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AUSTRIA WELCOMES EARLY START OF REPARATIONS TALKS WITH JEWS

MILAN, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The decision by the Austrian Government to start technical discussions with representatives of Jewish organizations on the question of reparations by Austria to Jews was adopted about three weeks ago, Austrian Vice-Chancellor Dr. Adolph Schaerf told newsmen here today. He favored immediate beginning of the discussions.

Revealing further details of the Cabinet decision, the Vice-Chancellor--who is attending the international Socialist convention here--said that the Austrian Government plans to start the negotiations with talks between representatives of Jewish groups and of the Finance Ministry. Later, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Ministries of Justice and Interior will join the negotiations.

Dr. Schaerf emphasized that the negotiations will encounter difficulties particularly due to the fact that the Soviet authorities in Austria claim that heirless property seized by the Red Army in Austria is part of the Russian war reparations. He also pointed out that the absence of a peace treaty between the Allied Powers and Austria prevents Austria from disposing freely of its property.

EGYPT SUBMITS PROTEST TO GERMANY AGAINST REPARATIONS TO ISRAEL

BONN, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has submitted a memorandum to the West German Government outlining the basis of Arab protests against German payment of reparations to Israel, it was learned here today.

Meanwhile, Bonn Government circles reveal that when the Arab League delegation which is due here this week to protest the reparations pact arrives, the Germans will endeavor to explain that the agreement is not aimed against the Arab states.

The Germans will point out that the agreement provides that Israel will receive no war materials, that goods from reparations payments may not be sold abroad, and that all such goods will be used solely to build up Israel's economy. In addition, the Germans will state that the agreement can no longer be changed.

The first two members of the seven-nation Arab League delegation have already arrived and today held a press conference at which they criticized West Germany for negotiating directly with Israel rather than through the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission. The Arabs, Dr. Ali Alsafy of Iraq and R. Alagaty of Syria, urged that the reparations treaty now be submitted to the Palestine Conciliation Commission so that it could be analyzed by experts in international law.

They also threatened a rupture of relations between the Arab states and Germany if the reparations agreement is ratified in its present form.

ISRAEL SEEKS GREATER EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM U.S. AND CANADA

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A discussion of methods for encouraging immigration to Israel from the United States and Canada was held at the Foreign Ministry today, on the initiative of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

A Ministry spokesman revealed that plans drawn up at the parley called for providing housing and business opportunities for American and Canadian immigrants. He refused to elaborate on the plans.

The spokesman also confirmed that a protest note had been received from the French Government over an attack on a Catholic priest in Jaffa. He added that the Foreign Ministry was investigating the incident.

ISRAEL GROUPS ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS OF CABINET EXPANSION

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The General Zionist Party is still ready to enter the coalition government provided the Mapai Party abandons its "one-sided and partial policy," General Zionist leaders told a mass meeting here. Dr. Peretz Bernstein reported on the breakdown in negotiations between the centrists and the Laborites.

Meanwhile, the Progressive Party executive has decided to begin negotiations with the Mapai for entrance into the Cabinet, but pointed out the entrance into the negotiations does not mean that the party is definitely committed to joining the coalition. A resolution by the Progressive executive called for "basic changes in many important spheres" of Israeli life and urged the establishment of a broad coalition which would embrace all forces in the state capable of working for the country's benefit, and in which private industry would be represented to the same extent that it contributes to the state's economy.

Premier David Ben Gurion today met with Rabbi Abraham J. Kerlitz, 90-year-old sage and religious authority, to discuss application of Jewish law and Torah lore to the problem of the conscription of Orthodox women. No results of the one-hour meeting are known, but during the conference numerous religious books were brought into the conference room for reference purposes.

Premier Ben Gurion arrived in Bnei Brak, home village of the sage, wearing a distinctive white hat. Thousands of Chassidim gathered in front of Rabbi Kerlitz' home hours before the Premier arrived and remained there throughout the conference. Later, Mr. Ben Gurion was received by the religious community's municipal council.

A new party, called Leachduth Hauman (National Unity) has made its appearance on the Israel political scene. It is headed by Dr. Jacob Gil, former British Army chaplain and General Zionist deputy in the first Israel Parliament, who has attacked the recent Bernstein-Ben Gurion talks for broadening of the Cabinet as a "comedy."

Mizrachi Trade Unions Join Histadrut; Get Representation

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- An agreement for entrance of the Mizrachi Workers' Party trade unions into the Histadrut, Israel's general federation of labor, was signed here this week-end. Hapoel Hamizrachi representatives will now take their place on the governing bodies of the Histadrut.

In the past, the religious laborites maintained their own trade union organizations, but under a special agreement enabled their members to join the national medical and hospitalization service maintained for its members by the Histadrut.

U.S. MILITARY IN GERMANY ORDERS ARMY UNIFORMS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The United States Armed Forces in Germany have placed orders with Israel tailors for \$70,000 worth of Army uniforms, it was revealed here today. This is the second such order within the year.

CAIRO POLICE ARREST JEWISH AND EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A large number of Jewish and several Egyptian journalists were arrested and held on security charges following police raids on their homes during the last few days. No specific charges have been placed against them, it was reported here.

It is considered likely that their arrest stems from their unwelcome interest in the activities of former German officers--called in by former King Farouk and retained by Gen. Mohamed Naguib--who are advising the Egyptian general staff on military reorganization and training methods.

Among those arrested was Henry Haim, head of a French advertising office here, who returned to Cairo just this week after a vacation in France.

ISRAEL SELLS FLAGSHIP TO BRITAIN; WILL ESTABLISH NEW SHIPPING LINE

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The S.S. Kedma, flagship of the Israel mercantile fleet and only Israeli passenger line in service, was sold to a British company last week, it was announced today.

Numerous repairs were necessary before the Kedma was put into passenger service. Before it was sold, the vessel had managed to set a record for the Marseilles-Haifa run, three days.

The S.S. Kommerniuth, one-time immigrant blockade runner which later became part of Israel's maritime fleet, has been sold to a British scrap company for breaking up. It left Haifa yesterday on its final voyage.

A new shipping line, the "Judges of Israel" company, has been organized to operate between Israel and the United States, it was reported here today. The line's first vessel will sail December 5, according to the report.

The Shoham Shipping Company has obtained two 12-year-old freighters for use in the citrus trade. They are the 10,000 ton ship Sanbrest and the 3,600 ton freighter Main.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTS SOVIET BID FOR CITRUS FRUIT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has purchased 5,000 tons of citrus fruits from Israel and has an option for an additional 10,000 tons from this year's crop, the Foreign Ministry announced here today. The announcement added that shipment of the first of some 125,000 cases would commence within a few days.

A Ministry spokesman revealed that a delegation would be leaving for Denmark next week to negotiate a barter agreement. After that pact is concluded, he said, the delegation would travel to Poland to negotiate for renewal of the current Israel-Polish trade treaty.

MCCARRAN IMMIGRATION ACT DEVELOPS INTO BASIC ELECTION ISSUE

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The "master race" controversy raised last Friday by President Truman in a message to the Jewish Welfare Board meeting in Washington, took a new twist last night when Bernard M. Baruch issued a statement declaring that he does not agree with the President's charges that General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican Presidential candidate, condones anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic immigration policies.

President Truman assailed what he called anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic quotas in the McCarran-Walter Immigration law. He attacked several Republican Senators for voting for the measure and Gen. Eisenhower for endorsing those Senators for reelection. Gen. Eisenhower, in speeches during the week-end, called for a revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration law.

Meanwhile, Republican Vice-Presidential candidate Senator Richard M. Nixon last night suggested that Gov. Adlai Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate, should repudiate Truman's criticism of Gen. Eisenhower on the McCarran Act issue. Sen. Nixon said that the immigration bill, which was passed over President Truman's veto, would "be reviewed and its inequities removed after a fair trial" by a Republican administration.

Senator Herbert H. Lehman, taking a hand in the issue, pointed out that Sen. Nixon was one of those who voted for the McCarran-Walter Bill and joined in over-riding President Truman's veto of that bill.

ZIONIST COUNCIL INSISTS ON BI-PARTISAN STAND BY ITS AFFILIATES

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council today took issue with the Labor Zionist Organization which challenged the right of the Council to criticize the L. Z. O.'s endorsement of one of the Presidential candidates. A statement issued by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Council, said:

"The American Zionist Council has accepted responsibility for the public relations policy of the Zionist movement in the United States. The Labor Zionist Organization is included in its membership and is actively participating in the framing of its policies.

"By unanimous agreement for almost a decade the American Zionist Council has maintained a bi-partisan approach in connection with public relations focusing on the Washington scene. This policy has been accepted in fact by all Zionists who have been participating in this action with great devotion. In 1948 and in 1952 the Council sought and received from both major political parties and their leaders endorsement of pro-Israel platform planks. It has resisted successfully local and national pressures to breach this policy for the sake of this or that candidate.

"Conceding the right claimed by the Labor Zionist Organization, we submit that it is estopped from exerting that right by reason of its voluntary membership on the Council, its active participation in framing the policies of the Council and by its recorded affirmative vote on the policy we have been following."

ISRAEL MINISTER OF JUSTICE VISITS U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Haim Cohen, Israel Minister of Justice, today called on Attorney General James P. McGranery and Supreme Court Justices Felix Frankfurter and William O. Douglas. Mr. Cohen is in Washington in connection with the United Jewish Appeal campaign.

TRUMAN RECEIVES JEWISH WELFARE BOARD LEADERS AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- President Truman today commended the efforts of the National Jewish Welfare Board when J. W. B. president Irving Edison and other officials of the Board called at the White House.

COMMUNITY LEADERS SEEK EFFECTIVE PLANS TO DEAL WITH APPEALS

TORONTO, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to assist member agencies in developing effective plans and procedures for dealing with the problem of multiple appeals was adopted here last night at the closing session of the two-day 17th annual conference of the New York-Ontario Region of the Council. The conference was attended by 200 Jewish leaders from 20 communities in New York State and Central Ontario.

Another major resolution called for the strengthening of the National Community Relations Advisory Council as the coordinating and planning agency in the field of community relations. The resolution also urged that services be increased, both nationally and locally, in the community relations field.

Discussions on the future directions of organized Jewish life in the United States and Canada, budgeting of community funds to finance worldwide Jewish services, local community programs to meet the needs of the aged and chronically ill, and expansion of Jewish education programs to serve both children and adults highlighted the two-day meeting. Joseph Goldstein, of Rochester, was elected regional president for 1953, succeeding Arthur Markson of Utica.

David Newman, of Toronto, who is vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, stated the need for more authority for central organizations, especially in establishing priorities for new buildings and services. "Our central Jewish fund-raising and planning bodies, whether called welfare funds, federations or community councils," he added, "must first expand new agency memberships and a working corps of community-minded leadership. Second, they must gain more power and use this power wisely."

Benjamin B. Rosenberg, director of the C. J. F. W. F. Field Service Department, discussing the question of cooperation between national agencies and local communities, said: "Our central organizations--welfare funds and community councils--have been largely instrumental in aiding the development of effective local and national services carried on by autonomous agencies. At the same time, the leaderships of most of these organizations have recognized their responsibility to the total community and have aided in the strengthening of cooperative planning and coordination of services to the best interest of the Jewish community."

UNITED NATIONS ASKS ISRAEL TO SEND TECHNICAL EXPERT TO HAITI

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The U.N. has made its first call upon Israel to send a technical expert out of the country to assist another nation with its economy, it was revealed here today. Dr. Shimon Tal, an expert in fisheries, will shortly leave for Haiti to advise the Haitian Government on the development of its fisheries program. He will serve under the auspices of the U. N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

15,000 PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK OPEN AIR RALLY FOR ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- More than 15,000 persons yesterday participated in an open air meeting to promote the sale of Israel bonds, at which Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador, was the principal speaker. The meeting was arranged by the New York Jewish daily newspapers The Forward, The Day and The Jewish Morning Journal, and the Israel bond organization.

Ambassador Eban told the audience that confidence was felt in Israel over the outcome of its economic struggle for survival. Traffic was diverted around the area where the rally was held. The crowd was entertained by prominent actors.

LEADERS OF REFORM JUDAISM URGED TO BUILD MORE SYNAGOGUES

CHICAGO, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Leaders of Reform Judaism in the United States were called upon to mobilize maximum support for the establishment of new congregations and for the construction of new synagogues in an address delivered here last night by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Addressing the annual board meeting of the U.A.H.C., Dr. Eisendrath said: "We are tragically and blasphemously failing, both in our high and holy moral mission as Jews, as well as in our full responsibility as Americans, by turning our backs upon the spiritual deprivation of so many of our people. This failure is as real as any that might characterize our lack of response to other Jewish or human needs."

B'NAI B'RITH LEADER HONORED FOR DEVOTION TO IDEALS OF FREEDOM

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Richard E. Gutstadt, executive vice-chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, was presented here yesterday by the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith with the Council's 1952 Humanitarian Award "in grateful recognition of his invaluable contributions to human welfare and his conscientious devotion to the traditional American ideals of freedom." More than 1,200 persons attended the ceremony.

In accepting the award, Mr. Gutstadt said: "We must all be committed to standing firm for everything that is decent in democracy regardless of the price we have to pay. Each of us, in a personal capacity, when seized with the resolve to work incessantly for B'nai B'rith goals, can become a leader."

JESSE MOSS ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Jesse Moss, former assistant Federal attorney in New York, was elected Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States at the closing session here of the 57th annual convention of the organization.

MEMORIAL TO 2,000 MURDERED JEWS UNVEILED IN ROME

ROME, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A memorial to some 2,000 Roman Jews deported to their deaths by the Fascists in 1943 was unveiled today at the Jewish cemetery here. The mayor and other municipal officials participated in the ceremony.