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## ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH CENTRAL AUTHORITY ON TRANSACTIONS WITH GERMANY

THE HAGUE, July 7. (JTA) -- A central government authority will be set up by Israel and entrusted with the task of practical implementation of the agreements reached in the reparations discussions now being held here, the German delegation to the talks was informed today by the Israel delegation.

It was pointed out that this set-up will eliminate all private and individual transactions in connection with the goods to be provided by Germany. The central authority will, no doubt, set up a purchasing commission in Germany which will consist of experts in various fields. These experts will make the actual selections of goods and will set the exact prices. It was explained that the delegation participating in the talks here can only decide the category of goods which will be provided in payment of the reparations claims and set relative values.

It was reported today that definite strides had been made by the sub-committee on goods and that substantial sections of that unit's work had been completed. There is a tentative agreement on categories and quantities of goods, and the sub-committee is ready to go into the question of a delivery schedule.

There are two basic categories of goods which have been drawn up: the first consists of goods needed for the development of industry and agriculture, such as machinery, etc.; the second consists of durable consumer goods, such as prefabricated houses, chemicals and pharmaceuticals which can go to Israel in place of current imports and thus save Israel's supply of foreign currency. As drawn up now, the list of development goods is much larger than the list of consumer goods.

## Germans Meet with Conference Group on Global Jewish Claims

After an informal meeting this morning between the heads of the delegations of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims and West Germany, Moses A. Leavitt and Prof. Franz Boehm, it was announced that a plenary session of the two groups will be held Wednesday. It is expected that the Germans will give their answer to the Conference's global claims of \$500,000,000 at this session. At any rate, Dr. Boehm has stated that the German offer would be made this week.

Dr. Heinz Von Treutschler, against whom charges of Nazi Party membership have been levelled by the Frankfurter Rundschau, will continue as a member of the German delegation, Dr. Boehm reported. Dr. Von Treutschler's position was strengthened by a statement by the German Social Democratic Party denying that Dr. Von Treutschler had been an important Nazi and stating that the opposition party could see no reason for barring him from the reparations negotiations.

JEWISH AGENCY TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES IN GERMANY FOR ISRAEL

MUNICH, July 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency office in Munich has been granted permission to purchase in Germany 20,000,000 deutschmarks worth of goods for Israel annually, the German Chamber of Commerce announced today. The Agency is acting as an agent for the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, which acquires communal and heirless Jewish property in West Germany and uses the proceeds to rehabilitate survivors of the Nazi regime.

The German Chamber of Commerce coupled its announcement with a suggestion to German businessmen that they contact the Jewish Agency if they have any goods which may be needed by Israel. It was also pointed out that the Agency was not authorized to purchase materials that could be used for military purposes nor goods which are in short supply in Germany.

A group of prominent West German personalities, including Dr. J. Maier, Minister President for North Baden, have begun a campaign to honor the noted German author Herman Hesse on his 75th birthday by planting a 10,000-tree forest in Israel in his name. The Herman Hesse Wood will be situated near Lake Meron.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT BEGINS DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT OIL BILL

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today began an eight-hour debate on the government's petroleum exploitation bill, which would grant concessions for prospecting and exploitation of Israel oil resources by foreign and local companies. The government, which introduced the long awaited measure last week, has asked for early passage.

Dr. Moshe Sneh, pro-Soviet leader of the left-wing Mapam Party, led off the attack on the legislation, charging that it would "sell out" Israel to the "most dangerous, most ruthless, most aggressive power in the world." He proposed the establishment of an Israel national oil company with the participation of "patriotic capital." He specifically asked that foreign capital be barred from the exploitation of Israel's oil.

At the same time, he advocated the conclusion of a barter deal between Israel and the Soviet Union under which Russia would supply the Israel national oil company with the necessary oil drilling equipment in return for Israeli products. He concluded with the "warning" that when a "democratic regime" is established in Israel it will annul all concessions and "drive out the concessionaires without a penny."

In response to Dr. Sneh's suggestion that Israel ask the U.S.S.R. to supply it with oil exploitation equipment, David Hacohen of the Mapai declared that it was "impracticable" since the Russians would have to buy such equipment from the hard currency countries.

BETTER PLANK FOR ISRAEL SOUGHT AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 7. (JTA) -- A plank worded more favorably to Israel than the proposals which have been made thus far was being sought today behind closed doors at the Foreign Relations Sub-committee of the Republican Platform Committee.

Senator Irving M. Ives, of New York, has expressed displeasure with the present Near Eastern plank, which is said to merely demand amicable settlement of the Arab-Israel dispute through a solution satisfactory to both sides.

**ISRAEL DECIDES TO REDUCE IMPORTS; KAPLAN LEAVES FOR EUROPE**

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- Reports that the Israel Cabinet has decided to reduce imports to 50 percent of last year's total were published in the Hebrew press today following an extraordinary Cabinet meeting. According to these reports, \$263,000,000 will be spent for imports next year, of which some \$70,000,000 will be used for food purchases.

It is expected that the funds needed for the imports will be covered as follows: \$70,000,000 from the United States grant-in-aid; \$52,000,000 from philanthropic drives; \$48,000,000 from the Israel bond drive; \$60,000,000 from the sale of Israel exports and \$12,000,000 from tourism, while the remainder will be made up from various sources, including loans.

The Cabinet speeded up its deliberations to enable Deputy Prime Minister Eliezer Kaplan to leave for Switzerland where he will recuperate from his recent illness. Mr. Kaplan left Israel today and will remain in Europe for three months.

Ehud Avrieli, newly-appointed general director of the Israel Treasury, said today that the "position of hard currency is less serious than is generally supposed here and abroad." He added that "if money is spent for essential commodities, there is the possibility of keeping up the Israel economy and of recovering." He urged the people of Israel to "carry out voluntarily another year of austerity in order to overcome the present difficulties." He also paid tribute to American aid to Israel, stating that it is most essential for Israel's recovery.

**SHIPMENT OF CRUDE OIL FROM VENEZUELA ARRIVES AT HAIFA**

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- The first tanker shipment of oil purchase from Venezuela by Israel arrived at Haifa today. The 9,500 ton shipment of crude oil will be refined at the Consolidated Refineries in Haifa.

Gershon Maron, manager of the Israel Fuel Company, which owns the oil, stated today that the shipment will not solve Israel's fuel problem. He added that future purchases of crude oil will depend on allocations of foreign exchange by the government.

**U.S. ENGINEERS REPORTED STUDYING PLAN TO CUT CANAL THROUGH ISRAEL**

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- The London Daily Graphic reported today that American engineers are re-examining the Israel Government's plan for a canal that would stretch from the Red Sea through the Negev to the Mediterranean, as an alternative to the Suez Canal.

The same paper also reported that Major General John B. Glubb, commander of Jordan's British-officered and financed Arab Legion, may soon relinquish his command to take over the training of a new army for the recently established State of Libya.

**ISRAELI COMPANY ORDERED TO HALT PRODUCTION OF CHLOROMYCIN**

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- A local pharmaceutical manufacturing company, Abid, has been ordered by the Tel Aviv district court to halt the production of chloromycin in violation of the patent, which is held by Parke Davis and Company of Detroit. The Israeli company was ordered to pay all court costs and attorneys' fees.

JEWISH DEPUTY MINISTER IN RUMANIA REPORTED A SUICIDE

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- Alexander Yakob, Deputy Minister of Finance of Rumania and a Jew, has committed suicide, the afternoon press reported here today. The story was based on information reaching Yakob's relatives in Israel.

The newspapers also reported that two more prominent Jews in Rumania have been removed from party office in the latest Communist Party political purge. They are Bercu Feldman, member of the Rumanian Communist Politburo and chairman of the Jewish Democratic Committee, and Sherban Leibovitz of the Hashomer Hatzair.

A Yugoslav News Agency report quoted by the press here today asserts that Rumania's second deputy Foreign Minister Anna Toma, a close associate of Anna Pauker and like her a Jew, is missing and believed to be under arrest.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman today told newsmen that the Israel Government has received no official word from the Rumanian Government on the stoppage of immigration from that country. But, he added, the facts "appear to be serious."

EX-OFFICIALS OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GERMANY TO RECEIVE GOVT. AID

DUSSELDORF, July 7. (JTA) -- The Federal Ministry of the Interior has notified the Central Council of Jews in Germany here that former officials of Jewish communities in Germany will receive "direct aid" regardless of the final indemnification and rehabilitation program. A special grant will be made available for this purpose from Federal sources.

This decision, it was said here, was the direct result of repeated interventions by the council in behalf of former officials of Jewish communities whose pensions have not been paid since the war.

Police investigations today failed to uncover any clue to the identity of a band of vandals responsible for the desecration of Jewish cemeteries in Stuttgart for the third time within three months. Many stones were overturned and a child's grave in the Ban Cannstaat Jewish cemetery was disturbed. No clue was found to the perpetrators of the first two acts of vandalism either.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY PROTESTS TO CHANCELLOR'S PARTY ON BIAS

VIENNA, July 7. (JTA) -- The Vienna Jewish Community has protested to the People's Party, Chancellor Leopold Figl's party, against an anti-Semitic attack in the party's publication against Jewish "emigres" from Austria.

The community took exception to an article in "Das Kleine Volksblatt" which blamed some of the Austrian Government's difficulty with the Allied Control Council over a plan to amnesty ex-Nazis who were prisoners of war, on "emigres" who were said to be working in the American High Commission offices and influencing policy on such matters.

The Austrian newspaper's response to the Jewish protest was to state that there were no anti-Semites on the paper and to state that it "respects the Jews as a people." Insisting that the article only attacked a few specific Jews for their actions, the newspaper said that references to their being Jews was "necessary" for an "understanding" of the matter.

U.S. MIZRACHI LABOR ASKS TRUMAN TO STIMULATE ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

FALLSBURG, N. Y., July 7. (JTA) -- The 29th annual convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi, Zionist Orthodox Labor Organization of America, today adopted a resolution asking President Truman to stimulate direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries. The 500 delegates attending the convention also expressed thanks to Mr. Truman and to the U. S. Congress for American aid to Israel.

Another resolution welcomed the decision of the Israel Government to grant the World Zionist movement a special status. However, the resolution pointed out that the draft law to this effect presented by the government to the Israel Parliament is not entirely satisfactory. The resolution expressed hope that the leaders of the Jewish Agency would succeed in influencing Parliament to modify the law in the spirit of the decision adopted by the World Zionist Congress.

The convention called upon American Jewry to participate in the "Hahkel"--world gathering of Orthodox Jewry--in Jerusalem which is scheduled to take place next year. Other resolutions pledged aid to the Israel bond drive and to the Jewish National Fund.

MEXICO AND ISRAEL SIGN PACT ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

MEXICO CITY, July 7. (JTA) -- The Governments of Israel and Mexico will soon exchange envoys under the terms of an agreement signed here establishing diplomatic relations between the two nations. The envoys will bear the title of Minister.

Signing of the pact was celebrated at the home of Dr. Adolfo Fastlicht, Israeli counsel, with a reception attended by representatives of the Jewish community, and Dr. Moshe Tov, Israeli Minister to Latin American countries. The Jewish Central Committee and the Zionist Organization of Mexico, in telegrams to President Miguel Aleman and Foreign Minister Manuel Tello, hailed the pact, expressing their gratitude and appreciation to the Mexican Government.

MRS. WEIZMAN GETS INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN "CROSS OF MERIT"

ZURICH, July 7. (JTA) -- The golden "Cross of Merit" of the International Union for Child Welfare was today awarded to Mrs. Vera Weizmann, wife of the Israeli President, for her work in behalf of the Youth Aliyah movement.

At the Union's session here, which just concluded, the OSE was represented by Dr. L. Gurvitch and Dr. H. Klee of Geneva and Abel Shaban of Johannesburg. The Youth Aliyah delegation consisted of I. Margalith and Dr. H. Reinbold of Tel Aviv, N. Sutro of Zurich and Mrs. M. Warburg of London.

REFORM TEMPLE IN WASHINGTON TO HOLD SERVICES IN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WASHINGTON, July 7. (JTA) -- Temple Sinai, under the leadership of Rabbi Balfour Brickner, has acquired the use of the Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington Cathedral. Rabbi Brickner, with the help of the Dean of the Episcopal Chapel, chose it for his Reform Jewish Congregation. Services will be held there regularly by placing a portable ark on the altar of the church. The rabbi is the son of Rabbi Barnett Brickner of Cleveland.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CUBA HOLDS SERVICES FOR JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

HAVANA, July 7. (JTA) -- Memorial services for the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis were held here by Msgr. Juan J. Lobato in the Monserrate Church. Representatives of Jewish organizations were invited to attend the services.