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ISRAELIS, GERMANS DENY REPORT GERMANY INCREASED REPARATIONS OFFER

THE HAGUE, June 26. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation to the Israel-German reparations negotiations here today denied a report broadcast by Radio Holland last night that the West German delegation had increased its offer to Israel from three billion deutschemarks to 3,400,000,000 marks. The delegation declared that the report was entirely "without foundation."

The report was also denied by a spokesman for the German delegation. "The basis for the story undoubtedly lies in the fact that we hope to add a sum agreed upon with the Claims Conference to the goods we will send to Israel and leave it to the Israel Government to arrange for payment to the Claims Conference of the latter's share," the spokesman said. "Whoever issued the story in Bonn about the extra 400 million marks undoubtedly had this in mind," he added.

He stressed, however, that the figure of 400 million marks is "nothing more than a guess," since no amount had yet been set for an offer to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. He reported that the Conference and the Israel delegation have not yet agreed to this procedure. If there is any objection to it, he continued, a new procedure will have to be worked out.

The Claims Conference delegation and the Germans are scheduled to meet in plenary session tomorrow, when Prof. Franz Boehm, German delegation head, returns from consultations in Bonn. Israeli-German sub-committees working out details of the German offer will also meet tomorrow.

(Dr. Nahum Goldmann, presiding officer of the Conference on Jewish Claims, left today by air for London to attend meetings of the praesidium and policy committee of the Conference on July 1 and 2, respectively. Mrs. Rose Halprin will assume the chairmanship of the American Section of the Jewish Agency during Dr. Goldmann's absence.)

Israel Warns Against Private Negotiations with Germany on Imports

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today issued a warning to all persons here and abroad who intend to start or who have started negotiations with Germany for the importation of German goods into Israel within the framework of the West German-Israel reparations agreement.

The Israel Government asked that such negotiations be postponed for the time being, to avoid possible "harm to the respective negotiators." The communique added that "when and if the necessity arises the government will consider and decide on the use of the reparations sums."

ISRAEL ALLOCATION UNSCATHED AS HOUSE COMMITTEE CUTS AID FUNDS

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- The House Appropriations Committee today reduced the appropriation bill for the Mutual Security Aid program by \$250,130,000 and sent the measure to the House floor. The Israel allocation of \$73,900,000 was not affected by the cut.

The United States is "continuing to work" toward a Middle Eastern defense pact "which would take into account Egyptian national aspirations and provide for the defense of the Middle East on an equal and cooperative basis." This was made known in previously secret testimony by Burton Y. Berry, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, which was revealed yesterday by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Secretary Berry told the Senators that American aid to Israel and the Arab states has been "a major factor in discouraging external aggression and internal subversion." He said that since 1947 "the United States has sought directly and through the United Nations to bring about an enduring peace between Israel and the Arab states. These efforts have not yet succeeded because it has not been possible to obtain agreement between Israel and the Arab states on the resettlement of about 850,000 Arab refugees."

The Arab radio, heard here, today reported that Arab League secretary-general Azzam Pasha has suggested to members of an American Christian Palestine Committee group touring the Near East that Middle East problems could be solved by granting the Jews "a symbolic state like the Vatican." Azzam Pasha and the Americans also discussed the Palestine Arab refugee situation and the possibility of restoring peace to the Middle East, the radio said.

COMMUNISTS DEMONSTRATE OUTSIDE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 26. (JTA) -- A group of 50 Communists demonstrated outside the American Embassy here last night, protesting the American role in the Korean conflict. The demonstration, which commemorated the second anniversary of the Korean action, was dispersed before police arrived on the scene.

ANTI-JEWISH BOMBINGS IN COSTA RICA CALLED WORK OF SMALL GROUP

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic agitation and attempted bombings in Costa Rica during the past six months have been the work of a small underground group which is attempting to poison the minds of the population, Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, political consultant to the World Jewish Congress, declared today upon his return from a five-day tour of inspection to that country.

President Ulate of Costa Rica has pledged to put down, with all the means at his disposal, any terrorist actions of anti-Semites against members of the Costa Rican Jewish community, Dr. Perlzweig told a press conference. Dr. Perlzweig, to whom the pledge was given by President Ulate at an audience in Costa Rica last week, said that the President also guaranteed to defend the rights and freedoms of the members of the Jewish community.

The W. J. C. representative, who also conferred with Foreign Minister Fernando Lara, said that the latter had given him "the most explicit assurances on the resolve of the government to protect the constitutional rights of all citizens, irrespective of race or creed." He emphasized that the Congress of Costa Rica has adopted a resolution to investigate the "Junta Patriotica" which is responsible for the public anti-Jewish campaign, and ascertain whether the agitation has Nazi links or associations.

BRITISH MP'S ATTACK BONN APPOINTEE TO LONDON AS EX-NAZI LEADER

LONDON, June 26. (JTA) -- Barnett Janner and several other MPs last night demanded in Commons that the British Foreign Office reject the appointment of Susanne Simonis by the West German Government to care for the welfare of German women employed in Britain, on the grounds that she held a similar position among German women in Japan during the Nazi regime.

Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs Anthony Nutting, rejected the demand, asserting that Miss Simonis had not been employed by the German Foreign Office prior to the end of World War II. He stated that "a competent committee completely cleared her of Nazism after an attack on her in the German press."

HOUSE OF LORDS TO GET BILL OUTLAWING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

LONDON, June 26. (JTA) -- A bill to guarantee British subjects against discrimination in employment will be introduced in the House of Lords by Viscount Samuel, it was revealed here today. Lord Samuel is planning to present a bill July 16 making it unlawful for public authorities or private employers to impose any political, racial or religious test as a condition of employment.

COMMUNAL COUNCIL DISCUSSES JEWISH EDUCATION, CULTURE IN ITALY

VENICE, June 26. (JTA) -- The Council of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, at a special three-day session here, has discussed the problems of Jewish education in Italy and the preservation of ancient Jewish historical and cultural treasures.

The members of the council spent a full day inspecting the five temples in the city which were built in the 16th and 17th centuries. Only three of the synagogues are still in use. Council members inspected vaults in which priceless ritual silverware and other art objects are stored. The Nazis had catalogued the art treasures and were on the verge of shipping them to Germany when the war ended. The councilors expressed appreciation of the care which the 1,000 Jews of Venice had taken of the art objects and promised support for further restoration work.

Later, the council heard Eliezer Halevi of the Israel legation request that records of all Italian Jewish communities before 1850 be shipped to Israel where a special committee is preparing a history of the Jewish communities of the world. The council made no decision on the request, but promised to study it.

In the course of a lengthy discussion on Jewish schools, all members of the council agreed that well organized schools were the best means of fighting the threat of assimilation.

ITALIAN RABBINICAL COUNCIL RE-ESTABLISHED IN ROME

ROME, June 26. (JTA) -- The Italian Rabbinical Council has been re-formed and is currently headed by Rabbi Gustav Galo of Piedmont, its new president. The organization, which deals with the study of ritual, protection of the rights of rabbis and with the development of Hebrew education in Italy, was organized in 1920 but fell apart during the Fascist regime.

VOLUNTARY JEWISH COMMUNITIES HAILED BY PROF. SALO BARON

LONDON, June 26. (JTA) -- The voluntary Jewish communities of the United States and Britain, with their virtues and shortcomings, have "undoubtedly marked the starting point of Jewish emancipation," Prof. Salo W. Baron of Columbia University, last night told a reception given here in his honor by the World Jewish Congress.

Prof. Baron, who said that the voluntary Jewish communities were a distinct development of the voluntary democracies, stated that national minority rights won by the communities of pre-war Europe had not solved the problems of the Jews in those countries. He pointed out that the Anglo-American pattern has spread to New Zealand, Latin America and South Africa.

The scholar asserted that American Jewry had to fight "step by step" for many things which were gaken for granted among the Jewish communities on the Continent: the building of schools, synagogues and social institutions. This was achieved, he said, despite the fact that there was no compulsion for Jews in America to become members of the community or to pay taxes for its support.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY URGES COORDINATION OF U.J.A., ISRAEL BOND DRIVES

CLEVELAND, June 26. (JTA) -- The concluding session of the 52nd annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America today called on the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond drive organization, in conjunction with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, "to make every effort to coordinate their campaigns."

In a resolution which was adopted unanimously by the 350 Conservative rabbis at the convention, the parley stated that "in most American Jewish communities the same leadership and the same workers are enrolled in the cause of both campaigns and any attempt to run simultaneous campaigns have been detrimental to both and have, furthermore, served as a divisive force in many Jewish communities."

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, a leader of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, was unanimously elected president of the Assembly to succeed Rabbi Max M. Davidson. Speaking of the specific needs of American Jewry, in his acceptance speech, Rabbi Eisenstein declared: "We must reduce the dangers of denomination-alism in our religious life. Certainly there must be differences among us in approach but we must not permit those differences to blind us to our common foes, ignorance and inertia."

ISRAEL BOND ISSUE TO BE LAUNCHED IN CANADA LATE THIS FALL

TORONTO, June 26. (JTA) -- An Israel bond issue will be launched in Canada late this fall, it was announced here last night by Edward Gelber, chairman of the United Zionist Council. The announcement was made at a meeting of some 3,000 persons at Massey Hall welcoming Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

Mr. Sharett was the guest of honor today at a luncheon tendered in Ottawa by Lester Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, attended by members of the government and leaders of Parliament. Earlier, he was received by Premier Louis St. Laurent and was granted an audience by Governor General Vincent Massey.

At the Toronto mass meeting, Mr. Sharett paid tribute to Canada's "generous" political and economic assistance to Israel. He outlined Israel's achievements over the past four years and pointed to its promising future based on a growing industry, technically trained manpower and mineral resources.

JEWISH GROUPS HAIL TRUMAN'S VETO OF MCCARRAN IMMIGRATION BILL

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- Major national Jewish organizations today hailed President Truman's veto of the McCarran-Walter immigration bill yesterday and emphasized that his action had given new hope to those forces which seek a liberal immigration policy.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, representing six major Jewish groups and 27 local community councils throughout the United States, commended the President for disapproving "the restrictive and exclusionary measure." Its message expressed the hope that Congress will sustain the veto and afford opportunity for consideration of an immigration law "consistent with American concepts of fair play and with America's role and responsibility in the contemporary world."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, congratulated the President on his veto and for offering Congress "a fresh opportunity, by sustaining your veto, to reject the bigotry and racism of the McCarran-Walter bill and to enact genuinely liberal immigration legislation containing necessary safeguards for our national security and in keeping with our best traditions and our position of moral leadership in the world."

American Jewish Committee head Jacob Blaustein, in his congratulatory message, declared: "Your veto of the McCarran Bill is an action taken in the finest tradition of American democracy. You are to be congratulated for your action, which will show the peoples of the world that the United States of America is a democracy in action as well as in words."

Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, sent the following message: "May we extend our sincere support for your action in vetoing the McCarran-Walter bill as a step in the defense of democracy and the preservation of basic human values. By your action you have demonstrated once again that our country stands firmly for human dignity and is opposed to the creation of iron curtains."

B'nai B'rith president Frank Goldman, in a telegram to the President, expressed gratification with the veto and added: "You are giving the American people further evidence of your great courage and wise leadership. We of the B'nai B'rith are profoundly appreciative."

The Jewish Labor Committee applauded the veto in a telegram to Mr. Truman. "Your humane and courageous action now paves the way for a genuine codification of the immigration laws and the establishment of a policy which will strengthen the United States in its role as world leader among free and democratic nations," the wire said. "Your consistent devotion to humanitarian ideals is an inspiration to those peoples everywhere who look upon the United States as a land of hospitality and real democracy."

NISSELSON NAMED DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA) -- Michael M. Nisselson, former president of the Amalgamated Bank of New York, has been appointed director of development of Yeshiva University, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, announced here today. Mr. Nisselson will be responsible for developing and planning the financing of the University's expansion program, including the direction of the national \$25,000,000 campaign to establish a medical center under the University's auspices.

Mr. Nisselson, who was until recently assistant executive vice-chairman of the national United Jewish Appeal, has a background of 30 years of service in the fields of banking, philanthropy, social welfare, inter-group relations and community service. He served as assistant executive vice-president of the Federation of Jewish philanthropies, and has been a member of the Mayor's Committee on Unity since 1946.