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U.S. ENVOY CONFERS WITH EGYPTIAN PREMIER ON GERMAN-ISRAELI PACT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- American Ambassador Jefferson Caffery conferred today in Cairo with Premier Mohammed Naguib in a discussion which was believed to have involved Arab protests against Germany's agreement to pay reparations to Israel.

The meeting today coincided with editorials in two Egyptian newspapers blaming the United States -- not Germany -- for the Bonn agreement to pay approximately \$715,000,000 in goods to Israel.

From Cairo it was reported that the Egyptian Airlines today cancelled weekly flights to Bonn, probably in retaliation for the refusal of the Bonn Government to discard its agreement with the Jewish State.

Egypt Protests at U. N. Against German-Israeli Pact

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 12. (JTA) -- A protest against Germany's reparations agreement with Israel was voiced today at the United Nations General Assembly by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Farrag, in the course of a speech delivered during the general debate.

The Egyptian Minister said that pressure had been applied on the West German Government to "acquiesce" to providing Israel "under guise of reparations" with "large monetary funds and enormous quantities of heavy machinery." This, he observed, "lends no optimism to the prospects of peace and stability in the Middle East." The Egyptian Government, he added, viewed with "grave concern" the German-Israeli reparation agreement. It was Egypt's "firm conviction," he said, that "Israel was in no way entitled to reparations from Germany on behalf of Jews of the whole world."

The Egyptian Minister criticized the United Nations for not solving the problem of the Palestine refugees. "No plan for the peace and stability of the Middle East will be worthy of attention which does not aim at an equitable and humane solution to such problems," he declared. He charged that under the "pressure of world political Zionism," about one million Arabs had been "ruthlessly" torn from their homes in Palestine. "For the first time in history an indigenous population of an area are being displaced to accommodate so-called DP's from other areas," he said.

(Arab attempts to prevent the ratification of the Israel-German agreement on reparations payments were described editorially by the Manchester Guardian as a "blackmail" effort which is "gathering momentum," a cable from London reported today.)

DR. GOLDMANN LEAVES FOR BONN TO ACT ON GERMAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency chairman Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Israel representative Dr. F. Shinnar will leave for Bonn tomorrow in accordance with a schedule of contact worked out at the signing of the German-Israel reparations agreements at Luxemburg, a spokesman for the Israel Foreign Ministry announced today.

Drs. Goldmann and Shinnar will make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the activities of the Israel "purchasing" commission in Germany, of which Dr. Shinnar has been named head. The commission will arrange for the specific goods and services to be supplied Israel as reparations. It is likely that Dr. Goldmann will meet with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, as agreed at the last meeting between the two.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the progress that has been made toward ratification of the reparations agreement by the West German Parliament has been sufficient to warrant tomorrow's visit. He added that Arab efforts to undermine the pact are not considered sufficient to postpone the visit by Drs. Goldmann and Shinnar.

Commenting on the Austrian Government's note to the Israel consul in Vienna that it will not open reparations discussions with Jewish groups because it considers itself a provisional government, the spokesman said that the Israel Government does not accept the explanation.

EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT ABOLISHES ALL RESTITUTION LEGISLATION

PARIS, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The East German Government recently abolished all restitution legislation still in force in the Communist zones of Germany and in East Berlin, the European office of the American Jewish Committee declared today.

The Committee added that this action "wipes out all hope" that former Jewish residents of East Germany who now reside abroad could recover assets or property stolen from them by the Nazis. It also eliminates the possibility of some 4,000 Jews still living in East Berlin and elsewhere in Communist Germany recovering title to their property.

In the past, property confiscated by the Nazis was placed under a government custodian who, however, refused to pay any indemnification or compensation to the former owners. In some cases, the A. J. C. reported, Jewish survivors have been given the use of homes or real estate taken from them by the Nazis, but "only in the rarest of cases" was title to the property returned to them.

The American Jewish Committee stated that restitution legislation in East Germany had always been "rudimentary" and that a serious effort to carry out restitution had been made only for a short while in the states of Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia during 1947. The recent East German action rescinded this state legislation as well as two Soviet military orders of Oct. , 1945, and April, 1948, dealing with the sequestration of Nazi property and the return of organizational and community property to groups which originally owned them.

The A. J. C. contrasted the East German record on restitution with the programs in all three zones of West Germany "thanks to which tens of thousands of Jewish individuals had managed to recover property stolen from them by the Nazis."

ISRAEL SUPPORTS USE OF SPANISH AS WORKING LANGUAGE IN U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Israel today indicated its support of the request that Spanish be adopted as a working language in the United Nation Economic and Social Council.

Israeli delegate Moshe A. Tov, speaking at the U. N. Budgetary Committee, said that "a large and substantial part of my people, were at the cradle of the Spanish language," and that the Jewish people arrived in Spain with the first Phoenician and Carthaginian settlers. He added that "when the Sephardic Jews left Spain, they took with them their treasured language, which they were never to abandon."

Mr. Tov referred to the time when Arabs and Jews worked together, devoted to the expansion of culture, and he expressed the hope that "some day both these peoples will be reunited in the task of making our common piece of earth in the Middle East a laboratory for progress, well-being and harmony."

He emphasized the contributions of Spanish Jews to Latin American literature and listed the names of Jorge Isaacs, the famous novelist from Colombia, and non-Sephardic Jews, like the late Alberto Gerchunoff.

BONN GOVERNMENT SEEKS EXTRADITION OF EX-NAZI FROM ARGENTINA

BONN, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The West German Government has demanded the extradition from Argentina of Dr. H. Klingenfuss, currently head of the German-Argentine Chamber of Commerce in Buenos Aires, on charges of complicity in the deportation and subsequent death of Jews from Germany. Klingenfuss was once a high official of the Nazi Foreign Service.

It was reported from Frankfurt that some 4,000 former Nazi Party members barred from entering the United States as immigrants under previous immigration statutes will get a new opportunity to enter when the McCarran-Walter Law comes into effect Dec. 24.

MAX TROBERG INSTALLED AS HEAD OF BAVARIAN RESTITUTION OFFICE

MUNICH, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Max Troberg has been installed as head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, a post once occupied by the late Dr. Philip Auerbach, who committed suicide following a widely-publicized trial in which he was charged with embezzlement and other irregularities.

A former victim of Nazi persecution, Mr. Troberg told a meeting of the Office's staff that every effort must be made to accelerate the payment of 30,000,000 marks set aside by Bavaria for restitution payments this year. A similar amount has been set aside for Bavaria's restitution payments next year.

Special services and meetings have been held in various Jewish communities throughout West Germany this week to mark the 14th anniversary of "crystal night," the night of Nov. 9-10, 1939 during which Germans led by Nazi gangs throughout the country attacked Jews and damaged and destroyed their homes and shops and murdered and injured many Jews. The night gets its name from the millions shards of glass from broken windows which gave off crystal-life light reflection.

In a sermon in the synagogue here today, Rabbi A. Levenson said that "now as in 1938" there were a number of Germans who had raised their voices against racial and religious intolerance. He added that "new disaster" can only be avoided if these voices are heeded by the German people.

WORLD'S LEADING SCIENTISTS HONOR WEIZMANN'S MEMORY; SEND MESSAGES

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Scores of messages from many of the world's leading scientists, including a number of Nobel Prize winners, conveying their sympathy and condolences on the death of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, have been received by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

In a message sent to Mrs. Weizmann, Prof. Albert Einstein declared: "I feel the great loss with you and with our people. Chaim Weizmann devoted all his strength for his people and he lived to see the fulfillment of his dreams."

Among the Nobel Prize winners who sent messages of condolence were: Prof. Selman Waksman of New Jersey, 1952 winner in medicine; Prof. Sir Robert Robinson, who is also a former president of the British Royal Society; Prof. Felix Bloch of California, this year's winner in physics; Prof. James Franck of Chicago; Prof. George Hevesy of Sweden; Dr. L. I. Rabi of New York; Prof. Arne Tiselius of Sweden; and, Prof. Sir Eric Rideal, another former president of the British Royal Society.

The Hadassah today announced that the biochemical laboratories of the new Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem -- not the center itself, as reported yesterday -- will be named for Dr. Weizmann.

Louis P. Rucker, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, sent a message of condolences to Mrs. Weizmann on behalf of the Board of Directors of the agency.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The postponement of plans for Dr. Weizmann's 78th birthday observance, scheduled to be held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York on December 4th under the auspices of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, was announced today by the president of the Committee, Abraham Feinberg.

Mr. Feinberg said that a further statement would be made in a few days' time concerning alternative plans for a memorial tribute to the late President Weizmann. In making the announcement, Mr. Feinberg said that "Jewry has lost the modern prophet of its renaissance" and "the field of science a distinguished colleague."

Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the board of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute and of its world board of governors, said that Dr. Weizmann's greatness lay in his simplicity and humility. "He was one of the few original architects of the present Zionist movement who lived to see the fulfillment of his dreams and labors evolve into the vibrant State of Israel," Mr. Stone added.

South African Government Observes Day of Mourning

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Flags on all government buildings in Pretoria flew at half-mast yesterday as the Government of South Africa observed a national day of mourning from Israel President Weizmann.

Synagogues in Johannesburg and Capetown were crowded with Jews and representatives of local and national governments as the Jewish community held religious services in memory of Dr. Weizmann. All Jewish public functions were cancelled for the day and Jewish shopkeepers closed their stores during the hours that the Weizmann funeral was held in Israel.

On Monday South African Premier Daniel F. Malan had cabled Acting President of Israel Joseph Sprinzak that his government regretted the "grievous loss" suffered by the people of Israel in the death of Dr. Weizmann.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI CONVENTION EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN EISENHOWER

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing the "confident hope" that President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower "will lead our country with courage and wisdom" and hailing President Truman for his "sympathetic understanding of the aspirations of the Jewish people" and for his friendship to Israel, was adopted here today at the five-day convention of the American Mizrahi Organization.

Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of the organization, asked in his presidential report for the immediate resumption of mass immigration to Israel. He asserted that many thousands of Jews are waiting in "lands of insecurity and danger" and insisted that the movement of these people is a "problem whose solution dare not wait." Placing responsibility for the slowdown of immigration to Israel on financial difficulties, Dr. Churgin urged that "the concentrated will, the unlimited endeavor of Jews in and out of Israel make possible the resumption of mass immigration."

The Mizrahi leader accused the Israeli Government of "meddling" in matters of secondary importance and thereby creating "much bitterness and vexation." Referring specifically to the attempt to revise the educational system in Israel, he said the government should have avoided disputes "obviously inspired by party considerations."

He also expressed regret over the fact that the religious parties in Israel were frequently at loggerheads, stating that it was a "tragic phenomenon that religious Jews could not find a unified platform, could not act in unison in last year's elections."

Mizrahi Women Adopt \$1,105,000 Budget for 1953

The Mizrahi Women's Organization, concluded its three-day convention here last night with the adoption of a \$1,105,000 budget for 1953 and the re-election of Mrs. Joshua L. Lewis as president. The budget includes: \$535,000 for academic, vocational, agricultural and religious training for immigrant and native children in Israel; \$160,000 for social service to recent immigrants in Israel; \$200,000 for reclamation of a tract of land in the Huleh section of Israel, and \$210,000 for equipment and supplies for Israel and cultural and educational work among Jewish youth in the United States.

The convention bitterly attacked the McCarran Immigration and Internal Security Acts and called for the abolition of both. It appealed to the United States to bring about an Arab-Israel peace. The Israel Government was urged by the convention "to evolve a workable policy to encourage Jews from English-speaking countries to go to Israel to study with the ultimate goal of forming a nuclei of settlements."

The convention also urged the improvement of "conditions of immigration for members of the middle class," so that prospective English-speaking middle class immigrants are attracted to Israel. It pledged its members would buy \$1,000,000 worth of Israel bonds during the next year in honor of the late President Chaim Weizmann of Israel.

Canadian Mizrahi Convention Re-Elects Rabbi Zambrowsky

MONTREAL, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The national convention of the Mizrahi Organization of Canada closed with the reelection of Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky as executive president for the sixth consecutive year. The erection of the Bar Ilan University in Israel was the major project undertaken by the convention. The Canadian Mizrahi will cooperate with the American Mizrahi organization in raising \$5,000,000 with which to inaugurate this program.

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS SETS \$3,500,000 GOAL FOR 1953

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Simon E. Sobeloff of Baltimore will be named early next month Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the first Jew to hold this post, it was announced here by Governor Theodore R. McKeldin addressing the 24th annual meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

A national campaign goal of \$3,500,000 to finance the activities of the Conference for 1953 was adopted. Dr. Everett Clinchy was re-elected president, and the following three co-chairmen were also renamed; Benson Ford, Thomas E. Braniff and Rogert W. Strauss. Jewish speakers at the conference included Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath and David Sarnoff.

President Truman received in absentia a gold medallion awarded by the Conference for his services as honorary national chairman of Brotherhood Week. The conference released a telegram from President-elect Eisenhower accepting honorary chairmanship for 1953.

JEWS MAYOR OF JOHANNESBURG INSTALLED AT CITY HALL CEREMONY

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Hyman Miller, a leading member of the Jewish community of this city, was today installed as Mayor of Johannesburg at a ceremony at City Hall.

Mayor Miller, who was deputy mayor last year, is 45, one of the youngest mayors in the city's history. He is a vice-chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Education and is a member of numerous Jewish and non-Jewish civic organizations.

BOOK MARKS 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLDEST CONGREGATION IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The publication of a book marking the 300th anniversary of the founding of Congregation Shearith Israel in New York, the first Jewish congregation formed in the United States, was announced here yesterday by the congregation. The book, "Portraits Etched in Stone," by Rabbi David de Sola Pool, deals with the first Jewish settlers in America and their struggles in behalf of democracy.

SWEDISH JEWS JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF KING'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations throughout Sweden yesterday joined in the national celebrations of the 70th birthday of King Gustav VI Adolf. During the late war the King and his father were active in rescuing Jews and he demonstrated his feelings by attending a public meeting protesting the Nazi treatment of Danish Jews. He is interested in the Jews of Israel, having visited them in Palestine in 1934.

JACK ABLIN, JEWISH APPEAL LEADER IN MIAMI, DIES AT MEETING

MIAMI, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Jack A. Ablin, general campaign chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal in Greater Miami, died suddenly while attending a board meeting of the Miami Beach Jewish Center. He was a member of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation board of governors and served on the Federation's executive committee and budget committee.
