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GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION BILL TO GET FINAL APPROVAL JULY 17

BONN, July 5. (JTA) -- The bill for the payment of more than 4,000,000,000 marks (\$952,000,000) damages to Jews and other persons who were persecuted by the Nazis, which was passed last Thursday in the Bundestag, the lower house of parliament, will come up for final approval on July 17 before the Bundesrat, the upper house, it was learned here today.

Some objections to certain features of the bill may yet be raised at the Bundesrat, but it is nonetheless expected that the bill will be enacted in August and will enter into effect on October 1. It is understood that the Social Democrats, who are strong supporters of the bill, are already engaged in preparation of amendments to improve the deficiencies of the measure. Before proposing these amendments, the leaders of the Social Democrats will discuss them with a group of Nazi victims.

Compensations to Nazi victims under the bill, as adopted by the Bundestag last Thursday, will be paid over a period of ten years. Loss of life would be compensated with pensions for survivors. Damage to health would be paid for at a minimum rate of 30 percent of the victim's normal earning capacity. Former concentration camp inmates would receive the equivalent of \$37.50 a month for the terms of their confinement.

The Communists voted against the bill in the Bundestag. The Free Democrats were split with a majority voting in favor of the bill. Most of the deputies of the Bavarian Party and of the German Party either abstained or voted against the measure. The bill passed by the solid majority of the votes of all the Social Democrats and a preponderant majority of Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democrats.

DR. GOLDMANN REPORTS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF GERMAN REPARATIONS

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- A report on the system of distribution of reparations received from the West German Government by the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany was presented here today at the plenary session of the Jewish Agency by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Conference.

Dr. Goldmann informed the Agency that the Conference has set aside 18 percent for organizations conducting operations in Israel outside of the Jewish Agency. The major part of the reparations will go to the Jewish Agency which is to report annually to the Conference on the distribution of the money and the activities for which the money was allocated.

Organizations in Israel demanding funds from the West-German reparations can apply for such to the Conference through the Jewish Agency. Fifteen percent of the reparations, Dr. Goldmann reported, will be used for Jewish activities outside of Israel. He expressed the hope that the present claims negotiations in Austria would soon be concluded favorably.

JEWS IN GERMANY SEEK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INDEMNIFICATION BILL

DUSSELDORF, July 5. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany has expressed itself as being dissatisfied with the Federal Indemnification Bill coming before the upper house of the German Parliament for final approval on July 17. The Council demands that necessary amendments be introduced when the new Parliament convenes in the autumn.

The Council also discussed the Jewish Successor Restitution Organization in Germany and voiced the belief that Jews in Germany were entitled to claim part of the capital and property acquired by this and other successor groups.

Dr. Chaim Yachil, deputy chief of the Israel Purchasing Mission, called on Acting Bavarian President Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, to discuss the Israel reparations agreement, particularly as it affects Bavaria, and the problems of refugees, notably those who returned to Bavaria "illegally" from Israel.

AUSTRIAN CABINET SHOWS NO UNITY ON REPARATIONS TALKS WITH JEWS

VIENNA, July 5. (JTA) -- Major differences are reported to have developed between members of the Austrian Cabinet with regard to the Jewish demands for reparations which are now being negotiated here. While it is known that Chancellor Julius Raab is interested in bringing the negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion, Foreign Minister Dr. Karl Gruber abstains from displaying any interest in them.

The attitude of the Foreign Minister is provoking a good deal of speculation here as to his stand. A more positive interest in the matter was expected from him as the person who is watching developments abroad concerning Austria. It is hoped that Dr. Gruber will make clear his position in the course of the next few days.

ISRAEL EMISSARY TO LEAVE ON MISSION FOR EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- Shmuel Ben Tsur, head of the East European Division of the Israeli Foreign Office, will leave next week for a tour of East European capitals, it was reported today in the Sunday Observer in a cable from Tel Aviv.

The leading British Sunday newspaper regards this as an indication that Israel is prepared to try to obtain the approval of East European governments for the emigration of Jews from their countries to Israel. The paper also believes that Israel will resume diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union "if resummptions are feasible without Israel having to give up her anti-communist attitude."

JEWISH AGENCY ASKED TO PERMIT FUND-RAISING FOR YOUTH ALIYAH

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's plenary session yesterday heard Moshe Kol, head of Youth Aliyah, report that the organization now maintains 240 educational institutions with 13,500 pupils, most of them from Moslem countries.

Half of the Youth Aliyah budget is covered by the Jewish Agency and the rest by various campaigns, led by that of Hadassah in the United States. Mr. Kol urged that the Youth Aliyah be permitted to conduct its own fund-raising campaigns and urged all Zionist federations to aid the organizations programs.

TOMBSTONE UNVEILED ON ELIEZER KAPLAN'S GRAVE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- On the first anniversary of the death of Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's first Minister of Finance, a tombstone was unveiled today on his grave in the presence of President Itzhak Ben Zvi and all members of the Israel Cabinet and the Jewish Agency executive.

ISRAEL PREMIER STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR UNIFIED SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

TEL AVIV, July 5. (JTA) -- Launching what he called a "persuasion campaign" regarding a unified system of education in Israel, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion today told a Mapai teachers' conference that "state education is the most important step to mold our presently divided tribes and sections into one Israeli nation."

The Premier emphasized that statehood was "labor's glorious achievement since the majority of Israelis are laborers." He pointed out that there exist wide gaps in educational approaches in Israel, and noted that a father in a certain settlement cannot send his son to a school of his own preference. Internal differences in the labor movement in Israel, Mr. Ben Gurion said, prevent even a unified form of labor education.

State education, Mr. Ben Gurion continued, would "serve to create one united nation, and would also bring about one united labor nation." He emphasized that state education did not aim at totalitarian education, since "we believe in human freedom." The Israel leader said that under a system of state education, students would study agriculture, handicrafts and would receive Chalutzic training in order to "create citizens who believe in freedom, equality, justice and love for others."

Education Minister Ben Zion Dinur said that the education bill now before the Knesset is aimed at creating "an Israel citizen who is beyond any class or party differences." He said that under the proposed law, "teachers would be obliged to teach according to the country's education program" and warned against any attempts to undermine the law.

Mr. Dinur promised that the new education plan would train a young generation to observe Israel's holidays and to have a positive approach to agriculture and manual labor. "We cannot accept a situation where only 36 percent of the inhabitants are engaged in physical labor," he stated. "We must bring about a revolution in this field, and we must make our youth love work." He added that teachers in Israel should be like the President - "above all private opinions or party or class politics."

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS 2,000,000 DUNAMS OF LAND TO J. N. F.

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- An agreement to transfer 2,000,000 dunams of abandoned land to the Jewish National Fund was signed today between the Israel Government and the JNF. The bulk of the land is agricultural on which nearly 400 Jewish settlements have already been established. Today the land was officially handed over by the government to the Jewish National Fund.

A smallholder-type of settlement for Iranian Jews who are scheduled to arrive in Israel in three months--and who will contribute to the cost of the settlement--was inaugurated in southern Israel. It is expected that by the time the Iranians arrive here, the settlement will have its own irrigation system and permanent houses.

JEW SENTENCED IN ISRAEL FOR STEALING MILITARY SECRETS

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- A Jew who sold Israel military secrets to a neighboring country was sentenced here to 14 years' imprisonment. The spy, who is not an Israel citizen, contacted the agent of a neighboring country, in a European capital.

AUNT OF FINALY CHILDREN PLANS TO TAKE THEM TO ISRAEL

PARIS, July 5. (JTA) -- Mrs. Hendig Rosner of Israel, aunt of Robert and Gerald Finaly--the two Jewish orphans who were placed by the French court under her guardianship after a long battle with their Roman Catholic guardian--today declared that she plans to take the youngsters to Israel to live with her, but not until they have been prepared for the new life that awaits them there.

Mrs. Rosner, who arrived here from Israel, is now staying with the two boys at the private Jewish estate at St. Leonard, near Paris. She said she is generally pleased with their physical and mental condition, but noted that the experiences they have undergone and the agitation that has surrounded them have had their effect on the youngsters. Her husband, and Otto Schwartz, an uncle of the boys, will join her in France to get acquainted with the children and to help prepare them for Israel.

Mrs. Rosner declared that she would not question the children on their past experiences and said that anything they volunteered would remain with her and would not be transmitted to the judicial authorities. "We have no desire to use the boys as informers," she said.

UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM OPENS WORLD PARLEY IN LONDON

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The four-day international conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism was opened here today by Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck, veteran leader of the movement, who called on Progressive Jewry to take the lead in showing the world the Jewish approach to the problems confronting mankind. But this, Dr. Baeck declared, could only be done when the Progressives become fully aware of historic facts and the facts of today and "one of the most momentous facts of today is the State of Israel."

Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College, in the United States, who is president designate of the World Union, told delegates from five continents that religion emphasizes the importance of the individual in democracy. "We dare not shirk our responsibility by pleading ineffectiveness of our personal influence," he said.

CANADIAN JEWISH DIPLOMAT TO BECOME AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL

OTTAWA, July 5. (JTA) -- Sidney D. Pierce, the only Jew in Canada's top diplomatic service, will soon be named Canadian Ambassador to Brazil, it was learned here today.

The son of the late Asher Pierce, founder of Gan Hayim in Israel, Mr. Pierce is a former newspaperman who joined the Department of Munitions and Supply in 1940, spending four years in its Washington office where he became director-general. After joining the External Affairs Department in 1944, he served in a number of capacities, and in 1947 was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Mexico.

In July 1950, he was given leave of absence from the External Affairs Department after the outbreak of war in Korea to become associate deputy minister of Trade and Commerce. A year or so later he returned to the External Affairs Department and was named Canadian Minister to Washington.

SWEDISH COURT REJECTS APPEAL OF ANTI-SEMITIC ON PAYMENT OF FINE

STOCKHOLM, July 5. (JTA) -- The Court of Appeals has quashed an appeal by the notorious Swedish anti-Semite, Einar Aaberg, against a fine of 360 Swedish crowns imposed on him some time ago for distributing pamphlets libeling Jews.

JEWISH GROUPS URGE SCREENING OF NAZI AND COMMUNIST REFUGEES

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- Nazis, Fascists and Communists, should be excluded with equal rigor from the United States under the bill pending in Congress for admission of 240,000 refugees and displaced persons, 36 national and local Jewish organizations urged today.

In a letter to Senator Arthur V. Watkins, who sponsored the bill, the National Community Relations Advisory Council expressed dissatisfaction on behalf of the 36 groups, with the security provisions of the measure as they now stand. Those provisions rigorously exclude Communists but are much less severe with regard to Nazis and Fascists. The Jewish organizations urged that all should be barred equally.

The NCRAC suggested that a provision already approved by the Senate as part of another pending measure be substituted for the present provision in the Watkins Bill. The provision recommended by the Jewish organizations would exclude all members and former members of all Nazi, Fascist, or Communist organizations, unless they could prove that their membership had been involuntary or that they had been under 16 at the time and that they had been for at least five years sincerely opposed to totalitarian ideologies.

The NCRAC emphasized that it was conveying the views of the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the United Synagogue of America and 30 Jewish community councils throughout the country. All are constituents of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

RIFKIND ASSUMES LEADING POST IN THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- Simon H. Rifkind, former United States District Judge, today assumed the duties as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the American Jewish Committee, succeeding Herbert B. Ehrmann who is now a vice-president.

Mr. Rifkind served in the American occupation zone of Germany in 1945 and 1946 as Advisor on Jewish Affairs to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commanding General. He was named a Federal judge for the Southern District of New York by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941. In 1950 he resigned to resume the practice of law.

AMERICAN TEACHERS PLAN TO ENTER ISRAEL'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- Twenty-two Americans who have enrolled in "Ulpanim," intensive Hebrew language courses for foreign visitors, sponsored by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, sailed for Israel this week-end. The group includes several teachers from New York, Philadelphia and Chicago who plan to enter Israel's school system after completing the course and a number of other professionals.

Most of the Americans will attend the five-month "Ulpan" for English-speaking students at Maayan Zvi, a settlement on Israel's coastal plain south of Haifa. The teachers have enrolled in a special Jerusalem "Ulpan" of two months duration designed to prepare them for positions in Israel schools. Arrangements for American enrollment in "Ulpanim" are made by the Jewish Agency's Aliyah Department in New York. Courses are of five or six months duration running consecutively throughout the year.