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## U.S. COMMISSIONER HITS AUSTRIA'S AMNESTY FOR NAZIS; CAN VETO IT

VIENNA, July 20. (JTA) -- The American High Commissioner for Austria today expressed dissatisfaction with the laws passed by the Austrian Parliament last Friday restoring property and civil rights to more than 20,000 former leading Nazis.

"Nazi victims should be given consideration prior to Nazis," High Commissioner Walter Donnelly stated commenting on the laws which can be vetoed by any of the four occupation powers. Mr. Donnelly, as a member of the Allied Council, had once refused to approve a law passed by the Austrian parliament which would single out former Nazis for preferential treatment by exempting those repatriated as war criminals after April 30, 1949, from legal penalties imposed on Nazis before that date.

The new amnesty laws were adopted despite an appeal by the Vienna Jewish Community to the coalition parties not to pass them. Under these laws, thousands of Austrian Nazis up to the rank of cell leaders will get back their properties and will be reinstated in their civil rights, with the exception of 6,000 former members of the "Blood Order" who will receive their property but will remain without civil rights.

The new laws also lift a three-year-old freeze on promotion and increase in salaries for 30,000 civil service workers who were ordinary members of the Nazi Party.

Parallel with these laws, the Parliament also passed a "compensation law" under which former victims of Nazism will receive an additional \$17.00 in Austrian currency for each month they were in concentration camps. These victims have been receiving till now about \$23.50 for each month of internment.

"Neue Front," organ of the neo-Nazi League of Independents, today attacked the Allied Powers for "listening to the campaign of slander" against the Nazis. "We do not fear the Jewish protests, because we know from history that Jewish hatred is immeasurable and that the Jewish lust for revenge is unlimited," the paper said, adding that this view should not be interpreted as "anti-Semitic."

## U.S. Jewish Groups Protest Nazi Amnesty Laws in Austria

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress today protested against the adoption by the Austrian Parliament of Nazi amnesty laws and the weakening of restitution laws there.

Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, said in a cable to Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl that Austria's failure to take action on restitution of heirless property, as well as the amnesty laws giving back to former Nazis

their property and restoring their civil rights, constitute "betrayals of democracy and the Western Powers' trust in Austria."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, charged that Austria "is embarked on a policy aimed at the complete legal rehabilitation of Nazi criminals and of open anti-Semitism." He cited facts showing that serious anti-American agitation was also developing in that country.

"The situation in Austria is extremely dangerous," Dr. Goldstein said, "because all political elements appear to be wooing the electoral support of unrepentant Nazis. Austria can easily become a focus of anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi infection for all of Europe and a center of international anti-Semitism if prompt measures are not taken by our own government, as the leading member of the Allied Council responsible for occupation policy."

#### JEWISH DELEGATION AT HAGUE SEEKS TO SECURE CASH FOR GERMAN GOODS

THE HAGUE, July 20. (JTA) -- Informal talks have begun today between the delegations of Israel and Conference on Jewish Claims on how the goods delivered by Germany to Israel in behalf of the Conference will be converted into cash. Bonn has offered the Claims Conference \$107,000,000 in goods, to be delivered in Israel, in settlement of the Conference's demand for \$500,000,000 in reparations.

Both the Germans and the Conference negotiating teams were determined today to settle their differences regarding the Conference's proposed legislative program for the indemnification of individual victims of the Nazi regime. It is believed that by the end of the coming week nothing will be left to conclude except a few technical details in preparation for the signing of the written agreements. As far as the German-Israeli negotiations are concerned, they are virtually complete, except for drafting clauses concerning delivery schedules and types of goods to be delivered.

There seems to be a genuine desire on the part of all three delegations to nail down all points in final agreements which it is hoped will be water tight. These final agreements will take at least another two weeks to conclude, it is felt here.

One point that remains to be clarified is the Conference's contention that its legislative program will not be as costly to the Germans as the latter fear. As for the political implications of the legislative program which the Germans fear, the Conference team is attempting to reach understanding on wording more acceptable to the Germans.

#### BRITISH JEWS VIEW BONN CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH GRAVE CONCERN

LONDON, July 20. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews here today adopted a resolution that viewed with grave concern the contractual agreements recently signed between the Western Powers and the West German government, "insofar as they concern the rearmament of Germany."

The Board, the resolution declared, believes "these agreements will lead to a revival of aggressive militarism in the whole of Germany, inevitably resulting in an intensification of neo-Nazi activities. This will imperil democracy and world peace and bring with it the spread of racial hatred both in Germany and other countries. The Board, therefore, is of the earnest conviction that before the Bonn contractual agreements are ratified, endeavors should be continued to bring about peaceful settlement between the East and the West," the resolution stated.

ISRAEL SEEKS U. S. MILITARY AID; ANXIOUS TO CONSOLIDATE ITS LOANS IN U. S.

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- When Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was in Washington conferring with Administration leaders, he attempted to obtain approval for a fiscal program which would have consolidated Israel's short term loans into one long term loan, he told a press conference here today. So far, he added, he has received no reply.

Reporting on his two-month tour of the United States and Canada, the Minister said that he had also asked for military aid, but had not received a reply on that point either. Mr. Sharett stressed that Israel had also requested military aid from other countries, and would continue to ask such assistance from all countries.

Speaking of the attitude of American and Canadian Jews, he declared: "I never before realized the vast love and interest for Israel with which Canadian and American Jews are vested." He also emphasized the need for coordination of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bond drives in the U. S.

Commenting on the forthcoming elections, the Foreign Minister expressed the hope that whoever is elected President will continue the present foreign policy of the U. S., including foreign aid grants, unchanged. Asked what he thought were the chances for a war, he expressed the opinion that prospects for peace were better this year than last. He drew a parallel between Israel-Arab relations and East-West relations, insisting that the Arabs expect Israel to collapse from internal economic pressure and the East expects the same on the part of the Western powers.

Referring to recent hostile statements by Arab leaders abroad, he stressed the need for the Israel Army to be prepared, although he also expressed the opinion that the Arabs were not ready for another war with Israel. In a comment on the reparations negotiations between Israel and Germany and the Jewish Claims Conference and Germany at The Hague, he said that Israel and the Conference would sign simultaneous agreements or none at all.

YUGOSLAVIA AND HUNGARY PERMIT LIMITED JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- A representative of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency left today for Belgrade to prepare the immigration of 300 Jewish families from Yugoslavia to Israel. A number of immigrant groups are expected to arrive in Israel next week from North Africa and Persia.

The Hungarian Government has approved 129 exit visas for Jews migrating to Israel, the Israel Foreign Ministry announced here today. The announcement said that the 129 visas came within a total of 3,000 which the Hungarian Government agreed three years ago to issue. So far, 2,700 Jews have arrived here under this agreement. The spokesman reported that Israel had no news about the immigration picture in Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HEARS REPORT ON EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

GENEVA, July 20. (JTA) -- Some 260,000 children were enrolled in Israeli schools at the beginning of the 1950-51 school year, the International Conference for Public Education here was told this week-end.

In a report on education in Israel, Israeli delegate Dr. M. Kshany revealed that this was an increase of 270 percent over the 97,000 children in Israel's schools in 1948. The report disclosed that an acute shortage of school teachers and school facilities has not yet been solved, leaving Israel with: crowded classrooms; double shifts in many city schools; and substandard school buildings, including even huts and tents in the immigrant areas.

U.S. QUERIES ISRAEL ON TRANSFER OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TO JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- The United States and several other countries have approached the Government of Israel with regard to Israel's transfer of its Foreign Ministry from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, it was revealed here today by a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

The spokesman was replying to a report by the Arab News Agency that the U. S. Government is exercising pressure on Israel not to transfer the Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem. He said that a high official of the American Embassy in Tel Aviv submitted a fortnight ago to the Foreign Ministry a communication expressing his government's views on the transfer. However, the document did not include any demand, he pointed out.

The American communication, the spokesman added, also did not contain any questioning with regard to Jerusalem's territorial status and its conversion into Israel's capital by concentrating therein the Premier's office as well as other government departments. He explained that the transfer of the Foreign Ministry from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was not a problem involving principles but was a purely technical problem.

ISRAEL MILITARY MANEUVERS TO START TOMORROW; U.S. TO HAVE OBSERVER

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- The annual summer maneuvers of the Israeli Army will start on Tuesday, it was reported here today. The maneuvers will be divided into three parts: first, taking place in northern Israel; second, in the central area of the country, and third, in the south of Israel. Separate air and navy operations will take place simultaneously.

The three armed services of Israel, participating in the huge maneuvers, will be observed by United States, British and French military attaches. According to high Israeli Army officers the maneuvers are aimed to examine the operational efficiency of commanders of all corps, from the smallest units to brigades.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES U. J. A. - BOND RIFT; DECIDES ON COORDINATION

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the problem of establishing coordination between the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond drive in the United States. A brief communique issued after the meeting indicates that a line of coordination has been decided upon but does not give any details. The communique mentions that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, during his recent visit to the United States, attempted to settle the problem.

The communique reveals that at today's Cabinet meeting the question of Israel's security was also discussed. The discussion took place in connection with the murder last week of five Israeli watchmen in the Negev. The Cabinet also reviewed the information submitted with regard to the security situation on other borders of the country.

NO ISRAELI BOOKS SOLD IN RUSSIA; SOVIET SELLING BOOKS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- Israel Minister of Education Ben Zion Dinaburg was asked today if Israel had made any attempts to sell Hebrew books in the Soviet Union in the same manner that the U. S. S. R. sells books in this country. His reply was that the Soviet Government, which is the exclusive book selling agency in the country, has not ordered any books from foreign countries.

U.S. ZIONISTS APPEAL TO RED CROSS FOR ADMISSION OF "MAGEN DAVID ADOM"

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, today announced that he has submitted an appeal to the president of the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva urging support of Israel's Magen David Adom's bid for membership in the International Red Cross when the matter comes up for consideration at the quadrennial International Red Cross Conference convening in Toronto on July 28.

Composed of the world's 70 Red Cross Societies, the Conference is the highest deliberative body of the I. R. C. movement and is in a position to make such a recommendation. The Magen David Adom was barred from membership in the International Red Cross in 1949 when the Fourth Geneva Convention refused to accept the six-pointed shield of David, historic symbol of the struggle for Jewish freedom, in place of the Swiss Red Cross. The Moslem countries swung the vote against Israel at that time by a narrow margin.

Mr. Lipsky stated that barring of the Magen David Adom from membership in the International organization was a "source of extreme disquiet and concern to all fair-minded people" for which, he said, there could be no justification, especially since recognition has been granted to the Red Crescent of the Moslem countries and the Red Lion and Sun of Persia. "There surely can be no good reason why the Star of David, the immemorial symbol of the Jewish struggle for freedom, should not be accorded equal status and international recognition," he declared.

The Magen David Adom was founded in 1930 and performed valiantly during the Second World War and during the Arab-Israel conflict. It is officially recognized by the Israel Parliament as Israel's sole legal first-aid and ambulance agency, a status similar to that accorded to the American Red Cross by the U. S. Government.

GEN. SARNOFF RECEIVED BY WEIZMANN AND BEN GURION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- Brig. General David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, was received today by Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion. Earlier Gen. Sarnoff and his wife were the guests of President Chaim Weizmann.

Gen. and Mrs. Sarnoff will remain in Israel for about 10 days. Asked by newsmen whether his visit to this country had anything to do with television, the R. C. A. board chairman said that he was on a "pleasure visit" and had brought no plans for a television set-up for the Jewish State.

ROME TO HONOR MEMORY OF JEWS DEPORTED BY NAZIS TO DEATH CAMPS

ROME, July 20. (JTA) -- Plans were announced here today for the erection of a memorial honoring the Jews of Rome who were deported to death camps by the Nazis. The memorial will be erected in the Jewish section of the municipal cemetery. The unveiling will take place October 16th, which marks the anniversary of the deportation of thousands of Rome's Jews.

Don Fra', a Catholic priest of Turin, has made known that he would not grant absolution to persons who caused the deportation of Jews by the Nazis, or who stole Jewish property without making good for the theft. The priest apparently refers to Italians who, during confession, request absolution for the above-mentioned crimes.