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ADDITIONAL 1,000,000 SUBSCRIBERS TO ISRAEL BONDS WILL BE SOUGHT IN U.S.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Responding to a call from Premier David Ben Gurion to help Israel achieve transition to economic self-sufficiency, more than 1,100 delegates to the second National Economic Conference for Israel wound up four days of deliberations with the unanimous decision to enroll an additional million Americans as subscribers to the Israel bond drive, which the Israel Premier characterized as "an indispensable factor in the young country's efforts to achieve economic stability."

Mr. Ben Gurion, in a specially filmed talk, which reached here by plane yesterday, advised the delegates that "your success in the coming months will have a direct bearing on the pace of our development and our ability to emerge from this transition period." He expressed the hope that every friend of Israel will give his active cooperation to further the sale and purchase of Israel bonds, which he added is providing the resources needed "to transform Israel's potential resources into actual assets."

Mr. Ben Gurion informed the delegates that Israel is already "well on its way to its goal of living on its own resources." He pointed out that since 1948 the cultivated areas of Israel have been increased four and one-half times and added that "we shall be able within a reasonable number of years to be practically self-sufficient in food requirements." He further said that "our economic experts forecast the possibility of our achieving a balance of payments within the next six to ten years." However, he emphasized that the "Israel bond drive is an indispensable factor in helping our people to maintain financial stability and to achieve the transformation of our resources into assets."

Praising the "magnificent efforts of American Jewry," Mr. Ben Gurion said that the accomplishments of the Israel bond drive become apparent when measured against the amount of investments made generally in underdeveloped countries over the globe since World War II.

The decisions of the National Economic Conference for Israel, which met to consider methods of providing the investment capital to speed Israel on her way to economic independence, were based upon the conclusions presented to the closing session by the Israel Bond Planning Commission. The commission consisted of more than 25 leading business and communal figures who spent two weeks in surveying Israel's economic achievement and needs in order to be able to submit its on-the-spot findings to the conference here for action.

Benjamin Abrams, President of Emerson Radio and Television and general chairman of the Israel Bond Committee in Greater New York, who was a member

of the planning commission, outlined the following major objectives of the bond drive:

1. The exploitation of Israel's mineral and chemical resources such as phosphates, kaolin, copper, manganese, etc.
2. The expansion of its harbors and the building of new ports.
3. The construction of new railroads.
4. The building of many thousands of additional housing units to accommodate 250,000 recent immigrants who are still without permanent homes.
5. The expansion of cultivated areas through large-scale regional and irrigation projects.
6. To foster the development of existing industries through loans.
7. To establish new industrial areas in Jerusalem, Beersheba and other outlying districts.
8. To promote tourist trade, and
9. To improve and expand telephone and telegraph communications and equipment.

Israel Bonds Will Help Israel Achieve Peace, Eban Says

In a major policy address, Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel portrayed Israel bonds as a key factor in bringing peace to the Middle East. Pointing out that Israel's most decisive remaining task, the establishment of harmonious relations with her neighbors, requires a combination of economic strength, military vigilance and diplomatic skill, Israel's Ambassador to the United States declared that the purchase of Israel bonds is "an act not only of financial aid but of international conciliation; for it assures the indispensable basis of strength for the establishment of Israel's relations with its region and its continent."

"I do not doubt," Mr. Eban said, "that these two kindred people will one day unite their strength to build on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean a civilization worthy of their ancient and medieval past. I have an intuitive feeling that some turning point in Arab-Israel relations might even now be near, if tensions were not irresponsibly renewed by the annual routine of public denunciation in international councils."

Discussing the importance of Israel bonds he said: "When will it be understood that the purchase of Israel bonds is the most essentially political act that a Jew has been able to perform since the destruction of the temple; for it is an act of which the stake and consequence is nothing less than the survival of our lives, the freedom of our home, and the identity of our nation?"

It is a matter of "deep consolation," he noted, to record that a year of substantial progress in the relationship between Israel and the American people was crowned by the reaffirmation at Chicago by both major political parties of their special sympathy for Israel. The American Jewish community, he observed, has the opportunity to strengthen the growing ties which unite Israel and America.

Health Minister Reports on Israel's Fight for Stability

A report of Israel's program to achieve economic stability was presented to the conference by Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister of Health of the Jewish State, who arrived here earlier this week. Dr. Burg said that the increase in industrial and agricultural production is the paramount problem facing the people of Israel. To meet this problem, he declared that the Government of Israel earlier this year adopted a new economic policy designed to curb inflation, increase productivity through incentive plans for workers, reduce consumption of non-essential goods and expand the production of items for export. As part of the program of self-denial undertaken by the people

of Israel, Dr. Burg reported that the tax burden of the Israel citizen is 10 percent greater than that of the average Englishman and two and a half times greater than that of the average American.

Dr. Burg said that Israel today has natural resources which could not be "dreamed of" when it achieved statehood only four and a half years ago. "The Negev desert is now the focal point of our greatest opportunities for economic success, but the fact that we have great quantities of phosphates, kaolin, ball clay, copper, manganese, and other mineral and chemical resources represents only the first stage. These resources can be transformed into the substance of success only if we have the investment capital to exploit them, to provide transportation, machinery and factories."

Our Investment in Israel Sound, Head of Export-Import Bank Says

Any resentment which the Arab world may feel toward the United States as a result of American economic aid to Israel will disappear when the Arabs realize that it is in their interest to live at peace with Israel, Herbert E. Gaston, chairman of the Export-Import Bank, declared in an address to the conference earlier. Mr. Gaston praised the leaders of the Israel Government for their efforts to achieve harmony in the Middle East.

Referring to the fact that since the establishment of the State of Israel in May 1948, the Export-Import Bank has granted loans amounting to \$135,000,000 to Israel, Mr. Gaston said that the bank "considers our investment in Israel as a sound and good investment," adding that "we expect to see the credit to Israel maintained."

Discussing the loans made to Israel, he said that "they have helped materially in developing the agricultural and industrial economy." He paid tribute to Israel as a "brilliant pilot project in modern economic and cultural development that will continue to stand as a pattern for emulation by other people." He highlighted the importance of the Israel bond drive when he emphasized that further extensive capital investments are needed to make "the Israeli economy as nearly self-supporting as it is possible to make it."

Greater opportunities for private enterprise in Israel can be created through government planning and development of basic industries with the aid of Israel bonds, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of governors of the State of Israel bond drive, told the delegates yesterday. Mr. Morgenthau said that "Israel bonds are making possible investments in basic industries which are laying the groundwork for a prosperous economy built up on mutual cooperation between government and private enterprise." Declaring that private capital in Israel "is no different from private capital in any other part of the world," he said private capital has been "timid and reluctant" in establishing new horizons of industrial growth and that government capital derived through the sale of Israel bonds was necessary to develop electric power, harbors, transportation, railroads and irrigation to expand the country's productive capacity.

"I urge the United States Government to undertake now an all-out drive with all the diplomatic resources available to us to get the Near East states into the Middle East Command and to attain regional cooperation for the defense of that area," Rep. Jacob Javits declared in a speech to the conference. "The settlement of differences between Israel and Egypt is the key to the negotiation of peace between Israel and all the Arab states. It will prove a key also to the resettlement of the Palestine-Arab refugees which continues to be the most nettling problem in the Near East," he insisted.

Louis Segal, chairman of the administrative committee of Labor Zionists for Israel Bonds, reported that during the past 16 months labor groups have sold a total of \$12,000,000 in bonds, accounting for nearly 10 percent of the total sales. The Labor Zionists will open a special three-month sales drive in honor of Eliezer Kaplan, late VicePremier and Finance Minister of Israel.

ISRAEL WILL DEMAND EAST GERMANY SETTLE CLAIMS, SHARETT DECLARES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Israel will do its utmost to force East Germany to repay its part of the one and one-half million dollars in reparations which the Jewish State is claiming. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today told a press conference here. He said that the East German authorities had not yet replied to Israel's note on compensation claims, adding that the Jewish State will act to "remind" East Germany and to obtain a positive reply.

The Foreign Minister stressed the political and moral significance of the negotiations which had brought the Germans to "confess their responsibility" for the massacre of European Jewry and to undertake to pay compensation to the Jewish nation and Israel. He called this a "great political achievement that becomes internationally important as a precedent." He hailed West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's personal signature of the reparations agreement with Israel as an act that proved his "courage and moral force."

Mr. Sharett said that the reparations payments would have a long-term effect on Israel's economy, but they could not solve its present difficulties. Mr. Sharett reported that during a conversation among Chancellor Adenauer, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, and himself, the Minister and Dr. Goldmann had told the German Chancellor that the reparations might start bridging the "unbridged depths" between Germany and the Jewish nation. Dr. Adenauer expressed hopes that the future will bring a betterment in relations between the two nations, Mr. Sharett said.

Dr. Goldmann, who also spoke to the press conference, outlined the difficulties which had beset the introductory period before the negotiations. He stressed that the "unity of the Jewish nation" had been preserved during the negotiations.

Dr. Goldmann also declared that the Jewish organizations of the world will not participate in negotiations for reparations from Austria but said that Jewish bodies were already conferring with Austrian officials on amending Austrian reparations and compensation laws for individual claimants.

Israel Government to Set Up Purchasing Company for Reparations

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet, at its regular weekly meeting today, heard reports on the German reparations plans presented by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who signed the agreements on behalf of the Israel Government and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, respectively.

The government is determined to use the German reparations shipments only for developmental purposes, a government spokesman declared after the session. This, however, does not preclude the possibility of purchasing consumer goods and using funds realized from their sale in Israel for developmental purposes. The government has decided to establish a special company to act as its purchasing agent from Germany, with a board of directors on which will be included representatives of the Jewish Agency, Histadrut, manufacturers and financial institutions, the spokesman said.

He revealed that the government had also appointed a nine-man oil control board on which the government will have four representatives and the public, five. The council will probably be under the direction of Israel Kosiloff, the government's advisor on fuel.

Regret that Israel had entered into an agreement with Germany was expressed here in a resolution adopted by the national General Zionist Council. German reparations payments will undoubtedly ease difficulties in the Israel economic situation, at least for the time, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, told the session, but he said, "I must caution against the illusion that the payments or goods expected from Germany will solve financial and economic problems to any substantial extent."

BLAUSTEIN HAILS REPARATIONS AGREEMENT; REVISIONISTS CONDEMN IT

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) — The reparations agreement signed between West Germany and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany at Luxembourg last week will assist the American Jewish community in its program of aid to victims of the Nazi regime to rebuild their lives, Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee and a member of the Claims Conference presidium, declared here this week in a statement hailing the reparations agreement.

Mr. Blaustein also stated that the pact between Israel and West Germany will to some extent compensate the Jewish State for the "enormous burdens it has assumed in rehabilitating the lives of the Nazi victims who went there to live." The A.J.C. leader asserted that the signing of the pacts was confirmation of the American Jewish Committee's position that "for practical purposes the material restitution problem should be and could be separated from the moral issues involved, and that it could be made clear that this would not atone for the moral crimes; also that it is in the best interests of everyone to encourage a genuine democratic regime in Germany."

Mr. Blaustein's statement also praised the "active and very effective support" of the United States Government in Washington and in the U.S. High Commissioner's Office in Germany in behalf of the reparations negotiations. He also hailed the co-operation among the major Jewish organizations composing the Claims Council.

The United Zionists-Revisionists of America, in a statement issued here this week-end, denounced the reparations agreements as "morally abject and practically worthless. It has absolved Germany from the infamy of its extermination record and paved the way for a rapprochement with Hitler's heirs." The Revisionist group also insisted that practical value of the agreements is an "illusion."

Canadian Jewish Leaders Hail Pacts, Warn Israel Needs Continued Aid

MONTREAL, Sept. 14. (JTA) — Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and a member of the executive of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, today hailed the reparations agreements signed by the Conference and Israel with West Germany as implementing the principles of "justice by making restitution to the Jewish people for some of the property looted by the Germans." He emphasized, however, that the negotiations were confined to material claims and "no general, political, ethical issues were involved."

The headquarters of the Zionist Organization of Canada released a statement by Edward E. Gelber, its president, warning that the German reparations payments in goods would not have a significant effect on the Israeli economy for a number of years. He warned Canadian Jewry that "our responsibilities remain so as to enable Israel to continue to absorb thousands of recently arrived immigrants as well as the many thousands to come in for the future."

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS WELCOME SIGNING OF ISRAEL-GERMAN PACT

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 14. (JTA) — Receipt of the news of the signing of the reparations pacts by West Germany and Israel and the Jewish Claims Conference was welcomed here in statements by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, the S.A. Zionist Federation and the Israel Legation. All the statements stressed that while the pacts do not expiate the Nazi crimes, they do establish the principle that murderers and looters shall not inherit the property of their victims.

BONN OFFICIALS ON GUARD AGAINST NEW FASCIST UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT

BONN, Sept. 14. (JTA) — Government officials here are on the alert against attempts by the disbanded Socialist Reichs Party, largest and best organized of Germany's postwar Nazi parties, to go underground. Official fears stem from the discovery of a "Fascist Congress" in Westphalia being organized by nine leaders of the former Socialist Reichs Party under the guise of a "national rally movement." The Socialist Reichs Party announced it was disbanding last Friday.

SEN. HUMPHREY ASKS ACHESON TO CHANGE NEW VISA REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Sen. Hubert Humphrey this week-end called on Secretary of State Dean Acheson to reconsider the policy of the State Department's Visa Division requiring aliens to state their race and ethnic classification in applying for visas.

In a letter calling for Sec. Acheson's personal intervention, Senator Humphrey charged that the Visa Division's requirement has "potentialities for anti-Semitic discrimination."

Information regarding race and ethnic classification on entry permits to the U. S. is required under terms of the McCarran-Walter Act, which will have no legal effect before December 24, but which the State Department has admitted following in this matter.

NEWS BRIEFS

CHICAGO, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Proceeds from the sale of the synagogue which housed the Congregation Ohel Jacob Anshei Kovno for 65 years here will soon be put to work reclaiming the land in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

Officers of the congregation have turned over \$22,000 to the J. N. F. realized from the sale of the building to a church organization. The decision to sell the building was taken when it was found that it would have to be abandoned because most of the members of the congregation had moved out of the neighborhood.

VIENNA, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The establishment of a Jewish Martyrs Museum in Belgrade in honor of the 60,000 Yugoslav Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis in World War II was reported here this week. The museum contains documents and other pertinent historical material dating back some 2,000 years, when the first Yugoslav Jews settled in Croatia and Bosnia. Yugoslavia's Jewish population today totals some 6,500 persons, some 8,000 having left for Israel in the last four years.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A message hailing the Jewish community of Norway which this week began celebrating its 100th anniversary was sent during the week-end by Dr. Isaac Schwarzbart, director of the World Jewish Congress Organization Department. The message extended best wishes to the 1,000 member Jewish community for "a bright future in continued cooperation with the World Jewish Congress."

ROME, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Italian Government has been asked by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities to postpone public school entrance examinations from September 29 to October 1, so as to make it unnecessary for Jewish students to take the tests on Yom Kippur. Similar requests in the past have always been granted.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The first institutions of Jewish music in the United States authorized to grant academic degrees--the Seminary of Jewish Music and the Cantors Institute--were inaugurated here today at ceremonies opening the 66th academic year of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A. H. Aronovitch, prominent Jewish community leader here and former president of the Western Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, died this week-end following a lengthy illness.