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U.S. GOVERNMENT DISPLEASED WITH AUSTRIA'S NEW PRO-NAZI LAWS

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- The State Department has expressed its displeasure to the Austrian Ambassador here over the passage by the Austrian Parliament of laws restoring property and civil rights to more than 20,000 former leading Nazis, it was learned today. The Department made known its views to the Austrian diplomat when he was called to the State Department last Friday.

The United States High Commissioner for Austria, Walter J. Donnelly, is expected to arrive here early next week to report to the State Department on the effect of the laws. As a member of the Allied Council, Commissioner Donnelly could recommend the veto of these laws by the United States. Although Mr. Donnelly is assuming a new post as High Commissioner for Germany, it is expected here that whatever recommendations he makes with regard to the new Austrian laws will be put into effect. A continuity of policy is predicted on official levels.

It was learned here that the American Government was displeased both by the nature of the laws and by the manner in which they were pushed through just prior to the adjournment of the Austrian Parliament.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson today received a telegram from the American Jewish Congress asking the U.S. Government to refuse its consent to the laws enacted by the Austrian Parliament. The telegram, signed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president, pointed out that the American Government "cannot acquiesce in these disheartening denials of justice." A protest from the American Jewish Congress was also received by the Austrian Embassy here.

U.S. Wants Austria to Make "Greater Amends" to Nazi Victims

Frank Goldman, B'nai B'rith president, also sent a telegram to Secretary Acheson urging the U.S. Government "to use its good offices within the Allied Council" against the implementation of the measures passed by the Austrian Parliament. "Passage of these acts jeopardizes the rights of the victims of Nazi persecution and constitutes an open political appeal by the Austrian Government for the support of the elements in Austrian society which cooperated with the Hitler regime," Mr. Goldman said in his plea.

It was pointed out here that High Commissioner Donnelly, in a statement in Vienna last May, explaining the Allied Council's refusal to approve a law passed at that time by the Austrian Parliament exempting repatriated Austrian war criminals from legal penalties imposed on Nazis, emphasized that he was disappointed to find

legislation for the relief of ex-Nazis preceding that for their victims. He then emphasized that the United States expects the Austrian Government to make "greater amends" to Nazi victims in Austria.

A memorandum by the American Jewish Committee made public here today suggests that the "greater amends" which High Commissioner keeps urging upon the Vienna Government as a matter of United States policy and as an obligation "in simple justice," should include the following:

1. The cessation of attempts to destroy restitution by any amendment of the correct Third Restitution Law, in favor of the restitutors at the expense of the legal owners.
2. The abandonment of the plan of a "Hardship Settlement Fund" financed by discriminatory confiscation and taxation of Jewish assets, instead of general taxation.
3. The assignment of Jewish heirless and unclaimed assets for the relief and rehabilitation of Jewish victims of Nazism. In order to facilitate the solution of this problem, the Jewish organizations have stated to Chancellor Figl their preparedness to agree to a reasonable lump-sum settlement to be paid to the benefit of Jewish persecutees, leaving the disposal of the complex of heirless assets to the discretion of the government.
4. Adoption of an indemnification law which would compensate all victims of Nazism for damage to life and limb, deprivation of liberty and forced labor, for lost pensions and other non-property damages, without discrimination as to race or creed, on the model of the indemnification laws of Western Germany.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT REJECTS LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF JEWISH CLAIMS

THE HAGUE, July 22. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Parliament has refused to ratify an agreement between the provincial Cabinet and the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization for a lump sum settlement of J.R.S.O. claims for heirless and communal Jewish property, it was reported here today from Munich.

The agreement involved the payment of some 20,000,000 deutschemarks (approximately \$5,000,000) by Bavaria to the J.R.S.O. Since Parliament is scheduled to adjourn this week there is no prospect for immediate reconsideration. One Bavarian deputy, expressing what appeared to be the sentiment of his fellow legislators, said: "The days of dictation by foreign groups is over."

THREE-DAY PARLEY OF CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH LEADERS OPENS IN GERMANY

HAMBURG, July 22. (JTA) -- A three-day conference of prominent Christian and Jewish leaders in Germany interested in the interfaith movement opened here today. Among the matters under discussion at the parley will be The Hague reparations negotiations, the problem of Christian-Jewish cooperation and mixed marriages.

Horst Staebler, a miner, has been sentenced to one year in jail by a German court in Dusseldorf for entering a synagogue last year and shouting insults at the congregation. Among other remarks Staebler made was that "not enough of you Jewish swine were gassed."

The Hamburg Senate has denied Hjalmar Schacht, onetime financial advisor to Hitler, permission to establish a banking firm with a capitalization of 1,000,000 deutschemarks. Although no reason was given for the Senate's action a spokesman for that body commented that Schacht's attitude during the Nazi era had apparently not been forgotten by the German people.

ISRAEL'S DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PASSES FIRST READING IN PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today passed its first reading of the 115,000,000 pound development budget. This budget, which is in addition to the normal budget of 168,000,000 pounds, is expected to pass its second and final readings tomorrow.

Income is expected from three main sources: 40,000,000 pounds from the sale of Israeli bonds in the United States; 35,000,000 pounds from the compulsory national loan and the levy on capital; and, 40,000,000 pounds from the sale of government-owned real estate by the development authority and from sums set aside in the normal budget.

The budget calls for the expenditure of over 35,000,000 pounds for agriculture, including: the establishment of new farming settlements, local and regional irrigation projects, loans to tobacco and citrus fruit growers, fishing and afforestation projects and similar work. Over 25,000,000 will be spent for industry, including the expenditure of 5,500,000 pounds for expansion of electric power facilities. Another 12,000,000 pounds will be spent for communications projects, including 2,000,000 pounds for the extension of the existing rail line to Beersheba. Finally, 20,000,000 pounds will be devoted to housing.

After hearing an urgent request for development funds by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, the Knesset voted to advance 18,000,000 pounds for development purposes.

ISRAEL ARMY BEGINS SUMMER MANEUVERS; TESTS EQUIPMENT, TRAINING

TEL AVIV, July 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Army yesterday began its summer maneuvers to test newly-acquired material and newly-learned techniques, Gen. Yigal Yadin, Army Chief of Staff, announced here last night.

The acquisition of new equipment by all services and the completion of training courses has put the troops in a good position to repel possible attacks by the Arabs who, the General pointed out, have been purchasing new arms without a halt. He reiterated his warning that if the Arabs re-open hostilities the battle will be carried into their territory.

FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICES IN JERUSALEM WILL BE READY BY END OF YEAR

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- The temporary buildings which will house various Israeli Government offices -- including the Foreign Ministry which will be transferred here from Tel Aviv -- will be ready by the end of the year, Shlomo Araza, government engineer, today told a group of newsmen whom he conducted on a tour of the new government center in this city.

The reporters inspected ten concrete buildings which will serve as the Foreign Ministry offices. Mr. Araza told them that work will be started within a few days on the main building of the Foreign Ministry group. This building, which will house the Minister and his closest assistants, will also be ready by the end of the year when the Ministry is scheduled to move.

(In London today the press featured prominently the United States warning to Israel against the transfer of the Israel Foreign Office to Jerusalem. It also reported that several countries, including Britain, have emulated the United States in informing Israel that they will not move their legations in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.)

CHICAGO RABBI DELIVERS INVOCATION AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

CHICAGO, July 22. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, who is here in connection with the memorandum on Israel submitted to the Democratic National Convention by his organization, today expressed confidence that the Convention would reaffirm the Democratic Party's consistent support of Israel. Today's session of the Convention was opened with an invocation by Rabbi Louis Binstock of Temple Sholom of Chicago.

Jewish observers here were greatly impressed by the address delivered yesterday at the Convention by Governor Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois. Gov. Stevenson pointed out, among other things, that until four years ago the people of Illinois had chosen but three Democratic governors in a hundred years. One of them was a Protestant, the other a Catholic and the third - Henry Horner - was a Jew. "That, my friends, is the American story written here on the prairies of Illinois, the heartland of the nation," he emphasized.

Benjamin G. Browdy, former president of the Zionist Organization of America and member of the New York delegation to the Convention, is busy here conferring with individual members of the resolution committee in an attempt to secure the inclusion in the party platform of a plank recommending the repeal of the McCarran Immigration law, which is opposed by all liberal and Jewish groups in the country.

Arab Representative Seeks to Influence Democratic Platform

Norman Raies, representing Americans of Syrian descent and "Middle East countries" asked the resolutions committee to include in the Democratic platform a plank insisting on strict implementation of United Nations resolutions. He did not mention Israel nor call for aid to Arab refugees. However, he did refer to anti-Israel articles in "Life" magazine and in the "Reader's Digest" as evidence that the Arabs have been alienated from the United States.

Organized Jewish labor in the United States at the Convention today voiced its support of the civil rights platform as recommended by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in which major Jewish organizations participated.

Emphasizing that he spoke for more than 500,000 Jewish organized workers in the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Jacob Siegel, chairman of the Chicago branch of the Jewish Labor Committee, urged the inclusion of this plank in the platform of the Democratic Party. Mr. Siegel appeared before the Convention resolutions committee.

The liberal forces within the 108-member resolutions committee seem near a victory on the civil rights issue following a lengthy fight within a 19-member drafting subcommittee to which Sen. Herbert H. Lehman of New York last night submitted a plank calling for Democratic Party support of a compulsory F.E.P.C. and a change in the Senate rules to permit closure of debate and thus open the way for passage of civil rights legislation in Congress. Sen. Lehman, a member of the drafting unit, and Senators Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and William Benton of Connecticut predicted victory for the liberal forces.

It appears that if the Southern faction is defeated in the drafting committee they will submit a "minority" report to the resolutions committee and may even take the fight to the Convention floor, where it is considered certain to be defeated. An attempt by Senators Warren Magnuson of Washington and John Sparkman of Alabama to push through a "unity" proposal and keep the fight off the convention floor seems doomed to failure.

ANTI-SCHECHITA PROPAGANDA GETTING WIDER CIRCULATION IN BRITAIN

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- Propaganda by "humane societies" and by individuals against Jewish ritual slaughter is receiving new and wider circulation than previously, the Schechita Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews reported today. The committee added that eminent veterinary scientists were examining the Jewish slaughter methods and it is hoped that their report will be completed soon and will provide up-to-date evidence supporting schechita as a most humane method of slaughter.

The committee also warned religious authorities that although the most modern slaughter equipment had been installed in many areas difficulties had arisen as a result of the "unsympathetic attitude" towards schechita of some non-Jewish employees who assist in carrying out various tasks before or after slaughter. It suggested that precautions be taken to make certain that such incidents do not arise during schechita and thus encourage new attempts to ban it.

SAMARITAN HIGH PRIEST VISITS SECT MEMBERS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Amram, high priest of the Samaritan sect, arrived in Israel today for a ten-day visit with members of his community who live in the Jewish State.

The high priest came from Nablus, in Jordan territory, which is his seat. There are some 270 members in the sect, throughout the world, and 180 of them live in Israel. Most of the remainder are in Jordan territory. The separation between the two communities has weakened the high priest's bonds with the Israeli community.

During his stay in Israel, Amram will reside with his friend Itzhak Ben Zvi, former chairman of the Jewish National Council of the Mandatory regime, which was replaced by the Knesset after the Jewish State was established.

JEWISH AGENCY TO OPEN YESHIVA IN BRITAIN TO TRAIN SEPHARDIC RABBIS

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency will open a yeshiva at the British resort town of Ramsgate for training Sephardic rabbis and teachers for communities in various parts of the world, particularly in North Africa, Rabbi Zeev Gold, head of the Agency's religious education department, announced here today. The school, which has the support of the World Union of Sephardic Communities, will begin sessions in October with 25 to 40 students from North Africa, Dr. Gold said.

DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN HONORED IN LONDON BY JEWISH AGENCY

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- The establishment of a "University of the World" in Jerusalem where Jews of differing opinions might come to exchange ideas was advocated here today by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, head of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, at a luncheon in his honor tendered by the Jewish Agency and presided over by British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie. Dr. Finkelstein also revealed that the Seminary plans to set up a "dormitory" in Jerusalem where its students and teachers might spend a year getting the "feel" of Israel.
