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AUSTRIAN CABINET DISCUSSES REPARATIONS NEGOTIATIONS WITH JEWS

VIENNA, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here today expressed the hope that reparations talks between officials of the Austrian Government and representatives of Jewish organizations abroad will soon start in Vienna. This subject was discussed by the Cabinet this week.

It was learned here that the Cabinet devoted a special meeting to the question of arranging reparations discussions with experts of the four major Jewish organizations - Jewish Agency, American Jewish Committee, Joint Distribution Committee and World Jewish Congress. Representatives of these organizations are expected to arrive here soon after the Jewish groups receive invitations from the Austrian Government.

It is believed here that the Austrian Government is anxious to achieve some settlement with the Jews on the reparations issue prior to the re-opening of Parliament. It is admitted by high Austrian officials that the adoption several weeks ago by Parliament of amnesty laws favoring former members of the Nazi Party was "badly timed." The laws, opposed by Jews and vetoed by the Allied powers in Austria, may be re-introduced in Parliament after an agreement is reached with the Jewish groups on Austrian payment of reparations for Nazi-looted property.

In government circles here the opinion was expressed that opposition to the amnesty laws will be displayed neither by Jews nor by the democratic powers if the problem of reparations to Jews is settled. Leaders of the Vienna Jewish Community indicated that they have no objection to the restoration of "lesser" Nazis to full citizenship rights, providing the government first does justice to the Jews, who were the greatest victims of Nazis. Similar sentiments were expressed by U.S. representatives here.

Austrian Minister Criticizes U. S. Veto of Amnesty Laws

Austrian Foreign Minister Dr. Karl Gruber, addressing the Industrial League in the city of Linz, last night criticized the American occupation authorities for vetoing the amnesty laws after they have been passed by the Austrian Parliament. "We cannot agree with the Americans' objections to the amnesty laws because they contradict the declaration of their own statesmen recognizing Austria's sovereignty," he declared.

Dr. Gruber and other members of the Austrian Cabinet are of the opinion that former minor members of the Nazi Party can no longer be classified as Nazis now, seven years after the fall of the Nazi regime. Therefore, they should not be placed

forever in a category of second-class citizens, he told a representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He added that should some of them turn out to be active Nazis after their rights are restored, the authorities will be in a position to deal with them.

Behind the government's determination to restore former Nazis to full rights lies the fact that these former members of the Nazi Party plus their families constitute a potential of about 500,000 votes in the forthcoming elections. Both the Social Democratic Party and the Catholic Party which together form the present coalition Cabinet are anxious to keep these votes from being cast for neo-Nazi groups which conduct their campaign against the government on the issue of the "second-class citizenship" of the "lesser" Nazis.

ANTI-SEMITIC MEMBER OF GERMAN PARLIAMENT ARRESTED IN BONN

BONN, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- German police today arrested Wolfgang Hedler, neo-Nazi member of the West German parliament. He was seized to serve a nine-month sentence for anti-Semitic utterances and slandering anti-Hitler resistance members.

(The United Press reported from Bonn that there are 26 known neo-Nazi organizations operating in West Germany. The dispatch added that the authorities believe that they will present no real danger unless a leader strong enough to unite them appears.)

INVESTIGATION OF AUERBACH CASE RESUMED BY BAVARIAN COMMISSION

MUNICH, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Parliament commission investigating the circumstances leading to, and the conduct of, the trial of the late Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, today resumed meeting after a three-month recess.

Dr. Karl Fischer, chairman of the commission, commented that Auerbach's suicide following his conviction "complicated" his group's work, but expressed the hope that the investigation could be pressed to an early conclusion. He revealed that the group had rejected a demand from a Bavarian organization of former victims of the Nazis that the commission study the political background of the trial.

ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE NOT YET IN SIGHT, TRYGVE LIE REPORTS TO ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 8. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie, in his report to the forthcoming General Assembly which opens here next week, emphasizes that there is "no solution yet in sight" for peace between Israel and the Arab states.

The report, which was made public today, gives detailed consideration to the rise of nationalism in the Middle East and points out that while progress had been made through United Nations action in some sections of the world, no solution has been found in Palestine.

Mr. Lie stressed in his report the needs of underdeveloped countries and made a strong appeal for technical assistance. He felt that despite the armaments program, the great powers could provide one billion dollars a year for the economic development of the less well-off countries.

POLICE ARREST SECOND SUSPECT IN ISRAEL BOMB PLOT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Police investigating the bomb plot which was nipped here at the last minute last Sunday today made a second arrest. The man was identified as Jacob Lotan Ardon of Tel Aviv, a former Irgun leader in Europe.

U. N. UNIT BLAMES EGYPT IN LANDMINE EXPLOSION IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Responsibility for the explosion of a landmine in the Negev, south of Khan Yunis, last Sunday was yesterday laid on Egypt by the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission.

The commission also urged the Egyptians to take greater care in checking infiltrators and marauding bands which cross into Israel from Egyptian territory. Gen. William E. Riley, United Nations truce chief, attended the commission meeting.

Military authorities today reported that two parties of infiltrators, one in the Negev and one in the Judean hills, had been beaten off with casualties earlier this week. In the Negev, Israel border patrolmen recovered a flock of sheep stolen from Israeli Bedouins.

SHARETT, EBAN TO HEAD ISRAEL DELEGATION AT U. N. ASSEMBLY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation to the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly will be headed by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and permanent delegate Ambassador Abba Eban, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced tonight. He revealed that Mr. Sharett will come to U. N. headquarters in New York only if events at the session require his presence.

Other members of the delegation will be Shmuel Ekyashiv, Minister to Moscow; Arthur Lurie, Consul General in New York; Dr. I. Genossar, former Minister to Rome; and Dr. Jacob Robinson of the Foreign Ministry.

The spokesman also confirmed reports published here that Israel will support the nomination of Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister of External Affairs, for the presidency of the Assembly.

ISRAEL MAPAM PARTY SENDS GREETINGS TO SOVIET COMMUNIST PARLEY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israel's pro-Soviet Mapam Party today sent a message of greetings to the Russian Communist Party Congress currently meeting in Moscow. It read in part:

"On behalf of the masses of workers, builders of the restored homeland of the Jewish people, believers in friendship between the Jewish and Arab peoples, and on behalf of the leaders of the movement for peace and friendship with the U.S.S.R. in our land, we send your historic conference our enthusiastic brother-workers greetings."

TWO-DAY HEARINGS ON MCCARRAN IMMIGRATION ACT OPENED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- President Truman's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization, which is studying the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, today opened public hearings here at which representatives of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations will testify.

The hearings here, which will last two days, are part of a series which the Commission is holding in 11 cities from coast to coast for the purpose of gathering public views as to whether the McCarran Act of last June should be modified, and, if so, how. The Commission has held hearings so far in New York, Cleveland and Detroit.

JEWISH CONGRESS CRITICIZES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AND A. D. L.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The decision of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to withdraw from the National Community Relations Advisory Council "can only be understood as a deliberate attempt to disrupt the cooperative relationship and unity which have been achieved through the N. C. R. A. C.," the national executive committee of the American Jewish Congress declared today.

In a statement announcing its approval of the plan adopted by the N. C. R. A. C. at its September plenary session in Atlantic City, the Congress' executive said that this plan provides "at least some minimum basis for democratic joint program planning, coordination of activities and intelligent division of labor among the national community relations agencies." The statement charged that the withdrawal of the two agencies is a "repudiation of any form of majority rule and total community responsibility in the name of organizational autonomy," which "would substitute anarchy for orderly democratic procedure in Jewish communal affairs."

The statement characterized as "untrue" the assertions by the American Jewish Committee and B'nai B'rith that the decision taken in Atlantic City would change the nature of the N. C. R. A. C. and endanger the autonomy of member agencies. "The N. C. R. A. C. remains what it always has been, namely, an instrument for furthering and strengthening the cooperative process in the Jewish community relations field," the statement said.

Citing the development of Jewish community councils and community relations councils throughout the country as evidence of the growing maturity of the Jewish community, which "has placed the total community interest above the interest of individual agencies," the Congress' executive declared that "the plan adopted by the N. C. R. A. C. is no more than the enlargement of this principle of service to the community on a national level." It pledged "to work in partnership and cooperation with the local representative Jewish community councils and with all the other national Jewish organizations which similarly recognize the overriding interest of the total Jewish community."

Camden Urges Committee and A. D. L. to Re-Join N.C.R.A.C.

CAMDEN, N. J., Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Camden County today made public a resolution expressing regret over the fact that the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League had decided to withdraw from the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The board authorized the Federation to seek affiliation with the N.C.R.A.C.

"The Jewish Federation of Camden County," the resolution reads, "regrets the action taken by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in withdrawing from the National Community Relations Advisory Council. We feel this action was not in the best interest of the total American Jewish community. We reaffirm the purposes of the N.C.R.A.C. and feel strongly that there is a necessity of a coordinating agency in the field of community relations and that N.C.R.A.C. serves that function."

"We firmly believe in the necessity for joint planning in the field of community relations by national agencies and local communities engaged in this field. We are also convinced that re-assessment of the goals to be achieved by the agencies engaged in community relations work is not only desirable but necessary and that this can only be achieved through the N.C.R.A.C. Furthermore, we affirm our support of the resolution on division of labor as adopted by the plenum of the N.C.R.A.C. We hope that the A. J. C. and Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will reconsider its action and re-affiliate with N.C.R.A.C., the only instrumentality created by the American Jewish community which can succeed in coordinating the work being done by the local and national agencies in the field of community relations."

ISRAEL CORPORATION SEEKS TO SELL 30,000 SHARES IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A registration statement has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Israel Industrial and Mineral Development Corporation seeking registration of 30,000 shares of Class "A" stock, \$100 par, to be offered for public sale.

The purpose of the company is to make funds available for the industrial and mineral development of Israel. It was formed by AMPAL-American Palestine Trading Corp., and its directors. AMPAL has subscribed, at par, to 998 shares of the company's Class "B" stock, \$100 par, and has paid cash for 498 shares of said stock and acquired two additional shares issued to incorporators of the company. The directors of the company have each subscribed to one share. AMPAL has indicated that it intends to subscribe, at par, to the remainder of the authorized Class "B" stock, 18,994 shares.

"HAKHEL" CEREMONY OF ANCIENT ISRAEL HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A parallel celebration of the revival for the first time in 2,000 years of "Hakhel," the Biblical ceremony which was performed in ancient Israel at the end of every Sabbatical year, took place at the Hotel Commodore here tonight at a public service sponsored by the Jewish Agency and the Rabbinical Council of America.

The service was a counterpart of a similar celebration held in Jerusalem earlier this week on Mount Zion under the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. A message from Dr. Nahum Goldmann emphasizing that the furtherance of Jewish scholarship and culture in its various forms "is of decisive importance for the survival of the Jewish people and of Judaism," was read at the service here. An "Hakhel" ceremony for children, attended by 1,200 pupils of 19 Hebrew day schools in New York, was held yesterday at the Yeshiva University.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI WOMEN AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Ten annual scholarships providing advanced professional and vocational training for youth in Israel have been awarded for the new academic year, it was announced today by the Mizrachi Women's Organization of America.

The scholarships, which provide maintenance and education for a year of study, will allow recipients to undertake or complete training as teachers, dietitians, and group workers in educational institutions maintained by Mizrachi Women in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

J. N. F. RAISES \$840,000 IN U.S. THROUGH COLLECTION BOXES

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Over \$843,000 was raised by the Jewish National Fund of America through its traditional collection boxes in the past two years, the J. N. F. announced today. The organization estimated that more than 200,000 such boxes are in homes throughout the United States.

The J. N. F. revealed that it had awarded six round trips to Israel to winners of a special contest for holders of collection boxes. It also gave ten prizes each of \$100 worth of Israel goods and distributed 100 book prizes. More than 75,000 persons participated in the contest, submitting boxes whose contents averaged between three and fifteen dollars each. The prizes were awarded on a regional basis.

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