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## BONN PARLIAMENT RATIFIES PACT WITH ISRAEL; VOTE IS 238 TO 34

BONN, March 18. (JTA) -- The German-Israel reparations pact was passed today by the Bundestag, Lower House of the West German Parliament, and was returned to the Upper House which last month approved the agreement. The Upper House will act on it on Friday, after which the measure will be signed by President Theodore Heuss and officially promulgated.

Today's vote in the Bundestag was 238 to 34. There were 86 abstentions. Voting in favor of ratification were the members of the two major political parties - Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party and the Social Democratic Party. Those who abstained from voting included members of the Free Democratic Party, the German Party and the Bavarian Party. Voting against the ratification were the Communist deputies, as well as a number of unreconstructed Nazis. A strong speech against the agreement was delivered by the leader of the neo-Nazi group in the Parliament.

Professor Carlo Schmid, speaking on behalf of the Social Democrats, voiced the expectation of his party that the West German Government will, through an economic agreement, improve Germany's traditional friendship toward the Arabs. The Social Democratic Party, he said, hopes that the world will recognize the German reparations as a token compensation to the Jews for the "appalling barbarism," of the Nazi regime. He urged the Germans "to await patiently the hand of free conciliation from the children and the comrades of the victims of Nazi barbarism."

## Germany and Israel Will Exchange Documents Through UN

It is expected here that the Israel Parliament will now ratify the pact. Since diplomatic relations do not exist between Germany and Israel, the instruments of ratification of both countries will be exchanged through the offices of United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie. They will be handed to Mr. Lie at UN headquarters in New York by representatives of each of the states.

In the meantime, it was reported here today that 500 individual proceedings against the former Nazi government and the city of Nuremberg for the restitution of confiscated Jewish property are pending at present. In addition, the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization has registered 1,500 other claims. In February, 1939, all Jewish citizens of this city were compelled to deposit all articles of jewelry, gold and silver in the city's official pawnshop on orders of the Nazi authorities.

## EDEN REPORTS ON BRITISH EFFORTS TO SETTLE ISRAEL-JORDAN CLASHES

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- The British Government has attempted to use its good offices to settle clashes between Israeli and Jordan forces in the demilitarized area on Mt. Scopus, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today told the House of Commons.

The question was raised by Maj. Tufton Beamish, Conservative, who charged that since June, 1950, Jewish police atop the height had fired on Jordan positions more than 50 times and had committed other abuses in violation of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement. He added that Jordan protests to the United Nations staff had proved to be useless.

Sec. Eden pointed out that under the armistice pact the U.N. was responsible for security in the area and that complaints of violations should better be directed to the U.N. He also refused to comment on a point by Maj. Beamish that the agreement covering Mt. Scopus should have lapsed when hostilities ceased between the two states, asserting that the question raised complex legal issues which were not for Britain to decide.

## ISRAEL WILL LEAD ARAB STATES TO DEMOCRACY, MINISTER SAYS

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- "The principles of democracy and equality which prevail in Israel must sooner or later spread to the peoples of the Arab states," Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel's Minister of Labor, declared here today. "So long as there is Israel, there is hope for the entire Middle East," she added. She spoke at the concluding session of the four-day mid-winter convention of the Hadassah.

The conference adopted a decision to increase the membership of the Hadassah from 300,000 to 500,000 to enable the organization to expand its medical and social welfare program in Israel. The fifth annual Henrietta Szold Award for distinguished humanitarian service was presented at the session today to Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the United States Supreme Court. A check of \$1,000 accompanied the award.

Arthur Lourie, Israel consul general, told the meeting that "Israel, with all its shortcomings and difficulties, is more than a state--it is a universal idea. For it incorporates within itself and is infused with the idea, of a house for the persecuted and oppressed, the notions of liberty and equality, of progress and industry, of individual dignity."

Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, president of Hadassah, called on the members of the organization to raise the necessary funds to enable Israel to maintain "its open-door policy" in view of the new developments in Eastern Europe. "Israel and the Jewish people need Hadassah - its experience, its strength, its understanding of the health and education problems which wave after wave of immigration must bring to a new and small country."

## BRITISH LIBERAL PARTY OPPOSES ARMING OF EGYPT AT THIS TIME

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- The Liberal Party Council here last night condemned further arming of Egypt, except in connection with a Middle East defense scheme.

Originally, the meeting was asked to condemn all arming of Egypt until after peace was concluded between Israel and Egypt. However, the resolution was amended to delete the reference to Israel and to replace it with the condition that Egyptian arming be held off until a Middle East command was in the making.

AUSTRIAN COMMUNISTS LEAVE JEWISH COMMUNITY; FEAR AFFILIATION

VIENNA, March 17. (JTA) -- An additional number of prominent Jewish Communist leaders, including editors and organization executives, have left the Vienna Jewish Community in the wake of the anti-Jewish campaign in Eastern Europe, it was reported today. Statistics available here place the number of Jews who left the community between July and December of last year at 58, while an additional 30 are reported to have disaffiliated since January.

It has also been reported that a number of minor leaders among Jewish Communists have deserted their jobs and apartments in the Soviet zone and moved to Western Vienna or the Western zones of Austria rather than give up their ties with the Jewish Community.

U.N. TO GET REPORT ON SITUATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN BERLIN

BERLIN, March 18. (JTA) -- A report on the situation of Jewish refugees in Berlin will be forwarded to the United Nations by the International Federation for Human Rights, whose three-member commission has just completed a study on the refugees from Communist countries.

The delegation told newsmen that the anti-Zionist persecutions in the various countries of Eastern Europe "are practically anti-Semitic" and violate human rights. Jews in these countries are in danger of arrest, the commission members stated, and are subject to various economic discriminations.

U.N. IS URGED TO CHECK MOSCOW'S CHARGES AGAINST NINE PHYSICIANS

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Outstanding American medical practitioners and researchers of all faiths today urged the United Nations to establish immediately an impartial international committee to examine the accusations against nine prominent physicians in Soviet Russia who face trial in Moscow on charges of murder or attempted murder.

This request was contained in a petition submitted to U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie by Dr. Bela Schick, discoverer of the Schick Test, and Dr. Paul Klemperer, pathologist. The petition bore the signatures of more than 120 doctors in 32 cities throughout the United States, including Dr. Otto Loewi, Nobel Prize winner, and chiefs of hospitals and research foundations as well as deans of the medical colleges. The petition reads:

"Nine prominent physicians in Soviet Russia, some of them holding posts of academic distinction, will shortly be tried in Moscow for murder or attempted murder. They have been accused of exploiting their status as physicians to commit crimes on the 'instigation' of the American Joint Distribution Committee, a non-partisan Jewish relief organization, which the Moscow press characterizes as a tool of American imperialism.

"In accordance with the familiar pattern, these physicians may be expected to confess their 'guilt' at the trial, which will this time not only use anti-Semitism as a tool for the devious purposes of the Kremlin, but will impugn the honor and moral standing of the medical profession. As physicians, we, the undersigned, believe that an inquiry into the accusations by an impartial body is a compelling obligation of the citizens of a democratic society, and urge upon the United Nations the immediate establishment of an international committee for this purpose."

## CHICAGO MASS MEETING CONDEMNS SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN

CHICAGO, March 18. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting Soviet anti-Semitism was adopted here last night by the Chicago Civic Committee Against Communist Religious Persecution at a mass meeting. More than 1,500 persons attended the city-wide rally, which was organized by 50 civic, labor, veterans, fraternal, religious and women's groups. The resolution reads as follows:

"We--as citizens of Chicago--representing all the principal religious faiths and all walks of life, unite in condemning and protesting this continuing policy of Soviet attack against religious beliefs and ethnic and cultural groups; and especially do we condemn and protest Communist anti-Semitism, this latest demonstration of Communist contempt for human decency.

"We appeal to free men the world over to denounce this threat to mankind. We urge the Government of the United States, the United Nations and the governments of all free countries, to mobilize world opinion against the Soviet Government and the governments of its satellites by reason of these crimes against humanity."

Among the principal speakers were Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, who warned the audience that Communist anti-Semitism threatens our very way of life; Frank Cronin, national mid-western regional director of the C. I. O., and Irwin Klass, editor of the A. F. L. Federation News. The chairman was Ely Aaron, Chicago attorney. Co-sponsors of the rally were Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, the Reverend Gerhard Grauer, president of the Chicago Church Federation; and Rabbi Ralph Simon.

## ARGENTINE CATHOLICS URGE FIGHT ON SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

BUENOS AIRES, March 18. (JTA) -- The Argentine Catholic daily El Pueblo, commenting on the Communist anti-Jewish drive, today called for a united front among all groups which are "oppressed on religious grounds" to fight back against the Communists.

In the first comment on the Communist drive by a Latin American Catholic paper, El Pueblo suggested that the way was prepared for the anti-Jewish campaign because there was no uproar over the Communist drive against the Catholics. It criticized the Jews for not rallying to the support of the Catholics when they were victims, although the "Vatican did protect the Jews when necessary" in Germany and Italy.

## SENATE BODY WILLING TO CONSIDER CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- Chairman William Langer of the Senate Judiciary Committee said today that he has received no White House request to consider amendments to the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

Senate Republican leader Robert A. Taft announced today that the Judiciary Committee is ready at any time to consider changing the Act but he pointed out that there has been no discussion of proposed changes at White House conferences of legislative leaders with President Eisenhower.

President Eisenhower and Sen. John Bricker today discussed Bricker's proposed Constitutional amendment designed to prevent Senate ratification of such international agreements as the United Nations Conventions on Human Rights and Genocide. The Bricker resolution has been opposed by major Jewish organizations.

## 11 JEWS CANDIDATES FOR PARLIAMENT IN SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTION

JOHANNESBURG, March 18. (JTA) -- There are 11 Jews among the 296 candidates nominated for the 156 seats open in next month's general election for the South African Parliament, a survey revealed here today. Of the 11, eight are candidates of the United Party, two of the Labor Party and one is an independent who supports the Nationalists.

They are: Dr. Bernard Friedman, Dr. Henry Gluckman, Mrs. Bertha Solomon, Mrs. Helen Suzman, A. E. F. Robinson, M. Kentridge, A. Bloomberg and H. F. Oppenheimer, United Party; Leo Lovell and H. Davidoff, Labor Party; and L. H. Hirschsohn, Independent. With the exception of Mrs. Suzman and Mr. Hirschsohn, all are members of this Parliament.

Making a policy statement at a public meeting in the Reef town of Springs, Prof. L. I. Coertze, a Nationalist Party candidate, directed part of his speech to members of the Jewish community present at the meeting, and assured them of the government's continued goodwill towards their people. He said there was much in common between Afrikaner nationalism and Jewish nationalism as manifested in Israel, and the Afrikaner Nationalists had great admiration for what the Jews were doing in Israel.

"We are continually depicted by some newspapers," Prof. Coertze said, "as having a Herrenvolk mentality, bent upon destroying everybody disagreeing with us. If that is the picture you have in mind when you think of us, you have got us all wrong. Nothing is further from the truth. My plea to the Jews is that we must make a plan to remove such misunderstandings between us as there are.

"For my part, I want to say with the strongest emphasis that by far the great majority of Nationalists are your friends. It will be contrary to your sense of religion and psychology to lock you up in concentration camps or confine you in ghettos, as you are spurred to believe by hostile propaganda. Even if we were so inclined, it would be idiotic for us to pursue such a course, seeing how much we need white men in this country.

"Such inclinations, however, are entirely lacking," Prof. Goertze continued. "Proof of that you have in our history, including that of the past five years. In not a single instance has the government, by word of mouth, administrative act or legislation, discriminated against Jews. Such anti-Jewish comment as there has been in the past has petered out when men come to grips with reality," he pointed out.

## BARON ROTHSCHILD BLAMES FRENCH CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FINALY CASE

PARIS, March 18. (JTA) -- Baron Guy de Rothschild, banker and leader of the French Jewish community, yesterday blamed the Catholic Church in France for the disappearance of the Finaly children from the country and compared it with the Dreyfus case. The children are reported to be in Spain.

Baron de Rothschild insisted that the Jewish community would never accept the "forced conversion" of the children, who were left in a municipal institution in 1944 by their parents just before the parents were murdered by the Nazis. He said the Jewish community backed the negotiations undertaken by Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan with Church leaders. He also called conversion of the children, in the midst of a legal battle for their recovery by an aunt living in Israel, "one of the worst abuses of confidence vis-a-vis their unfortunate parents."

CANADIAN JEWS MAP PLANS FOR INCREASED FUND-RAISING FOR ISRAEL

TORONTO, March 18. (JTA) -- Plans for increased fund-raising and greater efforts on behalf of the Israel Bond drive were mapped out at a two-day session here of the National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation. About 200 delegates from all parts of Canada attended the parley.

In his opening address Edward E. Gelber reviewed the objectives of the NCIJR and outlined plans for action in a situation which he described as "desperate." He strongly emphasized the need of shaking the Jewish public out of a state of "torpor and apathy." Mr. Gelber explained the structural organization of the conference as a representative body of all important segments of the Jewish community in Canada, including all Zionist groups, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Welfare Funds.

Mr. Samuel Bronfman, in his presidential report, urged Canadian Jewry to exert all its efforts to help Israel attain economic stability. "The time has come to concentrate all practical work on this central task," he stated. Mr. C. Zakiff, emissary from Israel, also spoke. An announcement was made at the gathering that the Canada-Israel Corporation will be in operation shortly, enabling Israel to have a revolving credit of \$6,000,000 for purchases in Canada.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN PRESENTS AWARDS FOR ESSAYS ON FREEDOM

CLEVELAND, March 18. (JTA) -- Stanley A. Wolpert of Brooklyn, New York, a student at the College of the City of New York is first prize winner of the National Council of Jewish Women's nation-wide essay contest for college seniors on "The Meaning of Academic Freedom," it was announced here today at the triennial convention of the Council.

Mr. Wolpert was presented a \$2,500 cash award by Thurman W. Arnold, former Associate Justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals and a contest judge. Richard N. Clewell of Allentown, Pennsylvania, pre-theological student at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, won second prize, and received a \$1,000 award from Mr. Arnold. Third, fourth and fifth prizes of \$500 each were taken, respectively, by Sanford A. Lakoff, of Bayonne, New Jersey, a Brandeis University student; Miss Jean Berko of Dayton, Ohio, a Radcliffe College student; and Robert E. Rose, of Boulder, Colorado, a University of Colorado student.

AARON BARON, NOTED JEWISH MUSIC CRITIC, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Aaron Baron, music critic of the Yiddish-language daily 'The Jewish Day and Morning Journal', died here yesterday at the age of 67.

A native of Lithuania, Mr. Baron came to this country at the age of 18 and enrolled as a music student in Columbia University. Upon his graduation, he entered newspaper work and in 1923 became the music critic of the Jewish Daily News. In 1938 he joined the staff of The Day. An active Zionist, Mr. Baron served with the Jewish Legion in World War I.

MEMORIAL MEETING HELD IN LONDON FOR GREENBERG AND SCHMORAK

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for the late Zionist leaders Hayim Greenberg and Dr. Emil Schmorak was held here today at the offices of the World Zionist Organization. Among the leaders who eulogized Dr. Greenberg and Dr. Schmorak were Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Ambassador Eliahu Elath and Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak.