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GERMAN CABINET EXPECTED TO APPROVE NEW REPARATIONS OFFER

BONN, June 11. (JTA) -- The fate of the Jewish reparations claims against Germany will be decided early next week at a meeting of the West German Cabinet, it was indicated here today following a two-hour meeting yesterday between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Dr. Nahum Goldmann at which other important members of the West German Government were present.

The local press today reported that as a result of this meeting, the German-Jewish reparations talks will be resumed on the basis of an offer by the Bonn Government to pay Israel \$715,000,000, chiefly in goods, providing that the Cabinet approves the arrangement, under which the payments are to be completed within eight years.

Dr. Adenauer is confident that the Cabinet will approve of the proposal presented by him to Dr. Goldmann, the German press stated. It was also predicted that the proposal would receive majority support in Parliament, when presented for ratification.

(The New York Times today reported from Bonn that Dr. Goldmann accepted the Adenauer proposal as a basis for negotiations for the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, of which he is the presiding officer, and that he indicated that Israel would also accept.)

State Department Expects Resumption of Hague Talks

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- State Department sources today indicated that they expect a resumption of the German-Jewish reparations talks at The Hague and progress toward a solution of the question of German compensation to Israel.

The U.S. Government considers Israel's claims against Germany as separate from general reparations claims against the West German Government. This was emphasized at the State Department today, in connection with a statement this afternoon by the United States and Britain that the two powers do not intend to claim any reparations from West Germany, or from any future German Government, out of current production.

The statement said that the two Western powers "intend to oppose the exaction of such reparations by any other power." It was later explained that this pledge had no bearing on the reparations claim presented to Germany by Israel and Jewish groups from other countries. It was also revealed that France took note of the Anglo-American pledge but, in effect, reserved the right to claim reparations from a future all-German Government.

KNESSET BACKS GOVT. ON COMPULSORY LOAN, CURRENCY EXCHANGE

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today gave the coalition government a vote of confidence on its surprise currency exchange order and compulsory loan under which ten percent of all bank deposits and currency exchanges are being set aside for the use of the government. The vote, which came after a debate begun last night, was 56 to 37, with four abstentions.

The debate was opened by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, who reiterated his explanation that the compulsory loan, from which the government hopes to obtain 25,000,000 pounds, will be used to cover part of the development budget and at the same time to fight the inflation. The Minister then explained that the government proposes to tax real estate owners rather than force them to set aside part of their assets in a loan.

This announcement raised a storm of opposition, even among Mapai deputies. But Communications Minister David Zvi Pinkas, who took over defense of the government's position when Kaplan finished his presentation, said that if the government forced property owners to participate in the loan it would increase the inflationary spiral. He explained this by pointing out that the property owners had relatively little cash available and would be forced to seek mortgages to obtain the cash for the loan. In the long run, he said, this would force the government to issue more currency to cover the mortgages and the purpose of the loan would be defeated.

Mr. Pinkas also rejected opposition charges that the compulsory loan meant "robbing the public" which would receive "devaluated money" when the loan matures in 15 years. He counterattacked by demanding to know why opposition deputies had so little faith in Israel's economic future, adding that he was convinced that the loan would be repaid with a full-valued currency at maturity and that by that time conditions would have improved for all.

General Zionist leader Fritz Bernstein insisted that the money realized through the loan would be used to "fill a financial gap" rather than go for productive purposes. Therefore, he said, the loan would further intensify the inflation. He also charged that the compulsory loan would undermine the confidence of banks and investors in the country, and chided the government for acting without consulting Parliament.

Dr. Moshe Sneh, Mapam deputy, demanded that the compulsory loan be imposed on all monies over 200 pounds rather than the five pounds ordered by the government, and on bank deposits over 500 pounds rather than 50 pounds as is being done. He also suggested that the loan be imposed on holders of gold and other valuables who had thus far "escaped from contributing to the welfare of the state." Both proposals were rejected by Parliament.

ISRAELI-JORDAN AGREEMENT ON LATRUN BALKED BY ARAB EXTREMISTS

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- Israel and Jordan were very close to an understanding on the Latrun area a few weeks ago, but apparently Jordanian extremists have been able to influence the government against reaching an agreement, Israeli Minister Eliahu Elath today told a press conference here.

He also said that Israel had been trying all along to carry out the terms of the armistice agreement reached with Jordan on Rhodes in 1948, and added that the Jewish State was looking forward to turning the armistice agreement into a stable peace pact. Jordan, on the other hand, has been stubbornly refusing to live up to the section of the armistice agreement which calls for reopening of the Latrun road and the road to Mt. Scopus, Mr. Elath pointed out.

STABILIZATION OF ISRAEL'S ECONOMY WILL PRECEDE PEACE WITH ARABS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- The solution of Israel's economic problems will precede the establishment of peace and friendly intercourse with the Arab countries, Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared here today, accepting the 1951 Stephen S. Wise Award for outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the Jewish State.

The award, bearing a cash value of \$1,000, was presented to Mr. Sharett by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, at a luncheon in his honor at the Stephen Wise Congress House, attended by more than 150 Jewish and civil leaders. In addition to Mr. Sharett, others named winners of the 1951 awards were Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting president of the World Jewish Congress and co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, Prof. Zachariah Chafee, Jr., of Harvard University, and Ernest Bloch, noted composer.

Presenting the award to Mr. Sharett, Dr. Goldstein lauded him as one of the "prime architects of the State of Israel" and as "one of its finest advocates before the bar of world opinion." Continuing on the same theme, the text of the award states that Mr. Sharett "as the eloquent spokesman of Israel's ideals of justice, peace and human rights, has brought into the international sphere the ancient Jewish prophetic tradition of universal ethics and morality."

Accepting the award, Mr. Sharett said that the money would be devoted to the assistance of one or more Israeli students in the United States who will be selected by the Israel Consulate here. However, he stipulated that the beneficiaries should in later years repay the amount they received and thus set up a revolving fund to aid Israeli students.

The Foreign Minister emphasized the need for strengthening the ties between Israel and Jews throughout the world. "Strengthening of these ties," he said, "would result in a world-wide companionship of the Jewish people, not only in helping Israel but in reviving the ancient values of Jewish cultural life and filling Jewish life with new creative content."

"I consider it to be an integral part of the duties and functions of the Foreign Ministry of Israel to nurture and foster this field of Israel's external relations, namely its relations with the Jewish people," Mr. Sharett pointed out.

SHARETT CONFERS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 11. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, Foreign Minister of Israel, paid a courtesy call today on Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, with whom he discussed questions relating to the forthcoming seventh regular session of the General Assembly.

The Jordan Government today protested to the United Nations that Israeli personnel were involved in digging fortifications on Arab territory northeast of Jerusalem.

U.N. TO ISSUE STAMP COMMEMORATING HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 11. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie has approved the design for a U.N. postage stamp commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the U.N. postal administration announced here today. The stamps, in three and five cent denominations, will be issued on Human Rights Day, December 10, 1952.

Z. O. A. ANNUAL CONVENTION OPENS TODAY; 2,000 DELEGATES ATTENDING

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- The 55th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will open tomorrow at the Hotel Statler here to discuss and act upon major issues affecting the future course of American Zionism. Some 2,000 delegates, representing more than 800 districts and regions throughout the country, are expected to attend.

The convention's proceedings will be marked by the first open presidential contest in the Z. O. A. in many years. Three major candidates have been nominated by their respective sponsorship groups: Rabbi Irving Miller of Woodmere, L. I., Abraham A. Redelheim of New York and Ezra Z. Shapiro of Cleveland, Ohio. Another announced candidacy is that of Max Bressler of Chicago who has been endorsed by the Chicago Zionist Organization.

The outcome of the elections will be decided by secret ballot at the election session on Sunday. The incumbent president, Benjamin G. Browdy, is not running for re-election. In keeping with the constitutional provision which limit the terms of a Z. O. A. president to two consecutive years.

The business sessions of the convention will be officially opened on Saturday night with the presidential address by Mr. Browdy. Scheduled principal guest speakers are Moshe Sharett, Israel Foreign Minister, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, who will present the greetings of the State of New York, and Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri who will welcome the delegates on behalf of New York City. At this session, the organizational report for the year will be presented by Dr. Sidney Marks, executive director.

"The Need for Diaspora Zionism" and "The World Zionist Organization and Its Future Role" will be the themes of the second plenary session on Sunday morning with Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Emanuel Neumann scheduled as principal speakers. This will be followed by a plenary session devoted to "The Jewish National Fund and Its Place in Zionism's Future" under the chairmanship of Dr. Harris J. Levine.

FLOURISHING ISRAEL VITAL TO AMERICA, VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY SAYS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- "A flourishing State of Israel in the strategic Middle East is of vital importance to America and the entire free world," Vice President Alben W. Barkley declared at a testimonial dinner honoring six distinguished Jewish leaders, given by the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds at the Hotel Astor tonight.

Warning that "no greater calamity or catastrophe could befall the democratic world than for the State of Israel to collapse," Mr. Barkley urged the audience of several hundred representatives of Jewish religious, civic, fraternal, and business organizations to "do all in your power to expand the investments in Israel bonds."

Drawing a parallel between the ideals of the United States and Israel, the Vice President asserted: "Israel is a sister democracy ready to stand by us as a staunch and devoted ally. That is why not only the American people, but the entire free world has an important stake in the achieving of a politically and economically strong State of Israel."

The six men who were honored for "their outstanding and devoted service to Israel" were: Samuel J. Goldfarb, Charles Gutwith, Deputy Mayor Charles Horowitz, David Kluger, Irving Sarnoff and Judge Benjamin Shalleck. They all received plaques bearing a replica of the map of Israel in silver. Other speakers were Dr. Israel Goldstein and Henry Montor.

SENATE PASSES MCCARRAN IMMIGRATION BILL; MEASURE GOES TO WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- The Senate today passed and sent to the White House the final version of the McCarran-Walter omnibus immigration bill which was reported out by Senate-House conferees early this week. Only a few Senators were on the floor to participate in the voice vote by which the bill was passed.

Senators Herbert Lehman and Hubert Humphrey offered token opposition today and expressed hope that President Truman will veto the measure. They said they were confident that enough votes could be mustered to sustain a veto. The bill, which has been opposed as "racist" by major religious and civic groups, was passed yesterday by the House.

MORE U.S. JEWS TURN TO FARMING, JEWISH AGRICULTURAL GROUP FINDS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Many Jews, particularly DP's who recently arrived in the United States, are settling on farms, although statistics show that the American farm population as a whole is diminishing, the Jewish Agricultural Society revealed here today.

The 1951 report of the Society, released by Dr. Theodore Norman, its general manager, adds that last year the Society's work reached a "new peak of activity." It granted 285 farm loans, amounting to \$568,000 dollars, a new record for the organization. Sixty percent of the total went to DP farmers.

Among the factors which cause Jews to turn to farming for a livelihood, the report states, are the "unsettled state of the garment and associated trades in which numerous Jews find employment." The Society dealt with some 5,000 persons last year, most of them reached through office and farm consultations.

AMPAL MOBILIZED \$56,000,000 IN INVESTMENTS FOR ISRAEL IN 10 YEARS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- A total of \$56,000,000, provided by Americans, has been invested in business ventures in Israel during the past 10 years by AMPAL - American Palestine Trading Corporation, Abraham Dickenstein, its president, declared today at the company's tenth anniversary celebration. He also revealed that AMPAL has shipped to Israel American goods and machinery valued at \$50,000,000 since 1942, when it was organized.

When AMPAL was founded, Mr. Dickenson reported, it operated from desk space rented for \$10 a month. It began operations with a registered share capital of \$99,000. Today, AMPAL's total resources exceed \$25,000,000, including its own \$100,000 building. One of AMPAL's newest projects, Mr. Dickenstein said, was to finance the purchase of drilling machinery and casings for the Mekoroth Oil Company which will initiate oil exploration and drilling in Israel in the near future.

He also disclosed that Rudolf G. Sonneborn had been elected chairman of AMPAL's board of directors, and that the board had been enlarged to include five new members.

Leon Keyserling, chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisors, who also addressed the celebration, praised AMPAL for interesting Americans to invest in Israel, citing the fact that the corporation has mobilized 15,000 investors in this country. Mr. Keyserling said Israel is building a "twentieth century economy with modern techniques."

U.S. GOVERNMENT SENDS AMERICAN FARMERS TO WORK ON FARMS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- Five representatives of American "4-H" clubs will sail for Israel from New York tomorrow to work on farms in the state for several months under the sponsorship of the cooperative extension service of the Department of Agriculture.

As part of a program to develop better understanding between American and Israel farmers, the undertaking is a phase of a world-wide operation to promote peace. The Department of Agriculture made known that a group of Israelis are bound for the United States to live with American farm families to study rural life and farming methods in this country.

The American agriculturists, selected by local committees in various states, will report on Israel through publications, radio, and speaking tours when they return. They are Margaret Dial, Erie, Ill.; Jewell Ellis, Gravel Switch, Ky.; Harry P. Light, Jr., Summit Point, W. Va.; John A. Ries, Jr., Toppersnash, Wash.; and Jean Louisa Smith, Manlius, N. Y. They were received this week at the Israel Embassy here.

FRANK ATRAN, NOTED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Frank Atran, noted Jewish philanthropist, who recently donated \$1,000,000 to the Mount Sinai Hospital here and presented the Jewish Labor Committee with a \$200,000 five-story building to be named the Atran Jewish Cultural House, died here today. He was 67 years old.

Born in Russia, he fled the Bolsheviks in 1925 and later fled the Nazis in 1940. Although his fortune was made in Europe where he was the owner of a chain of 50 retail women's apparel stores in France and Belgium, his philanthropies were mainly in the United States. Among other things, he endowed for 30 years a chair for Yiddish language and literature at Columbia University.

ADOLPH BUSCH, FAMOUS VIOLINIST, DEAD; DEFIED THE NAZIS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Adolph Busch, internationally famous violinist and founder of the Busch Quartet, who defied the Nazis in the early years of their rise in Germany and refused to play in a Brahms centennial celebration at Hamburg in 1933 because his pianist Rudolf Serkin, a Jew, was denied permission to participate in the celebration, died yesterday at his home in Guilford, Vt., of a heart ailment. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Busch, who was born in Germany, cancelled many engagements when the Nazis came to power there. This was his expression of protest against the Nazi persecution of Jews and "unjust treatment" of Jewish musicians. He left Germany in 1933 and became a Swiss citizen the same year. In 1937 he became the first soloist to be heard with the newly organized Palestine Symphony Orchestra at Jerusalem.

After several years residence in Switzerland, Mr. Busch settled in the United States, where he gave numerous concerts. He later became an American citizen and made his home in Guilford, where his daughter, the wife of Mr. Serkin, had settled previously.