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## JEWISH AGENCY SESSION STARTS TODAY; WILL DISCUSS MAJOR PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Problems concerning the world Zionist movement and the participation of individual non-Zionists in the Jewish Agency executive will be discussed at the plenary session of the Jewish Agency which opens here tomorrow.

Addressing a press conference today, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, denied reports that he demands the abolition of parties in the Zionist Organization. However, he emphasized that he favors a territorial structure. He also denied that he allegedly proposed the admission of non-Zionists into the Jewish Agency on a "fifty-fifty" basis. At the same time, he pointed out that "there is a problem which nobody can escape--the main income, whether from the United Jewish Appeal or from the sale of Israel bonds, does not come from Zionists."

Dr. Goldmann did not offer any concrete plan on the admission of non-Zionists into the Jewish Agency. The proposal, which will be discussed here, must first be decided upon by the Jewish Agency executive, later by the Zionist Actions Committee and finally by the World Zionist Congress. Dr. Goldmann, who advocates the admission of individual non-Zionists, proposes to invite several non-Zionists to the next World Zionist Congress.

## ISRAEL WELCOMES JORDAN'S PROMISE TO PREVENT INFILTRATION

TEL AVIV, June 30. (JTA) -- Brig. Gen. Mordecai Makleff, Chief of Staff of the Jewish Army of Defense, said today that he welcomed the position taken by the Jordan authorities at the Jordan-Israel meeting yesterday and their promise of active measures to prevent infiltration of Israel territory by bands from Jordan.

The Israel defense chief said that there could be improvement in the security situation if the Jordanians really implemented their commitments. Yesterday's meeting, held under the chairmanship of UN truce chief, Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, brought together at Government House, in Jerusalem, for the first time in many months, top Israel and Jordan commanders to discuss the border situation. Brig. Gen. Moshe Dayan, head of Army operations, led the Israeli mission and Brig. Gen. Enab Radi el Adam of the Arab Legion General Staff, the Jordanian.

The four-hour session was conducted in what was described as an atmosphere of cordiality. The Jordanian spokesman said his government was determined to halt the border infiltration. The Israeli chief promised the full cooperation of the Israeli forces. A further meeting, to be attended by officials of both countries, was scheduled for next Monday. Plans were also to be concerted for cooperation between the Jordan and Israel forces to prevent border violations.

## AUSTRIA BALKS ON HEIRLESS PROPERTY; SENDS JEWS TO ALLIED POWERS

VIENNA, June 30. (JTA) -- Austrian experts negotiating with the Jewish delegation seeking restitution from Austria for injury suffered by the Jews of Austria under the Nazi regime, said today that claims based on heirless Jewish property should be addressed to the four occupying powers in Austria rather than to the Austrian Government.

The Austrians took the position that not only heirless property but all types of confiscated property cannot devolve to the benefit of the State since such assets are separately administered. Under Article 44 of the peace treaty draft, they held, the Allied High Commissioners in Austria held the decision on unclaimed property.

The Jewish delegation, in presenting its claims, asked for compensation for wrongful imprisonment, loss of life, damage to body, loss of income and occupation and loss of furniture and personal valuables. It also argued for redress for inequities and hardships caused by inadequacies in Austria's postwar legislation and for damage and destruction of religious and cultural objects.

## GOLDMANN HOPES FOR SUCCESS IN AUSTRIAN-JEWISH NEGOTIATIONS

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Hope that the negotiations between the Austrian Government and representatives of Jewish organizations claiming reparations for damages suffered by Jews under the Nazi regime in Austria will be concluded successfully in the very near future, was expressed at a press conference here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the central Jewish body which is now conducting the talks with the representatives of the Austrian Government in Vienna.

"My first discussion with the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Julius Raab, and his colleagues was satisfactory," Dr. Goldmann stated. "I left Vienna with the impression that the Chancellor and his government realize the importance of the Jewish demands. These demands are based on a moral obligation of the Austrian people to retribute both individual and heirless Jewish property taken away by the Nazis, and to create appropriate legislation to indemnify the victims of Nazi persecution for all the losses and harm they suffered during the Nazi period.

"After Germany reached an agreement with Israel and with Jewish organizations on the payment of reparations and is making a serious effort to make good, it would be unimaginable that Austria, being a liberated country, would not be ready to make a sacrifice, if necessary, to meet the justified demands of the Jews," Dr. Goldmann continued. "I hope that the negotiations now going on in Vienna will not bog down in petty bargaining and legal or bureaucratic disputes.

"It is for Chancellor Raab and his government to lay down policy and to show to the world that Austria is determined to make a real effort to undo the wrong and to satisfy the legitimate claims of tens of thousands of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution in and outside Austria and to restore heirless Jewish property, so that it can be used to enable Austrian Jews the world over to improve their conditions and be rehabilitated. I have no doubt whatsoever that the Austrian Government, as they assured me and my colleagues, will have good will and determination to reach an agreement with our delegation and that the negotiations now going on will end the very near future with complete success.

"Jews and non-Jewish friends and well-wishers of Austria will certainly regard the result of these negotiations as a supreme test of the Austrian democracy and its resolve to disavow injustices and horrors committed by the Nazi regime in Austria," Dr. Goldmann declared.

## SOLE ISRAEL CONSULATE IN GERMANY CEASES FUNCTIONING TODAY

MUNICH, June 30. (JTA) -- Israel's Consulate here, a pivot of Jewish activity in Germany since the Jewish Agency set up its central offices in the building seven years ago, was open for business for the last time today. Since the disbanding of the Berlin Consulate three years ago, it has been the only one in Germany.

The local Consulate was accredited to U. S. Army headquarters in Heidelberg rather than to the German authorities, with which Israel does not maintain formal diplomatic relations. At a time when Germany is about to regain her sovereignty it was not feasible to continue this arrangement. Also, the designation of Cologne as headquarters of the Israel Purchasing Mission has made that city rather than Munich the hub of Israel activities in Germany.

Dr. Eliahu Livneh, who has headed the Consulate since 1949 and before that served for three years as director of the Jewish Agency in Berlin, is leaving for Tel Aviv next week. It is expected that he will be assigned a position within the Israel Foreign Ministry.

The Consulate files are being transferred to Cologne, where a special section within the Israel Purchasing Mission will carry on certain limited consular functions. Yissakhar Ben-Yaacov, long-time vice consul here, will help to assure the smooth functioning of the new section in the initial stage, returning to Tel Aviv thereafter.

In Cologne, the consular section will be in charge of Eytan Ruppin, a nephew of the late Zionist pioneer, Dr. Arthur Ruppin. His section will be a busy one not only because of the constant two-way stream of temporary visitors, but also because it is estimated that more than 500 Israelis have established residence in Western Germany.

In a farewell speech to the Frankfurt Jewish community, Dr. Livneh gave an account of his eight years of service in Germany, first as Director of the Jewish Agency in Berlin and later as Israel's only Consul in Germany. He thanked the Jews of Germany for the wholehearted support they had always given him. He particularly praised the unwavering solidarity of their alignment with world Jewry at the time of the negotiations between West Germany and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, when they had disdained to gain special advantages for themselves by direct dealings with Bonn.

### Israel Purchasing Mission Opens Office in West Berlin

BERLIN, June 30. (JTA) -- A branch office of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany, which maintains its headquarters in Cologne, has been opened in West Berlin. It is under the direction of Dr. A. Bergmann, one of the Mission's two deputy chiefs.

In accordance with an understanding reached at the German-Israel negotiations in The Hague, Israel will place as many reparations orders as possible in West Berlin, which is an economically distressed area due to its island position within the Soviet Zone.

### AMSTERDAM MUNICIPALITY TO NAME STREETS AFTER JEWISH HEROES

AMSTERDAM, June 30. (JTA) -- The municipal council here unanimously resolved to name several new streets on the city's outskirts after Jewish resistance leaders executed by the Nazis during World War II. Among those to be thus honored are the Amsterdam Jewish journalists Sieg Vaz Dias and Jaap Nunez Vas.

## MCCARRAN REBUFFS EISENHOWER ON ADMISSION OF 240,000 REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, June 30. (JTA) - The opinion that the Senate Judiciary Committee will approve the bill to admit 240,000 refugees within two years as requested by President Eisenhower was expressed here today by Senator Arthur V. Watkins, chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee.

"I think we have enough votes to win Committee approval on the immigration bill sought by President Eisenhower," Senator Watkins stated. The Judiciary Committee voted yesterday to take a show-down ballot July 8 on the bill. The vote, which was 8 to 4, rescinded a resolution approved last week by the same committee barring consideration of any controversial legislation until July 2nd.

President Eisenhower today asked Senator Pat McCarran, who is seeking to defer action on the bill, to discontinue his opposition to the proposal. After talking with the President, Senator McCarran said he had not been "sold" and he would continue his opposition to the bill. Later today the Senate Judiciary Committee met in secret session to hear testimony on "security matters" involved in the proposed legislation. Meanwhile, it was learned that Senator McCarran has made a further appeal to the Committee for a delay in consideration of the bill.

## U. S. AGUDAH CONVENTION OPPOSES CONSCRIPTION OF WOMEN IN ISRAEL

GREENFIELD PARK, N. Y., June 30. (JTA) -- The three-day national convention of the Agudath Israel of America concluded here with a resolution calling upon the Israel Government to "immediately halt its plan to adopt a law regarding women's conscription and the control of fund-raising by yeshivos and religious institutions." The adoption of such "anti-religious measures and throttle-holds of religious institutions will bear dire consequences in the future relations between Israel and the American-Jewish community," the resolution said.

The 700 delegates also adopted a resolution expressing "warmest approbation" of the independent religious educational system established by the Agudah in Israel, after withdrawing its network of 30,000 students from the official governmental school system because of the new school unity plan.

The convention also adopted a series of resolutions regarding "preserving the definite lines of demarcation which distinguish Orthodox Judaism from conservatism and reform." The expansion of the activities amongst youth in the United States was mapped out in a blueprint of activity adopted by the conclave, at which Rabbi Itzhak Meir Lewin, former Israel Minister of Welfare and chairman of the world executive of the Agudas Israel Organization, was one of the principal speakers.

The convention closed with the election of the following slate of officers: Rabbi Eliezer Silver of Cincinnati, Rabbi Elijah M. Bloch of Cleveland, Rabbi Jacob Kamenetzky of New York, Rabbi Mordechai S. Friedman of New York, and Mr. Louis J. Septimus of New York as a five-member presidium; Michael G. Tress, administrative president, and Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice-president.

## JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE DENOUNCES STATEMENT ON JEWS IN USSR

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee today denounced as "unmitigated falsehood" the statement made yesterday before the House Committee on Un-American activities by Louis Harlap, managing editor of the publication, "Jewish Life," who declared that Jews are better off in the Soviet Union than in the United States.

The Jewish Labor Committee charged that millions of Jews mysteriously disappeared in the Soviet Union and that the Soviet authorities liquidated the Jewish schools, Jewish press and all Jewish cultural institutions.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTED INCREASED THROUGHOUT U. S.

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- Despite continued high cost of operation and a drop in philanthropic contributions, Jewish social welfare agencies throughout the nation increased local services in 1952, it was announced today by Julian S. Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Mr. Freeman reported ed the following highlights:

1. A four percent increase in the number of persons cared for in Jewish homes for the aged, as well as a five per cent gain in the number of beds available in homes. At least 18 communities were adding new facilities for the chronically ill and aged.
2. 20,000 more persons treated in Jewish hospitals than during the previous year.
3. More than 45,000 persons received counseling and aid from Jewish family service agencies. Direct assistance to immigrants dropped 16 percent.
4. An increase of 20 percent in the number of children admitted to child care agencies.

"The advances in social services were made in the face of continued high cost of labor and material and a drop in philanthropic fund raising," Mr. Freeman stated. "This was made possible by the completion of facilities planned and provided for in previous years."

In the main, family service agencies and child care institutions depended for their major financial support on philanthropic contributions, particularly from central funds, the CJFWF president reported. Homes for the aged and hospitals derived their major revenue from payments for service, although the homes for the aged also depended to a considerable extent on philanthropic contributions to defray part of the costs. Public funds were a significant source of revenue to the child care agencies, and to some extent to hospitals and homes for the aged.

### Income of Jewish Institutions Was \$105,000,000 in 1952

Funds received for operating purposes by Jewish family service and child care agencies, homes for the aged and hospitals totalled more than \$105,000,000 in 1952. Of this amount, \$30,000,000 came from philanthropic contributions (\$22,000,000 were from central funds - Jewish and non-sectarian - and \$8,000,000 from individuals, auxiliaries and miscellaneous sources). The largest amount, \$64,000,000, came from payment for service while public funds paid directly to agencies and institutions amounted to \$9,000,000. The remainder came from investments and other sources.

General hospitals under Jewish auspices continued to maintain high standards of medical care and service to the entire community, according to the CJFWF report. During 1952, a total of 413,679 people were cared for in 38 of the reporting hospitals, 20,000 more than in 1951. The number of days of hospital care increased by nearly three percent to 3,706,896. Approximately 20 percent of this figure represents care given without charge. Jews comprised nearly half of all patients admitted to the hospitals.

With the decline in immigration--7,200 in 1952 as compared with almost 38,000 in 1948--Jewish family service agencies reported a drop in the number of new Americans in their caseloads. This enabled the agencies to devote greater attention to counseling native born families with marital, parent-child or personal difficulties. According to the CJFWF report, more than 45,000 cases were served by 68 reporting agencies in 1952.

The drop in immigration also has resulted in a reduction of almost 16 percent in direct assistance to the newcomers, with 56 agencies reporting total expenditures of \$2,736,786 in 1952.

CANADIAN GOVT. ACTS TO DEVELOP TRADE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND CANADA

MONTREAL, June 30. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government has authorized the Export Credit Insurance Corporation - a federal government insurance institution - to insure the Canada-Israel Corporation against loss in respect of shipments to the Government of Israel to the extent of \$5,000,000. This move marks a considerable step in the development of trade between Israel and Canada and forms the basis of loans extended by the Canadian banks to the Canada-Israel Corporation.

The Export Credit Insurance Corporation covers such risks as the insolvency of the buyers, the failure of the buyer to pay the exporters within a year after due date of payment, the operation of any law which would have the effect of preventing payment, the occurrence of war or insurrection and other specified risks.

NEW JERSEY JEWISH INSTITUTIONS TO BENEFIT FROM STATE DECISION

TRENTON, N. J., June 30. (JTA) -- Jewish welfare agencies and institutions for the aged will be considerably benefitted, along with non-Jewish agencies and institutions as a result of passage by the State legislature of a measure permitting granting of old age assistance to persons residing in public and private homes.

Previously, aged persons, on entering a publicly or privately supported institution, were cut off from the State's old age assistance. Under the new legislation, they will be entitled to receive the State grants, thus considerably reducing the cost to Jewish and other communities of maintaining their aged.

DR. JACOBS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HIAS; SUCCEEDS ASOFSKY

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Arthur T. Jacobs, management consultant of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, has been appointed executive director of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, to succeed Isaac L. Asofsky, who retired from active service with the Society last November, it was announced by Ben Touster, president of HIAS.

Dr. Jacobs, who will head the activities of the 69-year-old migration agency, was educated at the universities of Wisconsin and Michigan. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics at the latter university. From 1935 to 1938 he was chief economist of the Public Welfare Department of the State of Wisconsin, and during the war served as assistant to the director of Manpower Utilization in the War Manpower Commission.

MEYER BROWN, U. S. ZIONIST LABOR LEADER, HONORED FOR SERVICES

HIGHLAND MILLS, N. Y., June 30. (JTA) -- More than 800 leaders and active members of various Jewish groups participated in a testimonial dinner tendered at Unser Camp here to Meyer Brown, founder and president of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order, in recognition of many years' service to the labor Zionist cause in the United States and Israel.

The dinner was presided over by Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband. Messages lauding Mr. Brown's devotion to Israel were received from President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel and a number of Israel Cabinet members.

TZUR APPOINTED ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE; SERVED IN ARGENTINA

TEL AVIV, June 30. (JTA) -- Yacov Tzur, Israel Minister in Buenos Aires, was today appointed Israel Ambassador to France. Mr. Tzur is considered one of the most able Israel diplomats. He succeeded in establishing very good relations not only between Argentina and Israel but also between other South American countries and the Jewish state.