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BONN REJECTS PALESTINE ARAB COMMITTEE'S PROTEST ON PAYMENTS TO ISRAEL

BONN, June 24. (JTA) -- The West German Government said today it had rejected the complaint of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee against payment by Germany of reparations to Israel on the grounds that the Arab intervention was "incompetent." A Government spokesman pointed out that if the Arabs felt obliged to raise such claims (for a share of the German reparations) they should address themselves to the State of Israel. There was, he said, no reason for the Federal Government to put a new strain on the reparations talks with Israel or in any way to consider the Arab protest.

Claims of individual victims of the Nazis should be considered as equal to the reparations claims of Israel and given the same priority, Dr. Bruno Weil, president of the Axis Victims League in the United States, said today in a broadcast over the Hamburg radio. He stressed the severe losses suffered by individual Jews and urged their claims to compensation. He welcomed the announcement by the Social Democrats of their intention to introduce a bill for the indemnification of individuals on a Federal level.

Israel Govt. Will Consult with Parliament Before Accepting German Offer

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will not take a final decision on acceptance of Germany's proposals to meet Israel's reparations claims without prior consultation with the appropriate organs of the Knesset, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee today.

Earlier, the committee had debated the resumption of The Hague reparations talks. Despite the demands by opposition deputies that the talks not be re-opened, the committee decided to endorse the government's decision to resume negotiations with West Germany on the basis of the latest offer.

ONLY 12,000 HOMES BEING BUILT FOR ISRAEL IMMIGRANTS

TEL AVIV, June 24. (JTA) -- Although there are still over 250,000 immigrants in Israel waiting for permanent housing, only 12,300 housing units are now under construction, according to Dr. I. Tanen, director of the Jewish Agency's absorption department. It is expected that these units will be completed at the rate of 1,000 per month and the current building program will be completed in 1953, he said.

Dr. Tanen ascribed the lack of progress in housing, to a shortage of funds. Although the cost of construction materials had doubled in the past year, he said, the Agency's allocation for housing had been reduced from 21,000,000 pounds to 14,000,000.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT PAVES WAY FOR BEN GURION CABINET RESHUFFLE

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today paved the way for Premier David Ben Gurion's Cabinet reshuffle by enacting the "transition law" permitting the Prime Minister to replace a minister who resigns or is unable to perform his duties without submitting the Cabinet's resignation and without seeking a new vote of confidence. The house gave the measure its second and final readings today.

The right-wing Herut Party voted with the Government coalition forces in support of the measure. The General Zionists abstained from voting and the left-wing Mapam Party and Communists opposed it.

Mr. Ben Gurion is now expected to announce important Cabinet changes almost immediately. Announcement of the changes had been delayed by a decision of the Premier's Mapai Party's political committee which sought to avoid exposure of the government to criticism on constitutional grounds which would have resulted had the changes been announced prior to adoption of the transition law.

The Premier is expected to announce that Eliezer Kaplan, who is resigning the Finance portfolio because of continued poor health, will assume the new post of Vice-Premier. He will be succeeded by Levi Eshkol who will become Minister of Finance and Development. Mr. Eshkol's present portfolio, Agriculture, will go to Dr. Peretz Naphtali, currently Minister without portfolio. Chaim Cohen, the Attorney General, will become Justice Minister, assuming one of the two portfolios previously held by Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Trade.

The appointment of Levi Eshkol to head the Finance Ministry requires his replacement as Jewish Agency treasurer, the Agency announced today. Dr. George Josephthal will assume the treasury post, with the assistance of Moshe Kol, who will serve as co-treasurer.

FOUR ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED IN ARAB AMBUSH NEAR JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- Four Israeli soldiers were killed in an ambush laid by Arab Legionnaires northwest of Jerusalem, it was announced here last night.

United Nations observers have begun an on-the-scene investigation of the shooting. It is not yet certain whether the battle took place on Israeli or Jordan territory. Israeli authorities are checking on the possibilities that the Israeli patrol accidentally crossed the frontier while on a routine patrol yesterday morning.

A second communique announced that an Israeli police officer was killed near the Israel-Jordan border in central Israel. Again Arab Legionnaires were involved. An Israeli police detachment, rushing to the aid of the lone officer, was fired upon, but suffered no casualties.

ISRAEL SIGNS NEW AID PACTS WITH I. L. O.: TO GET SERVICES OF EXPERTS

GENEVA, June 24. (JTA) -- Israel has signed two more technical aid agreements with the International Labor Office under a plan to assist underdeveloped countries. The agreements provide for the dispatch of three I. L. O. experts who will advise the Israel Government on questions of occupational training and vocational guidance.

ARAB LEAGUE PRESSING LIBYA TO HALT TRADE WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- The Arab League is taking steps to prevent trade between Israel and Libya according to Arab radio broadcasts quoting Secretary General Azzam Pasha of the Arab League.

Azzam Pasha received a memorandum this week from the Egyptian Government on the topic of Israel-Libyan trade including "the increased Zionist activities in Libya, and the utilization of that state to weaken the Arab boycott of Israel." Azzam Pasha has emphasized, according to Arab radio broadcasts, that the Arabs are not contemplating peace with Israel. He expressed hope that Libya "will shoulder its duties toward Arabism" by collaborating with the anti-Israel boycott.

AUSTRIAN NAZI VICTIMS DEMONSTRATE FOR COMPENSATION

VIENNA, June 24. (JTA) -- Former concentration camp inmates and other victims of Nazism, who conducted a demonstration here in front of the Finance Ministry demanding indemnification payments, were told that a special Parliamentary committee had been established to handle the question.

A delegation of the demonstrators which went to Parliament was told that the Government parties were preparing amendments to the Victims' Welfare Law and the Civil Servants' Indemnification Law to cover these payments. They were told that the draft amendments provided for payments over a three year period and that 20 million schillings monthly had been earmarked for these payments.

BRAZILIAN BODY WITHDRAWS OPPOSITION TO GERMAN TALKS

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 24. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Institutions of Rio de Janeiro, which recently adopted a resolution opposing direct negotiations with Germany on reparations and restitution, has reversed itself by a large majority, following new elections in the federation which resulted in a sweeping victory for the Zionist groups and a severe defeat for the Communists.

AMEND PROCEDURE ON ORGANIZATION COMPLAINTS AGAINST GOVERNMENTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 24. (JTA) -- New procedures involving complaints from non-governmental organizations against governments other than complaints involving human rights were voted by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Economic and Social Council. The committee's recommendations to the Council would provide that circulation of a complaint by a non-governmental organization would be held up for circulation with the criticized government's reply.

J. D. C. BEGINS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN EUROPE, NW AFRICA

PARIS, June 24. (JTA) -- Some 15,000 Jewish orphans and under-privileged children from half a dozen countries in Europe and North Africa are participating in the Joint Distribution Committee's summer camp program, it was announced here today by the J. D. C. The first groups of children have begun leaving various cities for camps.

Morocco, where the J. D. C. is waging its most intensive campaign against hunger and disease among the country's Jews, will be the scene of the biggest summer camp program. Almost 9,000 boys and girls will leave the slums of Casablanca, Marakesh and other cities for camps in the country. Another 3,000 children will escape the dirty ghettos of Tunisia, Tangiers and Algeria for short periods this summer.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL MIGRATION BODY TO STUDY AID TO REFUGEES

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe, which concluded sessions recently in Washington, has agreed to study the situation of European refugees temporarily located outside Europe, it was learned today.

The migration committee will conduct this study in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Arthur Greenleigh, executive director of the United Service for New Americans, who represented the voluntary agencies as an observer at the Washington parley, disclosed.

Thousands of European refugees are stranded in sections of the Middle East and Africa and are in "imminent danger" unless the migration committee can undertake to move them to permanent settlement in other countries, Mr. Greenleigh said. The committee's charter does not specifically include aid to migrants outside Europe but Mr. Greenleigh, speaking for the voluntary agencies at the Washington meeting, warned that the committee must accelerate and broaden its program in the face of "the whole world-wide refugee and surplus population problem."

The voluntary agencies, Mr. Greenleigh said, are hopeful that the migration committee will move forward with a practical program for aiding additional refugees when it holds its next meeting in Geneva in October.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY UNIT REJECTS IMMIGRATION QUOTA SYSTEM

OTTAWA, June 24. (JTA) -- The special committee of the House of Commons now studying proposed revisions of the Canadian immigration laws has rejected a clause which would establish a quota system for admission to Canada and contained other provisions described as reminiscent of the McCarran-Walter legislation now pending in the United States.

The fight on this clause was carried by David Croll and Leon Crestohl, Jewish members of Parliament, both of whom are serving on the special committee.

ASK PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO VETO MCCARRAN-WALTER IMMIGRATION BILL

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today called upon President Truman to veto the McCarran-Walter immigration bill as "restrictive, exclusionary and racist" and containing "new threats to American democracy."

NEW JERSEY INVESTIGATES DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-SEMITIC SHEET

NEWARK, N. J., June 24. (JTA) -- The State authorities have launched an investigation into the distribution in this state of the anti-Semitic sheet, "Headlines," published by Joseph P. Kamp, vice-president of the Constitutional Educational League and a notorious anti-Semite. Recent issues of this sheet have used anti-Semitism to attack the candidacy of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Senator Robert A. Taft told a press conference yesterday that he was "particularly disgusted" by this sheet.

Deputy Attorney General Nelson Stamler, who is investigating the distribution of the publication in this state, called it a "racketeering smear publication." Quantities of the publication have been mailed from Englewood, N. J.

Action by Federal and local law enforcement agencies against "professional hate-mongers" who have "leaped on the gravy train of defamation in an election year and are finding it a highly profitable ride," was urged by the Newark Jewish News in an editorial dealing with anti-Semitism in the current political campaign. The paper declared that "there is unmistakable evidence that the professional hate-peddlers are moving into high gear. It called for "firm corrective steps."

SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES FOR FAIR EMPLOYMENT INVESTIGATIVE BODY

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- The Senate Labor Committee has voted by 9 to 3 to approve an F.E.P.C. bill which would establish a five-member "commission on equality of opportunity in employment." Senators Robert A. Taft, Richard M. Nixon, and Lister Hill voted against the bill while Senators Hubert Humphrey, Herbert H. Lehman, and others favored it.

The bill would set up a commission to investigate discrimination charges but its orders would be enforceable only through the courts. The commission would have jurisdiction to investigate in the case of firms and unions which have more than 50 workers and which engage in inter-state operations. Organizations considered philanthropic, religious, or educational would not be affected.

VOTE FUNDS FOR COX LOYALTY PROBE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- A House administration sub-committee has voted to give \$75,000 in operating funds to a committee to make a loyalty probe of tax-exempt philanthropic foundations including organizations which deal in race relations and seek to remove prejudice through education.

The sub-committee, which is headed by Rep. E. E. Cox, of Georgia, must have its funds approved by the full administration committee of the House and by the House itself. Members of Congress have warned that this probe might be used against such groups as the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

UNITY PROGRAM PRESENTED TO CONVENTION OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

CLEVELAND, June 24. (JTA) -- Proposals for the establishment of organic Jewish communities to meet the needs of each Jew which arise "as a result of his being a Jew," were advanced tonight by Rabbi Ira Eisenstein at the 52nd annual meeting of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. He presented a paper prepared by the Committee on Jewish Unity which recommended establishment of "pilot plants" in a few Jewish communities to test the feasibility of the organic community idea.

The organic community concept, advanced by Rabbi Mordechai M. Kaplan, was endorsed by the committee. The plan for pilot plants provides for their supervision by national lay and religious organizations in cooperation with local communities. The needs to which such an organic community must minister, according to the committee report, are "fellowship, common tradition, education, ethical guidance, religious orientation and security."

Philip Bernstein, associate director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, told the meeting that "any effective program of Jewish unity must begin with the people themselves in the local communities. Unity must grow from the ground up. It cannot be imposed."

Dr. Barnett R. Brickner, who agreed in substance with Dr. Kaplan's approach, warned, however, that "major emphasis should be laid upon the ideological factors of faith in any plan leading toward unification."

ZALMAN SHAZAR ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Zalman Shazar, member of the Jewish Agency executive in charge of Zionist information, arrived here today from Latin America where he participated in the launching of Israeli drives in a number of countries. He is a former Minister of Education in Israel.