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ISRAEL AND GERMANY TO EXCHANGE RATIFICATION DOCUMENTS TODAY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 26. (JTA) -- The ceremony of the exchange of instruments of Ratification of the agreement between the State of Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany, covering payments of indemnity by Germany to Israel, will take place tomorrow morning in the office of Constantin Stavropoulos, director of the Legal Department of the United Nations.

Arthur Lourie, Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations and Consul-General in New York, will represent Israel at the ceremony. It is understood that the Federal Republic of Germany will be represented by its Permanent Observer to the United Nations and Consul-General in New York, Dr. Hans E. Blesser.

Mr. Lourie will be accompanied by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency executive and head of the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The ceremony of the exchange of instruments of Ratification is covered in Article 17 of the agreement, which states: "The Instruments of Ratification shall be exchanged as soon as possible by accredited representatives of the contracting parties at the Secretariat of the United Nations in New York."

GROMYKO EVADES CHARGES AT U. N. ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 26. (JTA) -- Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko today told the United Nations Political Committee that his delegation considers it "beneath its dignity" to answer to charges voiced last night by the American delegate, Henry Cabot Lodge, that Jews are being oppressed in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Gromyko termed the charges by the American delegate "a concoction of falsifications." The U. S. representative, he said, had "discoursed" on the persecution of ethnical groups in the USSR, including the Jews, for "opportunistic" reasons. "The Soviet delegation considers it beneath its dignity to dwell on this slander," he declared.

Czech Foreign Minister Vaclav David, referring to Golda Myerson's earlier address to the Political Committee, stated that the "lady from Israel" had said she would submit facts concerning the alleged anti-Semitism in the Communist countries. The Czech delegation would not fail to take an appropriate stand on the "loud and incendiary statements" of Israel, he warned.

He asserted that the Slansky trial in Prague had "disclosed an all-time low in the shameful and hypocrisy of the conspiratorial gang headed by Slansky." Stating

that there was a "new network of treason" set up in the Communist states, he charged that "this network was Zionism." After the establishment of Israel, he said, "the key antenna of the America espionage organization" was provided by Zionism. He also charged the Zionists with "squeezing all possible capital from the horrors of Auschwitz and Maidanek."

Henry Happenot of France saw "the hideous spectre of anti-Semitism" behind the Slansky trial in Czechoslovakia.

Myerson Calls Czech Speech "Callous Insult to Jewish Victims"

Mrs. Golda Myerson, temporary head of the Israel delegation, replying to the charges made by the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, termed his speech "a callous insult to the Jewish victims" of the last war. She severely attacked Mr. David and said that his speech would arouse the indignation of the world.

The Israel Minister told the U.N. Political Committee she was "shocked to hear the echoes of Nazi defamation of the Jews" from the lips of a Czechoslovak representative. She called Mr. David's references to Israel "slanderous and insulting" and asserted that his contention that Israel was the "key antenna of Zionist conspiracy" was a repetition of the main theme of the "grotesque Prague trial."

Mrs. Myerson declared that the State of Israel had been re-established after centuries of untold repression and suffering. The Jewish State, she said, was still struggling to absorb those who came to its shores. The very achievements of Israel contributed to world peace and progress, she pointed out.

Uruguayan delegate Prof. Enriques Fabregat told the U.N. Political Committee that he wondered whether the Czech item was not a diversionary action to hide racial discrimination in Czechoslovakia.

An attempt by the Arab states to start a Palestine debate during the voting on the Czech resolution, which was defeated, was halted by the committee chairman. Explaining his abstention, the Syrian delegate charged that the Zionist movement was a movement of national aggression and began a discussion of the Palestine Arab refugee issue. At this point, the chairman insisted that he restrict his remarks to the text of the resolution.

The Lebanese delegate similarly explained his abstention on the grounds that the debate involved the question of Zionist subversion. The Iraqi delegate said he was in no position to judge the issue, adding "he abstained because 'Zionism is a destructive movement from which we have suffered in past years.'" The Egyptian delegate said he also abstained because the Zionist question was involved.

ISRAEL DENIES ARAB CHARGES ON SELLING PROPERTY OF REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, March 26. (JTA) -- An Israeli spokesman here last night denied the charges of seven Arab states to the United Nations that Israel was selling the private property of Palestine Arab refugees to finance the immigration and settlement of Jewish refugees in Israel.

The Israeli pointed out that legislation being considered by the Israel Parliament provided for the shifting of control of lands owned by Arabs living in Israel from the Custodian of Abandoned Property to another government department to facilitate the return of land to these Arabs or their receipt of cash or other lands in compensation.

Property owned by Arabs outside Israel is still under the control of the Custodian of Abandoned Property and in cases where such property is sold the proceeds are set aside in the name of the Arab owner pending an overall settlement on the problem of the Palestine Arab refugees, the spokesman revealed.

ISRAEL ADOPTS 216, 330, 000-POUND BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament last night adopted an administrative budget of 216, 330, 000 pounds for the 1953-54 fiscal year. The budget had previously been approved by the Cabinet.

It provides for an increase of 48, 000, 000 pounds over last year's 168, 000, 000 budget. The government hopes to derive the greatest portion of the increase from income taxes, which last year accounted for 30 percent of all government receipts. The security portion of the budget will be discussed at a closed meeting of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The government compulsory "loan" bill passed Tuesday night by Parliament is seen here as a compromise between the Mapai and General Zionists in the government. Originally the government presented a bill for 65, 000, 000 pounds and the centrists, then in the opposition, fought it. The current measure seeks to raise 45, 000, 000 pounds in an 18-year loan.

Covered by the provisions of the bill are land, buildings, building sites, certain categories of machinery and vehicles and some types of animals. Exempted from the provisions of the measure is the property of municipalities, the Jewish Agency, foreign missions and the United Nations.

ISRAEL PREMIER REJECTS CHARGES IN KNESSET AGAINST EBAN

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today denied in Parliament left-wing charges that Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to Washington, had told an Israel bond conference in Washington last month that Israel was prepared to put 200, 000 troops into the field on the side of the United States against the Soviet Union in case of need.

Replying to charges by Mapam deputy Itzhak Ben Aharon and left-wing leader Dr. Moshe Sneh that Mr. Eban and Henry Morgenthau, Jr., head of the Israel bond organization in the United States, had made such statements at the Washington parley, the Premier said that reports in the Israel press about Mr. Eban were absolutely false. What Mr. Eban said, the Premier insisted, was that Israel would be able to defend its own borders and government.

Referring to the charges against Mr. Morgenthau, the Premier declared: "The questioners know perfectly well that every American citizen is free to make any utterances in the United States, but that no American citizen represents Israel." He added that even if Mr. Morgenthau had made the statements attributed to him, "it concerns neither the questioners nor the Israel Government."

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TURNS OVER NAZI PLOTTERS TO WEST GERMANY

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- The British today turned over to the West German Government for investigation and prosecution seven former top Nazis accused by the British of plotting a revival of Nazism in Germany. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden announced this move today to the House of Commons.

Mr. Eden said the British High Commissioner had been authorized to comply with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's request that the accused be prosecuted in German courts. Confiscated documents and other evidence on neo-Nazism will also be turned over to the Germans, Mr. Eden said. It is possible, Secretary Eden added, that the German courts will decide not to prosecute some of the seven.

SWISS GOVERNMENT RELEASES FROZEN ASSETS OF GERMAN JEWS

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- Assets of Jews who resided in Germany which have been frozen as "German property" in Switzerland since 1946 have now been released by the Swiss Government, the World Jewish Congress announced here today.

The WJC revealed that the Swiss and Bonn Governments have signed a new agreement replacing the "agreement concerning German property in Switzerland" signed in Washington May 25, 1946. The new agreement was ratified in Berne March 19.

Under the terms of the new agreement assets of persons who "lost their life or a considerable part of their liberty or their full German citizenship rights by law or ordinances of the German National Socialist Government" will be released without deductions. All other funds over 10,000 Swiss francs will be subject to deductions of up to 50 percent.

The exemption for Nazi victims was obtained in accordance with representations made by the World Jewish Congress and the Joint Distribution Committee, in conjunction with the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities, the WJC announcement said.

JEWS IN SOVIET PART OF GERMANY PERMITTED TO BAKE MATZOTH

FRANKFURT, March 26. (JTA) -- Matzoth for Passover for East Germany's 2,500 Jews will be baked in East Berlin; it was reported here today. The operation has received the approval of the authorities.

The report also revealed that East German Communist authorities have sold copies of Nazi Veit Harlan's notorious movie, "Jew Sues," to theatre operators in Near East countries.

The Herzog Film Distributing Company is suing the city of Frankfurt for \$436,000 because Mayor Kolb banned the showing of Harlan's movie, "Immortal Beloved." The Mayor ordered the film withdrawn from local theatres after several movie show cases were smashed and small-scale riots broke out in protest against the movie.

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SEEK ANONYMOUS ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDIST

JOHANNESBURG, March 26. (JTA) -- Police today began a hunt for an unidentified person who sent a letter to a newspaper in East London, South Africa, attempting to incite anti-Jewish feeling. The letter, purporting to come from a Nationalist reader, was repudiated by two Nationalist candidates for Parliament from East London.

When they attempted to track down the writer, they discovered that he had given a false name and address. The candidates turned the matter over to the police because South African electoral laws prohibit the use of false names and addresses in letters to newspapers.

The Johannesburg "Transvaler," local Nationalist newspaper, featured a report of the incident on its front page and denounced the letter as an attempt to create bad feeling between Jews and Nationalists.

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EISENHOWER CRITICAL OF SENATE RESOLUTION OPPOSED BY JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower told his press conference today that the Bricker Resolution, which has been opposed by major Jewish organizations, might restrict the government in its conduct of foreign affairs. The resolution, which is pending before the Senate, would prohibit this nation from entering such international treaties as the United Nations Human Rights and Genocide Conventions.

The President said the 64 Senators sponsoring the resolution were convinced that it would work for the good of the United States and protect individual rights. But in other ways, he said, Secretary of State Dulles and he agreed it might function to the government's disadvantage.

U.J.A. RAISES \$1,600,000 AT THREE REGIONAL CONFERENCES

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- More than \$1,600,000 was raised for the United Jewish Appeal this week at three regional conferences in the northeast, national UJA headquarters announced today. The funds were contributed at meetings in Asbury Park, New Jersey, Albany, New York, and Waterbury, Connecticut, by leaders from the Connecticut, New Jersey and Eastern New York regions.

More than 100,000 volunteers in 31 cities throughout the country this Sunday will pledge to intensify campaign activity in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal as they participate in a UJA-sponsored National Freedom Mobilization aimed against Communist attacks on the Jews of Eastern Europe and the State of Israel, it was announced today by William Rosenwald, a national chairman of the UJA and chairman of the nationwide mobilization.

JEWS CONGRESS COMMEMORATES ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW REVOLT

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today published "The Story of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising" in connection with the tenth anniversary of the Jewish revolt which will this year be observed on April 12.

The 24-page booklet was written by Dr. Isaac Schwarzbart, director of the WJC organization department, who was a member of the pre-war Polish Parliament and a Minister in the Polish Government-in-Exile in London during the war. The pamphlet gives a brief account of the events and background of the armed rebellion against the Nazis and points out the meaning of this event and its significance for this and future generations.

U.S. JEWS TO PLANT TREES FOR PRESIDENT EISENHOWER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund today announced two moves by American Jews to plant trees in Israel in honor of President Eisenhower. It revealed receipt of a check by President Ben Zvi from Herman Winchester of New York for the planting of an Eisenhower Wood in the Heral Forest. Word has also been received from the Jewish community of San Fernando, California, that it plans to undertake the planting of an Eisenhower Forest in Israel.

CANADIAN JEWS SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO LONDON CORONATION CEREMONY

MONTREAL, March 26. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has been asked to send representatives to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in London on June 2nd. Samuel Bronfman, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, accompanied by Mrs. Samuel Bronfman, will be in London for the coronation and will be present in Westminster Abbey.