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GERMANS AT HAGUE RAISE OBJECTIONS TO CONFERENCE'S PROPOSALS

THE HAGUE, July 10. (JTA) -- The German delegation to the reparations talks here today, for the first time, raised objections to the legislative program for individual restitution and indemnification for victims of the Nazis which has been proposed by the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany.

The Germans, taking issue with various specific points, said that if the Bonn Government grants such concessions to the Jews it will be in a position where other refugees and Nazi victims will also be entitled to claim them.

Moses A. Leavitt, head of the Conference negotiating team here, commenting on the German attitude, declared that they were not trying to evade accepting the Conference program. They have a "real desire" to meet the Conference's legislative program, he said, but in ways different from those visualized by the Conference. Nonetheless, he said, the conversations on the legislative program should be completed some time next week.

The Germans did not make any offer to settle the Conference's global claims for \$500,000,000, as had been expected, because instructions had not been forthcoming from Bonn. There will be no further meetings between the Germans and the Israelis and Jews this week.

Half of German Reparations to Go to Basic Industry in Israel

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- More than half the sum expected from German reparations by the Israel Government will be spent for the development of Israel's basic industry, financial circles here said today.

These circles said that the basic industries which would benefit most from reparations would be electric power, transport and construction. Manufacturing plants would receive some machinery and raw materials, while consumer goods would make up the balance of the German payments.

According to a tentative plan which is already in existence, these circles said, \$340,000,000 would be spent in Germany to purchase capital goods, while another \$100,000,000 would be spent on capital goods in other countries for the use of Israel's basic industries. In addition, some \$65,000,000 would be spent on transportation charges. The largest single sum will be spent on agricultural development, it was said. Of this, \$70,000,000 will be used for irrigation purposes alone.

12,000 ISRAELI RESIDENTS REJECT ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- More than 12,000 persons from 56 different countries who now reside in Israel have informed the Israeli authorities that they do not choose to accept Israeli citizenship when the Israeli nationality law conferring citizenship on all legal residents of Israel goes into effect on July 14, it was officially announced here today.

Yehoshua Shai, director of the national immigration service, who made the announcement, said that a variety of reasons for refusing citizenship has been offered, including the fear of Austrian and German nationals that if they accept Israeli citizenship they might lose their rights to restitution and indemnification for losses and injuries suffered under the Nazi regime.

Mr. Shai estimated that 98 percent of the Arabs living in Israel would automatically acquire Israeli citizenship on July 14. Under the terms of the nationality law, automatic citizenship will be granted to all legal residents who registered with the Israel Government on March 1st, 1952, or who legally entered the country after that date. Jewish immigrants entering the country after July 14 will receive citizenship automatically upon arrival. Non-Jews will be able to apply for citizenship if they so desire after going through a waiting period.

The right of citizenship will not be extended to foreign nationals immigrating to Israel who declare prior to their arrival or on arrival that they they do not desire Israel citizenship. Israel residents presently residing abroad will receive citizenship on July 14 unless they make a declaration waiving such rights at the nearest Israel Consulate before that date. Inasmuch as the law confers automatic citizenship on the minor children of Israel nationals, any waiver notice should include the names of the children.

The citizenship law is operative only in relation to immigrants intending to settle permanently in Israel. It does not include those merely intending to visit the country, and prospective tourists are, therefore, exempted.

TWO ISRAELIS CHARGED WITH BOMBING MINISTER'S HOME FREE ON BAIL

TEL AVIV, July 10. (JTA) -- Amos Kinan and Shaltiel Ban Yair, the two young men charged with having bombed the apartment of Israel Communications Minister David Zvi Pinkas last month, were today free on 1,000 pounds bail. Both men are members of a group known as Canaanites, which is dedicated to restoring Israeli culture to what it was in the days of ancient Canaan.

At a hearing in magistrate's court here this morning, the government presented 15 witnesses to support its charges against the two men, who maintained a stubborn silence before the judge. The magistrate transferred the case to the Tel Aviv District Court for trial. If convicted they face as much as life imprisonment.

The prosecutor filed an additional charge against Ben Yair--illegal possession of firearms. He faces a 10-year sentence on this charge.

KNESSET COMMITTEE COMPLETES STUDY OF JEWISH AGENCY STATUS BILL

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- The Knesset's Judiciary Committee today completed its deliberations on the draft bill giving the Jewish Agency a legal status in Israel. It was learned that the majority had agreed to several changes in the measure, all of which received the consent of the Agency. The minority's objections to the bill will be brought to the floor of Parliament.

BRITAIN URGED TO ACT ON EGYPT'S ANTI-ISRAEL BLOCKADE OF SUEZ CANAL

LONDON, July 10. (JTA)-- Labor and Conservative M. P. 's today raised the question of Egypt's anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal in Commons and demanded that the British Government take immediate action to force Egypt to open the canal to international traffic.

Replying to Laborite Barnett Janner and Conservative Fitzroy Maclean, Foreign Undersecretary Anthony Nutting asked the House not to press for immediate action because the Suez Canal issue had wider ramifications than the Egyptian-Israel or Egyptian-British disputes. He said that the issue involved worldwide interests and that the British Government would do everything possible to insure that British interests and international law would be upheld.

VATICAN ORGAN ATTACKS ARTICLE IN ISRAELI LABOR PAPER

ROME, July 10. (JTA) -- The Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano today published a frontpage editorial attack on the Israeli Mapai newspaper Hapoel Hatzair for an article holding the Catholic Church partly responsible in the death of thousands of Jews during the Nazi regime.

The semi-official Vatican paper recalled a long series of statements by prominent Jewish leaders praising the Catholic Church for the aid it gave persecuted Jews. The editorial also "deplored" that the Jews in Israel and elsewhere were unaware of the persecution of Catholics in Communist countries. It concluded with a statement that Christian principles had guided the Catholic people and the Church in aiding persecuted Jews.

The Hapoel Hatzair article had stated that Hitlerian anti-Semitism had found a response among many Christians because "for centuries the Catholic clergy had educated Christians in a hatred against Jews." The labor newspaper also chided the Pope for failing to make early condemnations of the Nazi mass murder of Jews, stating that had he done so thousands of Jewish lives might have been saved.

JEWISH AGENCY SIGNS \$2, 000, 000 MACHINERY CONTRACT WITH U.S. FIRM

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- American machinery, irrigation equipment and know-how will be brought to the forefront in the reclamation of the Negev, Israel's southern agricultural and mining frontier, as a result of a \$2, 000, 000 contract signed today by the Jewish Agency and Worthington Corporation of Harrison, New Jersey.

The purchase is being made by the Jewish Agency for the Mekerot Water Co., a public agency engaged in the development of water resources in Israel. The funds have been supplied through the United Jewish Appeal. The contract is considered a decisive step in Israel's vast irrigation and engineering project designed to open the Negev to tens of thousands of new settlers and place the nation on the road to economic self-sufficiency.

Speaking for the Jewish Agency at the signing, Gottlieb Hammer, executive director, declared: "Worthington has entered more than just another business arrangement. You are assisting in the economic development of Israel. Raising standards of living everywhere is in line with the American tradition of helping those who help themselves. The people of Israel, sharing the same view, have demonstrated a sincerity, fortitude and ingenuity which has long aroused the admiration of all Americans."

SHARETT LEAVES U.S. WITH PLAN FOR U.J.A. - BOND DRIVE COORDINATION

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, prior to his departure today from the United States, issued a statement that he had formed certain conclusions with regard to the question of coordinating the activities of the Israel Bond Issue and the United Jewish Appeal and will submit them to the Israel Government for a final decision.

Mr. Sharett emphasized that he was "very much impressed and greatly heartened by the deep attachment to Israel, eagerness to hear its message and enthusiasm for its cause" manifested at the scores of meetings which he addressed in the United States and Canada, ranging from gatherings of a few hundred people to the huge mass rally in Boston which nearly 20,000 people attended.

"In the United States I appeared both on behalf of the Israel Bond Issue and of the U. J. A.," Mr. Sharett said. "Regardless of the auspices, I invariably devoted my remarks to the explanation of the need for both. The value of gift funds as provided by the U. J. A. for the satisfaction of fundamental needs of reclaiming and developing the land of Israel and rehabilitating its immigrant population stands as high as ever. At the same time there is an imperative and growing necessity for investment funds to be placed at the free disposal of the Government of Israel and to be expended on the creation of reproductive assets, through the instrumentality of the Bond Issue.

"The investment of purely private capital is a third channel through which funds should flow for bringing Israel's economic possibilities to full fruition, but this can only serve as a highly valuable addition to, yet by no means as a substitute for either the U. J. A. or the Bond Issue.

Says Bond Issue is No Detriment to United Jewish Appeal

"As for these two public fund-raising efforts, they should be regarded as mutually supplementary and on no account as competitive. The fears expressed at the time the Bond Issue was originally launched that if it prospered at all it could only do so at the expense of the U. J. A. have not been borne out by experience. On the contrary, the Bond Issue has proved itself capable, without the least detriment to the U. J. A., of opening up new sources of capital for the development of Israel's economy and increasing its dollar resources.

"Those engaged in sponsoring both these great efforts should realize that neither can be conducted in disregard of the other but that each is perfectly justified and absolutely necessary in terms both of the vital interests of Israel and the great potentialities of American Jewry. Israel expects all of its friends and supporters to work in harmony and with maximum energy for both. It must certainly insist that nothing should be done to hamper or discourage either.

"If this understanding is shared by all concerned then the question of co-ordinating or harmonizing the activities of the Israel Bond Issue on the one hand, and of the U. J. A. and welfare funds upon the other, becomes a purely organizational one. In the course of my stay here I have had opportunities of consulting those active in the direction of the Bond Issue, and leaders of the U. J. A., the heads of the Council of Jewish Federation of Welfare Funds and last, but not least, my closer colleagues of the executive of the Jewish Agency.

"I tried to clarify both the major problem of maintaining and strengthening the work of the two institutions and the incidental issue of the relationship between them.

I have formed certain conclusions which I will lose no time upon my return in presenting to my Government for a final decision.

"I have also taken advantage of this visit to America to discuss with representatives of the United States Administration questions relating to Israel's economic position and efforts. I particularly drew attention to the difficulty arising from the accumulated short-term indebtedness with which Israel is now burdened and explored ways and means of alleviating our position in this regard. I was gratified to have met with considerable understanding but it is too early yet to say whether and what practical results will be forthcoming as the matter is still under study and investigation."

C. J. F. W. F. REFUTES CHARGES OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds today replied to the charges voiced yesterday by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, that the Council had failed to report the actions of community relations councils which voted against the Evaluative Studies Committee proposal with regard to the work of Jewish organizations engaged in community relations activities.

In a statement issued here today by Harry Lurie, C. J. F. W. F. executive director, it was pointed out that membership in the C. J. F. W. F. is limited to federations and welfare funds and to overall community councils which undertake the broad function of Jewish communal organization. "Our membership does not include local community relations agencies which limit themselves to public relations work," the statement said. "Local chapters of the American Jewish Committee or of other national organizations similarly are not members of the Council.

"Dr. Slawson states that the Council's report on the action taken concerning the National Community Relations Advisory Council evaluative studies proposal was limited to illustrations of action by the member agencies of the Council," the statement continued. "That is correct, since the purpose of the report was to inform our member agencies about actions which had been taken by them throughout the country. It is our member agencies which finance the national agencies and the majority of the local community relations councils that belong to the N. C. R. A. C.

"Dr. Slawson complains that our bulletin creates a 'band wagon psychology.' He does not refer to erroneous reports that have been circulating throughout the country that have been at variance with the actual facts concerning the actions which local federations, welfare funds and community councils have taken. The purpose of our bulletin was not directly to try to correct these misconceptions but if it has succeeded in doing so it will have served an additional useful purpose," Mr. Lurie's statement concluded.

REPUBLICAN PARTY CONDEMNS RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY AS DANGER TO U. S.

CHICAGO, July 10. (JTA) -- The Republican National Convention last night went on record as condemning bigots who inject class, racial and religious prejudice into public and political matters. "Bigotry is un-American and a danger to the Republic," the convention said in a plank adopted by the delegates.

"The Republican party will not mislead, exploit or attempt to confuse minority groups for political purposes," the resolution stated. "All American citizens are entitled to full, impartial enforcement of Federal laws relating to their civil rights.

"We believe that it is the primary responsibility of each state to order and control its own domestic institutions, and this power, reserved to the states, is essential to the maintenance of our Federal Republic. However, we believe that the Federal

government should take supplemental action within its constitutional jurisdiction to oppose discrimination against race, religion or national origin.

"We will prove our good faith by: Appointing qualified persons, without distinction of race, religion or national origin, to responsible positions in the government; Federal action toward the elimination of lynching; Federal action toward the elimination of poll-taxes as a prerequisite to voting; Appropriate action to end segregation in the District of Columbia; Enacting Federal legislation to further just and equitable treatment in the area of discriminatory employment practices. Federal action should not duplicate state efforts to end such practices; should not set up another huge bureaucracy."

BROWDY DISCUSSES ISRAEL PLANK WITH DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, July 10. (JTA) -- Benjamin G. Browdy, former president of the Zionist Organization of America and delegate to the Democratic National Convention, today declared here that he will propose to the platform committee the inclusion of a plank in the Democratic platform demanding the re-call of the McCarran Immigration Law which was adopted over President Truman's veto and which was characterized by many Jewish and liberal organizations as "racial in character and un-American in intent."

Mr. Browdy had a number of conferences in Washington with Frank B. McKinney, party chairman, with whom he discussed, among other things, the Israel plank in the Democratic platform. "Under our democratic system," Mr. Browdy said, "we can start working for the re-call of a law immediately after it was passed, if, in our judgment, it is contrary to the country's interests. The time to start a campaign for the re-call of the McCarran law is now and not later."

ABRAHAM GOODMAN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF Z. O. A. INNER COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- Abraham Goodman, national Z. O. A. vice-president, who has figured prominently in the organization's affairs over a period of many years, has been named chairman of the Z. O. A. Inner Committee, it was announced today by Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Rabbi Miller also announced two staff appointments: Harold F. Manson, editor of the Zionist Quarterly, as assistant to the Z. O. A. president, and Leon Ulutovich, director of the Zionist Information Service, as assistant executive director of the Z. O. A.

BRITISH LABOR LEADERS HONOR AMERICAN HISTADRUT DELEGATION

LONDON, July 10. (JTA) -- British Labor Party leaders today praised the courage and enthusiasm of the new State of Israel and expressed the opinion that it would overcome the great odds which it faces. Speaking at a reception given by Labor M. P.'s in honor of a Histadrut delegation of 62 American and Canadian Jews who are here en route to Israel, the British Laborites stressed the close relations between the Israeli and British labor movements.

Speakers included Arthur Greenwood, treasurer of the British Labor Party, Glenville Hall, chairman of its Parliamentary caucus and Alice Bacon, former chairman of the party. Earlier, Ian Mikardo, Labor M. P., addressed a Labor Zionist reception for the Americans and Canadians, who will leave for Paris this week-end to spend several days before proceeding to Israel for a three-week stay.