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## GERMAN REPARATIONS TALKS TO BE RESUMED AT THE HAGUE TODAY

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- Negotiations between the West German Republic and the State of Israel, based on the German offer to pay Israel \$715,000,000 in reparations in the form of goods, will be resumed tomorrow at Waasenaar, near The Hague. Negotiations between Germany and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany will also be resumed.

Formal negotiations broke down in April when the German delegation was unable to make a firm and binding offer to Israel but only "recommendations" to the Bonn Government. Following a series of informal negotiations, the German Cabinet approved a firm and binding offer last week which was not subject to the outcome of the London conference on Germany's external debts. Under this proposal, the full amount which Germany accepted as due to Israel would be paid over a period of 12 years.

(In Jerusalem, a Government spokesman said today that the Cabinet had heard a report last night from Premier David Ben Gurion on the German reparations situation. He said the Israel-German talks would be resumed "probably within the next few days.")

The Times of London, in an editorial on the situation, said that it was "only reasonable" that Germany do her share in resettlement of Jewish refugees in Israel. It blamed the Germans for the previous breakdown in the German-Israel negotiations, accusing the German delegation of having departed from both the spirit and letter of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's original undertakings and of having sought to make Israel take "her place in the queue of nations claiming war damages of an ordinary kind."

The new offer to Israel, it said, was clear and binding in the sense stipulated by the Israel Parliament and did not depend on the outcome of the London conference on Germany's external debts. "It seems to provide a reasonable basis for the negotiations that have just been resumed," the paper said.

## Arab Higher Committee Protests to Bonn Against Payments to Israel

BONN, June 23. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab Higher Committee has protested to the West German Government and to United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie against German proposals to pay reparations to Israel. It demanded instead that the payments be made to Palestine Arab refugees, German officials disclosed today. A German spokesman said the protest, received by the Foreign Ministry, was being considered with the "utmost reserve."

The note violently accused the Jews of brutal aggression and inhuman persecution of the Arab population and asserts that the Arabs, not the Jews, are entitled to reparations. The note complained that reparations would strengthen the Jewish State and thus provide means for "new aggressions."

THREE HELD PENDING FURTHER PROBE OF BOMB ATTEMPT AGAINST MINISTER

TEL AVIV, June 23. (JTA) -- Three men arrested in connection with the attempted bombing yesterday of the home of David Zvi Pinkas, Minister of Communications, were arraigned here today in magistrate's court and held for 15 days pending further investigation. The court denied bond to two of the defendants, Amos Kinan and Shaltiel Ben-Yair, who were accused of placing explosives in the Pinkas apartment. The third man, William Steiner, who was charged with possession of explosives, was ordered released on posting of 1,000 pounds bail.

Widespread condemnation of the bomb attack was voiced here today. The Cabinet, which heard a report on the incident last night, denounced it as an "abhorrent crime" and pledged the Government "to use every means to prevent people from taking the law into their own hands." Political leaders denounced the attack on Mr. Pinkas as an outrage and a dangerous precedent for the country's democratic life.

PROGRESSIVES PUBLISH SHORT-TERM PROGRAM TO AID ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

TEL AVIV, June 23. (JTA) -- An emergency short-term economic program designed to rescue Israel's economy will be published soon by the Progressive Party, one of the groups outside the present government coalition. The program, it was learned today, calls for liberalization of present regulations, free imports except of essential commodities and a graduated tax system. The program also calls for adjustment of government expenses to real income, fixing of wages in relation to output, and a priority list for foreign exchange allocations.

NEW ISRAEL OIL LEGISLATION READY FOR SUBMISSION TO KNESSET

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- Draft legislation governing oil development in the State of Israel now approved by the Government and awaiting submission to Parliament, will encourage oil prospecting here and will maintain competitive conditions, Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Development, said today.

The bill divides the country into four major concession areas. Prospectors will be given 30-year concessions with renewal rights for another 20 years. They will pay royalties to Israel of twelve and a half percent of the oil produced and will also pay income tax under the prevailing rates. The government will establish an Oil Council and an oil commission which will supervise enforcement of the law.

NEW ORT SCHOOL BUILDINGS DEDICATED AT REHOVOTH

TEL AVIV, June 23. (JTA) -- Two new buildings of the ORT vocational training school at Rehovoth were dedicated yesterday in the presence of several hundred guests including Prof. William Haber, president of the American ORT. The school provides training in trades for 75 students.

SYRIANS SEEK TO BLOCK MOVE TO JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, June 23. (JTA) -- The Syrian Legation here has asked the United States Government not to transfer the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, it was learned today. The legation here is conducting intensive propaganda against "the movement of the Israel capital from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem" and the Syrian Foreign Ministry has submitted copies of a memorandum on the internationalization of Jerusalem to the United Nations and to many states maintaining diplomatic relations with Israel. The Syrians have taken the lead in meetings here with other Arab delegations to promote propaganda on the Jerusalem question.

**ARAB STATES ASSAIL JEWS, ISRAEL OVER TUNIS SITUATION**

PARIS, June 23. (JTA) -- Charges that the French Government is "using" Tunisian Jews against the Moslems, and that this caused the rioting in the French protectorate, are being broadcast by radio stations in Arab League countries. A Bagdad broadcast said France has "resorted to exploiting the services of Tunisian Jews, since in Tunisia there is a large Jewish minority which imperialism can easily instigate against Arabs and Moslems."

The Arabs said Israel became a "jester" because "it imagines it can protect Tunisian Jews." Israel's views on Tunisia were condemned as the statements of "the chosen people of God, who were obviously chosen to disseminate intrigue and sedition in every place and at all times."

Tension in Tunis has abated in the last few days following Arab attacks on Jews which cost the life of one young Jew and the injury of several others, Dr G. Riegner, member of the World Jewish Congress executive, said today on his return from Tunis. He paid tribute to the efficiency and composure of the leaders of the Jewish community and to the fine bearing of the Jewish youth which, he said, had shown a spirit of cohesion and of readiness to defend vigorously the interests of the community.

Dr. Riegner said he was confident the authorities will conduct the appropriate investigation into the disorders and reveal the circumstances. He said testimony recently obtained indicated that the death of the young Jew was due to the isolated action of one of the members of the "Service d'Ordre."

**VIENNA JEWS PROTEST ADMISSION OF SLOVAK NAZI PUPPET**

VIENNA, June 23. (JTA) -- A strong protest against the granting of an Austrian entry visa to Ferdinand Durcansky, Foreign Minister in the puppet Slovak Republic under the Nazi regime, has been made to the Ministry of the Interior by the Vienna Jewish community, it was revealed today.

Durcansky worked closely with the Nazis in the deportation of Jews from Slovakia to the concentration camps. He reportedly came here from Argentina. The protest describes his presence here as "provocative" and warns that it will encourage former Nazis and fascists in their underground opposition to a democratic Austria.

**DEMONSTRATE AGAINST ARRIVAL OF GERMAN ENVOY TO AUSTRALIA**

MELBOURNE, June 23. (JTA) -- Placard-carrying demonstrators protesting the arrival here of Dr. Walter Hess, first German Ambassador to Australia since World War II, were dispersed by dock police yesterday. Some of the demonstrators carried signs saying "Go Home Nazi" and "Heil Hess." Leaflets protesting Hess' arrival were distributed at Sydney University.

Dr. Hess, who was accompanied by a staff of nine, has denied allegations that he was a Nazi or a Gestapo agent, asserting that he himself was forced to leave Germany in 1938 because of his marriage to a Jewess whose parents were killed by the Nazis. "We Germans must try to break down the barrier of bitterness between ourselves and the Jews," the new Ambassador said on his arrival.

**SAUDI ARABIA RAISES BOYCOTT AGAINST ITALIAN JEWS**

ROME, June 23. (JTA) -- The Saudi Arabian Government, which has been pressing an anti-Jewish boycott by prohibiting Saudi Arabians from doing business with Jewish firms, will not apply the boycott to Italian nationals of the Jewish faith, it was learned today.

Action of the Italian Foreign Ministry, which notified the Saudi Arabians that Italian chambers of commerce would be unable to issue any certificates implying racial discrimination, led to the new Saudi Arabian position. The legation here announced that in the future it will be satisfied with a "certificate of origin" stating that the goods under shipment to Saudi Arabia were produced in Italy.

LIBYA BARS RETURN OF ISRAEL-BOUND JEWISH EMIGRANTS

TRIPOLI, June 23. (JTA) -- Libyan Jews will be permitted to emigrate to Israel but they will be barred from returning here, the government announced today. The new ruling, which also bars visits to Israel, will particularly affect Libyan Jews who have been accustomed to paying periodic visits to Israel on personal or business matters.

Anti-Semitic newspapers here have been campaigning to persuade the government to ban the re-entry of Libyan Jews into the country. The government's decision has caused considerable concern among Jews here, many of whom have relatives in Israel.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS SEEKS ADEQUATE FUNDS

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- A plea to the British-Jewish community to provide funds for the Board of Deputies of British Jews so that its work will not be hampered, was made here last night by Dr. Abraham Cohen in accepting re-election to the presidency of the Board. His candidacy was unopposed. Barnett Janner, Labor M. P., and Alderman A. Moss were re-elected vice-presidents.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Cohen declared that the destiny of the individual Jew and the Jewish communities is bound up with world events and pointed out that the current world scene presents grave aspects. He stressed, however, that regardless of "what the future has in store, we must be determined that the Board will be true to its purposes and faithful to its great traditions of nearly 200 years as a representative institution of Anglo-Jewry."

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI IMPRESSED BY JEWISH LIFE IN DOMINIONS

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, who has returned here following a six-month pastoral tour of Australia and New Zealand, said that he was impressed by the "intensified tempo of Jewish communal life and by the positive changes which have taken place there in the last 15 years."

The Jewish population of Australia has nearly doubled in the last 15 years, he said, adding that the Zionist movement in Australia and New Zealand has also grown considerably. His overall impressions of the Jewish communities of those two countries were optimistic, Dr. Brodie stated, adding that "they are destined to be important components of the Jewries of the British Commonwealth."

PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION OF BONN FOREIGN OFFICE STAFF COMPLETED

BONN, June 23. (JTA) -- A Parliamentary investigation committee which has been studying the personnel policies of the German Foreign Ministry has completed its investigations and has made its report to the Cabinet, it was learned today. The committee was established on the motion of the Social Democrats after widespread charges that the German Foreign Ministry and diplomatic service were heavily staffed with former Nazis. Its task was to ascertain whether any persons now employed in the foreign services of the Federal Government would, by virtue of their record under the Nazi regime, impair the confidence of the German people and of foreign countries in the democratic development of the German people.

PLAN CLOSER TIES BETWEEN JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN CHILDREN IN GERMANY

MUNICH, June 23. (JTA) -- The Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation announced plans today to establish closer ties between Christian and Jewish children. Non-Jewish children here will, in the future, receive instruction on Jewish religion and culture and will be taken on visits to Jewish schools to acquaint them with Jewish life.

SEN. TAFT REPUDIATES SUPPORT BY ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDISTS

WASHINGTON, June 23. (JTA) -- Sen. Robert A. Taft today condemned "smearing tactics" including the use of anti-Semitic propaganda against his political opponents, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and Gov. Earl Warren of California.

Sen. Taft told a press conference that he was "particularly disgusted" by a publication known as "Headlines," published by Joseph P. Kamp and distributed by the Maryland G. O. P. delegation. Kamp, who is vice-chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, is listed by the Anti-Defamation League among leading anti-Semites. Taft said he also wanted to repudiate campaign material circulated by Gerald Winrod, another anti-Jewish agitator, as well as some "anti-Semitic sheets" he said had been distributed.

The Ohio Senator said "that kind of slander can only hurt the Republican Party." One reporter asked Sen. Taft if his campaign funds had been used to finance such attacks on his political opponents. Taft replied, "certainly not."

MacArthur Ignores Requests to Repudiate Anti-Semitic Supporters

CLEVELAND, June 23. (JTA) -- Gen. Douglas MacArthur has taken no action on two letters sent him asking his position with regard to anti-Semitic material sent out in support of his candidacy by an organization called "Defender, Inc.," headed by Gerald B. Winrod, it was revealed here.

Rabbi Samuel M. Silver, of Cleveland, disclosed in the Jewish Review and Observer this week that he had written Gen. MacArthur on April 14 and again on May 26 drawing his attention to anti-Semitic material being distributed by Winrod in support of a "draft MacArthur" movement.

In his first letter to Gen. MacArthur, Rabbi Silver said: "I am told that this material has been distributed in a widespread fashion throughout the nation. I can scarcely believe that you are in any way associated with this organization. As one who served under your command on the island of Leyte, I think I know your principles pretty well."

In his second letter, which also went unanswered, Rabbi Silver said that "to all your admirers it would be unthinkable for you to refrain from condemning a group whose aims are inimical to the cause of democracy. I hope that it will be possible for me to publish a clear-cut disavowal from you."

CIVIL LIBERTIES BODY ASKS DEFEAT OF BRICKER AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, June 23. (JTA) -- The American Civil Liberties Union today urged Congress to defeat the constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. John W. Bricker directed at preventing the Senate from ratifying the United Nations convention on genocide and human rights. It called the amendment "unnecessary and unwise" and warned it would make the United States participation in advancing the cause of human rights throughout the world "all but impossible."

A civil rights bill which would ban religious or racial discrimination in the hiring of workers may come before the Senate this week. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, of Minnesota, said he is going to force a fight on the bill despite the fact that Southern Democrats are probably strong enough to block a vote.

## POLICE PROBE JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATION IN TORONTO

TORONTO, June 23. (JTA) -- Police are pressing an investigation into a series of Jewish cemetery desecrations, apparently the work of one gang, which this week had resulted in the overturning of 23 stones, the smashing of several tombs and damage estimated at \$8,000. The vandals were active in three Jewish cemeteries here.

## VOTE TO ESTABLISH HEBREW CULTURE CENTER IN NEW YORK

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 23. (JTA) -- An extended program of Hebrew activities throughout the country was adopted here yesterday at the closing sessions of the national convention of the Histadruth Ivrit. The program includes establishment of a center of Hebrew culture in New York and formation of Hebrew clubs and ladies auxiliaries throughout the nation. The convention welcomed the decision of the Zionist Organization of America to assist in formation of Hebrew circles and appealed to all other Zionist groups for support. Samuel J. Borowsky was re-elected president.

## PROPOSES REFORM LEADERS PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- A proposal that Reform Jewish leaders make a pilgrimage to Israel in 1953 during the 3,000th anniversary celebrations in Jerusalem, as a means of promoting "spiritual rapport" between the American and Israel Jewish communities, was made here by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In his semi-annual report to the Union's executive board, Rabbi Eisendrath said there was "far too much misunderstanding and far too little sympathetic communication between Israel and America." He added that "the time is ripe for an earnest and energetic effort to establish a genuine Liberal Jewish religious movement in Israel."

His report disclosed that the Union has had conferences with the United Synagogues of America and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations as well as with the Synagogue Council of America on proposals by Prof. Robert M. MacIver that the Union, with other national religious bodies, should conduct the community's work in the interfaith area. He expressed confidence that the MacIver formula "is well within the realm of achievement."

## 52 ANNUAL CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE RABBIS OPENS

CLEVELAND, June 23. (JTA) -- The 52nd annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America was told tonight that "American Jewry is on the threshold of a new creative period in modern Jewish history." This prediction was made by Rabbi Max Davidson, president of the organization of Conservative rabbis, at the opening session of the convention.

Rabbi Davidson, discussing the problems and duties of the rabbinate, recommended a reformulation of the functions and operations of the Rabbinical Assembly's law committee to enable members to write individual opinions on questions of Jewish law. He also called for action that would bring about "security of the rabbi's tenure and security for sustenance in his later years." He recommended joint effort with other groups to bring the ministry under the terms of the Social Security Act.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive secretary of the Assembly, reported a "gratifying trend" in the Conservative movement--the requesting of Conservative rabbis for synagogues attended by young Jewish families living in suburban or urban housing developments.

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