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GERMAN GOVT. APPROVES REPARATIONS PACTS WITH ISRAEL, WORLD JEWRY

BONN, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The West German Government today approved the drafts of the reparations agreements reached at The Hague by the West German delegation and the world Jewish and Israeli delegations, it was announced here today. A government spokesman stated that West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will meet Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in Luxemburg tomorrow to sign the German-Israeli pact.

The Germans have agreed to pay Israel \$715,000,000 in reparations for material damages suffered by the Jews and \$107,000,000 to settle the global claims of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The payments will be made to Israel in the form of goods and the Israeli Government will reimburse the Conference for its share.

West German Parliamentary circles here are of the opinion that the establishment of diplomatic and economic relations with Israel are necessary to guarantee the realization of reparations payments and have expressed the hope that such relations will be established. (A dispatch from Bonn in the London Times today says "Chancellor Adenauer and his government hope that apart from the contribution to the economic recovery of Israel, the agreements will bridge a reconciliation between Germany and world Jewry and will be accepted as symbolic of the righting of a great wrong.")

NCRAC VOTES COMPROMISE REORGANIZATION PLAN; AJC, ADL WALK OUT

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- In one of the most dramatic moments in the last decade of American Jewish history the 10th plenary conference of the National Community Relations Advisory Council early today voted to accept a compromise plan of reorganization of community relations work previously rejected by two of its member agencies.

Immediately after the voting on this reorganization proposal spokesmen for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee formally announced that the Council's decision had made continued membership by the two agencies impossible and that they were recommending withdrawal from the advisory body.

At separate meetings last night the delegations of the two organizations voted to retire immediately from further participation in the conference deliberations. An ADL spokesman said today the delegation did not consider it proper to participate in the election and budget discussions of an organization from which it was withdrawing. The delegates of the two agencies did not participate in today's deliberations. Officers of both organizations acted today to secure speedy ratification by their execu-

tive bodies of the decision on withdrawal. The American Jewish Committee's formal decision is expected in advance of the semi-annual meeting of its executive committee next month.

Irving Kane, chairman of NCRAC, who presided at the session, described the occasion as "the saddest moment of my life." He received warm applause, however, when he declared firmly that the NCRAC would continue. He appealed to the delegates of the two dissenting agencies to reconsider before taking any irrevocable measures.

Opposition of the two organizations to the plan of reorganization proposed by the Special Evaluative Committee of NCRAC had been firm and uncompromising throughout a day of debate. Alternative proposals, which they described as their maximum concession, were submitted by the two agencies, but found little or no support outside their ranks.

JWV Tries to Break Deadlock; Offers Compromise

In a move to end the impasse and provide a basis for action which would permit the two dissenting agencies to remain within the NCRAC fold the Jewish War Veterans introduced a resolution which, while maintaining the principles of the Evaluative Committee's report, nevertheless was considered to provide a basis on which the two organizations could remain within NCRAC.

The proposal, introduced by Joseph F. Barr of Washington, member of the JWV executive board, was accepted by the other four national organizations and by the community councils in caucuses last night, but was flatly rejected by the two dissenting agencies. It was adopted this morning by the plenary session with several amendments by a vote of 54 to 17, with six abstentions. Ten of the opposition votes were cast by the American Jewish Committee and the ADL and seven came from four communities.

The Barr resolution, as amended, provides for complete sharing of program plans among all NCRAC member agencies. NCRAC committees, in which the communities would be represented along with the national agencies, would continue to formulate policy and program.

In regard to division of labor, the resolution scrapped the assignment proposed by the NCRAC Special Evaluative Committee and set up a new procedure under which all agencies in the field would submit their recommendations to the appropriate NCRAC committee which would determine the division of labor within its field by a majority vote. Decisions would be subject to review by the NCRAC executive committee.

For the concept of "exclusive responsibility" contained in the Evaluative Committee report, the Barr resolution substituted "primary responsibility" and did not rule out activity by other organizations. The resolution, as amended, gave the American Jewish Committee and the ADL primary responsibility in the areas of intercultural education, and investigation and counter-action, but otherwise provided for division of labor within areas rather than assignment of areas as a whole as in the Evaluative Committee plan.

To provide further time for negotiations, the effective date for the new program was fixed as December 1.

Late last night, after hours of fruitless negotiation and discussion, it became clear that the two dissenting agencies would not budge from their positions and would not go beyond their own proposals. It became equally clear that the Barr resolution would bring the showdown and several pleas were made to the assembly to avoid any action that would bring about a split. Just before the rollcall on the reso-

tion, Jacob Blaustein and Ben Herzberg for the American Jewish Committee sounded their final warning against its adoption and Philip Klutznick for the ADL warned that adoption of the resolution would transform the NCRAC from its present status as an advisory body into a new agency.

Following the vote, Mr. Klutznick, visibly moved, told the session that the B'nai B'rith would have to take action to withdraw from membership in the NCRAC - an act he called "a tragedy." Mr. Blaustein announced similarly that the officers of the American Jewish Committee would recommend to their executive committee withdrawal from the NCRAC.

Delegates Ask AJC, ADL to Remain

In a supplementary resolution adopted by a voice vote the conference appealed to the two agencies to remain within the NCRAC fold. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Mendel Silberberg of Los Angeles, in speeches, to the assembly urged the two organizations to remain in the NCRAC.

In a statement which at times brought tears to the eyes of many delegates and moved most of the assemblage, Irving Kane, NCRAC chairman, declared firmly that "through a thoroughly democratic process today, this morning, this plenum has met up to its obligations and has taken action and acted maturely." He assured the plenum that if the two agencies have to withdraw from NCRAC "it will not be a withdrawal in response to action taken here on the question of division of labor. It would constitute a rejection of the aims and objectives of the NCRAC. Let no one be misled what the real issue is."

Turning to the two dissenting organizations he urged them to "consider what it is you are escaping from and where it is you are escaping to. You are escaping from the only instrument which the American Jewish community has ever forged which has some possibility of bringing about some degree of common sense in this field of work, the only instrument we have which provides some degree of fellowship in this field of work, and the only instrument which preserves and, yes, protects your autonomy, and you would be escaping to islands of loneliness and isolation from the American Jewish community."

A resolution reaffirming belief in the United Nations as an instrument of progress toward "a just and peaceful world" was adopted at the closing session of the conference. It memorialized the U. S. Senate to ratify the genocide convention and called on the U. S. mission to the U. N. to speed completion of the Covenant on Human Rights.

On the national scene, the delegates commended the political parties for condemning injection of racial and religious bigotry in the election. Another resolution commended President Truman for naming a committee to study the immigration and naturalization laws.

The conference called on all agencies of the government for legislation to insure the civil rights of all Americans and urged the Senate to revise its rules so as to end filibusters. Another resolution reaffirmed faith in the concept of public education, commended the public schools for initiating programs of inter-cultural education and denounced "indiscriminate and baseless attacks" on the public schools by "various anti-democratic groups and individuals."

The officers of NCRAC were re-elected to serve another year. Irving Kane of Cleveland was re-elected chairman; Sidney Hollander of Baltimore and Bernard H. Trager of Bridgeport, vice-chairmen; Julian A. Kiser of Indianapolis, secretary; David L. Ullman of Philadelphia, treasurer; Isaiah M. Minkoff of New York, executive director.

GERMANY COOL TO ARAB PROTESTS AGAINST REPARATIONS TO ISRAEL

BONN, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The West German Government has received with reserve protests by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and other Arab circles over its payment of reparations to Israel, it was learned here today. Nor are government circles taking too seriously the threats of Arab countries to sever their commercial ties with Germany over this issue, it was also indicated.

The Syrian consul general in Germany, during a visit to the German Foreign Office, expressed misgivings over the German reparations payments, insisting that payment of reparations would materially aid Israel which, he said, was still at war with the Arab states. (From Jordan it was reported that the Amman Government has threatened to sever commercial relations with Germany, maintaining that cash payments to Israel would increase the Jewish State's power and endanger peace in the Middle East. ")

U.S. FIRM AWARDED CONTRACT TO WORK ON HULEH PROJECT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The second phase of the Huleh reclamation project was officially initiated yesterday with the signing of a \$2,000,000 contract between the Jewish National Fund and the Construction Aggregates Corporation of Chicago.

Under terms of the agreement, the American firm will eliminate the twisting gullies now running throughout the swamp area replacing them with one deep drainage canal. It will also build a dike covering more than 3,000 acres north of the Huleh. The dike is intended to prevent flooding of the Huleh area and at the same time to keep the valuable peat deposits in the area from drying out. The first phase of the work--widening and deepening the Jordan River bed--was completed by an Israeli company, but the Israeli contractors lacked the technical equipment, such as floating dredges, to handle the second phase of the job.

(In Dallas, Texas, the Southwest Region of the Zionist Organization of America adopted a resolution at a special conference to redeem 2,500 dunams of land in the Huleh through the Jewish National Fund.)

DRILLING FOR OIL IN ISRAEL TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- The first drillings for oil in Israel will be made early next year, Pinhas Saphir, head of the development department of the Israel Finance Ministry, said tonight in a broadcast. Operations will also be started then in mines in the Negev which are expected to produce two to three thousand tons of copper annually.

The Israel official also predicted speedy activity in potash production here. He said a mission has been sent abroad recently to acquire equipment for potash production valued at \$2,500,000. The "wilderness road" from Beersheba to Sdom on the Dead Sea would be completed soon, he said, and would be used for transport of the Negev's minerals.

Israel's industrial output jumped over 100 percent in the three years between 1948 and 1950, from \$139,000,000 to \$290,000,00, Dov Joseph, Trade and Industry Minister, told a Mapai rally at Ramat Gan. Dr. Joseph said that the total annual industrial potential of the country is \$130,000,000 of which \$51,000,000 can be realized in hard currencies. The potential of the country's heavy industry alone is \$45,000,000 of which \$19,000,000 could be in hard cash.

U.S. "SEA-GOING" STATION BEAMS HEBREW PROGRAMS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The U.S. Coast Guard cutter "Courier," the Voice of America's first sea-going radio station, began relaying Voice of America broadcasts in Hebrew on a regular basis today, Dr. Wilson Compton, head of the International Information Administration, announced. Programs will be beamed to the Near East and the Soviet Union and will be broadcast in Hebrew and eight other languages. The cutter will be anchored at Rhodes in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

(From Tel Aviv it was reported that the Damascus Radio inaugurated its Hebrew news broadcasts to Israel this week-end. The announcer on the first program told his listeners that the purpose of the casts was to "explain to the Jews the truth regarding the facts which have been hidden from them and to let the Jews know about Arabs who believe in progressive ideas.")

ISRAEL TO HAVE FIRST TV STATION IN YEAR, SAYS U.S. RADIO EXECUTIVE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Israel's first television station will begin operations within a year under the direction of the Weizmann Institute, Benjamin Abrahams, president of Emerson Radio and Television, said here this week-end before returning to New York.

Mr. Abrahams said the station will be non-commercial and constructed for educational and recreation purposes. Television sets provided by the Emerson Company will be located in various public places including kibbutzim. Mr. Abrahams visited Israel as a member of the Israel bond planning commission.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS HOLDS SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENTAL PARLEY

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Delegates from Jewish communities in ten South American countries attending a South American Continental Congress of the World Jewish Congress here last night decided to launch a strong counter-attack program on anti-Semitism in Latin America. The program will include representations to all Latin American governments to help keep out racist propaganda from abroad.

The parley was opened this week-end by Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president of the DAIA, central representative body of Argentina Jewry, who said that the Jews in Argentine enjoy full rights and freedom, but who emphasized that "there are thousands of Nazis and Fascists in South America who can start serious trouble at any moment." Dr. Dubrovsky also stressed that "our fate is tied to the fate of Israel - we are its rear guard."

Dr. Arish Tartakower, special Latin American representative of the W. J. C., yesterday told the delegates that "Jewry does not accept the tendency to break world Jewry into two opposing sections of East and West. We will not give up for lost our brethren behind the iron curtain. In a report on anti-Semitism in Argentina Dr. Tartakower said that the Argentine Government would be asked to ban the anti-Semitic German language publication "Der Weg." The delegates supported this announcement by a formal vote.

EUROPEAN YOUTH ALIYAH CONFERENCE OPENS IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- A European conference of the Youth Aliyah opened here yesterday with 32 delegates from 10 countries, including North Africa, in attendance. Moshe Kol, Youth Aliyah leader, told the delegates that the youth movement was of equal "if not more" importance to Israel than its army.

UNITED ISRAEL CAMPAIGN IN ARGENTINA LAUNCHES SPECIAL CASE DRIVE

Buenos Aires, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The United Israel Campaign here has launched an emergency month-long drive to obtain immediate funds for Israel in view of the "serious political, economic and military situation" in the new state. A statement released by the DAIA - central Argentine Jewish body - called on all groups and individuals to cooperate fully with the emergency effort.

A national convention of Argentina's Jewish communities opened here this week-end. Dr. Moises Goldmann, president of the Buenos Aires community, told the meeting that there was need for advancing the educational, religious and pro-Israel activities of the Jewish communities of this country.

VENEZKY BACK FROM ISRAEL SAYS BONDS ALREADY BUILDING COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Julian B. Venezky, of Peoria, Ill., chairman of the executive committee of the Israel bond drive, reported on his return here from Israel that funds obtained through Israel bonds are already being used in building up the country.

Mr. Venezky was accompanied on his two-week visit to Israel by Sam Rothberg, who with Mr. Venezky is a co-chairman of the National Israel Bond Planning Commission, and Dr. Rufus Heller, a member of the commission. They will report their findings to the second National Economic Conference for Israel in Atlantic City September 12.

JEWISH YOUTHS FROM U.S. AND CANADA LEAVE FOR TRAINING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- More than 60 young American students ranging in age from 17 to 22 left here by air this morning for Israel where they will take part in a one-year work-study course sponsored by the Youth Workshop in Israel.

(From Montreal it was reported that 20 members of the Haborim organization in Canada are already en route to participate in a similar course by the Youth Workshop. Twelve members of the Canadian Young Judea are also on their way to Israel to participate in a one-year study course sponsored by the Jewish Agency.)

TWO ORT SCHOOLS OPEN FALL TERMS IN NEW YORK; TO EXPAND COURSES

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Classes in power sewing machine operation for more than 200 students inaugurated the fall term here today at the Bramson ORT School. The ORT Trade School will begin its fall semester next Monday, September 15 and will continue to register students throughout this week.

Both schools provide free vocational training to recently-arrived immigrants. In addition to the sewing machine course, the Bramson school plans to add other highly specialized needle trades. The ORT Trade School conducts courses in machine-shop, radio and television, mechanical and architectural drafting and costume jewelry making.

CASABLANCA CHIEF RABBI IN LONDON; TO CONFER ON MOROCCAN JEWS

LONDON, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Toledano of Casablanca and Isaac Elmaleh, vice-president of the Casablanca Jewish Community, have arrived here for a series of discussions on the religious and economic position of Jews in French Morocco with religious and lay leaders of the Anglo-Jewish community. They will also meet with Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie of Britain.