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## JEWS TO PRESENT REQUESTS TO BIG POWERS PARLEY IN BERLIN

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- World Jewish organizations will present two memorandums to the Four Power meeting to take place at the end of this month in Berlin, it was announced here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Jewish Claims Conference, prior to his departure from Israel.

One memorandum will draw the attention of the Big Powers to the fact that they must assure the execution of the reparations agreements between Germany and the Jewish groups in the event there is a decision that Germany is to be unified. The second memorandum will deal with Jewish claims against Austria and will ask the Big Powers that they intervene with the Austrian Government to meet these claims.

Dr. Goldmann, who left today for Switzerland, will meet there with Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, on the stand of the Austrian Government which has rejected the claims of World Jewish organizations for heirless Jewish property left by families annihilated by the Nazis in Austria. Dr. Goldmann indicated that he may confer with U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on this subject if the situation requires it.

## GERMANY PLANS TO REDUCE REPARATIONS PAYMENTS TO ISRAEL

BONN, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The West German Government will take advantage of the escape clause in the reparations agreement with Israel which permits the Germans to reduce their payments to the equivalent of \$60,000,000 annually beginning with April 1, this year, it was learned today from well informed sources.

The agreement provided that Germany might exercise the option of reducing payments from about \$74,000,000 annually after two years, but it was assumed that this would be done only if Germany's trade position deteriorated. In view of Germany's extraordinary prosperity in the past year, the Israelis had expected that deliveries would continue on the basis originally set.

## Israel-German Talks on German Claims Open Today in Rome

ROME, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The last stages of the discussion between Israel and the West German Republic for a settlement of claims of the German Protestant order of Templars for property they held in pre-war Palestine will open here tomorrow.

The discussion will center about a settlement of claims for immovable property consisting of four settlements in various parts of Palestine. The Israeli delegation was scheduled to arrive here today.

AUSTRIAN GOVT. MAY REVISE ITS OPPOSITION TO JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government was reported today to have indicated some revision of its former position which led to a breakdown of talks between the Austrian Government and Jewish organizations on Jewish restitution claims. This revision, it was reported, may lead to resumption of negotiations on an altered basis.

Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the board of the Union of Austrian Jewish Communities, and Wilhelm Krell, its general secretary, were to leave for Zurich to meet Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Jewish claims agency, for a conference there this week.

Austria Criticized for Evasion of Jewish Claims

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government was criticized here today for its evasion of Jewish claims for damages inflicted by the Nazi regime in Austria. The criticism was voiced by Jakob Altmaler, ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the West German Parliament, who played a key role in the negotiations for the German-Israel reparations agreement.

Mr. Altmaler, who was received by President Eisenhower in the White House, is the first Jewish member of the West German Bundestag to visit Washington. He declared that the Austrian Nazis did as much harm to Jews as did the German Nazis, and that Austria should do as much as Germany by way of restitution. "It was morally wrong for Austria to take the position that it has no special responsibility toward the Jews," he stated.

Mr. Altmaler said he hoped eventually that Israel and Germany would establish diplomatic relations. He added that he felt Germany understands how Israel feels owing to the crimes of the Nazis and will not press Israel on this matter. Mr. Altmaler said he opposes the remilitarization of Germany under the EDC plan, as sought by President Eisenhower, because he feels that former Hitler officers would regain power. He pointed out that officers of the 12 proposed German divisions would include people with SS and SA backgrounds.

GERMANS REPORT THOUSANDS OF JEWS ARE SLAVING IN SOVIET CAMPS

BERLIN, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- German prisoners of war returning from the Soviet Union report they encountered thousands of Jews from Transnistria and other former Rumanian territory now in Soviet hands, the anti-Communist news service Information Bureau West reports.

The Bonn-supported news service, which questioned German returnees who had been in various Soviet camps, says that the Jews are serving sentences of from 10 to 25 years. Among the work camps in which Jews are to be found, the German bureau says, are those in the Workuta region of the Arctic Sea coast. It describes the Jewish prisoners as being in "particularly wretched physical condition."

SOVIET MINISTER VISITS HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Alexander Abramov, Soviet Minister to Israel, today visited the Hebrew University and met its president, Prof. Benjamin Mazar, and other officials of the school. He also inspected the medical school buildings, the science facilities and the library of the university.

U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO RESUME DEBATE ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN DISPUTE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Consideration of the Syrian complaint against the Israeli hydroelectric project on the Jordan River will be resumed at a meeting of the U. N. Security Council called for Thursday, it was announced at United Nations headquarters here today. Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon is chairman of the Council for January.

Extension of an agreement between the Jordan Government and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) to reserve \$40,000,000 for the Yarmuk-Jordan Valley power and irrigation project was announced here today. The extension was necessary to guarantee completion of the engineering surveys for the project.

JORDAN ENVOY MEETS WITH DULLES; REJECTS TALKS WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Jordanian Ambassador Abdul M. Rafai met today with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and later told newsmen that Jordan has no intention of meeting with Israel under Article XII of the Israel-Jordan armistice pact.

Mr. Rafai said that Jordan was "fully prepared to talk with Israel in preparatory talks (not under Article XII) to discuss the armistice agreement itself and clarify any ambiguity of the articles" of the armistice but is not prepared to go beyond that limit.

Asked for comment on the expression by Secretary Dulles at his last press conference in favor of face-to-face talks between Israel and Jordan, Mr. Rafai said Jordan would agree to meet with Israel delegates in the Mixed Armistice Commission in Jerusalem, but would "object to fulfilling their (Israel's) wishes in pulling us toward peace talks or final settlement under the present considerations or circumstances."

ARAB LEAGUE DEBATES U. N. SUMMONS TO JORDAN FOR TALKS WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Arab League Political Committee yesterday began consideration of the United Nations Secretary General's renewed plea to Jordan to meet with Israel in direct talks provided for in the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement, it was reported here today from Cairo.

The dispatch added that it is expected that the League unit would again reject the UN call for a meeting, as it had done a week ago when it met in Beirut. The committee split into two groups yesterday, with one devoting its study to the Palestine question, and the other considering the Anglo-Egyptian dispute.

Meanwhile, Dr. Fadhil Jamali, Iraqi Premier, who earlier in the week-end had suggested the unification of the major ministries of all the Arab League states, yesterday admitted that he had no detailed plan for achieving such unification. The Cairo dispatch said that Dr. Jamali felt the plan could be put into effect in the beginning by at least two states.

SEVERE STORM TOSSES ISRAELI VESSEL ONTO LEBANESE SHORE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- An Israeli sailing vessel with 11 crewmen aboard has been tossed aground on the Lebanese shore near Ras el Naqlra after weathering a severe storm. Israel has formally demanded the return of the ship and crewmen, under the terms of an agreement between the two nations guaranteeing haven to each other's vessels in emergencies. Lebanese authorities released the crew and said the vessel would be returned as soon as the weather permits.

**HAIFA TECHNION RE-OPENS AFTER TWO WEEKS DISPUTE WITH STUDENTS**

HAIFA, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Officials of the Haifa Technical Institute, which has been closed for the past two weeks, today re-opened the school, after an appeal by the Ministry of Education.

The Technion was closed down when its students rejected a rise in tuition fees. The increase, which had been approved by the Ministry of Education, was necessary to meet the school's operating costs, according to the officials.

**ISRAEL TO ACQUIRE CONTROLLING INTEREST IN ELECTRIC CORPORATION**

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet last night gave its final approval to a plan under which it will purchase approximately 51 percent interest in the Palestine Electric Corporation, one of Israel's largest public utilities.

In effect, this means nationalization of the corporation. However, the government is not particularly anxious to own stock in the company and has offered to sell its shares at the same rate it is purchasing them. The government has already loaned the company some 20,000,000 pounds which it obtained partly from the Export-Import Bank loan and partly from German reparations payments.

**ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO RESTRICT BREEDING OF PIGS**

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today decided to take steps to restrict the breeding of pigs to specific areas of the country where the Christian population is concentrated. The number of swine to be raised will be limited.

A special Cabinet committee consisting of the Ministers of Justice, Agriculture, Religious and Interior will be set up to carry out the decision. If necessary, special legislation to carry out the decision will be sought in Parliament.

The Ministers also began a discussion of the forthcoming administrative budget, which is expected to reach 260,000,000 pounds. This does not include the separate development budget.

**BEN GURION NEEDLES WESTERN ZIONISTS FOR NOT SETTLING IN ISRAEL**

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben Gurion, in an article in the Histadrut newspaper Davar, today wrote that he knew of no single Jewish leader in the western countries who left his home and property to take up permanent settlement in Israel.

The article was a continuation of the statement of his position, made in a letter to the recent plenary session of the Zionist Actions Committee, that Zionism requires that Zionists settle in Israel. His original letter touched off a storm of debate, which still continues here.

**ISRAELI GROUPS PLEDGE COOPERATION TO WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS**

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Representatives of all Israeli parties, except the Communists and the Agudah, pledged their cooperation to the World Jewish Congress at a meeting here called by the Israeli section of the WJC.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC, speaking on the tasks facing world Jewry, stressed the need for educating the new Israeli generation to have a sense of responsibility toward all of world Jewry. He called for complete dedication to the ideal of unity, pointing out the dangers of isolation facing individual Jewish communities.

SEN. LEHMAN VISITS EISENHOWER; SEEKS REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman today called on President Eisenhower at the White House and asked the President's support of a non-partisan citizens' committee devoted to securing revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

Sen. Lehman pointed out to the President that he had noted the omission of the McCarran-Walter question from the State of the Union message. He expressed to the President the hope that this omission was not significant of a change in attitude and asked that White House support be given efforts to secure hearings on the Lehman Bill or any other bill which would accomplish the same purpose.

The President was informed by Sen. Lehman of "grassroots" support throughout the United States by "every religious and nationality group" for McCarran-Walter revision. It was revealed that a citizens' committee is in the process of formation by advocates of liberalization of the present law. The President's attitude toward such a committee was not indicated by Sen. Lehman. All Sen. Lehman would say in this connection was that the President visualized an "uphill fight."

Sen. Lehman told newsmen when he emerged from the President's office that he and his Democratic colleagues would be pleased to join with Republicans in any legislative move to amend the McCarran-Walter Act. He told of the bill he had submitted last year, Bill 2585, which resulted from a year's study by experts in the field of immigration and naturalization.

JEWISH GROUPS DEPLORE EISENHOWER'S IGNORING OF IMMIGRATION ISSUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower's failure to include in his State of the Union message any recommendation for revision of the McCarran-Walter immigration law today drew an expression of "deep regret and disappointment" from the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

The group comprises representatives of the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, and the United Synagogue of America and 30 local, state and regional Jewish councils throughout the country.

In a telegram to the President, the NCRAC called the omission especially striking in the light of Mr. Eisenhower's campaign declarations and his 1953 request to Congress for more humane immigration legislation. "We earnestly hope that in forthcoming special message to Congress you will recommend substantial revisions to the McCarran-Walter Law so that remedial immigration legislation may be enacted in the 83rd Congress," the telegram said.

The national and local Jewish organizations affiliated in the National Community Relations Advisory Council also protested vigorously the last-minute postponement of Senate committee hearings on the Ives-Humphrey Fair Employment Bill. In a telegram to Senator H. Alexander Smith, chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, the Jewish agencies called his announced postponement of the hearings, "tantamount to blocking floor action on this bipartisan measure in this Congress." Last May, it had been publicly announced that the hearings would take place on January 12.

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