always done."

Creative Role Possible for Diaspora Jewry

Diaspora Jewry, Dr. Silver declared, "need not remain a mere passive recipient of Israeli cultural influence. It can become, as indeed so often in the past it did become, creative in its own right, wherever the religion, language and literature of the Jewish people were fostered. It will be centered in Judaism or it will not survive," he warned. "It will be as an ethnic-religious community that it will carry on in the American scene or will disintegrate in the course of time. Jewish life in America will wither and dry-rot will set in unless the tree sends its roots deep down into the rich soil of Jewish faith and Jewish learning."

He said that whatever in American experience and tradition could enrich Israel life "we must continue to regard as a mandate and privilege." He said that Israel can give much and already has, including a haven for three quarters of a million Jews, "a new status and dignity," and for our children, "a new sense of self-esteem and equality." Israel, he said, had infused a "new hope and zest for life" in the Jewish people.

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, director of Jewish Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told the conference that the power of religious tradition and the Zionist ideal, the two primary forces sustaining Jewish life and education during the last 40 years, were weakening and Jewish education, in years to come "must give children a sense of security by "socializing them into the Jewish home, the Jewish school, the synagogue and the community."

The National Conference for Jewish Education, meeting at the conference, adopted a code of practice for executives in Jewish education.

ASHER BARASH, HEBREW WRITER, DEAD; WAS 63 YEARS OLD

TEL AVIV, June 4. (JTA) -- The death took place here today of Asher Barash, noted Hebrew writer and translator, following a heart attack. He was 63 years old. Mr. Barash began writing while in his teens in Galicia, where he was born. His first volume of poems was published in Hebrew when he was 25, a year after he had settled in Palestine. He wrote a number of novels on Jewish life in Galicia and Palestine, as well as several volumes of poetry, contributions to leading Hebrew periodicals and translations from several languages into Hebrew. He was awarded the Bialik Prize in 1940 for his Hebrew novel, "Alien Love."

Mr. Barash was related, through his mother, to the famed Belzer rabbinical dynasty. He was the president of the Israeli Authors and Writers Association.