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## GERMANY AND JEWISH CONFERENCE INITIAL GLOBAL REPARATIONS PACT

THE HAGUE, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The agreement between the German Federal Republic and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany under which West Germany will pay \$107,000,000 in reparations and has agreed to improve its restitution and indemnification legislation, was initialled here last night in a brief ceremony.

The initialling followed the final negotiating session at Wassenaar. Formal signature of the agreement and of the German-Israel agreement under which Germany will pay an additional \$715,000,000 to Israel in the form of goods, will take place in Luxemburg tomorrow. Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett will sign the agreement on behalf of Israel. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish claims group, will sign on behalf of that group and Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, will sign both pacts for West Germany.

The German-claims conference agreement was initialled here in deference to Moses A. Leavitt, chief conference negotiator, who was unable to proceed to Luxemburg because of illness. Participating in the initialling ceremony beside Mr. Leavitt, were Dr. Nehemiah Robinson of the conference team and Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the German delegation.

## Chiefs of Delegations Hail Achievements of Talks

The chiefs of the three delegations in statements here, lauded the achievements of the negotiations.

"Like every agreement, this one is a compromise," declared Dr. George Josephthal of the Israel delegation. "We got less than we had hoped for. It will take longer to get than we wish. But for Israel it is an acceptable compromise, and the fulfillment of the agreement made here in Wassenaar will be of great help in the upbuilding of our country."

Mr. Leavitt said: "Many tens of thousands of the victims of the Nazi regime will receive some measure of compensation for the material losses they have suffered and indemnification for loss of liberty in concentration camps and for injury as a result of our meetings here. Many old and sick people will secure priority in receiving these benefits. We want to say that Prof. Boehm was a valiant fighter for the cause of righteousness and justice, and without him and his colleagues we doubt that we could have come to such a successful conclusion."

Prof. Boehm, in his statement, said that the "German Government has pledged its word to carry through a very difficult task and has given to the world evidence that it is anxious to make restitution and amends. As a German it does my heart good that this agreement was reached and I am grateful that it has been my fate to have served in these negotiations."

### ISRAEL-GERMAN REPARATIONS PACT INITIALLED; TO BE SIGNED TODAY

LUXEMBURG, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Israel-German reparations pact under which Germany will pay the Jewish State \$822,000,000 in settlement of material claims filed by Israel and world Jewish organizations and arising out of the Nazi persecution of European Jewry was initialed at a private ceremony here this evening in advance of the formal signing tomorrow morning. The agreement was initialed by Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the German delegation to the reparations talks at The Hague, and by Dr. George Josephthal, head of the Israeli delegation, and Dr. F. Shinnar, financial advisor to the Israel Foreign Ministry and a member of the Israel negotiating team.

Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was scheduled to arrive here at midnight for the formal signing which will take place early in the morning. West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who will sign for his government, has scheduled a 9:30 A.M. appointment with French Foreign Minister Robert Schumann and would like the signing ceremony to be completed before that time. The place fixed for the signing ceremony remains a closely guarded secret.

### Jewish Conference and Israel Sign Agreement on Reparations Today

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- An agreement between the State of Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany will be signed here tomorrow in a ceremony at the Israel Consulate-General. The agreement covers arrangements between the two on the payment to Israel, in the form of goods and materials, of \$107,000,000 by West Germany in satisfaction of global claims made by the conference during negotiations at The Hague.

Ambassador Abba S. Eban will sign the agreement for Israel.

### EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETS ON BORDER INCIDENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Reports on today's meeting of the Israeli-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission at the desert outpost of Auja, in the Negev, were being awaited here with interest for indications of the attitude of the new Cairo regime towards Israel.

While only border incidents were scheduled for discussion at the session today, the general question of Egyptian-Israel relations can be raised, particularly if the Egyptians have posted a high-ranking officer to the parley.

### ISRAEL'S COST OF LIVING UP 69 PERCENT IN TWO YEARS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Israel's cost of living index showed the greatest increase in the period from June 1950 to June 1952 of any of the countries covered, according to an analysis of cost of living indices in the J.N. monthly bulletin of statistics for September. The bulletin said:

"The most spectacular upsurge in living costs in the Middle East took place in Israel, where the average level of consumers' prices jumped 20 percent in the year and a half after the Korean outbreak and an additional 40 percent since last December. The total rise between June 1950 and May 1952 amounted to 69 percent."

### ISRAEL GETS \$65,000,000 PLAN FOR JORDAN VALLEY DEVELOPMENT

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A British engineering group was reported here today to have submitted to the Israel-Government a 16-year plan, involving an expenditure of nearly \$65,000,000, for a Jordan Valley development project.

GERMAN JEWS DEMAND OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION OF AUERBACH TRIAL

DUSSELDORF, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A full-dress investigation by the Bavarian Parliament into the background of the recent trial of the late Philip Auerbach, former head of the State Restitution Office was demanded today by the Central Council of Jews in Germany. The council said the investigation should be held regardless of the people who might be involved.

Auerbach committed suicide after his conviction and sentencing by a court containing three former Nazis. A principal witness against him was subsequently convicted of perjury in another case and sentenced to prison.

In Munich today, Dr. Josef Klibansky, Auerbach's chief counsel, asked the Bavarian Minister of Justice to take action against the state prosecutors, Wilhelm Hoelper and Heinrich Keisel for "serious abuse of their duties." He based his charges on the failure of the prosecutors to inform the court that perjury proceedings were pending against the chief prosecution witness, Karl Diekow, whose unsupported allegations against Auerbach were accepted by the court without reservation.

Dr. Franz Zdralek, who succeeded Auerbach as restitution chief a year ago, announced his resignation today on grounds of health and a desire to return to politics. He declared that some 80 percent of the victims of Nazism who have applied for restitution to the Bavarian Restitution Office have received some sort of advance payment by now. He estimated that nearly 20, 000 of 110, 000 applications have been settled by the office.

SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CLOSES

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The three-day South American conference of the World Jewish Congress closed last night after the delegates from Jewish communities in ten countries called the attention of Latin American Governments to the infiltration of Nazi elements and anti-Semitic propaganda, urged East European Governments to permit Jews to migrate to Israel and warned Jews of the inroads of assimilationism in the Jewish community.

In a series of political resolutions, the delegates to the first South American conference since 1947 reminded the Governments of the Latin American countries that anti-Semitic propaganda was flourishing despite the promises of various of these governments to eliminate it. They also took note of the reparations agreements between West Germany and Israel and world Jewish groups, and expressed the hope that East Germany would follow suit. They appealed to all nations, particularly the occupation powers, to take heed that the punishment of war criminals in Germany was slackening off and that Germany was remilitarizing without guarantees of its eventual conduct.

Special note was taken of the Austrian situation where the government has adopted laws amnestying thousands of former Nazi officials. The conference appealed to the Allied Council to veto these laws, asserting that Austria was as responsible as Germany for the crimes of the Nazis. The delegates urged early adoption of the International Covenant on Human Rights and appealed to governments which have not yet ratified the Genocide Convention to do so.

The delegates, who asked Rumania to release Zionist leaders imprisoned in that country, stressed the solidarity of the Jewish communities of South America with world Jewry, particularly the Jews of Eastern Europe. They also expressed their support of Israel, hailed the World Jewish Congress as the representative of organized Jews throughout the world and decided to establish a joint committee representing the communities of this continent, to handle WJC work in South America.

U. J. A. TO LAUNCH HUNDRED-DAY \$35,000,000 CASH DRIVE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal will seek to raise \$35,000,000 in cash within the next 100 days to help meet acute needs of Israel, Jack D. Weiler, of New York, announced here today. Mr. Weiler, who will serve as chairman of the U. J. A. 's 1952 National Cash Campaign, set a target of \$25,000,000 cash by mid-October.

Following conferences with Premier David Ben Gurion and other Israeli leaders, Mr. Weiler announced that a U. J. A. national conference would be summoned in Washington on October 18 and 19 and that a special citywide leadership conference would be held in New York on September 25 to raise the city's quota in the cash drive.

Mr. Weiler told newsmen here that intensification of Israel's economic and financial plight could be traced in part to the "recent serious decline in U. J. A. campaign receipts." He said this decline, "brought on by the summer lull in campaign activity, especially in the area of cash remittances, has forced a marked depletion in Israel's hard currency reserves." He pointed out, however, that during the last three months, when U. J. A. income was at its lowest, Israel had to expend foreign exchange for food for 245,000 immigrants in work centers and to meet government loan obligations.

FOUR COMPANIES SELLING GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR ISRAEL TO MERGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Four major companies which sell gift certificates in the United States for transmission to Israel will merge into one unit by next January 1, it was announced here yesterday by Irving Jaffe, executive vice-president of Scrip to Israel, one of the four companies. The others are: Service for Israel, AMEIC and Sova Israel Stores.

Mr. Jaffe said the merger resulted from the signing of an agreement with the Israel Government last week uniting the facilities of the four companies in Israel into a single distribution company to serve recipients of the gift certificates. Certificates sold by any of the four units and not used before the merger goes into effect will be honored by the new company.

JEWISH DRAFTTEES TO RECEIVE HIGH HOLY DAYS DEFERMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Selective Service headquarters announced today that Jews ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination or for induction during the Jewish High Holy Days may seek deferment.

Instructions have been sent to local draft boards throughout the country to give "favorable consideration" to requests from Jewish registrants for deferment of examinations or induction until after the holidays.

SIX COMPLETE CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR RABBIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The six enrolled students have completed the second clinical training program in institutional chaplaincy and pastoral counseling conducted under Jewish auspices for rabbis and theological students. Rabbi Morris M. Goldberg, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, announced today.

The program, established last year as the first of its kind in the United States under Jewish sponsorship, is part of the New York Board of Rabbi's chaplaincy program conducted in New York's prisons and hospitals. It receives financial support from the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. The 12-week course of intensive training consisted of lecture and demonstration on medical and surgical procedures, psychological films, case history seminars illustrating chaplain-patient relationships, supervised ward visiting and practical aspects of chaplaincy and pastoral counselling.

HELD DEPLORES AGENCIES' WALKOUT FROM NCRAC AS 'TRAGIC MISTAKE'

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The decision of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee to withdraw from the National Community Relations Advisory Council was deplored today as "a tragic mistake," by Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee. He said that his committee had made every effort both before and during the NCRAC conference "to maintain the equilibrium and unity that is necessary in the American Jewish community" and promised that the committee would "continue to use its good offices in an attempt to re-establish the broad and powerful front within the American Jewish community so vital to the survival of that community."

Mr. Held declared that the Jewish Labor Committee will remain within the NCRAC and will "embark upon a positive program preventing any further dissension within the American Jewish community and will do everything within its power to solidify the keystone of the common objectives that hold all the Jewish organizations together."

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

MONTREAL, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A six-foot granite monument, erected to the memory of Jewish victims of Nazism, was dedicated here today in the presence of local and national Jewish community leaders. The stone was erected in the Adath Israel cemetery.

OSLO, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Jews throughout Norway today began a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Norwegian Jewish community.

MUNICH, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The trial of Dr. Werner Kirchert, former SS physician charged with murdering at least 14 Jews by giving them poisonous injections at Buchenwald, will open here tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Some 2,700 students--a record total--will be enrolled when the Hebrew University in Jerusalem begins its fall semester November 3. Dr. George S. Wise, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, announced today.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A campaign to provide at least 100 scholarships for medical students in Israel in the next academic year and a minimum of 500 medical textbooks has been launched here by the Medical Student's Aid Society, with which 5,000 American doctors are affiliated.

FRANKFURT, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The first book to appear in Germany on the Nazi persecution of the Jews will shortly be published here, it was announced today by the editors of the publication Frankfurter Hefte. The author is Dr. Hans Lamm, a German Jew who fled the country just before the outbreak of the war, and his book is "A History of the Persecution of the Jews."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Israel will be represented at meetings here Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 at which 34 nations will discuss means of providing credit for increasing land ownership by individuals in underdeveloped countries. The conference is sponsored by the State Department, the Technical Cooperation Administration and the Mutual Security Agency.