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AUSTRIA RECEIVES "ACCEPTABLE" NEW PROPOSAL ON JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Government circles reported today receipt of a new proposal from world Jewish organizations to re-open negotiations on reparations demanded from Austria for Jewish victims of the Nazi regime. The negotiations have been stalled for several weeks.

The government spokesman indicated that the Jewish proposal appeared reasonable and acceptable to the government and the Austrian reply is expected within a few days. The proposal was said to call for payment by the Austrian Government of an advance against the lump sum demanded by the Jewish organizations in settlement of Jewish heirless property claims, the amount of this lump sum to be settled in subsequent negotiations. The proposal is also said to call for settlement in cases involving traceable property, case by case, by mixed commissions.

JORDAN TERROR ON ISRAEL BORDER INCREASES; 12 ATTACKS REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Since the Big Three Foreign Ministers decided on October 17 to raise the issue of Israel-Jordan border tension in the United Nations Security Council there have been 12 more aggressive actions by Jordanians against Israelis, an Israel military spokesman announced here today. The spokesman charged that these attacks, which bear the stamp of military operations, are undermining security along the Israel-Jordan border.

In a detailed listing of the attacks by regular and irregular Jordan forces, the Israel spokesman included the mining of a train on Israel territory, the firing on Israeli officers going to meetings of local commanders of both sides, the killing of a railroad watchman near Hadera and the kidnapping of three Israeli Bedouins and their flock of 350 sheep from a point two-and-a-half miles inside Israel.

One Israeli soldier was killed and a second wounded today in a flare-up of violence on the Gaza strip border, an area which has been quiet for some time. The incident occurred when an Israeli-three man border patrol stopped to exchange cigarettes and conversation with an Egyptian patrol. A second group of Egyptians suddenly appeared and opened fire. Two men were wounded and one escaped with the third, unhurt, member of the patrol.

Later the Israelis were informed that the wounded man who remained behind had died while in Egyptian custody. Israel has lodged a protest with the Mixed Armistice Commission and has asked for an emergency MAC session to consider the incident.

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DISCUSSES MAJOR PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Problems affecting American Jewish life as well as American-Israel relations were discussed here today at the biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress attended by 1,500 delegates from all over the country. The delegates will be addressed tomorrow evening by former President Harry Truman.

Addressing the session today, James G. McDonald, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, said that "hasty and ill-considered action" by the United Nations Chief of Staff in Israel and Secretary of State Dulles' action in penalizing Israel for its work on the Jordan River project have brought about the present crisis between Israel and the Arab states.

Mr. McDonald said that the actions of Gen. Vagn Bennike, U.N. Chief of Staff, in forcing Israel to cease work on the Jordan River, and Secretary Dulles' order stopping American financial aid to Israel, although done in the name of "impartiality," have served to encourage Arab resistance against reaching a peace settlement with the Jewish State.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, took the Archbishop of York to task for revealing a "sinister prejudice unbecoming a Christian leader" when he made his observation that the "Jewish vote" in New York had a paralyzing effect on the U.N. handling of the Arab-Israel problem. He emphasized that the Archbishop's pro-Arab partisanship is nothing new. "It is of a piece with his previously expressed views," he stated.

Organized Anti-Semitism is at Lowest Ebb, Petegorsky Reports

Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, surveying major trends on the American scene in regard to civil rights, said that "there have been disturbing retreats on the maintenance of the separation of Church and State both as a fundamental principle of American democracy and as an indispensable safeguard of the freedom and vitality of religion in this country." He cited as evidence the intensification of efforts to invade the public school system through such practices as the use of its facilities or time for religious instruction, the introduction of prayer or other forms of religious exercise into the classroom and the distribution of sectarian literature in the schools.

Reporting on various aspects of group relations in this country for the past two years, Dr. Petegorsky asserted that organized defamation of various racial and religious groups is at its lowest ebb in many years. "For some months in 1952, during the election campaign," he said, "the hate groups swung into more vigorous action, and anti-Semitic literature was widely distributed in many parts of the country. But, by and large, the anti-Semitic agitators have been unable to attract any substantial following and, for the moment, the threat presented by their propaganda remains a minor one."

While organized defamation, Dr. Petegorsky declared, has become in this country "a less troublesome problem," the use of violence against members of various racial and religious groups, has assumed serious proportions. "During the past few years," he asserted, "lynching has virtually disappeared from the American scene but bombings and other forms of violence have been employed both to vent racial and religious hatreds and to intimidate groups that have been most vigorous in demanding equality of rights for all Americans."

Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, representing Jewish communal fund-raising and social work agencies in 800 cities, pointed out that the members of his Council in those cities have raised one billion dollars in the last seven years. Other speakers included Louis Lipsky, Irving Kane, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, and Maurice Samuel.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK ASSAILED FOR HIS ANTI-JEWISH SLUR

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Jewish and Christian leaders this week-end hit out sharply at a statement last week by Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York that the "Jewish vote in New York" had paralyzed the United Nations in its dealings with the Palestine question.

The American Christian Palestine Committee released a statement by 18 Christian clergymen, educators and others characterizing Dr. Garbett's statement "a canard all too easily resorted to by those who have long opposed the establishment of the new Israel." The 18 charged that the Archbishop's statement "appears to reflect the official attitude of the British Foreign Office." The New York Times, in an editorial headed "Mistaken Logic," said that the Archbishop's statement, which it pointed out was unsupported by evidence, was both "mistaken in its reasoning and mischievous in its effect."

Both Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, in messages to Dr. Garbett, denied the existence of a "Jewish vote" in the United States. Mr. Blaustein invited the Archbishop to "clarify" his remarks, while Mr. Held suggested he "repudiate" them.

Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, said the Archbishop's statement was "a disservice to the cause of democracy and an attack on the dignity, integrity, and efficacy of the United Nations." Addressing the current American Mizrahi convention, Leon Gellman, head of the World Mizrahi Organization, called the statement "clerical anti-Semitism in its most flagrant and un-Christian form." Harry T. Madison, Jewish War Veterans commander, termed the statement "shocking in its bias and irresponsibility." Justice Justin Wise Polier, president of the Women's Division of the Jewish War Congress, called Dr. Garbett's statements "one-sided and provocative."

British Jews Condemn Archbishop's Anti-Jewish Allegation

LONDON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A charge by the Archbishop of York that the "Jewish vote" in New York was paralyzing the United Nations in finding settlement of the Arab-Israel problem was condemned today by the foreign affairs committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, representative body of the British Jewish community.

The committee expressed regret that the Archbishop had made "a provocative and one-sided statement on matters in dispute and now under consideration by the Security Council" and said it regarded his statement as "likely to be prejudicial to the best interests of both Israelis and Arabs and to the cause of lasting peace which is the only solution for the present unhappy situation in the Middle East."

Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board of Deputies, addressing the 29th annual conference of the Jewish National Fund of Britain, described the Archbishop's statement as "shameful exploitation of the miseries of half-a-million tragic human beings for political purposes." The JNF parley, at its concluding session today, adopted a resolution deploring the loss of innocent Jewish and Arab lives in Palestine, but underlining the right of the Jews in Israel to defend their homes from Arab marauders.

Yesterday the Rev. C. C. I. Cleasey, chaplain to the Archbishop of York, declared that "the Archbishop was clearly not motivated in any way by anti-Semitic feelings. The question is purely political."

PAYMENT OF FIRST \$26,000,000 IN U.S. AID TO ISRAEL ARRANGED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban this week-end discussed technical details related to the transfer of the first installment of \$26,000,000 in economic aid to Israel in a meeting with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, at the State Department.

Mr. Eban said after the meeting, which lasted over an hour, that it had been a routine conversation on Israel-American relations, including specifically plans for the transfer of the newly-restored aid. The program for the immediate future was outlined. Actual projects will be worked out with the foreign operations administration. Mr. Eban was accompanied by Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister Plenipotentiary.

U.S. MIZRACHI CONVENTION ADOPTS \$3,050,000 BUDGET FOR 1954

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The 33rd annual convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America concluded here today with the adoption of a \$3,050,000 budget for 1954, which includes \$1,000,000 for the Mizrahi-sponsored Bar-Ilan University in Israel. Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum was re-elected president of the organization.

Resolutions adopted at the convention ask for the liberalization of existing immigration laws in the United States; emphasize that the problems of Israel and the Near East can be solved only by clarification of the position of the United States and the United Nations and not by "punitive" measures; hail the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem; and point out that "Israel without Jerusalem is an anomaly which neither Jew nor Christian can accept."

The delegates also adopted a resolution strongly urging the Big Powers who signed the Tripartite Declaration of May, 1950, guaranteeing existing Arab-Israel borders to make "unmistakably clear" that the criticism presently directed by them against Israel is not to be construed as indication that they will tolerate "continuation, and extension of the Arab policy of marauding and violating Israel's borders."

JEWISH CONGRESS DROPS BIAS CHARGES AGAINST N. Y. STATE UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress this week-end retracted charges it made last June that Jewish students had been discriminated against in the admissions policy of the Upstate College of Medicine at Syracuse, operated by the State University of New York.

In a letter made public by President William S. Carlson of the State University, Herman L. Weisman, chairman of the AJC Commission on Law and Social Action, said that after a meeting between AJC officials and University officers "we are convinced and glad to confirm" that data for the period during which the State University administered the medical college "reveals no evidence of discrimination against Jewish applicants."

Mr. Weisman's letter pointed out that the additional facts presented at the meeting between University and AJC officials--not otherwise available to the AJC--and the attitude of the present officers of the medical college led the AJC "to accept with complete satisfaction" assurances that the school operates under an entirely non-discriminatory policy. The AJC study of medical college admissions, on which the original charges were based, was a three-year study and dealt in part with a period before the State University took over the Syracuse institution.

JEWISH GROUPS CRITICIZE U.S. STATEMENT ON GENOCIDE ISSUE

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Criticism of recent actions and statements of the United States delegation to the United Nations, in connection with the U.N. Genocide Convention, was voiced today by a number of national and local Jewish organizations.

The criticism was contained in a joint statement of the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America and 30 local Jewish community councils throughout the United States. The statement was released through the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body for the signatory organizations.

The U.S. stand on the Genocide Convention was termed "discouraging" in the statement. Pointing out that the Genocide Convention, which would make an international crime of acts "committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group as such," was steered through the U.N. by the U.S. and has been ratified by over 40 nations, the Jewish organizations observed that it has been "frozen" in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

They urged President Eisenhower and Administration leaders to press for early ratification. "Only then will our representatives in the U.N. be able consistently to urge ratification of the Genocide Convention by others," the statement concluded.

PERON ATTENDS AFFAIR ARRANGED BY ARGENTINE JEWS IN HIS HONOR

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- All Jewish organizations this week-end united in honoring President Juan Peron in acknowledgment of his recent pro-Jewish and pro-Israel statements. More than 2,000 Jewish leaders from this city and elsewhere in the land attended the affair.

President Peron, whose entrance into the hall was the occasion of a great ovation, thanked the Jewish community for having inscribed him in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book, and declared: "We love and respect the Jews since our doctrine is based on social work and our principle is respect for human beings. We cannot conceive patriotism based on hate or disrespect."

He spoke glowingly of the survival of the Jewish people over the centuries, despite their not having had a country of their own, and called on the Argentine people to follow the example of the "young nation of Israel." "May God will," he continued, "that the small, but great state and the tiny, but strong nation shall flourish and develop in dignity."

Among the organizations which sponsored the affair was the pro-Peronist Organization Israelita Argentina, the Buenos Aires Community, the DAIA, central representative organization of Argentine Jewry, and the various Zionist groups. Present among the guests were Dr. Ariele Kubov, Israel Minister to Argentina, Major Carlos Aloe, governor of Buenos Aires province, and a party of 13 Israeli newspapermen.

ISRAEL'S FIRST MINISTER TO MEXICO PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Kisri, first Israel Minister to Mexico, presented his credentials to President Cortinez in the presence of Foreign Minister Luis Padilla Nervo and officials of the Israel Consulate. President Cortinez asked Dr. Kisri to extend his personal greetings to Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi.

U.S. TO START PROCESSING OF 200,000 PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Administrative work in preparation for the processing of more than 200,000 prospective immigrants whose admission was authorized under the Eisenhower emergency immigration bill has been started, it was revealed here this week-end with the publication of advertisements for investigators to check case histories of the immigrants.

The advertisements--by the State Department--called for investigators who could speak Italian, Creek, German, Polish, Arabic and French. The first task of the investigative corps, whose number is expected to reach 190 eventually, will be to check on some 19,000 priority cases in Italy, Greece and the Netherlands. These immigrants have already been authorized for admission but must wait quota numbers.

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS OPENS FOUR-DAY PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The four-day annual meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews opened here today at the Hotel Mayflower to discuss various problems concerning the promotion of goodwill among Christians and Jews in this country.

Among the more than 800 delegates and guests who attended the opening session were leaders in government, industry, education and religion. The gathering will close on Armistice Day with a luncheon at which tribute will be paid to Rogers W. Straus, in recognition of his serving as the Jewish co-chairman of the organization without interruption for 25 years since the Conference was founded.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS OPENS IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The 15th biennial national convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhods, a Reform organization, opened here today with delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada in attendance.

The three-day convention will deal with organizational problems, a study of religious practices from the viewpoint of the layman and consideration of religious educational problems. The convention will mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Federation and the 60th anniversary of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the brotherhoods' educational project.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY PRESENTS AWARD TO ANNA ROSENBERG

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Anna M. Rosenberg, former Assistant Secretary of Defense, tonight received the annual Charter Day award of Yeshiva University at the University's eighth annual Charter Day dinner. Mrs. Rosenberg, a labor and public relations counsel, held a number of high posts under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. A second award was presented to Irving N. Klein, president of Congregation Knesses Israel of New York.

DR. SENATOR, HEBREW UNIVERSITY LEADER, BURIED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. David Werner Senator, executive vice-president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who died in Atlanta last week at the age of 57. At the time of his death, Dr. Senator was studying techniques of university administration at various American colleges and universities, under a grant by the Rockefeller Foundation.