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## AUSTRIA'S PRO-NAZI LAWS MAY BE VETGED BY U.S., WASHINGTON INDICATES

WASHINGTON, July 24. (JTA) -- Authoritative State Department sources today indicated that Austria's new laws restoring property and civil rights to some 20,000 former Nazis will probably be vetoed by the American representative on the Allied Council in Vienna. The matter is under active study at the State Department.

Austrian officials here today said that the establishment of a "Hardship Settlement Fund" is being planned by the government in Vienna from the proceeds of heirless property belonging to Jews and others. They asserted that the disposition of this fund was discussed with Jewish organizations with a view to satisfying claims arising from the Nazi regime. At the same time, they revealed that the fund will be made up of about 95 percent heirless Jewish property and five percent of non-Jewish property.

In this connection, it was recalled that during the recent visit to Washington of Austria's Chancellor Dr. Leopold Figl, representatives of American Jewish organizations spoke to him of their objection to the financing of such a fund to assist all victims of Nazism from what amounted to expropriated Jewish assets. They pointed out that it would be unjust to tax a small segment of the population which suffered hardships unheard of in history, and that such general social tasks call for equal sacrifices on the part of all segments of society.

### Austria Charged with Wrecking Restitution

The general feeling among informed sources here is that unlike Western Germany, Austria is not only attempting to assume the role of the first country in the free world bent on wrecking restitution and on completely sabotaging indemnification, but is also trying to make the Jewish victims of Nazism pay the bill for Nazism, at least to the extent of the confiscation of Jewish heirless and unclaimed property for general purposes. The satisfaction of claims against the Nazi regime is the responsibility of the Austrian economy at large, these sources underlined.

American Jewish organizations, in cooperation with the Austrian Jewish community, have been urging the Austrian Government to follow the generally accepted principle of restitution legislation in operation from Germany to Greece, that heirless Jewish assets be assigned for the relief and rehabilitation of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution. On every occasion, the Austrian officials paid lip service to this principle, but in actual fact have done everything to repudiate it, it was pointed out here.

There are today about 12,000 Jews in Austria, most of them old, sick and poor. They and their institutions are supported by the Joint Distribution Committee and are in great need of the funds which they would have received had the Austrian Government handled their claims with justice, instead of passing legislation to return property to thousands of former members of the Nazi party, it was stressed by the observers here.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION PLEDGE

CHICAGO, July 24. (JTA) -- The here, today pledged itself to continue on race, religion or national origin" for the protection of civil rights. " A tion reads:

"The Democratic Party is comm rights and liberties of all Americans that all men are created equal. This law and should enjoy equal political for education, for economic advances

"We will continue our efforts to or national origin. We know this ta nation, but in all sections. It require and action by state and local govern Federal government must live up to and must exercise the powers vested

"We are proud of the progress t ment and opportunity in the nation's areas under Federal jurisdiction. T part in successfully arguing in the c minations, include those involving a gainful occupations and to enroll in are determined the Federal govern

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PRO

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to support and advance the individual country is founded on the proposition that all citizens are equal before the They should have equal opportunities and for decent living conditions.

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been made in securing equality of treat of forces and the civil service and all department of Justice has taken an important for the elimination of many illegal discrim own and use real property, to engage in supported educational institutions. We will continue such policies.

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tions on aid to Israel and other countries the McCarran immigration law as presented were published in yesterday's Bulletin.)

ACTIVITIES OF SWEDISH ANTI-SEMITE

protest against the worldwide distribution g, infamous Swedish anti-Semite was dor in London by Dr. S. Roth, executive World Jewish Congress.

resolution protesting Aber's activities ing of the W. J. C., Dr. Roth said: "The sed by this kind of propaganda and have asked ment will take steps to prevent the dissemina-

ISRAEL SEEKS SPEEDY AID FROM U.S. TO MEET URGENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, July 24. (JTA) -- The speeding of new Mutual Security funds to Israel to meet urgent economic problems there was discussed here yesterday by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. The two officials also discussed the transfer of the Israel Foreign Ministry from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, to which the U.S. Government took objection last week.

Ambassador Eban said that the American aide memoire on the subject of the transfer of Israel's Foreign Ministry is now being studied by the Israel Government. It was still not known whether the matter will come up for discussion at the next session of the United Nations, he added.

The Ambassador said that while Israel has also applied for military aid, that topic was not discussed at yesterday's meeting. On the question of transfer of economic assistance, Mr. Eban said that Secretary Byroade gave him a "sympathetic reception." They also discussed the Egyptian Government's restrictions on the use of the Suez Canal by Israel-bound shipping. Mr. Eban said representations will be made by Israel on this question.

ISRAEL SEEKS TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT FOR 8,000 JOBLESS WORKERS

HAIFA, July 24. (JTA) -- In an effort to find employment for Israel's 8,000 unemployed, the country's labor councils are diverting jobless urban workers to rural districts, it was reported here today.

The Haifa Labor Council has transferred from factories here a considerable number of Jewish and Arab workers who came from rural areas to obtain jobs. In some cases, clashes occurred between council officials and workers who refused to leave their jobs.

AGUDAH PARTIES IN ISRAEL SEEK RECONSTITUTION OF RELIGIOUS BLOC

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- Both wings of the Agudas Israel movement have asked the Mizrahi parties to reconstitute the Religious Bloc which was in effect in the Israel Parliament from the period of the election campaign for the first Parliament to just before the campaign for the second Knesset.

In a joint letter addressed to the Mizrahi parties, Minister of Welfare I. M. Lewin, for the general Agudah movement, and Deputy Minister of Education Kalman Rabane, for the Poale Agudah, asked that the Religious Bloc be formed again so that the Orthodox parties could present a united front to the "disturbing situation in the religious life of the country."

ENGLISH TOWN ASKS GOVERNMENT TO END SCHECHITA IN ITS ABATTOIRS

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- The municipal council of the town of Bury has appealed to the Ministry of Food to halt the slaughter of animals by Jewish ritual methods at the Bury abattoirs, it was learned here today. The Ministry is considering the request.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews, however, has stated that as far as it knows schechita is not practiced in the slaughterhouses at Bury. It has launched an investigation into the situation.

ANTI-SEMITISM INCREASING IN GERMANY, ERICH LUETH REPORTS

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is increasing in Germany but the anti-Semites are still a minority. Erich Lueth, originator of the "Peace with Israel" movement in West Germany, today told newsmen here. Mr. Lueth, who is press officer for the city of Hamburg, is visiting Britain as a member of a German press delegation invited here by the Foreign Office.

Tracing the origins of his movement, Mr. Lueth recalled that he began his personal campaign shortly after reading a statement by Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion that Israel would not follow the Western Powers' lead in seeking an end to the war with Germany because the Germans had shown no signs of making amends to the Jews nor had they demonstrated any change of heart toward the Jews. Lueth said he was deeply impressed by this point and when Chancellor Konrad Adenauer failed to make any public statement recognizing this complaint he wrote an article expressing his feeling that the Germans should attempt a reconciliation with the Jews.

Although he had difficulty in getting the article published, Mr. Lueth said, once it appeared in a Berlin newspaper he received letters from many Germans in all parts of the country. The cause was also espoused by German radio stations and some newspapers. He reported that the "peace with Israel" campaign has the support of student groups and prominent Protestant and Catholic church leaders in Germany. He concluded that the most important accomplishment of the campaign had been to "break the silence" in Germany over the wrongs done the Jews.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN GERMANY CALL FOR FIGHT ON ANTI-SEMITISM

HAMBURG, July 24. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is a political and social problem which must be fought by every Christian personally, not by the churches alone, Christian members of the German delegation to the recent meeting of the International Conference of Christians and Jews, told a press conference here today.

Reporting on the conference at Zurich, the German delegates said that there are traditional concepts of "anti-Judaism" which are based on religious concepts. At the Zurich parley of the executive council of the International Conference attention was called to the "alarming" signs of a revival of anti-Semitism in Germany.

GERMAN NEO-NAZI DEPUTY LOSES PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY

BONN, July 24. (JTA) -- Deputy H. Hedler, leader of the neo-Nazi Socialist Reich Party, has lost Parliamentary immunity following his conviction and sentencing for slandering the German resistance movement and insulting the Jews.

Earlier, Hedler expressed regret for some of the statements he made and insisted that it had never been his intention to insult or slander German Jewry. He said that his remarks had been "misinterpreted" and that all he had been trying to do was to explain "historical facts." He was sentenced to nine months imprisonment.

BERNARD GUTTMAN, JEWISH AUTHOR AND NOVELIST, GETS GOETHE AWARD

FRANKFURT, July 24. (JTA) -- Bernard Guttman, 83-year-old publisher and author, was today presented with the famous Goethe Award at a reception at Goethe House here. Mr. Guttman was for many years political editor of the Frankfurter Zeitung and is the author of a number of historical novels.

MEXICO BECOMES 39TH GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY GENOCIDE CONVENTION

UNITED Nations, N. Y., July 24. (JTA) -- Mexico became the thirty-ninth government to ratify the convention for the prevention and punishment of genocide, the mass destruction of races and religious groups. The document became effective January 12, 1951, when 20 nations had ratified. A United States Senate subcommittee has recommended United States ratification, but the Senate has not yet acted.

ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGISTS UNEARTH ANCIENT WALLS OF TIBERIAS

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Government's Archaeological Department has uncovered the ancient walls of Tiberias and artifacts of the Roman Army which, under the Emperor Vespasian, besieged the city some 1,900 years ago, it was announced here today. In addition, the excavations unearthed human skeletons pottery and utensils from an even earlier period.

NOTED JEWISH SCHOLAR INVITED TO LECTURE AT ARGENTINE UNIVERSITY

BUENOS AIRES, July 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Libman Hersch, noted Jewish scholar and Professor of Statistics and Demography at Geneva University, has arrived here at the invitation of the State University at Santa Fe to deliver a series of lectures. Dr. Hersch is also president of the International Union for Scientific Population Research.

At a press conference upon his arrival, Dr. Hersch praised the Argentine Jewish community as "a notable experiment" in Jewish living. He said that in Europe "Jewishness is fading away" under the impact of world events and stronger non-Jewish cultures.

BEIGIN CONDUCTS CAMPAIGN IN BRAZIL FOR HERUTH ORGANIZATION

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 24. (JTA) -- Approximately 600 persons attended a meeting here addressed by Menahem Beigin, Herut leader, who is conducting a campaign in behalf of his organization. Mr. Beigin severely attacked Israel's reparations talks with Germany. The Central Committee of the United Zionist Organization of Brazil and other Jewish groups did not participate in a reception here for Mr. Beigin.

10,000 TREES PLANTED IN ISRAEL IN HONOR OF MRS. HALPRIN

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- A forest of 10,000 trees has been planted in Israel in honor of Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, former national president of Hadassah, by the Bronx Chapter of the organization. The presentation of the tree certificate to Mrs. Halprin was made today.

MAX GABEL, YIDDISH ARTIST, DIES IN LOS ANGELES; WROTE 120 PLAYS

LOS ANGELES, July 24. (JTA) -- Max Gabel, prominent Yiddish actor and playwright, who wrote about 120 plays, has died here. He was 75 years old. Funeral services will take place tomorrow.

Born in Gornitz, Galicia, he was brought to the United States at the age of 11, and while working in factories he was attracted to the Yiddish theatre. At the age of 14 he joined a dramatic club in New York and later became one of the leading stars of the Jewish stage. He retired in 1932 and settled in California.