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U. S. MADE NO PEACE PROPOSALS TO ARABS ON ISRAEL, WASHINGTON SAYS

WASHINGTON, March 19. (JTA) -- Spokesmen for the White House and for the State Department today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they have no knowledge of any proposals for an Arab-Israel peace reportedly submitted by the American Government.

Reports that such proposals had been made by the United States to the Arab governments were published in Cairo and Beirut. The reports added that the proposals would be discussed by the Arab League Council at its session which opens in Cairo March 28.

(In Tel Aviv, it was stated today that the Israel Government has no information whatever that any peace proposals have been presented by the U. S. to the Arabs. It was added that Israeli diplomats are seeking information in the Western capitals.)

An authoritative State Department source said today that the Department knew of no approach by the American Government to the Arab states to make peace with Israel as a preparatory step to the formation of a Middle East defense command. This source emphasized that if the Arab League Council considers peace with Israel at its meeting it will be doing it on its own initiative.

ISRAEL TO START COLLECTION OF REPARATIONS FROM GERMANY IN APRIL

COLOGNE, March 19. (JTA) -- The Israeli purchasing mission which will place orders in Germany for goods and services for Israel under the terms of the German-Israel reparations pact ratified by the Bundestag last night, will begin to operate at full speed by the middle of next month, it was indicated here today at the headquarters of the mission.

So far the skeleton staff of the mission has been working on the groundwork of its task. However, it already has a detailed purchasing program drawn up and ready to put into effect. Its chief, Dr. F. Shinnar, is flying back to Israel tomorrow for last-minute instructions and is expected back here with the remaining members of the mission sometime during the first half of April.

The treaty provides that some \$48,000,000 be made available to Israel by March 31, 1953 and that a similar sum be paid by March, 1954. However, half of the 1954 sum will become available within a matter of weeks, giving the Israeli mission \$72,000,000 to spend almost immediately. It is understood that more than \$14,000,000 of this sum will be applied to oil products delivered to Israel by British companies and for which Germany paid from her surplus sterling balances.

GOLDMANN SATISFIED WITH RATIFICATION OF ISRAEL PACT IN BONN

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, today expressed satisfaction with the Bonn Parliament's ratification last night of the West German reparations pact with Israel and the Jewish organizations for \$822,000,000. Dr. Goldmann declared:

"Final ratification of the German-Israel agreement is to be heartily welcomed. It justifies the faith in the sincerity of Chancellor Adenauer's and his government's willingness to see the agreement through.

"The big majority which voted for ratification strengthens the significance of this act of the Bonn Parliament. It is especially satisfactory that the opposition party of Social Democrats has also voted for ratification which makes the agreement a policy decided upon not only by the ruling coalition but by the whole people of Western Germany.

"The fact that despite considerable difficulties ratification would take place before the end of the budget year of 1952 is due primarily to the insistence of the Chancellor on early implementation of the agreement. For Israel, ratification opens up an important new source of income which will facilitate Israel's serious efforts to consolidate its economy and financial position.

"It is to be hoped that the second part of the Luxemburg agreement referring to unified legislation on individual restitution and indemnification will also be acted upon without delay so that the Bonn Parliament should be in a position to conclude these legislative measures before the election of a new Parliament this summer."

GERMAN VIEWS ON ISRAEL PACT REVEALED DURING BUNDESTAG DEBATE

BONN, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Schaeffer, Minister of Finance in the West German Cabinet, was among the members of the Bundestag who abstained yesterday during the vote on the ratification of the German-Israel agreement, it was established here today.

This caused a good deal of amazement, in view of the fact that Dr. Schaeffer is a leading member of the Christian Social Union, which is allied with Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union. Most of the deputies of Dr. Schaeffer's group voted for ratification.

Among the abstainees were also Dr. von Merkatz, who, until recently, was State Secretary in the Adenauer Cabinet, and Franz Joseph Strauss, leader of the Christian Social Union, who is sometimes described as the next German Minister of Defense.

On the other hand, it was noted that Count von Streti, another leader of the Christian Social Union, was the government's official spokesman in the Bundestag who yesterday opened the debate on ratification and called for its approval. He recounted the history of the agreement and drew the attention of the members of the Bundestag, the Lower House of the German Parliament, to the shock experienced by German deputies when members of the Israel Parliament refused to sit with them at the same table in 1950 or at a meeting of the Interparliamentary Union in Istanbul. Count von Streti recalled the role of intermediary played by Jacob Altmeyr.

Jewish member of the Bundestag, in the initial stages of the negotiations between German and Israeli representatives which led to the drafting of the agreement signed at Luxemburg. He appealed to the Bundestag members to ratify the agreement in order to establish "a bridge" for an understanding between Israel and Germany.

Germany's Collective Guilt for Nazi Murder of Jews Cited

Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, speaking on behalf of Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union, pointed out that although the number of Germans who helped Jews during the Nazi regime was sufficiently large to deny the thesis of collective guilt, it has also been too small to establish the thesis of collective innocence. He emphasized that it was for the honor of Germany that the Bundestag should approve the pact.

Dr. Walter Hasemann, leader of the Free Democratic Party, which is included in Adenauer's governmental coalition, also spoke in favor of ratification. However, many members of his party walked out in protest while he was speaking. Even at that, his appeal was extremely weak. He even combined his speech with a plea for changing existing restitution legislation in favor of Germans who "aryanized" Jewish property during the Nazi regime. Many affirmative votes, he said, would be cast "hesitatingly" but should nevertheless be cast.

Dr. Hans Joachim von Merkatz, speaking for the German Party, said that part of his delegation would vote in favor of ratification and part would vote against it. He, too, spoke against the "new injustice" created by the restitution legislation.

Adolf von Thadden, speaking for the German Rightist Party, delivered a violent neo-Nazi speech against the agreement and said that "only 1,000,000" European Jews were annihilated during the Nazi regime. Oscar Mueller, speaking for the Communist deputies, also opposed ratification, as did Dr. Becker, spokesman of the Bavarian Party.

Chief of Israel Mission Hails Bundestag's Ratification of Pact

COLOGNE, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. F. Shinnar, chief of the Israel purchasing mission in Germany and highest ranking Israeli official in the country at present, today hailed the German Parliament's ratification of the reparations treaty with Israel as an "historical act without precedent" and predicted that not only Jewish opinion but all world opinion would be "gratified" by it.

German reparations deliveries will make up about 20 percent of Israel's current imports, Dr. Shinnar reported. They will help in the constructive integration of countless refugees who came to Israel as victims of the Nazi terror, he emphasized.

Dr. Shinnar singled out Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, for praise in bringing the pact to fruition. "On the Jewish side the agreement is indissolubly bound up with the name of Dr. Goldmann," he declared.

The Israeli official also paid tribute to the efforts of some German "men of goodwill." Chief among these he named Chancellor Konrad Adenauer; Prof. Hallstein, German State Secretary; Erich Lueth, initiator of the "peace with Israel" campaign; Rev. Herman Maas, Protestant Archdeacon of Heidelberg; Prof. Franz Boehm, chief German negotiator of the pact; and Dr. Otto Kuester, his assistant, whose resignation and public blast against German officials who were blocking the agreement helped loosen a diplomatic log jam.

REPORT THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL NOT MOVE TO JERUSALEM IS DENIED

TEL AVIV, March 19. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry today denied reports in this morning's newspapers that the Foreign Office had decided not to move to Jerusalem as previously announced. The press reports stated that United States intervention against moving the Foreign Office to Jerusalem was the main cause for the alleged reversal.

ISRAEL WILL PLEAD FOR JEWS SEEKING TO LEAVE THEIR COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Israel will appeal to all the nations of the world, especially to those countries where Jews are now in danger, for a change of policy toward the Jews and to permit their Jewish populations to leave for Israel. Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel's Minister of Labor, today told a press conference at the Israeli consulate.

Mrs. Myerson pointed out that she had come here to assume the direction of the Israel delegation at the United Nations only for the period that the question of the Communist anti-Jewish drive would be raised in the UN General Assembly. She reported that all delegations at the United Nations approached on this issue "have shown a satisfactory response and encouraging attitude."

ISRAEL TO GRANT POSTHUMOUS CITIZENSHIP TO 6, 000, 000 MURDERED JEWS

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet last night decided to grant posthumous Israeli citizenship to the 6, 000, 000 Jewish victims of the Nazi regime.

This move was made in connection with the Cabinet's approval of draft legislation providing for the establishment in Jerusalem of a memorial to the martyrs and to Jewish soldiers who served heroically on all fronts and under all Allied commands in the last war.

The bill provides that the government establish a special board, in which the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund will participate, with powers to raise funds and to prepare and carry out plans for a memorial. The bill is scheduled to go to Parliament next week.

RUMANIA WITHDRAWS BAN ON ISRAELI PING PONG TEAM

TEL AVIV, March 19. (JTA) -- In a second about-face in less than a week, Rumanian authorities today agreed to grant visas to the six members of an Israeli ping pong team to attend an international table tennis tourney in Bucharest. However, the latest decision came too late to permit the Israelis' arrival in the Rumanian capital in time to compete.

The Israeli Sports Federation had cabled a protest to the headquarters of the World Table Tennis Federation condemning the Rumanian action and demanding that the contest be transferred to another country. The visas had been granted to the four Israeli men and two women and were revoked just before the team was to embark for Rumania this week.

ISRAEL CABINET MEMBER CONFERS IN WASHINGTON WITH SENATOR TAFT

WASHINGTON, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Peretz Bernstein, Israel Minister of Trade and Industry, today called on Senate Majority Leader Robert A. Taft for a "friendly conversation" on matters of interest to Israel. Dr. Bernstein was accompanied by David Goitein, Minister of the Embassy of Israel.

150,000 JEWS IN U.S. ARMED FORCES WILL OBSERVE PASSOVER

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- More than 150,000 Jews serving in the United States armed forces will assemble at posts on four continents for Passover services and seders arranged by Jewish chaplains under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Passover, the Festival of Liberation, will be observed by Jews the world over beginning at sunset, Monday, March 30.

It was announced here today that months before the holidays, JWB shipped 75,000 pounds of kosher foods as well as large quantities of religious literature and these will make possible Passover observances at isolated airwarning stations in Greenland and Alaska, jungle gun-emplacements in Panama, and front-line bunkers in Korea.

Smoothly-functioning airlifts in the war zone will carry GI's to mass seders in Pusan, Taegu, and Seoul and to services in all corps areas. The Jewish chaplains in the war zone have been working weeks in advance of the festival, planning for transportation, billeting and messing, and doing the thousand and one little jobs that make the Passover miracle in Korea come off. Seders will be held at 17 points in Japan, where specially trained GI's will conduct the seders in a number of remote areas.

The story of the liberation of Jews from Egypt will be heard at U.S. posts in Europe, Alaska, Iceland, India, Indo-China, North Africa and the Caribbean. Special arrangements will assure home hospitality in Athens for a group of sailors on the USS Tarawa, which will dock at that Greek city on the first seder night. A community seder has also been set up for the Jewish sailors on the USS Midway, which will anchor off the Island of Rhodes on the first seder night. The USO director in Athens is lending a hand in holiday arrangements.

Dispatch of 4,500 Passover food packages containing all the basic holiday foods will make possible "solo seders" for those GI's at inaccessible installations and even for those on warships and army transports on the high seas during the holidays. In the U.S., volunteers on 220 local JWB Armed Services Committees have been at work for weeks planning the details of community and on-post seders.

JEWISH YOUTH WEEK STARTS TODAY; NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE ARRANGED

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Jewish Youth Week will be ushered in tomorrow in communities across the nation with Jewish youth sabbaths, rallies, cultural festivals, youth forums and other events. The week is conducted annually by the National Jewish Youth Conference, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The purpose of Jewish Youth Week is to focus attention on the role, achievements and potentialities of Jewish youth in the growth and development of a creative, democratic American Jewish community. The theme of this year's observance is "Jewish Youth - A Vital Force in the Community." Hundreds of Jewish Community Centers, YMHAs, Jewish youth and young adult councils, and national Jewish youth organizations will participate in the observance of Youth Week.

\$1,117,000 PLEDGED AT PHILADELPHIA ALLIED JEWISH APPEAL OPENING

PHILADELPHIA, March 19. (JTA) -- More than \$1,117,000 was pledged to the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal last night at a dinner here opening the Appeal's 1953 campaign. This is the largest amount raised at a single affair in the 15-year history of the AJA, which provides funds in the Philadelphia area for the United Jewish Appeal and for other local and national needs. The principal speaker at the dinner was Philippine Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo.

ISRAEL MINISTER URGES FOSTERING OF HEBREW CULTURE IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Hope that many Hebrew chairs would be established in colleges throughout the United States was expressed here last night by Dr. Peretz Bernstein, Israel Minister of Commerce and Industry, addressing the 36th anniversary dinner of the Histadruth Ivrit of America at the Commodore Hotel here.

Stressing that the work of Histadruth Ivrit of America in fostering the study of Hebrew and an understanding of Hebrew culture in the United States is important because it helps create a unity between the millions of Americans of Jewish origin and the people of Israel, he also declared that Americans should be approached and instilled with an interest in a culture hallowed by tradition.

Other speakers at the dinner were Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, Samuel J. Borowsky, president of the Histadruth Ivrit, and Menachem Ribalow, editor of "Hadoar," the only Hebrew weekly outside of Israel, published by the Histadruth Ivrit of America. Rabbi Miller declared that it is the task of the leaders in the American Jewish communities to bring to the attention of all Americans the major creations in the Hebrew language in ancient and modern times.

Mr. Borowsky announced an expanded program of Hebraic activities in the United States for child, youth and adult to be carried on in cooperation with the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Zionist Organization of America and other Jewish national bodies.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT COOPERATE ON STUDY

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University has agreed to cooperate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in conducting a study in Israel of the attitude of its people toward international organizations, with particular reference to opinions concerning the United Nations.

The Endowment's president, Dr. L. Johnson, who is currently on a world tour to arrange the study in some 20 countries, made the arrangements. Prof. Nathan Feinberg will head the Hebrew University group which will conduct the study and draft the report on Israel for the Endowment.

HAIFA TECHNION EXPANDING ITS STAFF; SEEKS MORE PROFESSORS

HAIFA, March 19. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Institute of Technology today announced the expansion of its academic staff and invited applications for vacancies for 16 professorships and a large number of posts for lecturers and instructors.

The need for additional faculty members reflects both the increase in the number of students at the Technion, as well as the plans for expansion of the Technion at its new site on Mount Carmel. Two new departments which the Technion will open in the near future, aeronautical engineering and agricultural engineering, both contain openings, but there are vacancies in other faculties and departments as well, including hydraulics, architecture, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, mathematics, physics, chemistry and other areas of study.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE WEEK IN CITY

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Mayor Vincent Impellitteri today issued a proclamation designating the week of April 13 to 20 as "Israel's Fifth Independence Week" in New York City. At a ceremony attended by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., at City Hall, the Mayor called on the people of the city to support and encourage Israel by purchasing State of Israel Bonds.