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ADENAUER REJECTS DEMANDS TO TURN OVER ISRAEL-GERMAN PACT TO U. N.

BERLIN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today indirectly rejected demands by various German groups that the reparations pact with Israel be turned over to the United Nations for final action.

Addressing the Christian Democratic Union, the party which he heads, Dr. Adenauer called the pact a "moral necessity" which would help restore Germany's prestige abroad. He stated that although Germany had not been indebted financially to the State of Israel, it owed a considerable debt to world Jewry.

"Since the conclusion of the Luxembourg agreement with Israel last month, we have done all that was laid down by moral law," the Chancellor said. "And my belief is that that which is laid down by moral law is at least as important as that laid down by juridical law. I am convinced," he added, "that the agreement with Israel has done more than anything else to eradicate from Germany the stains made by National Socialism and will re-establish the world's regard for Germany."

Meanwhile, the German Party, a rightist group, at its annual convention at Goslar, today decided that while Germany's good name must be restored and that this could be done by implementing the Israel reparations agreement, the pact should be handed over to the U. N. as a means of saving good relations with the Arabs. The party statement said that the U. N. would probably consider the reparations treaty in relation to the plight of the Arab refugees. It added that the U. N. was the proper body for rendering a "Solomonic judgment" and for effecting German reparations to Israel.

Bonn Drafts Measures for Implementation of Pact with Israel.

BONN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The West German Government has just completed drafting quotas for the various types of goods and services it will supply Israel for the next three years under the terms of the German-Israel reparations pact signed six weeks ago at Luxemburg. The Germans are prepared to pay Israel 400,000,000 deutschemarks (approximately \$94,000,000) in goods and service by March, 1954.

The Bonn Government has stated its willingness to continue paying 75,000,000 marks annually for crude oil supplies to Israel, out of German funds of foreign currency, until March, 1954. At that time the Germans will re-examine their position to see whether they are able to continue making such payments.

A ceiling of 45,000,000 marks worth of finished steel products has been set for the first year's reparations. Shipment of chemical goods, agricultural products, pig iron and raw steel products for the first year will be kept to a maximum of 43,000,000 marks. Services and other unspecified goods will total 37,000,000.

ARAB MEMBERS OF KNESSET SEEK GAINS FROM CABINET "CRISIS"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Attempting to take advantage of the current Cabinet "crisis," Arab members of Israel's Parliament today submitted a memorandum to Premier David Ben Gurion demanding the abolition of military government in certain Arab areas of Israel and other concessions as the price for their continued support of the Ben Gurion Government. With the vote in the Parliament theoretically 60 for and 60 against the government, a few Arab votes may affect the general political situation.

Commenting on the Arab move, a spokesman for the Mapai Party, major group in the government coalition, said that the Arab leaders are well aware of the situation in the country at large and know that the government has improved conditions for the Arab population as rapidly as it can, but that they wish to force political concessions from the government at this time. The Mapai spokesman added that he did not think that the Arabs were in a position to force a new Cabinet "crisis" with their demands.

The first contact between the Mapai and Progressive Parties in negotiations looking toward the entrance of the Progressives into the government has brought no concrete achievements. Mapai negotiators have expressed the hope that differences between the two parties would be narrowed rapidly, because the "ideological divergences are small." Progressive spokesmen feel that the major obstacles in the path of agreement are not ideological, but rather matters of practical politics such as taking the politics out of civil service and establishing a unified educational system.

JEWISH AGENCY MAY TRANSFER SOME FUNCTIONS TO U.S. ZIONIST COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Strengthening of the American Zionist Council and the transfer of certain Jewish Agency functions to the Council were discussed by Premier David Ben Gurion and Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, during Rabbi Miller's recent visit to Israel. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency chairman, told a press conference today.

He said that Rabbi Miller had promised to discuss the question with various Z. O. A. leaders, after which the leaders of the Zionist groups in the United States would come to Israel several days in advance of the forthcoming Zionist Actions Committee meeting here next month, and would discuss the revitalization of the Zionist Council with the Premier and both chairmen of the Agency.

Dr. Goldmann expressed the hope that this development would lead to a reorganization of the Zionist groups in the U.S. looking toward a convocation of an American Zionist Congress from which a Zionist Federation of America might emerge.

ISRAEL'S LABOR CONVENTION OPENS; 50,000 MEMBERSHIP REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The membership of Hapoel Hamizrachi, the Miz-rachi Workers Party of Israel, is now 50,000--double what it was three years ago--it was reported here last night at the opening of the 11th national council of the organization. A total of 60 settlements have already been established in various parts of the country by members of the movement.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, greeting the delegates and guests, including Cabinet Ministers and members of Parliament, stressed the role of the religious workers party in maintaining the link between the Jewish State and the Jewish communities throughout the world. Other greetings were received from Chief Rabbi Israel Herzog, Tel Aviv Mayor Rokach and the Histadrut.

U.N. AD HOC POLITICAL COMMITTEE DECIDES TO DISCUSS PALESTINE ISSUES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) -- At its first meeting today the Ad Hoc Political Committee decided to take up the question of the Arab refugees.

The Palestine Conciliation Commission--the item proposed by the Arab States--will be fifth on the committee's list, and the complaint by Israel of violation by the Arab states of U.N. resolutions, sixth. It is expected, however, that both these items will be taken together, as they both deal with Palestine.

If the committee keeps up to schedule it should reach the Palestine issue in about a month's time. Israeli delegates here are hoping that the Arabs will not make a political issue out of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency report, the first item on the agenda. The Ad Hoc Committee will start dealing with this tomorrow morning.

Israel yesterday voted with the majority at the U.N. General Assembly to turn down a Soviet motion inviting the Chinese Communist Government to the Assembly session to document charges that United States forces had engaged in germ warfare in Korea. The proposal was defeated by 46-5.

At the Social Committee last night, Emile Najjar of Israel agreed with most of the delegates that a debate on a proposed protocol to extend to stateless persons the rights accorded refugees in the U.N. Convention on Refugees would be academic until such time as the Convention itself had been ratified. The Convention has been signed by 20 governments, but so far none has ratified it, and the document will not come into force until six ratifications have been received.

ISRAEL'S ROLE IN ASIA ANALYZED AT INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST PARLEY

MILAN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Israel's role in helping bring the East and the West together is being stressed by members of the Israel delegation at the current meeting of the Socialist International here.

Dr. Peretz Naphtali, member of the Israel Cabinet, told the congress that Israel will play an important part in bringing the two sections of the world into cooperation. He said Israel has a western background, although it regards itself as a part of Asia and its settlement work is of great significance for Asiatic nations.

Reuven Barkatt, another member of the Israel group, speaking on the problem of underdeveloped countries, insisted that the Socialists must overcome both the obstacles of extreme nationalism and military dictatorship and shape a new relationship between eastern and western socialism. Citing Israel as an example of such a development, Mr. Barkatt said that the Jewish State was a land where "pioneers and workers are artisans of a new society based on free, constructive socialism able to combine nationalist aspirations with Socialist ideals."

During a luncheon given by the Israel delegation for Indian, Indonesian and Burmese Socialists, Arab-Israeli relations were discussed. At that time the Indian delegation head, who is chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Indian Socialist Party, invited the Mapai to send a delegation to India. The invitation was accepted.

Mrs. Beba Idelson, who participated in a Socialist women's conference, addressed a public meeting of Italian Socialist women. Speaking in Hebrew, she presented the views of Israel's Socialist women.

SUSPECT IN PLOT TO BOMB ISRAEL MINISTRY RELEASED ON BAIL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Jacob Lotan, one of three members of the right-wing Herut Party arrested in connection with the planting of a primed bomb at the Foreign Ministry building here several weeks ago, was today released in 1,000 pounds bail. Lotan is suspected by the police of being an important member of the ring which attempted the bombing.

TRIAL OF NAZI ADMINISTRATOR OF LODZ GHETTO STARTED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The trial of Heinrich Schwind, 62-year-old former administrator of the ghetto of Lodz, charged with murdering at least 70 Jews in the ghetto, opened here yesterday.

Witnesses said that the German was feared throughout the ghetto for his brutality and that he was known to have shot and killed Jews for "no reason whatsoever." Testimony introduced today connected Schwind with "resettlement operations" in the ghetto, which consisted of sending aged Jews unfit for labor and Jewish children to their death in gas chambers.

Meanwhile, the trial of Dr. H. Schaeffer, accused of complicity in the murder of 6,000 Jewish women and children in a concentration camp in Serbia in 1942, has been postponed by a German court in Cologne pending gathering of more evidence by the prosecution. The court has taken no action on a request by the Yugoslav Government that it be permitted to introduce hundreds of documents proving Dr. Schaeffer's guilty.

JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Requests from displaced Jews in Europe to be settled in agricultural colonies in various countries financed by the Jewish Colonization Association were today discussed at a J. C. A. meeting here.

The meeting heard reports on agricultural training of Jews in Morocco and was informed that the J. C. A. colonies in Israel are faring well and are considered among the most advanced agricultural settlements in the Jewish State. The Association decided to allow grants for tuberculosis patients from Israel who go to European hospitals, for the benefit of "hard core" Jewish refugees in Belgium and for the Mikveh Israel agricultural school in Tel Aviv.

LONDON JEWISH YOUTH AGAIN URGED TO IGNORE FASCIST MEETINGS

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A plea that Jewish youths shun Fascist meetings in Britain rather than attend them and heckle the speakers was reiterated here today by Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Dr. Cohen said that it has been proved time and again that heckling "made" Fascist meetings. He also warned that the recent mild treatment of Jewish youths arrested on charges of attacking Fascists might be replaced by more severe methods if the incident were repeated.

INDIA'S JEWISH POPULATION NUMBERS 25,000; MOST LIVE IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- India's Jewish population is 25,000, according to the results of the 1951 census released here today. The great majority of them--more than 20,000--live in the Bombay area.

JEWISH GROUPS CALL FOR ABOLITION OF DISCRIMINATION IN IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) — A number of Jewish organizations today called for an end "to the national origins quota system and the other unjust and discriminatory provisions" of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law, enacted by the last Congress over President Truman's veto.

Observing "that leaders of both political parties have denounced the racist features" of the McCarran-Walter law, the Jewish groups maintained that "the 82nd Congress now has a clear mandate" to effect revisions. This view was contained in a statement released by the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

Joining in the statement were the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which, together with 28 Jewish community councils in cities throughout the country comprise the N.C.H.A.C.; and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Synagogue Council of America.

The statement urged both political parties to pledge: 1. The abolition of a system of immigration which makes place of birth the test of admission to the United States and substitution of a plan based on individual need and qualification; 2. Equal treatment under the law for native born and naturalized citizens; 3. Abolition of deportation and denaturalization as punishment for crime other than fraud and illegal entry; 4. Establishment of procedures for adequate appellate and judicial review of acts of consular and immigration officials.

POLITICAL ANTI-SEMITISM NON-EXISTENT IN SO. AFRICA, LEADER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) — Anti-Semitism, which was a source of anxiety to South African Jewry during World War II, is now almost non-existent in the political field of that country, Gustav Saron, general secretary of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, declared at a luncheon here today tendered him by Ben Touster, president of HIAS.

Mr. Saron, who is in the United States for a ten-week study of American Jewish institutions and communal organizations, said that "within the general framework of government policy, the Jewish community of South Africa as a group has no cause for complaint."

He explained that racial policies are today an integral part of party political struggle in South Africa, and therefore the organized Jewish community must refrain from assuming a specific political attitude to these questions.

In discussing the philanthropy of his country, Mr. Saron, who directs the principal organization representing South African Jewry on all problems pertaining to the community as a whole, said: "South Africa's 120,000 Jews have deservedly earned a worldwide reputation as being the most generous contributors to Jewish causes, especially for Israel and overseas relief." He asserted that, "per capital their contributions to these causes were higher than any other Jewish community in the world."

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OF JEWISH GROUPS POSTPONED

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) — The British Commonwealth Conference of Jewish organizations, which was scheduled to be held here this year, has been postponed until 1953, it was announced here today.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS BELIEVED LOOTED FROM HEBRON SYNAGOGUES

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The charge that the Hebrew Scrolls discovered sometime ago at the Dead Sea came from looted synagogues and the library of Judah Babis in the city of Hebron, which were sacked by the Arabs in the bloody riots of 1929, is made by Prof. Solomon Zeitlin in the current issue of the Jewish Quarterly Review, published by Dropsie College.

Prof. Zeitlin, who from the beginning questioned the antiquity and authenticity of the Scrolls, claims that they were not in fact discovered in caves near the Dead Sea by Bedouins, but were stolen by Arabs in the Hebron massacres and then hidden for many years before being produced as new finds. He points out that for the last few years many of the Torah Scrolls which were stolen from Hebron were offered for sale by men connected with the Syrian Convent who also bought the Dead Sea Scrolls from an Arab.

"The Hebrew Scrolls, supposedly found by Bedouins, and brought to the Syrian Convent by merchants, may also have come from Hebron, concealed for a time in local caves," Dr. Zeitlin says. He does not question the integrity of any scholar or anyone connected with the Hebrew Scrolls, but does question the veracity of the merchants who claimed that the Scrolls were discovered by Bedouins.

EXCAVATION ESTABLISHES NEGEV WAS DENSELY POPULATED 5,000 YEARS AGO

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Proof that the Beersheba region was densely populated some 5,000 years ago has been unearthed by an archaeological party headed by Jean Perrot of the French National Center for Scientific Research.

The excavators have uncovered remnants of a village of stone walled houses with crude fireplaces. Among the potterds discovered were painted pottery and bits of copper which indicate that the inhabitants of the village exploited copper mines and used copper implements. The racial stock of the inhabitants of the ancient village has not been established.

ISRAEL BONDS REPORTED STIMULATING U.S. INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- "The success of the bond issue floated in the United States by the Government of Israel has blazed a new trail for the encouragement of American investments in underdeveloped countries abroad," Henry Montor, vice-president of the State of Israel bond organization, declared last night at a meeting of its executive committee.

Mr. Montor pointed out that the Israel bond drive, which up to September 1st had enrolled more than 400,000 subscribers with total subscriptions amounting to \$140,000,000, "had already raised more money than was realized by any other foreign bond issue floated in the United States." Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee of the bond organization, presided at the meeting which was also addressed by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of governors.

CHIEF RABBI OF ZURICH DIES; FORMER HEAD OF WORLD AGUDAH GROUP

ZURICH, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. T. Lewenstein, Chief Rabbi of Zurich, died here at 83. Dr. Lewenstein, who held the post of chief rabbi of The Hague, Copenhagen and Zurich at one time or another, was president of the Agudas Israel World Organization from 1919 to 1923 and remained a member of the organization's rabbinical council until his death.