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## GERMAN REPARATIONS PAYMENTS ARE NOT "ATONEMENT," SHARETT SAYS

PARIS, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett made it clear today that the reparations agreement he signed at Luxemburg yesterday with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of the Federal German Republic could not be conceived as "an atonement" by Germany of the crimes committed against the Jews under the Nazi regime.

Mr. Sharett, who received the press today at the Israel Legation here, described the Israel-German agreement as "unique in the annals of international relations" and said:

"Our memory is still haunted by the campaign of mass annihilation carried on by the German National Socialist regime against the Jewish people in which were destroyed two out of every three Jews in Europe and one out of every three throughout the world.

"In the consciousness of our people, this fearful wound remains open. Indeed, it is impossible to conceive of an atonement for millions of innocent lives cut down and for torments so wantonly inflicted.

"Together with all civilized mankind we can only hope that the evil spirit which produced these horrors has been exorcised forever from the soul of the German nation. Today we are faced with a tremendous departure. The Federal Republic of Germany has pledged itself to make global recompense for part of the material damage suffered by the Jewish people. This act of reparation is of historical significance. It was adopted in the exercise of free will and in obedience with the call of moral responsibility. Its educative value for the German people and its importance as a precedent in world history cannot be exaggerated.

"The fulfillment of the obligation assumed will assist the growth and consolidation of the economy of Israel, a country which has absorbed such large numbers of fugitives from disaster and which keeps its gates open for all persecuted Jews so that they no longer fall helpless victims to blind hatred and dark prejudice.

"By honoring its undertaking to Israel and the Jewish people, the Federal Republic of Germany will tangibly demonstrate its determination to redress in

some measure a wrong committed. Thereby it will also be given a chance of making a distinctive contribution to the establishment of law and justice in human society."

### Goldmann Praises Adenauer Role in Reparations Negotiations

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, presiding officer of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, says that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was the German most responsible for the success of the negotiations. Dr. Goldmann, who initiated the preliminary talks that led to the negotiations, said that Dr. Adenauer had made his first statement on German obligations to the Jews of his own free will and strove continually to ensure the success of the negotiations.

He pointed out that nearly all political parties in Bonn had backed the German Government and paid special tribute to the late Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Social-Democratic leader, who, as leader of the main opposition party, had worked hand in hand with Dr. Adenauer for success in the Israel-German negotiations.

Dr. Goldmann said that major Jewish organizations would seek compensation for heirless property in Austria and expressed belief that the United States would support the Jewish claims. He said informal talks with Austrian officials had already taken place.

### ISRAEL TO RECEIVE TWO-THIRDS OF OIL NEEDS UNDER BONN PACT

PARIS, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The largest single allocation out of the first German reparations payments to the State of Israel will be for the provision of oil to Israel from British sources, to be paid for with German credits in London, it was disclosed here today.

Of the equivalent of 200 million deutschemarks which Germany is to pay the State of Israel prior to March 31, 1953, under the Israel-German reparations agreement, 75,000,000 marks have been allocated to these oil purchases. This will provide about two-thirds of Israel's estimated annual oil requirements.

(In Tel Aviv, Dr. Jacob Robinson, member of the Israel negotiating mission, said that the oil shipments would start in advance of formal ratification of the treaty. He pointed out that the pact had to be approved by the German Bundestag at Bonn and confirmed by the British, French and American High Commissioners. The treaty, when ratified, will be recorded with the United Nations, he said.)

Of the remainder of the first year's payments, 21 percent has been allocated for the purchase of iron, steel and other metals; 36 percent for machinery and equipment such as locomotives, trucks, shipping, etc.; 20 percent for needs of industries like rubber, chemicals, dyes, etc.; three percent for agricultural products and 12 percent for transport, administration and insurance services.

### CLAIMS CONFERENCE SESSION POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- A meeting of the policy committee of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which was to have been held here on September 17 to consider implementation of agreements with the Federal German Republic and the State of Israel on the Conference's global claims for compensation from Germany has been postponed until September 24. The meeting will be held in New York.

### AMOUNT INADEQUATE BUT BETTER THAN EXPECTED, SAYS BRITISH PRESS

LONDON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The Times of London said today that "no inferences" regarding mutual recognition by Israel and the West German Republic should be drawn from the fact that Israel missions supervising the carrying out of the new reparations agreements will have diplomatic status. The paper said that Israel spokesmen did not hide the fact that they considered the German terms, if not generous, at least much better than was expected when Israel's original claim was made.

The Manchester Guardian said the sum agreed as reparations "is not a large one compared with the enormity of the crime. It is pitiful to think that it amounts to perhaps 50 pounds (\$140) for every Jew done to death in the Hitler Reich." It said, however, that "all such material tokens of sorrow are utterly inadequate. But at some future day, it may seem fitting if the best of German constructive skill has played a part in building up the first Jewish state in history."

### SYRIANS PROTEST TO BONN AGAINST 'SUBSIDIES' FOR ISRAEL

BONN, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Syrian diplomatic envoys in West Germany have submitted a note to the Office of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer protesting German reparations payments to Israel, it was announced here today. The note described the payments as "subsidies."

The note will be considered along with other protests and a reply given within a few weeks, a Government spokesman said tonight. He declared that these protests would not influence payment of reparations to Israel.

The German order of Templars, which had large colonies in Palestine, including Sarona and Wilhelma, which were seized by Israel in 1948, has filed with the government a statement of its claims against the Israel Government. Israel has agreed to negotiate these claims with the West German Government.

### ISRAEL COMMUNISTS AND HERUT DENOUNCE REPARATIONS PACT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- While most of the Israel press today editorially treated the Israel-German reparations pact with restraint and stressed its economic significance for the Jewish State, the Communist daily Kol Ham, and the right-wing Herut violently assailed the treaty.

The Communist organ asserted that the pact had been signed by Israel "on orders of the Washington warmongers." The Herut paper appeared with a heavy black border around its front page and the heading, "The Deed Has Been Done." It printed photographs of Nazi death chambers and concentration camps.

### AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS WELCOME BONN AGREEMENTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Major American Jewish organizations associated in the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany in statements today hailed signature of the agreements between the Federal German Republic and the State of Israel and the Conference.

German agreement to the pacts was described by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, as a signal victory for world morality. For the first time, he said, a nation guilty of persecutions had tried, without compulsion,

to make amends. He also pointed out that large numbers of Jewish victims of Nazism will be compensated for Nazi terror and spoliation even though they did not come from Germany and noted that this was a departure from international precedent.

Settlement of Jewish material claims "does not imply in any sense settlement of Germany's moral account," Dr. Goldstein declared. "The Nazi extermination of 6,000,000 Jews cannot be compensated for by money. Nor can the suffering of the survivors." He condemned the failure of East Germany to reply to Jewish reparations demands and called on Chancellor Figl of Austria to follow the example of Germany's Chancellor Adenauer.

#### Agreements Termed "Significant Accomplishment"

Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, termed the agreements a "significant accomplishment" and paid tribute to the spirit of close cooperation that prevailed within the claims conference and with Israel.

"Although not all demands of the Conference were met by the German Government," Mr. Goldman asserted, "nevertheless the agreements represent a substantial recognition of the claims advanced by the Conference which should benefit victims of Nazi persecution and the task of the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of the survivors of Nazi terror."

The Jewish Labor Committee expressed gratification that "the appropriations which have been earmarked for the heirless and unclaimed Jewish assets in Germany will be used not only for rehabilitation of persecuted Jews now scattered throughout the world, but also is expected to be utilized for the revitalization of Jewish cultural efforts."

It stressed the role played by the "entire free European labor movement and especially the free German labor movement," in making the German Government aware of its moral obligations but said the agreement was not an "absolution of the unspeakable crimes committed against the Jewish people by the Nazi regime."

Edward E. Gelber, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, in a statement in Montreal, welcomed the agreement as signifying Germany's recognition of its obligation to make material amends for the German atrocities.

The Jewish Agency, in a statement issued by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman, pointed out that the crimes of the Third Reich against the Jews "cannot be cancelled out by any material settlement. The settlement only constitutes partial compensation for the immeasurable material losses suffered by Jewry."

#### Israel Still Needs Aid from America, Mrs. Halprin Warns

While goods obtained under the agreements with Germany will be of great benefit in stabilization of Israel's economy, Mrs. Halprin declared, "these benefits can be lost should supporters of Israel in this country assume that the settlement with Germany has solved Israel's economic problems. In the years immediately ahead, Israel's development will be largely determined by assistance obtained through the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel bond campaign, U.S. Government grants-in-aid and private investments in Israel by Americans. The settlement with Germany in no way reduced the need for this type of assistance from the United States."

Mrs. Halprin said the Jewish Agency took "special pride" in the fact that its chairman, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, had "contributed so greatly to the successful consummation of these negotiations" and paid tribute to the "joint, harmonious and dedicated effort" of the Jewish organizations represented in the Conference.

REMAINS OF PARACHUTISTS EXECUTED BY NAZIS LAID TO REST IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The remains of Haviva Reik and Rafael Reiss, Israeli parachutists executed by the Nazis during the war, were laid to rest today in the national military cemetery adjoining Mt. Herzl.

A unit of paratroopers escorted the coffins of the two heroes who parachuted behind the Nazi lines on a mission for the Allies and were captured. The paratroopers guarded the coffins from the time they were brought to Tel Aviv from Czechoslovakia yesterday until they were lowered into their new graves.

Members of the Cabinet, representatives of the Jewish Agency, high ranking officers of the armed services and veterans marched in the military funeral. Thousands of spectators lined the procession's path through the city. The coffins lay in state in the Jewish Agency courtyard where Minister of Trade Dov Joseph paid tribute to the heroes.

Yesterday the coffins were carried through Tel Aviv where another ceremony was held. Before being brought here they were taken through northern Galilee and ceremonies were held in the kibbutzim of which they had been members.

ISRAEL APPROPRIATED \$140,000,000 SUBSCRIBED TO BONDS IN U.S.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- A total of \$140,000,000 subscribed to Israel bonds has been appropriated by the Israel Government during the past 16 months for the industrial and agricultural development of the Jewish State, Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee of the bond campaign, declared in a report here today to the second National Economic Conference for Israel, sponsored by the bond drive organization. More than 1,100 delegates from 42 states are attending the parley.

Mr. Venezky revealed that some 400,000 persons, including a considerable number of non-Jews have subscribed to Israel bonds. He said that the \$140,000,000 had been appropriated on the following basis:

The sum of \$56,070,000 had been set aside for the development of electric power and for the expansion of such basic industries as the Dead Sea Potash Works, the Israel Mining Corporation and for fertilizers and chemicals.

For agricultural projects, including the establishment of an agricultural bank, regional and local irrigation and the development of the southern Negev, the sum of \$37,324,000 was appropriated. Some \$17,780,000 was allocated for various transportation projects, including the expansion of the port of Haifa, the development of Kishon harbor, the construction of a new rail line between Tel Aviv and Hadera, and the purchase of rolling stock and automotive equipment.

Housing projects planned for various parts of the country will require \$12,600,000. Mr. Venezky pointed out, and the government has set aside \$4,900,000 for the development of hotels and other tourist facilities, an important source of foreign currency. The Finance Ministry has established a reserve fund of \$11,326,000 from Israel bonds as additional resources that may be required for the listed projects.

In a message to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the bond drive organization, Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol declared that the people of Israel had been deeply encouraged by the progress of the bond campaign. Israel is facing serious economic difficulties, Mr. Eshkol said, as a result of an investment lag of a billion dollars in the absorption of the 750,000 immigrants who entered Israel during the past four years. Declaring that only 50 percent of the two billion dollars needed was available for the integration of the newcomers, the Israel Finance Minister pointed to the bond drive as the means of bridging the gap in the country's economic needs.

OTTAWA MAYOR PROTESTS RECEIPT OF ANTI-SEMITIC MATERIAL IN MAIL

OTTAWA, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic literature printed in California and Chicago and mailed in Ottawa has been received by the Mayor and various other municipal officials of the Dominion's capital city, it was revealed in a communication by Miss Charlotte Whitton, Mayor of Ottawa, to the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Reporting on steps taken by the city administration to curb anti-Semitic agitation, Mayor Whitton said that during public hearings in Ottawa of the city's Board of Control last June she complained of receiving "this discriminatory and vicious literature" and was joined in these complaints by all members of the Board, who disclosed that they had been on the anti-Semitic mailing lists for nearly two years. Members of the City Council were also receiving the propaganda, she added.

Following the Mayor's discussion of the matter with the Board of Control the latter authorized her to raise the question with the police commission which, after a study of the case, found that it had no authority to act in the matter. It was then referred to the Crown Attorney who was asked to take up the matter with the Canadian Customs Department, Post Office and police force in an effort to halt the flow of the propaganda across the border.

As a result of raising the issue publicly and the attempts to obtain legal action against the mailers of the anti-Semitic literature, the mailings stopped abruptly, Mayor Whitton reported.

WASHINGTON CLERGYMAN REJECTS PROTESTS ON USE OF CHURCH BY JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of the Washington Cathedral, has rejected criticism by "fellow churchmen" of the removal of a cross to make room for the Ark of the Covenant when the Cathedral was used by Temple Sinai, a Reform congregation, which was loaned the use of the church.

Reports of the removal of the cross during the first service held by the Jewish congregation in the church brought protests from Episcopalians throughout the nation. Dean Sayre, however, has announced a new arrangement that will permit the cross to remain on the altar at all times. A screen is placed in front of the altar and the Ark is placed on a table in front of the screen when the Jewish services are held.

JEWISH CENTER BUILDING PROGRAMS COST \$35,000,000 IN FOUR YEARS

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- One hundred and forty-one Jewish community centers in various parts of the United States and Canada have undertaken building projects costing a total of \$35,000,000 in the last four years, it was reported today by Mrs. Walter E. Heller, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Jewish Center Division.

Construction or acquisition of new center sites was heaviest in the New England area where 23 centers are engaged in building programs. The metropolitan New York area was second with 20 centers involved in building programs. The cost of the various projects ranged from under \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 with the greatest block in the \$100,000 to \$250,000 range, the report said.

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