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## BUNDESTAG VOTES TO PAY INDEMNIFICATION TO VICTIMS OF NAZISM

BONN, July 29. (JTA) -- The Bundestag, Lower House of the West German Parliament, today passed by a large majority a compromise version of the bill providing Federal indemnification payments to victims of the Nazis. Only the Communist deputies and a handful of rightists voted against the bill which was pledged by the Bonn Government in its reparations agreement with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The Bundesrat, the Upper House of Parliament, must still approve the bill if it is to become law. Should it fail to act favorably this time, the measure will be scuttled at least until next year and possibly longer because Parliament will be dissolved this week-end.

Two weeks ago the Bundesrat rejected another version of the bill, but it is not expected to do so this time. The current version was worked out by a conference committee of both Houses.

Dr. George Josephthal, Jewish Agency treasurer and head of the Israel corporation to handle the German reparations, arrived in Cologne today to inspect the Israel purchasing mission office here. He will also visit Munich and then proceed to Geneva to attend the Third Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, which opens there August 4.

## SENATE VOTES FOR ADMISSION OF 209,000 ALIENS ABOVE QUOTA

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- The Senate voted today to admit within three years 209,000 above-quota immigrants in response to President Eisenhower's request for emergency legislation to admit victims of Communism and overcrowding in Europe. The vote was 63 to 30.

Before the measure was brought to a vote on the Senate floor a compromise deal was made between Administration forces and the anti-immigration elements led by Sen. Pat McCarran. It was reported that the Administration agreed not to seek any change in the McCarran-Walter Act at this time. In return, Sen. McCarran reportedly consented to allow the bill to go through without a bitter fight on the Senate floor.

Last night the House passed a version of the same bill calling for admission of 217,000 over a period of three years. The two versions now go to a Senate-House conference committee where differences will be compromised and ironed out. The President's original request was for 240,000 persons to be admitted in the next two years.

Although President Eisenhower envisioned the measure as a move to relieve Europeans, a claim was made that it "discriminated" against Palestinian Arab

refugees. An amendment favoring the admission of 2,000 Arabs was written into the House version.

The present bill actually benefits extremely few persons of the Jewish faith, but it is being supported as a matter of principle by major Jewish organizations. Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said: "To present this bill as a fulfillment of the promises made in the past or as a remedy for the defects noted in the McCarran-Walter Act would be a fraud upon the American people." Sen. Lehman pointed out that "this bill not only does nothing about the basic defects in the McCarran-Walter Act - it accepts and adopts those defects."

Nevertheless, Sen. Lehman stated he would vote for the present bill because he felt its overall purpose was humanitarian. He said, however, that he wished to make it unmistakably clear that the bill "is no substitute for basic revisions in one of the worst statutes I have ever known, one of the most shameful laws ever to be written on the statute books of the United States." He referred to the McCarran-Walter Act.

#### DEVELOPMENT BUDGET OF 145,000,000 POUNDS PRESENTED TO KNESSET

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- A 145,000,000 pound development budget was today presented to the Israel Parliament. Debate on the document will begin next week.

The income for the capital budget will come mostly from reparations proceeds from Germany, United States grant-in-aid funds, funds which Israel will raise to match American contributions, and the proceeds of the Independence State of Israel Bond issue. It is expected that the German reparations will furnish 54,500,000 pounds.

The largest expenditures envisioned in the document are: 47,000,000 pounds for agricultural purposes, 13,400,000 pounds for housing; 12,400,000 pounds for community aid; and 11,500,000 pounds for industrial purposes. A new item in the development budget is 2,750,000 pounds for materials for fortifications and 4,250,000 pounds for strengthening defense positions in various parts of the country.

For the development of the city of Jerusalem 2,800,000 pounds is asked, with 120,000 pounds assigned to beautifying the tomb of Theodor Herzl, on Mt. Zion. Nine hundred and twenty thousand pounds is set aside for road construction, 60,000 for port development at Elath and various sums for increasing cattle and sheep herds as well as the acreage devoted to citrus and other crops.

The budget visualizes the establishment of 2,541 farming units in new settlements and 1,148 in old settlements. Some 22,000,000 pounds has been set aside for aiding Arab village agriculture.

#### COMMANDER OF ISRAEL POLICE IN NORTH WOUNDED BY ARAB RAIDERS

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- The commander of Israeli police forces in Northern Israel was wounded today when a band of Arab infiltrators opened fire on the police car in which he was travelling on a patrol of the roads in the northern region. After an exchange of shots with the police, the raiders withdrew toward the Lebanese border.

A worsening of the shortage of bread and flour in Jordan has been reflected in increased smuggling of those items across the Israel border to the Arab state, it was learned here today. One of the major centers of the bread-flour smuggling business is the village of Beth Shafafa, half of which lies in Israel and half in Jordan territory.

NEW ELECTION LAW ELIMINATING SMALL PARTIES DISCUSSED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- A special Ministerial committee met here last night to consider the proposed government election law limiting representation in Parliament to those parties which command ten percent of the total vote in a national election.

The committee, consisting of representatives of the four parties in the coalition, came to no decision. Minister without portfolio Pinchas Lavon and Minister of Health Joseph Serlin, representing the Mapai and General Zionists, respectively, favored the law. Minister of Justice Dr. Pinchas Rosen and Minister of Religion Moshe Shapira, of the Progressive and Poale Mizrahi Parties, opposed the law. The General Zionists entered the coalition on the understanding that such a measure would be proffered by the government.

After the meeting, Benjamin Mintz, speaking for the religious elements in the coalition, declared that "if the bill is passed it will rob the smaller parties of representation in the Knesset." A Progressive spokesman later said that the tendency to create a two party system in Israel will "only harm Israel's democracy."

The proposed electoral law provides that the country shall be divided into 30 electoral districts, with each district electing three deputies to Parliament. The remaining 30 members of the 120-man Knesset shall be made up of representatives of the parties receiving more than ten percent of the total vote.

Meanwhile, the praesidium of the coalition parties represented in the Knesset met last night to act on the deteriorating of relations among the government partners. Two developments have played important parts in creating friction: consideration of the ten percent electoral law; and, the abstention of the Mizrahi and Poale Mizrahi parties from the voting on the National Service Bill for women.

ISRAEL NEGOTIATES WITH BULGARIA FOR EMIGRATION OF JEWS VIA TURKEY

ISTANBUL, July 29. (JTA) -- The Israeli Charge d'Affaires in Sofia is negotiating with the Bulgarian authorities for Bulgarian Jews to emigrate to Israel via Turkey, it was learned here today.

The Bulgarian authorities have thus far refused to permit the Jews to leave via Turkey, although the Turkish Government has agreed, at the request of the Jewish Agency, to permit them to move through Turkey. It is hoped that the current negotiations with Bulgarian authorities will result in permission to use this route and will enable the early migration of some 3,000 Bulgarian Jews.

POLICE CHECK ON THREAT TO "BLOW UP" ISRAEL CONSULATE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- Thirty New York policemen searched the Israel Consulate here for nearly an hour yesterday after an anonymous telephone caller threatened to "blow up" the building. No bombs were found and the 50 employees of the Consulate who had been evacuated after the threat was received, shortly after noon, returned to their desks.

Police officials gave two versions of the threat. One was: "This is underground America. Your consulate will be blown up within an hour." The second version was: "This is the American branch of the religious underground of Israel. You're in danger. Your place will be blown up within the hour."

## GERMAN SUPREME COURT RELEASES WITHOUT BAIL LEADER OF NAZI PLOT

BONN, July 29. (JTA) -- The West German Supreme Court at Karlsruhe yesterday released without bail Werner Naumann, arrested last January by the British occupation authorities as the head of a new Nazi conspiracy.

The court, which said that the ruling would not prejudice the government's case against Naumann, a former high official in Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry, declared that there was no "urgent suspicion" against Naumann. It added that there was no danger of his fleeing nor hampering the investigation of the plot. "

## ISRAEL AIR LINES TO ACQUIRE MODERN U. S. EQUIPMENT FOR PLANES

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- The El Al Israel Airlines today announced that it intends to conclude financial arrangements in the United States for the purchase of modern long-range equipment. The announcement was made by Herbert Cranko, El Al's director of finance, who is now on a special mission in this country.

"We have studied thoroughly and with the greatest of interest all new developments in commercial aircraft production, especially in Great Britain and the United States. We have come to the conclusion that the most advanced American equipment will best fit in with our plans of future expansion," Mr. Cranko stated. He described El Al's pioneering spirit as typical of Israel.

"Our first all-tourist season has proved highly successful," Mr. Cranko added. "And we are satisfied that our decision to convert our entire service to tourist class was sound. With new luxury hotels now being completed, and with the new favorable rate of exchange, a tour of Israel will rank among the most attractive bargains available to the American tourist. "

Describing El Al's record as one of the most important economic developments in the young State of Israel, Mr. Cranko emphasized the airline's role as a dollar earner and saver. He paid tribute to the "farsightedness and confidence" of Chase National Bank which had enabled the airline to effect its transition to modern equipment.

## El Al Enters Fifth Year of Operation with Perfect Safety Record

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- The "perfect passenger safety record" of the El Al Israel Airlines during the four years of its existence was emphasized here today in a statement issued by the airline, which is marking the beginning of its fifth year of international operation.

The statement, issued by Dr. Dror Galezer, American manager of finance and administration at the airline's headquarters here, revealed that El Al is one of the few international airlines to show a profit since its first full year in operation. Yehuda Koppel, commercial manager for the Western Hemisphere, said in an anniversary statement that the company now carries passengers and cargo to 15 countries on four continents and that its passenger traffic has tripled since 1949.

Louis A. Pincus, El Al's managing director, stated that El Al Israel Airlines had begun as a necessity and had proved itself to be a vital factor in the security and development of the State of Israel. "Today," Mr. Pincus added, "it has become the principal limb binding Israel with the rest of the world, and especially with the Jews of countries outside of Israel. "

## J. D. C. CONVERTS SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL INTO VILLAGE FOR AGED

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee's welfare program in Israel, has purchased the entire settlement of Kibbutz Hashlisha including buildings and grounds for conversion into a village for some 700 aged and ill immigrants to Israel.

The residents of the Malben village will live in 45 buildings which were left by the former owners, who have set up another kibbutz elsewhere. The future inhabitants of the village are currently in an immigrant village at Pardess Hanna where they are also under Malben's care.

## 260 ORT TRADE SCHOOLS IN 19 COUNTRIES RECEIVE NEW EQUIPMENT

GENEVA, July 30. (JTA) -- Machinery, tools and other materials worth \$230,000 were distributed to ORT vocational schools in 19 countries last year, according to a report published today by the central office of the World ORT Union here. "This infusion of goods and commodities went to maintain up-to-date standards of equipment in the 260 trade schools and courses and contributed to the high level of ORT technical education," the report said.

Much of the material was used to set up new teaching units in Israel and North Africa. The ORT Tool Supply Corporation, which was established to handle distribution in Israel of tools and machines to artisans, received 350 sewing machines, 45 shoe finishing machines, 30 knitting machines and five metal shapers during the past six months. This is in addition to items forwarded to the 18 Israeli ORT vocational centers.

The purchasing program is directed from Geneva headquarters, which secured the markets in machinery of Denmark, Sweden, the United States, Holland, Switzerland, England and France in search of the type of supplies required, many of them precision machines and special devices.

## DENVER JEWISH HOSPITAL SUFFERS \$250,000 DAMAGES FROM FLOOD

DENVER, July 29. (JTA) -- Damage and loss in excess of \$250,000 was sustained by the National Jewish Hospital when more than 3,000,000 gallons of water and mud flooded the kitchen, store rooms, tunnels and other installations at this B'nai B'rith philanthropy in a recent Denver cloudburst, it was established here today.

Although hardest hit of any place in the city, the hospital was able to maintain uninterrupted service to its 280 patients, including 50 children. This was achieved by speedy adaptation to the emergency conditions and with the cooperation of governmental agencies and volunteering citizens. The flood resulted from failure of a nearby sewer to accept the enormous quantity of water produced by the violent storm.

## JEWISH FRATERNAL ORDER LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR KOREAN RELIEF

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish fraternal organization, numbering 70,000 families, today launched a national clothes-gathering campaign for Korean relief.

Responding immediately to the appeal of President Eisenhower to keep faith with our South Korean allies, the Workmen's Circle has called upon its 700 chapters throughout the United States to throw all their resources into the campaign to get much needed clothing to Korea before the approach of winter.