

J T A

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC. 731 West 58th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Contents Copyright © 1953 by Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc. All rights reserved. Previous arrangement.

VOL. XX No. 178 - 35th year

Tuesday, September 15, 1953

GOLDMANN, RAAB MEET THURSDAY TO REOPEN AUSTRIAN REPARATIONS TALKS

VIENNA, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A meeting between Dr. Nahum Goldmann, representing world Jewish organizations, and Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab to reopen reparations talks recessed for the summer will take place Thursday, it was announced here today. The meeting was originally scheduled for last Saturday. Dr. Goldmann is expected to arrive here Wednesday.

Throughout the summer small mixed groups of Jewish and Austrian experts have been meeting to discuss details of various Jewish claims for restitution and reparations. However, the chief problem remains the Jewish demand that the Austrian Government make a lump sum payment in settlement of all Jewish heirless and unclaimed property.

When the talks were recessed the Jewish groups and the Austrian Government were far apart on the amount of the lump sum payment. Nevertheless, the Austrians closed the first phase of the negotiations with a statement of their eagerness to reach a mutually satisfactory settlement. Jewish circles here are hopeful that more will be achieved in the second stage of the negotiations than in the primary phase.

REPARATIONS EQUIPMENT WILL MODERNIZE ISRAEL'S TRANSPORTATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Reparations goods to be obtained from Germany will help Israel modernize its railroads, Haim Razily, director-general of the Communications Ministry, said today.

Mr. Razily revealed that a five-year modernization plan calls for linking Jerusalem and Tel Aviv by modern, comfortable coach service on 105-minute schedules; Haifa and Jerusalem on a three-hour schedule; and Tel Aviv and Haifa on a 75-minute run. The plan, which will adopt many proposals made by foreign railway experts, calls for replacement of present rolling stock by diesel and electric cars.

The government official declared that one of the purposes of the modernization program was to break the "strangle hold" of the bus cooperatives on passenger traffic among the major cities. He said that he believed that competition from the national railroads would force the cooperatives to improve their service.

Mr. Razily estimated that implementation of the modernization program would eventually save the country \$800,000 and 500,000 Israeli pounds.

ARAB MINORITY REPORTED CAUSING CONCERN TO ISRAEL AUTHORITIES

HAIFA, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Seven hundred Moslem, Druze and Christian notables were guests today of the Haifa municipality as part of the celebration of "Honor Your Neighbor Day" proclaimed by Mayor Abba Choushi.

The aim of the day was to "bring all sects in Israel nearer to each other." Traditional Oriental coffee and other Eastern delicacies were served the guests. Leading representatives of each of the major groups addressed the gathering.

Change Reported in Attitude of Israel's Arabs

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Formation of a "Friends of Abu Gosh Village," an organization of former members of the Palmach, Irgun and Stern Group, to fight the government's banishment of eight notables of the Arab village for either harboring infiltrators or refusing to cooperate with the government in locating infiltrators who bombed a Jewish school near the village, was reported today by the New York Times.

The Times dispatch reported that the Abu Gosh incident had focused attention on the problem of the Arab minority. It quoted officers of the military government in Arab areas as stating that the "Arabs were cooperating more and more with infiltrators from Arab states. They attributed the change to the growing belief among Arabs that the Jewish state would be short lived and that they must avoid doing anything that might brand them as collaborators lest they be avenged when the Arabs reconquered Israel.

"Military circles said the change in the Arab attitude could be attributed to three factors: Reports that the United States will supply modern arms to Arab Governments, strong regimes in Egypt and Syria and intensification of guerrilla activities by infiltrators," the Times stated.

EGYPTIANS RELEASE GREEK FREIGHTER CARRYING ISRAELI CARGO

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Egyptian authorities late yesterday released the 946-ton Greek freighter Parnon which they had been holding at Port Said since Sept. 2nd when they halted it for carrying a cargo of asphalt to be unloaded at the Israeli port of Eilat and a number of automobiles assembled in Israel and shipped to East African ports.

Agents for the Greek vessel immediately announced here that they were prepared to take on further cargoes for Eilat and East African ports to be delivered via the Suez Canal. The agents stressed the fact that shipments to Eilat via the Canal were one-third cheaper than shipments overland through the Negev.

(The Associated Press reported today from Port Said that the Egyptians had removed 3,000 barrels of asphalt and a number of automobile tires from the Parnon before clearing the vessel out of Port Said.)

The Israeli Cabinet last week instructed the Israel delegation at the United Nations to protest to the Security Council against Egyptian seizure of the vessel. The protest pointed out that besides being in violation of the UN Charter and of the Israel-Egypt armistice agreement, the ship seizure violates a Security Council resolution specifically calling on Egypt not to molest Israel-bound shipping going through the Suez Canal.

ISRAEL NAVAL, AIR UNITS SET FOR CYPRUS RELIEF MISSION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Units of the Israeli Navy and the Air Force stood ready today to depart for Cyprus to offer aid to victims of the earthquake there which took many lives, caused a considerable number of casualties and left an estimated 3,000 Cypriots homeless.

The Israel Government proffered its aid to the British authorities of the colony through the British embassy here. The Israel Chief of Staff immediately ordered naval and air units to be ready for immediate relief action.

ISRAEL PREPARES FOR FOURTH MACCABIAH; GAMES OPEN SUNDAY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Preparations for the Fourth International Maccabiah--the Jewish "Olympic Games"--which opens in the huge Ramath Gan Stadium next Sunday, are in full swing with hundreds of workers bringing the grounds into shape and the Israeli team practicing hard.

The Games will be opened with an elaborate ceremony attended by President Ben Zvi and Premier David Ben Gurion as well as representatives of many other nations. Maccabiah Village, set up along the lines of the Olympic camps in which athletes of all nations live together during the games, is ready for the teams from 23 countries. The Village has its own post office, medical center and other facilities.

The South African team, the first one from abroad to arrive in Israel, this morning moved into the flag bedecked Maccabiah Village. In the course of the week a total of 700 athletes will take up quarters there.

In a special proclamation, the Tel Aviv municipality today called on the city's inhabitants to festoon their homes with flags, ribbons and decorations to welcome the athletes and an expected 3,000 visitors. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and the Mayors of Tel Aviv and Ramath Gan are arranging a round of functions for the athletes and representatives from abroad.

The largest delegation, 110 athletes, will come from the United States. It will include some men who are competing in their third Maccabiah and a number of winners in the last competition. The British team will also include a number of champions of the earlier games.

Thirteen national delegations will compete in the swimming events, 15 will enter contestants in the light games and events and a smaller number of delegations will be represented in water polo, football, basketball, hockey, boxing, wrestling, weight lifting, fencing, bicycling, bowling, tennis and table tennis. Mexico will be represented by one man, a weightlifter. Israel will enter teams in every event.

Some of the games will be held in the new Haifa Stadium and the swimming events will be held in the Haifa Pool.

ROSARIO JEWISH COMMUNITY MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Rosario, second largest city of Argentina, yesterday celebrated the 50th anniversary of its formal constitution as the Association Israelita. Dr. Abraham Blecher is president of the community.

GERMANY FORGETS ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- West Germany's annual memorial day for victims of fascism, an occasion on which, a few years ago, the highest state and communal dignitaries addressed solemn audiences in every city, large or small, this year was almost everywhere ignored.

In a few towns, small groups of survivors quietly placed wreaths upon monuments and in cemeteries. One such ceremony was held at Geitenberg, on the site of the former Dachau concentration camp. From hundreds of German towns and cities, just two memorial gatherings were recorded.

At Munich, Walter von Cube, editor-in-chief of the Bavarian Radio, told a meeting convened by the Bavarian State Council for Freedom and Justice that the history of National Socialism was, from its inception, restricted in the history of its victims. It was gratifying, he said, that the brazen heralds of neo-Nazism had not secured a parliamentary mandate in the Bundestag elections. Vigilance, he added, was still the watchword because the system of terror could quickly recoup its fortunes in the shadow of a forgive and forget attitude.

In West Berlin, Mayor Ernst Reuter and Dr. Otto Suhr, president of the City Council, placed wreaths in the execution chamber where hundreds of Nazi victims had been beheaded. In an address, Mayor Reuter admonished the German people to refrain from arrogance and their old prejudices. The German people, he said, must do everything to prevent a recurrence of the shameful deeds perpetrated by the Nazi regime.

LITTLE HOPE SEEN FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Jews in the Soviet satellite states face a gloomy future in which there is very little chance for the "organic integration of Jewish communities into the life around them," according to a study, "The Jews in the Soviet Satellites," sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and being published tomorrow by the Syracuse University Press.

The four authors of the study declare that "cultural autonomy for the Jewish minority is impossible. Emigration, the only way out, was and still is prohibited outright or is being frustrated by the impossible regulations of the satellites. Yet, a general exodus is the only way for Jewish survival."

Although all groups suffer under Communism, the authors report, Jews appear to have been hardest hit because the Red governments were able to use traditional anti-Semitic feeling, a legacy from the days of Nazi occupation and before, as a weapon to stir up widespread feeling against them.

The book points out that the security of Jews in all Soviet satellites practically disappeared with the destruction of any democratic form of government.

"Jewish hopes collapsed with the destruction of democracy," the authors explain. "Restitution claims clashed with the vested interests of the nationalizing bureaucracy. Restitution laws were first sabotaged, then revised, and finally abolished... Large sections of the Jewish population became unemployed and destitute... anti-Semitism nourished by new social antagonisms, sprang up again... Vicious, Soviet-sponsored campaigns against 'Jewish nationalism' and 'cosmopolitanism' reinforced anti-Semitic moods inherited from the past."

ZOA LEADER DENOUNCES HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR ATTACK ON WISE, MAGNES

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A slashing denunciation of the House Committee on Un-American Activities as guilty "of an act of almost unbelievable irresponsibility" in publishing testimony by an ex-Communist, Benjamin Gitlow, accusing the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and the late Dr. Judah L. Magnes of following the Communist Party line, was voiced here today by Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

"Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Judah L. Magnes were two of the spiritual and intellectual giants of our day," Rabbi Miller declared. "They were revered by men of good will throughout their lives and will be honored for their accomplishments by future generations--long after the smears of petty men have been forgotten."

Dr. Miller added that "in giving currency to groundless and ridiculous charges against such noble characters, the House Committee on Un-American activities is undermining the confidence of American citizens in its own integrity, conscientiousness and devotion to democratic ideals."

Previously, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, issued a joint statement castigating the committee for publication of the "fantastic" charges.

ROLE OF JEWISH LABOR MOVEMENT ANALYZED BY U.S. LABOR AIDE

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish labor movement has been a pioneer in promoting the concept that political activity is essential for unionists so that the worker and all American citizens can effectively participate in democratic government operation, it was stated here yesterday by Dr. David J. Saposs, special assistant to the United States Commissioner of Labor. Dr. Saposs spoke at an all-day meeting of the Editorial Advisory Council of the Yiddish Scientific Institute at which plans were discussed for the YIVO's publication of a "History of the Jewish Labor Movement in the United States."

ISRAELI DOCTOR AMONG EXPERTS STUDYING POLIO PROBLEMS

GENEVA, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. H. Bernkopf, of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, is one of eight experts from various parts of the world who began meeting in Rome today under the auspices of the World Health Organization to draft proposals for a worldwide program of research on polio viruses and for the development and application of control measures. The conference, the first of its kind, will continue until Saturday, WHO headquarters here announced.

SAMUEL SILBERBERG, JEWISH ACTOR, DIES IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Samuel Silberberg, well-known Yiddish actor, has died here at the age of 61. Silberberg, who was popular on the Yiddish stage in Argentina, toured the United States many years ago. While in America he was associated with Jacob and Sarah Adler.