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JEWISH-AUSTRIAN REPARATIONS TALKS RESUME IN VIENNA TODAY

VIENNA, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, and Moses Beckelman, European director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee, arrived here today to reopen discussions with the Austrian Government on Jewish restitution claims against Austria.

They will meet Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab tomorrow in a general talk preliminary to resumption of negotiations between a team representing world Jewish organizations headed by Mr. Beckelman and Austrian officials.

ISRAEL ELECTED TO VICE-PRESIDENCY OF U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Israel was elected today as one of the seven vice-presidents of the United Nations General Assembly, the first time since Israel's admission to the United Nations that it has been elected to a post in the plenary Assembly. Israel will thus have a seat in the general committee of the Assembly which fixes the agenda of the Assembly and determines the assignment of agenda items to the seven committees of the Assembly. Ambassador Abba S. Eban, head of the Israel delegation, sat this afternoon in the first meeting of the general committee.

Israel contested for one of the two open vice-presidencies with Mexico, Pakistan and Greece. Mexico, with 43 votes, and Israel, with 37, were elected. Pakistan received 30 votes and Greece, nine.

As in past years, it is anticipated that Palestine questions on the agenda will be assigned to the Ad Hoc Political Committee, of which Dr. Miguel Rafael Urquia, of El Salvador, is chairman.

STEVENSON PAYS TRIBUTE TO RESCUE MISSION OF 'DOUGHTY LITTLE ISRAEL'

CHICAGO, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A tribute to "doughty little Israel" was voiced last night by former Governor Adlai E. Stevenson in his broadcast report on his five-month world tour.

(In Washington, Gov. Stevenson's reference to the need for peace between Israel and the Arab States was taken as an indication that the Democrats in Congress, following his lead, may press for support of Israel and measures to secure an Arab-Israel peace.)

"The Middle East is largely a power and defense vacuum, except for doughty little Israel and tough, strong Turkey," Mr. Stevenson said in his review of the world situation. "Peace is imperative in the Middle East--peace between Egypt and Britain, and between the Arab states and Israel, which is engaged as you know in an historic effort to provide refuge and new hope to oppressed people."

SYRIA DEMANDS STOPPAGE OF HULEH DRAINAGE PROJECT IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Syrian Government protested yesterday to the governments of the United States, Britain and France against the draining of the Huleh swamp and charged violation of its frontiers by the Jewish State, the Damascus radio announced today.

The broadcast, monitored here, stated that Col. Shishakly, Syrian President, had demanded in an interview with United Nations truce chief Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike that all work on the reclamation project be halted immediately. The announcer quoted the Danish General as having told Col. Shishakly that he would study the problem, but that he would prefer that the matter be submitted directly to the UN for decision.

The Huleh project of the Jewish National Fund, designed to reclaim some 15,000 acres of swamp land in northeastern Israel, has been in the works for the past two years. From the earliest days its history has been stormy. First Syria and then Jordan protested and attempted to hamper the work. At one point Syrian troops invaded Israeli territory to try to force a halt. The Jordanians, beside protesting, restricted their activities to firing occasional shots at Israeli workers.

The major portion of the work on the Huleh project is currently being carried on by Construction Aggregates, Inc., of Chicago.

SOVIET UNION OFFERS TO SELL CRUDE OIL TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The commercial possibilities of a Soviet offer to supply crude oil to Israel for processing in the Haifa refineries are under study, I.R. Kosloff, the Israeli fuel commissioner, disclosed here today. The offer was made by the Soviet Union, through diplomatic channels, to the Israeli representative in an European, non-Communist, capital.

A drum of the Soviet crude oil is expected here within a month for refining and examination whether the Haifa equipment can handle the quality of oil offered. Freight charges and price to be paid for the oil still remain to be clarified, it was learned.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that there was no political reason why Israel should not avail herself of the Soviet offer. France, Italy and other NATO states, he pointed out, are presently buying oil from the Soviet Union and the satellite states. The offer of oil supplies was the first commercial offer made by the Soviet Union to Israel since the re-establishment of diplomatic relations this summer.

Soviet Sends Back Israeli Food Packages

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Soviet postal authorities have returned more than a hundred parcels which Israelis dispatched to relatives in the Soviet Union last May by airmail. The Soviet authorities said that the Israeli Treasury had not fulfilled its promise to cover the customs charges on the packages containing food or clothing.

S.S. PARNON ARRIVES AT EILAT; BROUGHT CARGO THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The S.S. Parnon, the first vessel to successfully transport cargo between two Israeli ports via the Suez Canal, arrived at the Gulf of Akaba port of Eilat last midnight and immediately began unloading a shipment of asphalt. The vessel was detained on Sept. 2 by Egyptian authorities at Port Said but released on Sept. 14.

EIGHT KNESSET MEMBERS TO ATTEND INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION MEET

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Eight members of the Israel Knesset have been designated to attend the Interparliamentary Union conference scheduled to open in Washington October 9, Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, announced last night. He revealed that the eight deputies would also tour the United States on speaking engagements sponsored by the Israel bond organization in the U.S.

The eight are: Zeev Shepher, head of the delegation, David Hacohen, Rachel Tsabari, George Flesch, Arieh Altman, Haim Ariav, Yitzhak Ben Aharon and Rabbi Mordecai Nurok.

HERUT PARTY BACKS BETAR LEADERS HELD IN BOMB PLOT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The council of the Herut Party voted today to send messages of encouragement to members of the Brith Trumpeldor (Betar), right-wing youth movement, who have been arrested in recent weeks in connection with an alleged conspiracy to destroy reparations goods arriving here from Germany.

Menahem Beigin, leader of the party, warned the council today that any attempt to outlaw the Brith Trumpeldor would result in "severe consequences."

ISRAEL APPROVES ISSUE OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND GOLD SHEKEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Government assent to a plan to mint a gold Shekel for sale throughout the world to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Jewish National Fund was disclosed today by the Fund.

It announced that the commemorate coin would weigh 7.3 grams, the same weight as the English Sovereign. It will bear the words, "Gold Shekel," and "Jerusalem," in English, and the name in Hebrew of the Jewish National Fund, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael.

CYPRUS ASKS ISRAEL FOR TENTS FOR QUAKE VICTIMS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- British authorities on the island of Cyprus asked Israel today to send tents to help house an estimated 3,000 victims of the earthquake that shook the island last week causing heavy damage and some loss of life. The request was conveyed to the Israel authorities through the British Embassy here. Israel had previously offered naval and air units for emergency rescue operations.

JAVITS URGES U.S. TO ADOPT COMPROMISE PLAN FOR MIDDLE EAST

BOSTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The United States Government should look toward a compromise formula to settle the problem of Jerusalem in such fashion as to "prevent neither Israel nor Jordan from locating its capital in its own area within Jerusalem" and at the same time permit the United Nations to protect the interests of the three religions in the city, Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York declared here tonight.

Addressing a dinner given by the Combined Jewish Appeal of Boston on an "American Policy in the Middle East," Congressman Javits outlined a program for gaining the friendship of the peoples of the region--a policy which he called "objective and dynamic." He suggested, among other things:

That the United States seek peace between Israel and the Arab states; that the U.S. force the Palestine Arabs on neither Israel nor on the Arab states, but "co-operate in every feasible way with the efforts of the United Nations to settle the Palestine Arab refugees and integrate them primarily within the Near East region."

TRADE ORGAN REPORTS CLASH BETWEEN TWO-ISRAEL-AMERICAN CONCERNS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Conflict between the Alliance Tire & Rubber Co. of Israel, a "collective" tire factory of which Histadrut is 50 percent owner, and the General Tire & Rubber Co. of Israel, a "capitalist" tire factory of which the Palestine Economic Corporation is majority stock owner, "proves that orderly development of foreign investment can get badly balled up - even in a nation that welcomes outside capital with open arms," the current issue of Business Week, prominent business organ, reports.

The article declares that the two enterprises have been struggling for years in a country whose market can support only one. It declares that for the past few weeks, Histadrut has been putting mounting pressure on the Israel Government to wipe out controls on tire and tube sales. Behind this, it asserts, is the fact that Histadrut owns half the nation's vehicles and controls 75 percent of all Israeli road transport.

"It's officials say," the magazine report adds, "that if tire controls are lifted, Histadrut vehicles will use Alliance tires only - which they term the production of a 'collective' as opposed to 'capitalist' General. Histadrut people sometimes fail to mention that Alliance is 50 percent owned by 600 Americans, including the Dayton Rubber Co., capitalists all."

Business Week said the trouble started in 1949 when Histadrut found it could not purchase a majority interest in General. It thereupon joined with some other U.S. investors and formed Alliance. "The government gave a reluctant O.K. to the second tire plant - though the market didn't warrant another," the article reports.

It points out that General had a government promise of exclusive rights to the market and Alliance said it would concentrate on exports. The arrangements did not work out and both have been scrambling for scarce foreign exchange to finance raw material imports. Neither plant is working at anything near capacity, according to the article, and sales are determined by government purchase permits which split the available market.

The only hope, if both are to remain in business, the magazine reports, is to expand tire exports, which is hard to do because Israel prices are high. "Meanwhile, the government is nursing a giant-sized headache - hating to annoy the potent Histadrut and fearing that General will some day throw in the sponge," Business Week concludes.

NEWS BRIEFS

HAIFA, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Two hundred and forty immigrants arrived here yesterday from North Africa in the Israeli liner Negba.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Israeli authorities released today two Egyptian fishing boats captured in Israeli waters six months ago.

COLOGNE, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The body of Dr. Meinhold Nussbaum, head of the legal department of the Israel Purchasing Mission here, who was killed in an automobile accident last week, was yesterday flown back to Israel in the first Israeli plane to touch German soil.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, Governor of the Central Bank of Israel, and former director general of the Israel Finance Ministry, will attend the third annual National Economic Conference for Israel, sponsored by State of Israel Bonds, in Washington next week-end, the bond organization announced today.

WEST GERMAN PRESIDENT ASKS GERMAN-ISRAEL UNDERSTANDING

BONN, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A plea for "normalization of relations" between Israel and Germany was made here by Prof. Theodor Heuss, President of the German Federal Republic, in an interview which appeared in the final issue of the Neue Zeitung, German-language daily of the United States High Commission.

The veteran German leader told Alfred Joachim Fischer, a Jewish journalist, that when he affixed his signature to the Israel reparations agreement, he was glad that that moment had finally come about.

"It was a necessary act," he said, "which should now be followed by normalization of relations, or at least by a more unbending attitude. It is true that strong inner tensions against Germany persist in Israel, but a relaxation has become noticeable."

TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF GERMAN COMMUNITY RESTORED

DUSSELDORF, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The status of a "corporation under public law," of which it had been deprived by the Hitler regime, has been restored to the Jewish community of Herford, Westphalia. The status, enjoyed by the congregations of all major denominations, confers tax exemption and other benefits on the community.

EXILED SCHOLAR RETURNS TO GERMAN UNIVERSITY

COLOGNE, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Prof. Hans Ludwig Hamburger, mathematician who was ousted from the faculty of Cologne University by the Nazis, has accepted a call from the university to return to fill the chair of mathematics. Prof. Hamburger has been teaching in Ankara, Turkey, since 1947.

HIAS NOT PARTY TO PACT ON JEWISH 'ILLEGALS' IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The HIAS did not acquiesce in any "tentative understanding" reportedly reached at a conference in Bonn convened by the German Foreign Office on the subject of Jewish "illegal infiltrates," Ben Touster, president of HIAS, declared today.

The agreement reportedly reached at the conference provided that the 700 Jews in Foehrenwald camp would not be forcibly deported or transferred elsewhere and efforts would be made to arrange their emigration within six months. New infiltrates lacking proper German visas and entry visas would be jailed and later deported. "Illegals" entering Germany after the census deadline would not receive aid from the Jewish organizations.

The HIAS representative attended the Bonn meeting but opposed the policy suggested at the meeting, Mr. Touster said. He declared that "HIAS never has, in any degree, been in agreement with a policy which dictates the arrest of migrant Jews who are seeking to find permanent homes. The reasons which prompt people to migrate are often inexplicable. Our Society recognizes the sovereignty of nations to make laws, but cannot agree to the incarceration of homeless people who are forced by circumstances to sojourn temporarily in countries situated on their transmigration route.

"Our Society has never advised Jews to travel on 'illegal' routes, but feels it is its sacred duty to safeguard them, in every legal way, from arrest and deportation." He added that HIAS will not refuse aid to any migrant Jews in trouble "and we certainly will not issue such threats to despairing homeless people. We strive to cooperate with governments, but do not use threats to Jews in our efforts to achieve amicable solutions of problems."

WIDOW SEEKS TO CLEAR FORMER HITLER AIDE

MUNICH, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Posthumous denazification proceedings have opened before the Central Denazification Court of Bavaria here in the case of Hans Kerrl, one-time Nazi Minister for Churches, who died in Berlin in 1941. In his official capacity Kerrl shared responsibility for persecution of religious minorities, including Jews.

Several years ago Kerrl, already dead, was listed as a Nazi "activist" and his widow was notified that 80 percent of his property would be confiscated by the state. She appealed the decision and the case has finally reached the court here.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONDEMN SEN. MCCARTHY'S METHODS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans today charged Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy with "needlessly complicating and endangering the fight against Communism through the use of methods which savor of the practices we condemn in totalitarian governments of both the left and the right."

A statement here today by Harry T. Madison, of Detroit, newly-elected national commander of the JWV, assailed the Wisconsin Senator for instituting investigative procedures "that in a number of instances have led the public to accept mere accusations as actual evidence of guilt."

Mr. Madison's statement, issued after a meeting of his group's national policy committee at the Mayflower Hotel here, asserted that Sen. McCarthy has exploited his senatorial office "as an instrument of indictment" with the result that the "public is finding it difficult to distinguish between an informal charge and a legal verdict."

"This procedure," said Mr. Madison, "is destructive of the American principle that an individual has a right to be heard on what he is charged with having done rather than on what he thinks or with whom he associates."

The Veterans said they had decided to call for Congressional action next session to adopt procedures that will enable legislative investigative bodies "to perform their important and necessary function of safeguarding the nation's security while at the same time affording full protection to all persons accused of wrongdoing."

HENSHEL TO STUDY JEWISH WELFARE BOARD'S OPERATIONS ABROAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Col. Harry D. Henshel, chairman of the Armed Service Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board, departed today on a European mission, approved by the Department of Defense, to confer with Jewish military personnel and Jewish chaplains in Germany, France and England on JWB's religious, morale and welfare services in behalf of Jewish GI's. Col. Henshel, who heads the United States Committee for Sports in Israel, will make the tour en route home from the Fourth International Maccabiah in Tel Aviv.

ERIC MENDELSON, ARCHITECT, DIES AT 66

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Eric Mendelson, noted Jewish architect, died here yesterday at the age of 66. Mr. Mendelson, who fled the Nazis in 1933, practiced in England until 1941 when he came to the United States.

Among his better known works are the residence of the late President Weizmann of Israel and the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. He also designed the Albert Einstein Tower of Potsdam, an atrophysical institute designed to test Prof. Einstein's theory of relativity. In the United States he designed a projected memorial in New York to the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis in Europe.