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AUSTRIAN REPLY TO JEWISH CLAIMS EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT WEEK

VIENNA, July 2. (JTA) -- With the first phase of the Austrian-Jewish reparations talks concluded, the Jewish delegation indicated today that it does not expect any answer from the Austrian Government regarding the presented claims before the middle of next week.

Members of the Jewish delegation are very much surprised over the stand taken by the Austrian Socialist Party against a just settlement of the Jewish claims. The surprise is all the greater since the Social Democratic Party in Germany fully supported the Jewish claims presented to the Bonn Government.

The Austrian Socialists advance the argument that most of the Jews in Austria were not Austrian nationals, but came to the country from East European lands. This argument that "Jews are foreigners"--which was a favored Nazi argument--does not stand up against facts, members of the Jewish delegation point out. It is estimated that of the 180,000 Jews who lived in Austria before the country became a part of Hitler's Third Reich, about 110,000 were born on territory which is now Austria, while the majority of the remaining Jews were born in the former Austro-Hungarian empire.

A spokesman for the Jewish delegation today revealed that the Austrian Government has made no offer as yet with regard to the payment of heirless Jewish property. On the other hand, Austrian authoritative sources today stated that they regard the Jewish claims on heirless property--which are to be satisfied through the payment of a lump sum--as "much too high." The Austrian officials maintain that an accurate estimate of the value of heirless Jewish property does not exist.

ISRAEL TO PLACE ONE-THIRD OF ITS REPARATIONS ORDERS IN BERLIN

BERLIN, July 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Felix E. Shinnar, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany, today called on Mayor Reuter of West Berlin in connection with the opening of the Mission's branch office in Berlin, which will be directed by Dr. Grischa Weizmann, nephew of the late Israel President.

It was estimated here today that one-third of the orders which the Israel Mission will place during the current fiscal year in West Germany under the German-Israel reparations pact will go to Berlin firms. The Mission will place as many orders as possible with manufacturers in West Berlin which has a great deal of idle industrial capacity and a large number of unemployed skilled workers, Dr. Shinnar indicated.

One of the most important organs in carrying out the German-Israel reparations agreement is the German-Israel Mixed Commission, which convenes at the request of either party. The Commission consists of 12 German representatives and 12 members of the staff of the Israel Purchasing Mission. Whenever a difference of opinion occurs between Israel and Germany, the issue is initially submitted to the Commission.

BONN PARLIAMENT PASSES INDEMNIFICATION LAW PROMISED TO JEWS

BONN, July 2. (JTA) -- The West German Parliament tonight adopted the law to indemnify Nazi victims as provided under reparations agreement with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The measure was adopted without debate by a large majority. It is believed that the law will enter into effect next month.

JEWISH AGENCY SESSION HEARS REPORT ON DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- The plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive today heard a report on immigration presented by Itzhak Raphael, head of the Immigration Department. Mr. Raphael reported that 9,000 immigrants entered Israel during the last nine months.

The decrease in immigration, Mr. Raphael said, was due to the following developments: 1. Cessation of immigration from East European countries; 2. Impossibility of bringing in those Jews who remained in countries where the Jewish communities have been liquidated; 3. Emigration from Israel; 4. Immigration of Jews from Western Europe has still not increased; 5. Difficulties created by the present immigration policy.

Mr. Raphael recommended a series of measures to encourage emigration from western countries to Israel. He also urged an increase in immigration of youth to Israel, and modification of the present immigration policy. The head of the Immigration Department also asked that certain rules be introduced for immigrants who desire to leave Israel after they were admitted to the Jewish State at their own request and at the expense of the Jewish Agency.

UJA LEADER REPORTS ACCORD WITH BEN GURION ON 1954 CAMPAIGN

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- "What we need most to assure success for our efforts on behalf of Israel in the coming year in the United States, is a united American Jewish community without conflicts and controversies," Dr. Joseph Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared today prior to his return to New York, after three days of consultation here.

"Premier David Ben Gurion and I found ourselves in perfect accord with regard to this vital question," Dr. Schwartz continued. "We feel certain that there will be created great understanding and a favorable atmosphere for our 1954 United Jewish Appeal campaign." Dr. Schwartz had four conferences with the Israel Premier and a number of conferences with other members of the Israel Cabinet.

HISTADRUT BUILDING DEDICATED IN TEL AVIV; LARGEST IN THE CITY

TEL AVIV, July 2. (JTA) -- In the presence of the Israel President, Premier, members of the Cabinet, and other dignitaries, the greatest building in Tel Aviv--the Histadrut Building--was officially dedicated here yesterday. The building will contain all the central organs of the Histadrut in more than 300 offices.

President Itzhak Ben Zvi expressed hope that the same pioneering spirit that accompanied the establishment of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, 30 years ago, would prevail in this house. Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Parliament, expressed the hope the new house would bring unity again in the ranks of Israel's labor movement.

Premier Ben Gurion, who was among the first secretaries of the Histadrut, recalled the days when there was no office and no clerks. He expressed the hope that the Histadrut would include all Israeli laborers and that one Zionist socialist party would head the Jewish State. It was announced at the dedication ceremony that the Histadrut now has a membership of 750,000.

SENATE VOTES TO END FOREIGN AID IN TWO YEARS; ISRAEL AFFECTED

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- The Senate late yesterday voted a \$5,318,000,000 authorization for Mutual Security Activities in 1954--including approximately \$65,000,000 for Israel--but at the same time adopted an amendment to cut off the entire MSA program throughout the world in two years' time.

The surprise Senate amendment ordered MSA to start ending both the economic and military phases of its operations on June 30, 1955. All operations must be terminated by June 1956.

The authorization bill passed yesterday is the Senate version of a \$4,998,000,000 bill passed previously by the House. The House bill contains similar provisions in behalf of Israel. Differences between the two bills will be resolved in a Senate-House conference. The present legislation, however, does not provide for the actual transfer of funds. This must be accomplished later by an appropriations bill and it is expected that any opposition to aid for Israel will materialize then.

ISRAEL CABINET GETS REPORT ON "CHAOS" IN JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- A committee formed last February to inquire into the "chaotic affairs of the Jerusalem municipality" has submitted its report to the Israel Cabinet. The committee, under the chairmanship of Judge Isaac Olshan, blames the deterioration in Jerusalem's situation on the "abnormal rise in prices, the high cost of living index which made it impossible for the municipality to balance its budget without sharply increasing taxes," and on the "city's geographical situation."

The committee noted that the 1948 siege of Jerusalem paralyzed the city's commercial life and "almost completely destroyed Jerusalem's economic structure." The report went on to say that the city's population, during the past five years, has more than doubled (it is now 150,000), but "there is no longer the economic stability, that prevailed before the Arab-Israel war."

Half of the city is inhabited by a population that is living on grants from abroad, the report said. It pointed out that the Talpote immigrant center, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, is inhabited by many persons who are unable to work. Many government and other institutional offices in the city were exempted from taxation, the report emphasized.

The committee asked the two main parties in the municipality--between which there has been considerable friction--to declare an "armistice" until new elections are held. Until then, the committee recommended that the city's affairs be controlled by a seven-member directorate, comprising the mayor and three members of each party.

The report also suggested that elections be held on a non-party basis, or that the city be divided into "constituencies by ballot." The committee also urged that the mayor be elected directly, and not by the municipal council, and that he be prohibited from carrying out administrative or executive functions. "Furthermore, it was recommended that 11 members be elected to the city council and three appointed by the Israel Government. The city's administrative tasks should be fulfilled by a specially-appointed "city manager," the report urged.

INCREASE IN TECHNICAL AID TO ISRAEL REPORTED BY UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, July 2. (JTA) -- The technical assistance provided Israel by the United Nations and its agencies increased six times during the past year, according to the fifth annual report of the Technical Assistance Board, released here tonight. Israel's case was not unusual and technical assistance rose sharply throughout the world. In no country, the report says, was the 1952 program smaller than in 1950-51.

During 1952, \$601,252 were spent on UN aid to Israel, compared with less than \$100,000 the year before. Including the resident representative, 43 experts worked on a variety of projects during the year and more than 100 fellowships were awarded to Israel.

In a section devoted to the future, the report shows that Israel will get about the same amount of aid during 1953. The amount of money to be spent on projects will be less, but 50 experts will be sent to the country. In 1954, it is hoped that even more experts--54 are listed--will be sent to Israel, but that will depend upon whether enough money will be forthcoming for the program.

One of the projects which has attracted a good deal of attention in Israel is the "stabilized earth construction" in which equipment valued at \$21,800 is being used. Three experts are training Israelis in this cheap method of house construction. Another project which is also being continued this year is civil aviation. Specialists from several countries have been helping the government to make Israel a center for commercial flying.

GEN. RILEY SAYS ARAB-ISRAEL BORDER INCIDENTS WILL NOT LEAD TO WAR

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 2. (JTA) -- Doubt that the incidents which occur on the Israel-Arab borders can lead to a full scale resumption of war between Israel and the Arab countries was expressed at a press conference here yesterday by Lt. Gen. William E. Riley, who headed the United Nations truce organization in Palestine for five years.

Gen. Riley, who retired from his post last month, said however, that there is a need to "rectify" the demarkation line set down in the armistice of 1948. He emphasized that the armistice negotiators mapped the demarkation line as a temporary line only and urged that Israel and Jordan should agree to adjustments.

ISRAEL STILL A BESIEGED COUNTRY, PRESIDENT SAYS IN "HERZL MANIFESTO"

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- On the occasion of the 49th anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist political movement, a manifesto was issued tonight by Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi emphasizing that Israel is still a country besieged by the Arabs. The anniversary will be observed tomorrow with a formal ceremony at Dr. Herzl's grave here.

"Let us remember on this day that our young state is still besieged and that our enemies do not cease threatening us with a second round," the President's manifesto stated. "We must also remember that 90 percent of our people are still dispersed among the nations of the world, part of them still under threat of extermination. Let us strive for Dr. Herzl's ideal to redeem the Jewish nation through tolerance and in the lofty spirit of Moses and the Prophets. Let us unite on this day because the fate of our nation depends on our unity."

SO. AFRICAN RACIAL POLICY DOES NOT AFFECT JEWS, LEADER REPORTS

PARIS, July 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi M. C. Weiller, leader of South African Reform Jewry, told a press conference here today that the racial policy in South Africa advocated by Premier Malan has not touched the 106,000 Jews of the country. On the contrary, he said, the Jewish community of South Africa has been received with certain sympathy on the part of South African nationalists, because of the struggle which Zionists conducted against Britain in connection with the Palestine issue and the creation of Israel.

Dr. Weiller emphasized that Jews in South Africa occupy leading positions in the political, civil and economic life of the country. He noted that the mayors of Johannesburg and Cape Town are both Jews and that the acting Chief Justice of the country is a member of the Jewish community. At the same time, he pointed out that while the Jewish community as a body had decided not to intervene in the "grave and complex" racial problem of South Africa, many individual Jews were working for the betterment of conditions among the native population.

JEWISH CONGRESS LEADER ELECTED HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

GENEVA, July 2. (JTA) -- Dr. G. M. Riegner, representative of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland, was elected president today for a two-year term of the permanent bureau of the Conference of the Consultative Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations.

The Conference concluded a three-day session here at which 81 non-governmental organizations discussed various problems concerning human rights and civil liberties. The session also discussed the right of non-governmental organizations to unhindered access to the United Nations headquarters in New York and the criteria under which such organizations could be deprived of the consultative status which they enjoy at the United Nations.

EX-CHIEF OF NUREMBERG POLICE PUT ON TRIAL FOR DEPORTING JEWS

NUREMBERG, July 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Benno Martin, a Nazi police chief in this city in 1941, is being tried here for his part in the deportation of Nuremberg Jews to "unknown destinations" during the war years. This is the fourth time since the end of World War II that Martin is standing trial on the same charges.

Eight gravestones have been overtuned, and several of them smashed, in the Jewish cemetery at Tunxdorf near Aschendorf, on the Erms river, it was reported here today. No trace of the hoodlums has been discovered.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT HONORS JEWISH SCHOLAR WHO FLED FROM NAZIS

BONN, July 2. (JTA) -- On the occasion of his eightieth birthday, the Federal Government has awarded the "Grand Order of Merit with Star" to Professor Moritz Bonn, an economist and economic historian of international reputation.

Professor Bonn, who now lives in London, held a chair at the Berlin Academy of Commerce from 1920 to 1933, serving as that institution's Rector for the last two years before Hitler's advent to power. He is the author of many books.

CITY IN HOLLAND NAMES STREET AFTER DUTCH JEWISH COMPOSER

THE HAGUE, July 2. (JTA) -- The municipality of Haarlem, in northern Holland, today voted to name a street in the town after the Dutch Jewish composer Henriette Bosmans on the first anniversary of her death. Her name will also be inscribed on a roll in the Amsterdam Concert Hall where she achieved her greatest triumphs in years before and after World War II.

CANADA JEWS SEEK TO BAR ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA FROM MAILS

MONTREAL, July 2. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has submitted a brief to the Canadian Postmaster General citing the misuse of Canadian mails for distribution of anti-Semitic literature and propaganda. The submission of the brief followed a conference held between officials of the CJC and Postmaster General Alcide Cote.

The CJC argues that some of the material listed in the brief is of a scurrilous nature and should, therefore, not be deemed "mailable matter." "The mailing of others outrightly involves the commission of an offense by means of the mail as envisaged in the Post Office Act," the brief points out.

In particular the Canadian Jewish Congress submitted a pamphlet entitled "Plans of the Synagogue of Satan," copies of which were received by members of Parliament several months ago in envelopes postmarked Victoria, B. C., or Duncan, B. C. Another supply of the same pamphlet bore the imprint "for free distribution obtainable from British Israel Association of Greater Vancouver." This pamphlet caused an uproar in the British House of Commons when copies were mailed to members of the British Parliament. United Kingdom Home Secretary Maxwell Fyfe was quoted as having termed it "obnoxious" in the British House.

The CJC indicated in its brief that one part of the pamphlet being a purported "speech" of someone alleged to be a certain "Rabbi Emanuel Rabinovitch" in Hungary, January 12th 1952, was first circulated by Einar Aberg, of Sweden, repeatedly convicted in connection with hate propaganda by Swedish courts. It was reprinted in the "Canadian Intelligence Service," published at Flasherton, Ont., by Ron Gostick. The pamphlet is interspersed with "quotations" from the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." Such propaganda material also contravenes Section 136 of the Criminal Code, which prohibits the "publishing of false news," the Canadian Jewish Congress stressed.

LARGE CITY BUDGETING CONFERENCE INVITES MORE JEWISH FEDERATIONS

MILWAUKEE, July 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Federation of Milwaukee became the 18th member of the Large City Budgeting Conference this week, following a decision by its executive committee to accept an invitation to join the national consultative organization of the major welfare federations of the country.

The 12-city conference, composed of federations in cities with a Jewish population of 20,000 or more and an annual fund-raising average of one million dollars or more, was widened earlier this year by the inclusion of Buffalo, Cincinnati, Hartford, Minneapolis and Rochester. The Jewish Welfare Federation and Council of Kansas City, Mo., has also been invited to participate in the Large City Budgeting Conference.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY CONTRIBUTES \$25,000 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- The Ford Motor Company today presented a \$25,000 check to the United Jewish Appeal here as contribution to the 1953 UJA drive. The presentation was made by Allen W. Merrill, assistant to Henry Ford II, president of the company, to Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the national UJA, Samuel D. Leidesdorf, treasurer of the New York UJA drive.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN MEXICO LAUDS JEWISH COMMUNITY

MEXICO CITY, July 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish community in Mexico was today lauded by the Minister of Education Jose Angel Caniceros during a visit which he paid to the Albert Einstein school built by Jews as a gift for the Mexican education system. The Minister expressed his thanks to the Jews of Mexico. He also announced that he will soon visit the school in the city where the children receive Jewish education.