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SECOND SHIP WITH-GERMAN REPARATIONS GOODS ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The second vessel to bring German reparations goods to Israel arrived at Haifa this morning and was escorted to its berth by three police launches. The unloading of the cargo--chiefly iron and chemicals--began immediately.

Ben Menachem, director-general of the Israeli Post Office, arrived in Germany today to survey the possibilities of obtaining under the terms of the reparations part equipment needed to expand Israel's postal services.

BEN GURION DISCUSSES JERUSALEM ISSUE WITH U.S. CHURCH LEADERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- "We have not established the Israeli capital in Jerusalem; it was King David who established Jerusalem as Israel's capital," Premier David Ben Gurion today told a group of 38 Christian educators and clergymen who have been travelling through the Near East. The group, headed by John Hoffman, president of the Winona Lake School of Theology, left here today after a three-day visit.

The Premier met with the group at his vacation headquarters on Mt. Carmel. He agreed to submit to their questioning and the meeting lasted half an hour. At the end of it, one of the Americans commented that they had learned more about the problem of Israel and the Middle East in the short session than during their tours of Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The group also met with President Ben Zvi.

Replying to a question about the establishment of the State of Israel and the War of Liberation, Mr. Ben Gurion pointed out that "we had agreed to the United Nations resolution on partition, but on the second day (after the state was established) we were attacked. We are still being attacked." He said that the Arabs came across the Israeli borders then and are continuing to do so.

KNESSET PASSES BILL ON ISRAEL MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH MARTYRS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament tonight gave final approval to a bill to establish a memorial in Israel to the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis and their Fascist allies in Europe. The bill was passed unanimously, but the Herut deputies did not vote. Afterwards, the Knesset adjourned for a five-minute period of mourning for the victims.

The bill provides that the memorial be established in Jerusalem, and that as part of the memorial a research project be undertaken to collect documents pertaining to the Jews' heroic fight against their exterminators, such as the uprisings in various ghettoes. It also mentions the role of non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews. All exterminated individuals and communities will receive posthumous Israeli citizenship.

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ISRAEL PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE STUDIES JERUSALEM ECONOMIC SITUATION JERUSALEM. Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The Knesset Economic Committee vesterday

devoted a special meeting to discussing the economic affairs of Jerusalem. When the committee session closed last night, after hearing a number of representatives of various groups in the city, it still needed more time to work out a proposed program for lifting the capital city out of the economic doldrums.

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Representatives of industry in the city blamed the high cost of water and electric power for keeping down the city's industrial development. The builders and industrialists demanded that the government grant priority to projects designed to increase building and development in this city.

Other witnesses reviewed the food situation, pointing out that the city had been cut off from the rich Hebron area by the Arabs and that the settlements in the Jerusalem corridor had not yet developed to the point of fully supplying the local food market. As a result, much of the city's produce must be shipped in from a distance, raising the cost of food to a higher level than in any other area of the country. In addition, it was stated, the area's inability to become self-sufficient was a danger to its defense situation.

that if the temporary immigrant villages in the city's vicinity were liquidated and permanent housing built for them, the building industry would boom locally and would help the economic situation. A number of specific proposals were also made by officials of the Trade and Industry Ministry.

Labor officials, reporting on the unemployment situation in Jerusalem, suggested

An agreement was signed last night by the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency for the construction of a convention center in Jerusalem, part of which would be used by the Israel Parliament. It is estimated that the buildings used by the Knesset will cost 2,500,000 pounds,

ISRAEL SENDS CLOTHING AND MEDICINE TO GREEK VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- A quantity of clothing and medical supplies and a jeep--assembled locally--were today flows by El Al Israel National Airlines to Greece for the benefit of victims of the recent earthquakes in the Ionian Islands. The supplies were donated by Israeli business firms.

When the Israeli flotilla which helped rescue, feed and clothe earthquake victims anchored in the harbor of Piraeus, on the Greek mainland, yesterday, Greek notables as well as army and navy officers of high rank visited the Israeli commander to express thanks for the assistance given by his men. (In Athens yesterday, a report of the United States Sixth Fleet on the rescue operations, said that the four Israeli frigates which joined the American and British forces in the rescue work had done "valuable work" in evacuating casualties from the islands to the mainland.)

GERMANY AND YEMEN REPORTED ENTERING INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

BONN, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Germany and Yemen will enter into diplomatic relations shortly, it was agreed this week-end at talks held in Cairo between representatives of both countries, according to reports received here today from the Egyptian capital. West Germany was represented at the conversations by Dr. Guenther Pawelke, its Ambassador to Cairo, and by Yemenite Prince Said Hassan.

Meanwhile, the Syrian Minister to Bonn, leaving Germany to take up a post in the Syrian Cabinet, told a press conference at Cologne that Arab-German relations had received a set-back by the conclusion of the German reparations pact with Israel. The Minister, Dr. A. Istuany, said that both Germany and Syria must make every effort to restore the former friendly relations which Germany had with the Araba.

GERMANY MAY GRANT LEGAL STATUS TO REGISTERED JEWISH "RETURNEES"

FRANKFURT, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The 687 Jewish returnees to Germany who registered with the Bavarian authorities up to last Monday will be granted legal status, it is widely believed here. However, future "illegals"--returnees who enter-Germany without visas and residence permits--will be severely dealt with, it is expected.

The Bavarian authorities are constructing a police post at Foehrenwald camp—the last remaining camp for Jewish DP's in Germany—and a staff of a dozen or more men will be based there. In addition, it is reported that a large number of plain—clothes men will be assigned to the camp. The nearly 700 "illegals" who registered in the census included a number from various German cities as well as those living in Foehrenwald.

J.D.C. EXPERTS HOLD TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION TO U.S.

GENEVA, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Joint Distribution Committee resettlement experts from nine European countries last night concluded a two-day conference here called to study the effects of the new refugee immigration act passed by Congress several weeks ago. The JDC men were joined by specialists of the United Service for New Americans and by other leaders in the refugee field.

During the meeting JDC migration officers drafted plans to give assistance to would-be immigrants to the United States and considered ways and means of speeding Jewish refugees to the U.S. it was indicated that JDC and USNA, which sponsored more than two-thirds of all refugees to enter the U.S. in the 1948-51 Truman DP immigrant program, will again spensor most of the Jewish refugees entering the U.S. unter the Eisenhower Administration's program.

In their reports, JDC officials stressed that most of the refugees registered with the agency's resettlement department are escapees from Communist countries who previously were victims of the Nazis. As such, it was pointed out, they are eligible to come to the U.S. under the new law.

Among the non-JDC specialists to address the conference were Dr. G. Van' Heuven Goedhart, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Ugo Carusi, former U.S. Commissioner for Immigration and Naturalization, former chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission and currently in charge of the refugee program of the Mutual Security Agency.

THREE-MONTH DELAY SEEN IN IMPLEMENTING NEW IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- It will require some three months of study and preparation of administrative regulations and procedures before United States immigration officials can put the new refugee immigration law into operation, it was reported here today. One of the complications in getting the program to admit 214,000 people under way, is that at the last minute Congress switched responsibility for implementation from the Mutual Security administration to the State Department.

The work of the voluntary organisations cooperating with the immigration program, isoluting the Joint Distribution Committee, will prove more difficult than under previous immigration laws, it was predicted. Among the new difficulties imposed by

Congress was the provision of the law which required that assurances of jobs and housing for prospective immigrants must be given on an individual, rather than a mass, basis.

Also, the law insists that each assurance shall be a personal obligation of the person submitting it. In the past the voluntary agencies assumed responsibility in many cases. Another obstacle is the law's requirement that no visa shall be issued unless complete information is available regarding the history of the applicant for at least two years immediately preceding the application.

EISENHOWER LAUDS BARUCH AT DEDICATION CEREMONY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- High tribute was paid today to Bernard Baruch by President Eisenhower, who interrupted his vacation in Colorado to fly to New York to participate in the dedication of Baruch Houses, a \$32,000,000 Federal slumclearance and low-rent housing project on the Lower East Side named after Dr. Simon Baruch, father of the American-Jewish "elder statesman."

President Eisenhower, who was the main speaker at the ceremony, emphasized his "deep friendship." for Bernard Baruch and stressed the great services performed by him for the United States. Mr. Baruch, who celebrated his 83rd birthday today, was also greeted by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a message expressing personal appreciation for the contributions which Mr. Baruch made in behalf of cementing American-British friendship.

M re than 2,600 guests attended today's dedication ceremony. In addition to President Eisenhower, the speakers included Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, Herbert Swope and high city officials. Francis Cardinal Spellman delivered the invocation. Bishop Charles F. Boynton blessed the 27-acre project which, when completed, will house 2,194 families. Rabbi Bernard J. Bamburger closed the ceremony with a benediction. After the President's address a bronze bust of Bernard Baruch was unveiled by his daughter.

Dr. Simon Baruch left East Prussia at the age of 15 and came to Camden, South Carolina, where he later married Miss Belle Wolfe, a seventh-generation American girl of a religious Jewish family. He studied medicine at South Carolina Medical College at Charleston and at the Medical College of Virginia. After his graduation in 1862, he joined the Confederate army as a surgeon.

Bernard Baruch is the second child of Dr. Baruch. He was born in Camden, but came to New York with his parents in 1881. His mother was especially happy over the move to New York because there was no synagogue in Camden, since there were very few Jews there at that time. In New York the Baruch family attended religious services regularly and young Bernard was taught Hebrew by Dr. Mendes, a Portuguese rabbi.

The New York press today carries editorials congratulating Bernard Baruch on his birthday and pointing out that the housing development is named after his "immigrant father." "These solid and substantial honors," says the Daily New, "are only fitting, we think, to the character and achievements of all the Baruch family's members. They have given just about as much to their country as their country has given to them. They are patriots in the finest sense of the word and they deserve well of the Republic."

The World-Telegram, in an editorial, stated: "Our birthday greeting to Mr. Baruch carries the wish that he will live to see more of his own ideas on public policies prevall, as he has lived to see his father's ideas on health and medicine become accepted."

AMERICAN TEACHERS URGED TO FIGHT RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

PEORIA, III., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- American teachers were urged last night to fight against racial, religious and national bigotry by Dr. George S. Counts, Professor of Education at Columbia University, in an address delivered at the 36th annual convention of the American Federation of Teachers which is taking place here.

"Discrimination," he said, "must vanish if Americans are to be true to their traditions and effectively lead the free world. In the measure that we are governed by the doctrine of racial, national or religious superiority our democracy will be corrupted at the core. We shall know in our hearts that we are false to our professions."

The consention voted to ban racial segregation in its 400 local unions throughout the nation. The delegates balloted 219 to 80 for the amendment to the constitution, and there was but one dissenting voice. The resolution noted that the federation was a leader among educational institutions and labor organizations in the fight against segregation.

FILM HOUSES IN PHOENIX SCRAP RACIAL DISCRIMINATION POLICY

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Motion picture theatre operators in this city, the capital of Arizona, have begun to scrap their policy of racial discrimination as the result of a campaign started by the local Anglo-Jewish newspaper, The Phoenix Jewish News.

Several weeks ago a group of Jewish women entertained a party of children from the county juvenile home and in the course of the day took them to a local movie. However, the management of the theatre refused to admit two of the children because they were Negroes.

The Jewish News published the story and it was subsequently reprinted by two metropolitan dailies. The publicity brought a reaction from the public and the theatre managers have begun to let down the color bar. Recently, the Phoenix school system dropped its policy of segregation.

SEVEN JEWISH CHAPLAINS IN KOREA THANKS AMERICAN JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Seven Jewish chaplains serving in Korea thanked American Jewry for the way it met "the religious, morale and recreational needs of our fighting forces" in an open letter released here today by the Jewish Welfare Board.

"We Jewish chaplains assure you that the tears of the first Jewish lad to be repatriated from an enemy PW camp--and his first shy smile of thanks for a gift from the Jewish women of America--were worth all the effort and expense that have gone into the maintenance of JWB's armed forces service program," the letter said.

The chaplains--Louis Barish, Meyer Blech, Nathan Estersohn, Milton J. Goldberg, Norman T. Goldberg, Murray I. Rothman and Howard Singer--called for continued support of the JWB program which they said is needed "to meet the undoubtedly greater morale and spiritual needs that are bound to arise" among Jewish service-men still in Korea.