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ARAB NOTE TO GERMANY ON ISRAEL LEAVES DOOR OPEN FOR TALKS

BONN, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Arab states, which threatened to break off economic relations with West Germany if the German-Israeli reparations agreement is ratified by the Bonn Parliament, left the door open for diplomatic talks on this subject, it was revealed today following the publication last night of the full text of the note which the Arab League governments sent to the Bonn Government.

Meanwhile, it was announced today that the West German Government will send delegations to Arab capitals to negotiate "problems arising from the conclusion and execution" of the German-Israeli pact. The announcement was made apparently to appease the Arabs and to comply with their request for "diplomatic conversations" as expressed in their note. The text of the Arab note reads:

"The treaty between the government of the German Federal Republic and Israel represents the most serious menace to the existence of the Arab states, including Egypt. The German government must know that the Arab states cannot disregard the huge assistance which the Federal Republic is rendering to a state with which they are at war and that, in defense of their lives, they are obliged to defend themselves by every means.

"All urgent representations of the Arab states through diplomatic channels and also by means of a special delegation sent by the Arab League to Bonn appeared not shave succeeded in inducing the government of the Federal Republic to abstain from ratifying the treaty or at least to declare definitely that ratification would not take place before diplomatic conversations with the Arab League on the subject have been concluded.

"There is no doubt that the execution of the German-Israeli treaty can conform neither with the principle of neutrality nor with the principle of friendship. In view of the serious situation so created by the intention of the government of the Federal Republic to ratify the German-Israeli treaty, the Arab states might feel themselves obliged immediately to break off all economic relations with the Federal Republic. They also reserve to themselves the right to take appropriate measures to safeguard their own interests in case of ratification.

"These measures, upon which the states of the Arab League have unanimously decided in detail, will have the effect of impairing in the most detrimental way the economic relations between the Arab states and the Federal Republic which have developed satisfactorily during the last year. Moreover, they will endanger the traditional friendship existing between the Arabs and German people.

"As the Arab states, however, hope that they will not be obliged to take any measure of the kind, they expect the Federal Republic will immediately make a

move in accordance with the offer to start conversations through diplomatic channels with the Arab League states, "the note concludes.

Trade unions in Lebanon have asked the unions in West Germany to intervene against ratification of West Germany's reparations agreement with Israel, it was reported here today. The report said that the Lebanese unionists threatened to institute a country-wide boycott of all German goods if their demand was not heeded.

Arab Efforts to Torpedo Reparations Seen as "Window Dressing"

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- United States, British and French diplomats in both Israel and the Arab countries are now more hopeful regarding the prospects for an Israeli-Arab peace than they have been at any time since the hostilities of 1948-49, the New York Times renorted today from Jerusalem.

"They are hopeful in spite of recent tough talk by both sides at the United Nations and the Arab League's efforts to torpedo German reparation payments to Israel. These, they believe, are in the nature of window dressing, covering up what is really going on." It be report said.

"The steady rise of Maj. Gen. Mohammed Naguib to absolute power in Egypt combined with the series of gestures by Israel has resulted in the conclusion that their efforts might lead to success -- if not in the next few months, quote possibly within the next year," the report stated.

British Jews Confident Adenauer will Honor Reparations Agreement

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today adopted a resolution expressing its concern over the growth of Nazi movements and activities in Germany and urging the British Government to use whatever powers it still has in West Germany to curtail such activities. The resolution also asked the British Government to encourage and support any measures through which Germany "can purge itself of these movements which endanger the peaceful development of Europe."

In the course of the debate preceding the resolution, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, In the course head of the Hebrew University and noted Zionist leader, expressed confidence that the Germans would honor the German-Israel reparations agreement as long as Chancellor Konrad Adenauer remains at the helm of the German Government, but pointed out that the treaty has 14 years to run and said he feared what other German Governments would do about honoring the agreement.

Head of German Reparations Delegation Criticizes Arab Pressure

FRANKFURT, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Arab pressure on Germany to cancel the reparations pact with Israel was severely criticized here today by Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the German delegation which conducted the negotiations with Israel at The Hague.

Germany, he said, was bound to Israel not only by the signature of her Chancellor but also by the demands of human morality and "higher justice." Germany could not, therefore, eliminate the tension between herself and the Arabe by "hort ratifying the treaty with Israel, or by ratifying it and not fulfilling it," he stated.

Both Israel and the German Federal Government, Professor Boehm declared, were prepared to institute effective measures of control to insure the "peaceful application of the goods delivered." It is the considered policy of both parties that the agreement should be a treaty of peace and not war, he added.

TRUMAN ASKS FIGHT ON BIGOTRY; SPEAKS AT SYNAGOGUE CEREMONY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- President Truman today attended a ceremony marking the laying of a cornerstone for a new temple of the Reform Washington Hebrew Congregation and participated in the ceremony by delivering an address in which he called upon leaders of all creeds to stand together against "outbursts of bigotry that arise from time to time."

The President emphasized that in the United States "we can all prevent bigotry if we will all be true to our national ideals." He called for "mutual respect and tolerance for the beliefs of others." This, he said, "is the secret of strength in this blessed land."

Mr. Truman recalled George Washington's letter to the Jewish community at Newport, R.I., in 1790 when Washington assured the Jews that the government would give "to bigotry no sanction, and to persecution no assistance." He said "it is up to us in our time to maintain this principle." Commenting on the many congratulatory messages received by the congregation, the President said this demonstrated "the mutual respect that exists and must continue to exist between the faiths".

Participation by President Truman in the ceremony followed a precedent established before the Civil War. Almost every President in the past century has taken part, in one way or another, in the congregation's calendar of events. The Hebrew Congregation claims to be the oldest in Washington and to be the only one in the United States founded by a charter issued by Congress.

President McKinley and his Cabinet attended the laying of the last cornerstone for the Congregation in 1897. The new site is on Massachusetts Avenue where many embassies are located. The new building will seat 2, 290 and will be air conditioned throughout. Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld, spiritual leader of the temple, said it will be a center "where the men and women of many creeds will find something in which they can take part."

In 1885 a special charter for the congregation was issued by Congress and signed by President Franklin Pierce. It extended "the rights, privileges and immunities heretofore granted by law to the Christian groups in the city" to the Jewish group. One of those instrumental in obtaining the historic charter was Capt. Uriah P. Levy, highest ranking officer of the U.S. Navy of the Jewish faith at that time,

ANTI-JEWISH GROUP TO SEEK "INVESTIGATION" OF ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Gerald L.K. Smith, leader of the Christian Nationalist Crusade, today announced here that his movement would now press for the "novestigation" of the B'nai B'rith anti-Defamation League. He meanwhile made known the formation of a new national committee to be known as the "National Association for the Abolition of the United Nations."

Rep. John T. Wood, of Idaho, who lost his Congressional seat in the recent national elections, may head an anti-Semitic lobbying office which is being established in Washington by Smith. This was learned today following a visit to Washington by Smith and leaders of his movement, including Don Lobbeck, national secretary.

Whether Wood will accept the position as "legislative representative" of the Smith organization when his Congressional term expires is not known. It was learned, meanwhile, that Rep. John Rankin, of Mississippi, who also lost his ceat, was also considered by Smith for the Washington job. Smith is reported to have felt, however, that Wood, a Republican would lend greater dignity to the "crusade."

BRAEL OUTLINES ITS VIEWS ON KOREA AT U. N; EBAN OFFERS PROPOSAL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The views of Israel on the Korean war and attempts at its settlement were outlined in the U.N. General Assembly this week-end by Abba S. Eban, Israel's chief delegate. Mr. Eban also offered a proposal for the appointment of a drafting subcommission to consolidate various opposing draft resolutions on how to end the war.

Presenting his proposal Mr. Eban declared that in view of the "impressive libration for complex problems" already agreed upon at the Panmunjom armistice conference in Korea, it is "impossible to believe" that the sole remaining problem—the prisoner of war issue—could not be solved at this session of the U.N. The Israeli delegate offered the following ten elements of a resolution on ending the war which be believed the General Assembly should adopt:

- 1. The General Assembly should "acknowledge receipt of the special report of the unified command of October 18, 1952."
- 2. The General Assembly should "note with approval that substantial progress has been attained in the drafting of the armistice agreement in accordance with United Nations principles."
- 3. The General Assembly should "note further that disagreement on one remaining issue has prevented the achievement of such an armistice.
- 4. The General Assembly should "reaffirm the earnest intention of the United Nations to reach a just and honorable settlement of the Korean conflict."
- 5. The General Assembly should "note with approval the tentative agreements which have been reached in the armistice negotiations."
- 6. The General Assembly should "recommend that the question of prisoners of the solved in accordance with the principles of humanity and international law; that such a solution shall recognize the prisoners' unrestricted opportunity of repatriation; and shall exclude both forcible repatriation of prisoners refusing, for adequate reason, to return, and forcible retention inconsistent with the recognized right of unrestricted opportunity of repatriation."
- 7. The General Assembly should "recommend that a joint body be established by mutual agreement between the negotiating sides, which shall decide upon the claims and submissions of prisoners desiring not to utilize their rights of repatriation."
- 8. The General Assembly should "recommend that all suggestions for settling the problem of prisoners of war consistent with the above principles shall be taken into consideration by the negotiators."
- 9. The General Assembly should "endorse the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 of the tentative draft armistice agreement, and recommend that the consideration of that part of the Soviet progosal dealing with a commission for a settlement of the Korean question in the spirit of the unification of Korean shall take place when the recommendations included in the above-mentioned paragraph 60 become effective."
- 10. The General Assembly "should request its president to transmit this resolution to Peking and to North Korea."

U.S. GROUP TO SEEK \$10,000,000 FOR REBUILDING OF HAIFA TECHNION

NEW YORK. Nov. 16. (JTA) -- An invitation to its scientists and engineers to advise the Jewish Agency in determining the priority of private industrial enterprises to be established shortly in ^Israel was issued here today by the American Technicon Society at the concluding session of its two-day National Planning Conference.

The conference brought together delegates from thirty key cities and five regional districts in the United States and Canada to map plans for the \$20,000,000 drive for rebuilding the Israel Institute of Technology on a new campus site in Haife. The American organization is underwriting one-half of this amount, which it plans to raise within the next few years in the United States and Canada.

The delegates resolved to bring to the attention of the Jewish community at large the importance of technological and engineering education as primary requisites for making the State of Israel economically self-sufficient. They urged the Jewish community to exert its full efforts to aid the vital program which is being carried out by the Technion in training engineers, architects, and technicians to further Israel's rapid industrial and agricultural growth.

Another resolution requested organized welfare funds and other agencies throughout the United States and Canada to permit the society to hold special aspital fund drives for aiding the rebuilding of the Technion in Haifa. Resolutions were also adopted extending the sympathy of the organization's membership to the government and people of Israel on the death of Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

Victor Avrunin, technical adviser to the Jewish Agency, told the delegates that the Agency's new plan for establishing private enterprise industries in Israel entails American processes and know-how as well as capital, and that it is absolutely essential that their vast technical training and experience be utilized to review the projects which are now being planned. He disclosed that over a hundred industrial enterprises, of which about a dozen are ready for immediate construction, are being considered.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI CONVENTION ADOPTS \$2, 750,000 BUDGET FOR 1953

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A record budget of \$2,750,000 for 1933 was approved here last night at the closing session of the annual convention of the Mizrachi Organization of America. The budget provides a \$1,000,000 allocation for the Mizrachi-sponsored Bar-Ilan University in Israel, a similar amount for immigrant housing and Mizrachi educational programs in Israel, \$500,000 for the Jewish National Fund, \$200,000 for Jewish educational work in the United States, and \$50,000 for administrative expenses,

Rabbi Max Kirshblum of New York was elected president of the organization. He announced that he was leaving tomorrow for Israel and while there would discuss Misrachi interests with Premier David Ben Gurion.

"I will certainly bespeak the conviction of American religious Zionism," the new Mizrachi president declared, "when I will convey to the Prime Minister the Proposition that the best way to encourage Zionism in America is for the Premier, whom American Zionists of all groups deeply admire, to stop his 'cold war' with American Zionism."

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ZIONISTS IN MEXICO DECIDE TO ERECT BUILDING FOR ISRAEL LEGATION

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The 26th annual conference of the Zionist Organization concluded with a resolution to exect a building for the Israel legation in Mexico which will be opened here soon.

Martin Howard Sable, an American Jewish student, today received his doctorate at the University here for a study of Hebrew literature. The University offers a course on Hebrew literature with Prof. Joseph Winiecki, noted Hebrew writer, as lecturer.

DR. WOLFF GETS ANNUAL CEREBRAL PALSY AWARD FOR EXPERIMENTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) — Dr. Abner Wolff, professor of neuropathology at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons has been awarded the 1,000 annual United Cerebral Palsy—Mx Weinstein award for scientific achievement in the field of cerebral palsy research, the organization announced this weekend. Dr. Wolff's experimental work was in the area of pre-natal damage as a factor in subsequent cerebral palsy.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR ABRAHAM FELLER; EULOGIZED BY TRYCVE LIE

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- United Nations flags flew at half-mast today as fascral services were held for Abraham Feller, general counsel of the United Nations and its Acting Assistant Secretary General for legal affairs, who leaped to his death Thursday from his home in New York City. Burial took place at Mount Moriah Cemetery, Fairview, N.J.

One of the rrincipal figures at the services was Secretary General Trygve Lie, who last week attributed Mr. Feller's suicide to strain resulting from his efforts to defend fellow U. N. employees against "indiscriminate smears and caggerated charges" of subversive activities before the McCarran Senate Internal Security Committee and a Federal Grand Jury. A representative of the U. S. delegation at the U. N., as well as Byron Price, Assistant Secretary General, Lester Parson, president of the General Assembly, Dr. Ralph Bunche and other U. N. efficials paid tribute to Mr. Feller.

Funeral services were conducted by Rabbi W. Drazin of Congregation Anshe Siard. Mrs. Alice Feller requested that no flowers be sent to her husland's funeral, but suggested as an alternative that contributions be made to the U. N. Children's Emergency Fund in his memory. Among the messages received from leading statesmen and U. N. personalities was one from Abba S. Eban, Israel delegate to the U. N.

In a speech read for him by Benjamin V. Cohen, U. S. representative at the U. N., Federal Judge Charles Wyzanski of Massachusztts, noted American Jewish leader, said of Mr. Feller: "He was a great and good American; a man who leved his country and who cherished the high ideals of equality, of tolerance, of rights and freedoms, of human dignity, of democracy, which are its foundation stones and the true source of its growth and greatness." Numerous major Jewish organizations sent messages of condolences to the U. N. Secretariat.

TOMBSTONE UNVEILED FOR ABRAHAM CAHAN; LABOR LEADERS SPEAK

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The unveiling of a tombstone for Abraham Cahan, late editor-in-chief of the Jewish Daily Forward who played an important role in modding Jewish life in this country for more than 70 years, took place today at the Mt. Carmel cemetery of the Workmen's Circle, where Mr. Cahan was buried. Speakers at the ceremony included Harry Rogoff, editor of the Forward; Alexander Kahn, its general manager; David Dubinsky, Jacob Potovsky, Adolph Held, Nathan Chanin and other labor leaders.