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## BONN CABINET FORMALLY APPROVES GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION LAW

BONN, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The West German Cabinet gave formal approval today to the law which was passed by the West German Parliament last week to provide payment of indemnities to individual victims of Nazis.

The law, which will become effective in October, was adopted on the basis of an agreement reached between the West German Government and the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. It provides for the payment, over a period of nine years, of about \$1,000,000,000 in German currency to persons who suffered under the Nazi regime.

Eligible for indemnification under the new law are persons who suffered bodily injury, loss of liberty, loss of property and deprivation of professional careers because of race, religion and political beliefs. It is assumed that more than half of the persons entitled to compensation under this law are Jews.

(In London, the United Restitution Office issued a statement today terming the West German indemnification law as "not fair and inappropriate" in some of its provisions. Organizations which have been sponsoring the United Restitution Office since its inception have approached the Conference on Jewish Material Claims with a request that it assume financial responsibility for the URO budget out of the German reparations funds.)

## ISRAEL AIRFORCE PLANE MISSING IN FLIGHT OVER MEDITERRANEAN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Israel military headquarters announced today that a two-engined plane of the Israeli Air Force has been missing since this morning on a training flight over the Mediterranean. Day-long searches failed to disclose any traces of the craft.

A military spokesman also revealed today that for the third time within the week armed Arab groups made an attempt this morning to penetrate into Israel territory near Jerusalem. The attempt was checked after a two-hour fight between the considerable number of Arabs and an Israeli border patrol. Members of the U. N. Mixed Armistice Commission proceeded to the site of the clash to make an on-the-spot investigation.

Gen. Vagn Bennike, United Nations truce chief, visited the Israel Foreign Office in Jerusalem today prior to his departure for New York in connection with the forthcoming session of the U. N. General Assembly. He discussed various matters with high officials of the Foreign Office.

JEWS PROVOKES DEBATE AT WJC ASSEMBLY

-- A verbal duel over the absence of delegates from countries behind the Iron Curtain at the plenary assembly here, took place last night between Dr. Nahum Goldmann of the WJC, and Sidney Silvermann, member of the British delegation from England.

That the absence of delegations from the Iron Curtain countries drew prompt response from Dr. Goldmann who gave his efforts to make contact with affiliated organizations in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria formally withdrew from the Congress. "They wrote us that they did not want to have anything to do with Jewish organizations affiliated with us in Poland, Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia. They responded to the invitations we sent them through official channels."

Congress Leaders Arrested, Dr. Goldmann Reveals

Dr. Goldmann continued, "with the arrest of World Jewish Congress leaders in those countries, we have neither a place to which we could address our communications. The letters were cryptic and formal, and signed by unknown persons in the form of memoranda which they wished to pass on to their superiors."

Dr. Goldmann told the British delegate that Jews from the Iron Curtain countries had resolutions which they had unanimously supported during the World Jewish Congress at Montreux in 1948. "Nor did they object to the resolutions on the executive of the WJC which they were urged to support."

Dr. Goldmann referred specifically to resolutions adopted at the Montreux Congress regarding world Jewry's claims for reparations from Germany, the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, the campaign of vilification which the Communists launched in the countries behind the Iron Curtain when he made his claims on Communist governments.

Jews Attributed to East-West Conflict

Dr. Goldmann said, "vilified me as an 'agent of Marshall's lackey of capitalism,' a 'stooge for Chancellor Adenauer of the Jewish masses.' Nevertheless, I would concede my power to restore relationships with Jewish people. The animosity which exists between Jews is none of their making, but between the East and the West."

Dr. Goldmann asked the floor to withdraw his personal references to Dr. Adenauer. "I regretted, "were couched in words which went beyond the only point I want to stress," he said, "was that in

spite of everything that has happened since our last plenary assembly in 1949 contend that it would have been better if we had invited delegations from certain countries to this assembly. "

Pro-Soviet Delegate Checked in Attempt to Attack U. S.

Moshe Erem, a pro-Soviet Mapam delegate from Israel, addressing the assembly, questioned the objectivity of Dr. Goldmann. He charged that Dr. Goldmann omitted in his presidential address any reference to fascist and anti-Semitic organizations which, he claimed, are conducting their activities openly also in the United States. "I notice particularly that the World Jewish Congress remains insensitive to anti-Semitic manifestations stemming out of the Ethel and Julius Rosenberg case in the U. S.," he said.

Louis Segal, leader of the American Zionist Laborites, was the first to take issue with Mr. Erem. "Why did you not complain of the fact that Dr. Goldmann did not include the Slansky trial in Prague in his report?" he asked the Israeli delegate. It was at the Slansky trial where most outspoken anti-Jewish speeches were delivered. Mr. Segal pointed out that the Jews in the Communist countries are afraid both as citizens of those countries and as Jews "because they are subjected to anti-Semitism which is deeply rooted."

Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, of New York, similarly criticized Mr. Erem for attempting to raise the Rosenberg case as an issue at the WJC plenary Assembly. He pointed out that the case was not a matter of specific Jewish interest and was therefore, not subject for any action on the part of the World Jewish Congress. "The suggestion that the Jewish community has any special obligation in the matter is sheer nonsense," he stated.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE TAKES ISSUE WITH DR. GOLDMANN'S

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Issue was taken here today by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, with a statement made by Dr. Goldmann at the plenary assembly of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva. He reportedly said that "there is no other state in the world where nearly 90% of the people live outside of it."

Mr. Blaustein said that this view "is refuted by virtually all Jews in the world, including the United States." He quoted a statement of views adopted by the American Jewish Committee in January 1949 which declared that "citizens of the United States are Americans and citizens of Israel are Israelis; this we affirm in all its implications." The president of the American Jewish Committee emphasized that in making this assertion his organization "reflected the overwhelming opinion of the Jews of the United States."

Mr. Blaustein also took issue with the part of Dr. Goldmann's statement at the Geneva parley in which he urged Jews from the Western countries to immigrate to Israel. "Jews throughout the world," Mr. Blaustein said in his statement, "support Israel and will continue to support it. But there is a sharp difference between friendly aid to Israel by Jews all over the world on the basis of a sense of comradeship motivating mutual help, and an obligation to immigrate into that country."

"Those Jews who of their own volition wish to go to Israel or need to do so will of course do so," the statement continued. "This is a matter of individual choice. But to speak of immigration to Israel as a duty of Jews throughout the world is to subvert the basic conception of citizenship and to assume that the only place where Jews can live in security and dignity. We reject this doctrine unqualifiedly and in so doing we are confident that we speak in behalf of virtually every American Jew."

TERATES OPPOSITION TO DRAFTING OF GIRLS

(TA) -- The Chief Rabbinical Council of Israel today re-  
National Service Bill which provides for the drafting of  
ary service.

binical Council is urging all the religious groups in the  
ate parliamentary crisis when the bill is to be voted  
and not to leave the coalition Cabinet.

ical Council, made after prolonged deliberations, is  
rachi, the Zionist Orthodox Laborites, as giving a free  
he Parliament to vote in favor of the bill if Hapoel  
posals are accepted.

roposals provide that the religious girls drafted for  
a right to choose the place where they wish to serve;  
ing committees should be composed of members of  
e Ministry for Religious Affairs should share responsi-  
of the National Service Bill for religious girls.

'ATROCITY' CHARGES BY ARAB DEPUTIES

(TA) -- Acting Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon cate-  
rab charges that Israeli forces had perpetrated "atroc-  
village of Tirah after an Israel Air Force plane had  
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as in reply to a motion by the three Arab members of  
the search. He told them: "We thoroughly investigated  
the slightest doubt that the plane was shot at, and hit,  
immediate neighborhood, although this does not neces-  
abitants committed the crime."

charge against the search party, Mr. Lavon said that  
fications about atrocities and I don't doubt that the  
ate many such fabrications."

to the search party to abstain from touching persons  
were fully carried out, the Acting Defense Minister  
Arab citizenry to assist Israel actively in the petty war  
petty war continues and part of our inhabitants stand idly  
these inhabitants more than the State."

USALEM ISSUE ON AGENDA OF U. N. ASSEMBLY

, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Arab delegations at the United  
ay to decide whether to request the inclusion on the  
Assembly a complaint against the transfer of Israel's  
Aviv to Jerusalem.

emanding that such a request be placed on the agenda  
on September 15. However, there seems to be no una-  
of nations at the U. N. on this issue. The six Arab dele-  
Iraqi offices in New York, and after listening to Bagh-  
d to meet again Tuesday for a final decision.

CANADIAN PARTIES ASKED TO SHUN JEWISH ISSUE DURING ELECTIONS

MONTREAL, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- An appeal to the political parties and candidates contesting the Canadian elections to shun introduction of a Jewish issue in the national election through special appeals for Jewish support was issued by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In an open letter addressed to all parties and their candidates, the Congress expressed concern that various candidates appealed for support specifically to Jewish citizens "on the ground that their parties or candidates would advance the interests of the Jewish community."

The letter pointed out that "there is no such thing as a Jewish vote and it will be judged by the Jewish citizens in accordance with their personal views." It urged all political groups and candidates "at all times to refrain from religious appeals and to keep sectional attitudes involving our religious or constitutional issues out of public election debate."

PHILADELPHIA MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY MAY BECOME HISTORIC

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A bill to establish the historic cemetery of the Congregation Mikveh Israel here as a historic shrine has been introduced in the City Council.

The bill, providing an appropriation of \$5,000 for the cemetery's maintenance, is now pending in the appropriations committee which is expected to report favorably on it to the council. The cemetery dates back to the pre-Revolutionary era. It is the final resting place of Solomon, American Jewish patriot of the Revolution, is buried there.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH FUND RAISING SYSTEM EVOKES HIGH PRAISE

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The fund-raising system of South African Jewry is superior to that of English Jews, Dr. A. Cohen, president of the South African Association of Deputies of British Jews, declared here today, addressing a meeting of the Communal Fund campaign workers.

Dr. Cohen pointed out that despite the fact that the Jews in England hold the largest campaigns for Israel and the Jews in South Africa are conducting only biennial campaigns, the per capita contribution of South African Jewry is ahead of that of British Jewry. The United Communal Fund campaign this year will be headed by Mayor Hyman Miller, the Jewish Mayor of Johannesburg.

BRAZILIAN SOCIALIST PARTY LAUDS ISRAEL'S SOCIAL REFORMS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Socialist Party of Brazil, at its national convention here, adopted a resolution of greetings to the Government of Israel and to the Mapai Party in Israel. The resolution emphasized that Israel's social reforms in the field of agriculture stand as an example to other nations.

200 IRANIAN JEWS SAIL FOR ISRAEL FROM A TURKISH PORT

ISTANBUL, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A new group of 200 Iranian Jewish emigrants sailed from the Turkish port of Alexandretta today for Israel aboard the Turkish ship "Yildirim". Ten young men and women, from the ORT school in Teheran, also are on board the ship. Most of the emigrants are middle-aged, poor people coming from the rural towns in Iran.