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### ISRAEL NAMES REPRESENTATIVE TO WATCH EVENTS AT BERLIN PARLEY

COLOGNE, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Israel's interests at the Four Power conference on a German peace treaty, which will open in Berlin next Monday, will be watched by Dr. Chaim Yahlil, deputy head of the Israel purchasing mission in Germany, it was learned here today.

Israel has requested of the Big Four that they admit to various commission meetings at the parley an Israeli representative who will act as an observer. The Israelis have pointed out that although Israel was not a nation during the world war, Israel has moral claims to representation both because Jews were victims of the Nazis and because Jews fought with every Allied army on every front against Germany.

When Israel raised the question of reparations from Germany it apportioned the claims as \$1,000,000,000 against West Germany and \$500,000,000 against East Germany. While the claims against the former have been settled, the latter has proven hostile to every Israeli approach and the Israeli claim remains unsatisfied.

Israeli envoys in Washington, Moscow, London and Paris are reminding the governments to which they are accredited of Israel's claim against East Germany, (in Washington it was indicated today that no such reminder had yet been received.)

Israeli circles here expect that world Jewish claims against Austria will be one of the points considered by the Big Four. This issue, as well as continued payment of reparations agreed to in the Luxemburg agreement in the event Germany is unified, will be the subject of two memoranda from world Jewish organizations to the Big Four.

### 25-DAY STRIKE OF MUNICIPAL WORKERS ENDS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The 25-day-old strike of Jerusalem's city workers ended last night when the municipality undertook to pay salaries regularly.

The municipal council also decided to ask the Israel Government to "lend" it a financial expert to help the city raise additional income and balance its budget. The strike broke out over non-payment of wages, in some cases going back to last October.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR ISRAEL COALITION CABINET MEET NEW SNAG

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The negotiations for a new coalition Cabinet took a turn for the worse last night as the three small parties in the present Cabinet stuck to their demands and Acting Premier Moshe Sharett insisted on an early decision.

The Progressive Party Council last night reiterated its opposition to entering any Cabinet on a program which called for an election law change limiting Knesset representation to a party which received at least 4.2 percent of the total vote cast in a national election. The Progressives insist on the scrapping of the election law change, to which the Mapai and the General Zionists agreed when they recently concluded their coalition pact.

The Progressives acted after Dr. Pinchas Rosen reported that he had failed to obtain agreement from the General Zionists to scrap the election law amendment and give up the post of Deputy Minister of Education, which was granted in the pact with the Mapai. The religious parties now have that post and refuse to surrender it.

Dr. I. J. Unterman, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, addressing a mass meeting here last night, demanded that the religious parties not join the coalition government unless Parliament passes a law restricting the raising and sale of pork. Meanwhile, the religious parties have expanded their campaign against pork sales by appealing to the municipalities to ban them. In communities such as Nathanya, Tiberias and Safed the municipality has adopted regulations prohibiting the sale of meat not slaughtered in local abattoirs, thus effectively banning pork.

The coalition pact drafted and approved by various lower level bodies of the Mapai and General Zionist Parties has already been ratified by the General Zionist Central Committee. The Mapai Central Committee, however, last night postponed a meeting at which the pact was to be ratified, without fixing a new meeting time.

BRITAIN ASKS ISRAEL TO "UNFREEZE" ARAB FUNDS; IGNORES U.N. BODY

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The British Government, apparently without consulting the U. N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, has sent a memorandum to the Israeli Government urging the advisability of action by Israel to settle blocked Arab accounts held in Barclays Bank and the Ottoman Bank in Israel, it was reported here today.

The British memorandum was said to speak of four million pounds in blocked accounts, but the latest report of the Israeli Custodian of Enemy Property shows an overall total of about 2,500,000 pounds. Of this, some 750,000 pounds has been released, leaving an approximate balance of 1,750,000 pounds to be settled.

Foreign Office sources admitted that the British Government made this demarche to Israel without consulting the Palestine Conciliation Commission which negotiated the first agreement and which is presently discussing a further release of Arab funds with the Israelis. This sudden, independent intervention in matters already under discussion has caused both surprise and mystification here.

SOVIET RUSSIA PLACES NEW ORDER FOR ORANGES WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has placed an order with the Israeli citrus marketing board for 150,000 cases of oranges above the citrus fruit orders included in the recent barter arrangement, it was learned here today. The citrus board is studying the order.

MISSING ISRAEL-CHARTERED VESSEL TURNS UP IN EAST AFRICAN PORT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Italian vessel Maria Antonia, which is under charter to an Israeli firm, and was missing since January 1, has turned up safe in an East African port where it took shelter from the recent storms.

The Maria Antonia, which was scheduled to put into the Israeli port of Eilat, on the Gulf of Aqaba, January 1 or 2, was feared sunk or captured by the Egyptians in the Red Sea. She left the port of Massawa with a cargo of kosher beef and hides for Israel last December 25.

STATE DEPT. ASKED TO ACT AGAINST EGYPT'S ANTI-ISRAEL BLOCKADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler today urged the U. S. delegation to the United Nations and the State Department to take action against Egypt's arbitrary blockade of Israeli-bound shipments through the Suez Canal.

Rep. Celler pointed out in a statement that Egypt's action violates a U. N. Security Council resolution enacted September 1, 1951. He noted that the United States has a stake in Israel arising from Export-Import Bank loans and other forms of technological and economic aid. He pointed to American participation in a treaty of 1888 guaranteeing free usage of the Suez Canal to ships of all nations.

Mr. Celler also cited recent manifestations of Saudi Arabian, Jordanian, and Syrian hostility against Israel.

SYRIA WILL NOT CHANGE STAND ON JORDAN PROJECT, ENVOY REPORTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Syrian Government is not inclined to change its attitude on the complaint it lodged with the United Nations against Israel's hydroelectric project on the Jordan River, it was indicated here today by Dr. Farid Zeineddine, Syrian representative, upon his return from consultations in Damascus.

Dr. Zeineddine was said to have assured friends here that Syria would oppose the Big Three resolution on the Israel-Syrian dispute and would make no concessions. At the United Nations his return is taken to mean that there can no longer be any excuse for further delay of Security Council meetings on this matter. The Lebanese delegate Dr. Charles Malik, who is chairman of the Security Council this month, called a meeting for January 14 and then postponed it until January 21 because of what he said was a Western request for further time to bring about agreement.

ARABS INSIST ON BOYCOTTING ISRAEL AT STUDENT CONFERENCE

ISTANBUL, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Arab feud against Israel, carried on in virtually all international bodies, broke into the open today at an international student meeting here.

At a session of the International Student Federation, at which the representatives of 43 nations are gathered, Israel was named as a candidate to a Middle East commission, as were Lebanon and Turkey. The Lebanese delegate stated publicly that he, and all other Arab delegates, would refuse to serve in any commission with an Israeli.

Zvi Yaffe, the Israeli delegate, appealed to the Lebanese to forget politics at a convention that had nothing to do with politics. He pointed out to the Arab student that they could cooperate at this parley in a spirit of peace which might serve as an example for their nations. The appeal was vigorously applauded by the assembled students. The Lebanese, however, refused to change his position and Israel and Turkey were elected to the commission.

ORGANIZED AUSTRIAN LABOR URGED TO SUPPORT JEWISH PROPERTY CLAIMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18, (JTA) -- The American Federation of Labor today urged the Trade Union Council in Vienna to press the Austrian Government for payment of compensation for heirless property left by Jews annihilated by the Nazis in Austria.

A letter to this effect was sent by George Meany, AFL president to Johann Bohem, president of the Austrian Trade Union Council. The American labor leader thanked the Austrian labor movement for taking action against "the reversal of the original policies of Chancellor Raab in his negotiations with the Jewish organizations on heirless property claims."

"We feel that the heirless property claims are the central theme in such negotiations and must be carried out as originally planned if those who suffered from Nazi persecution are to be justly compensated," Mr. Meany wrote. "It is our hope that the Austrian labor movement will continue, both in Parliament and through its press, to manifest its solidarity with those who have been oppressed by the Austrian Nazis and by their military allies from Nazi Germany.

"As you know, the free German labor movement was responsible for the successful ratification of the reparations pact in behalf of the victims of Nazi persecution. It is our hope that Austrian labor will give the same inspired lead in these negotiations," Mr. Meany emphasized.

Sending a copy of the letter to Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, who is a member of the Committee on Jewish Claims on Austria, Mr. Meany said he hoped his communication to Mr. Bohem "will encourage the Austrian Trade Union Council to continue to assist the victims of Nazi oppression in Austria."

The communication by Mr. Meany is considered to be of importance in view of the fact that the Austrian Trade Union Council plays a significant role in that country. Labor members of the Austrian Parliament have taken the lead in opposing the government's recent suspension of negotiations, and have championed the original agreement reached by the Austrian government and the Committee on Jewish Claims with heirless property as part of the agenda.

ISRAEL-GERMAN TALKS ON "TEMPLARS" CLAIMS PROVIDE FOR MEDIATOR

ROME, Jan. 18, (JTA) -- If the current Israel-German negotiations here over the claims of the German Protestant "Templars" sect for property in Israel do not lead to an agreement within nine months after they opened, a mediator will be appointed to help the parties, it was learned here today. The mediator will be named by either the King of Sweden, the King of Denmark or the King of Norway.

The negotiations, which began last Tuesday, deal with the claim of the Germans for property in Palestine which they acquired many years ago and from which they were deported to Australia by the British Mandatory Government during World War II. Some of the property was sold by the British and some remained in the hands of the Custodian of Enemy Property in Israel after the British withdrew.

U.S. JEWS PROTEST ARRESTS OF JEWISH LEADERS IN RUMANIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 18, (JTA) -- A resolution protesting the arrest and persecution of Jewish leaders in Rumania was adopted here at a meeting of the United Rumanian Jews of America. The resolution also called upon the United States Government and the United Nations to intervene with the Rumanian Government to obtain the release of the imprisoned Jewish leaders.

SURVEY SHOWS DROP IN USE OF KOSHER MEAT BY MONTREAL JEWS

MONTREAL, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The percentage of Jews using kosher meat, which was 87.2 percent in 1938, fell to an all-time low of 67.3 percent in 1951, according to the findings of the research department of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The high price of kosher meat is driving an increasing number of Jews, who care less about Kashruth, to buy the cheaper meat sold in non-kosher or non-Jewish stores. The retail prices of kosher meat in Montreal range from 41 cents a pound higher for fancy cuts, to 16 cents a pound higher for the cheaper cuts than do the prices charged in the chain stores.

Unlike the situation in many other large Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, all matters concerning Shechita and Kashruth are under the exclusive control of the Montreal Jewish Community Council, which is the only organization authorized to issue licenses to kosher butchers.

While the Council maintains efficient and effective control over all kosher slaughtering operations, and over the supervision and inspection of retail kosher butcher shops to ensure that they are conducted in conformity with the religious requirements of Kashruth, it does not include within its functions any provision for controlling the prices charged for kosher meat sold by butchers holding its license or "Kosher Card."

JEWISH CONCILIATION BOARD OF AMERICA HONORS DR. GOLDSTEIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein was honored for 25 years of continuous service as president of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America at a ceremony here yesterday attended by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff.

Also present at the affair were hundreds of Jews who had figured in the 6,000 "cases" heard and settled by the conciliation service in its 30 years of existence. A scroll of appreciation was presented to Dr. Goldstein by Louis Richman, executive secretary of the board, who has served as a volunteer in that capacity since the service was organized.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF JUDAH TOURO TO BE OBSERVED

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the death of Judah Touro, famous Jewish philanthropist who shortly before his death on January 18, 1854 bequeathed \$500,000--an enormous sum in those days--to Jewish, Catholic and Protestant institutions, in addition to the many grants he made during his life time, will be observed this week in synagogues and by Jewish groups throughout the country.

Among his benefactions was a contribution of \$10,000 to the building of the Bunker Hill Monument which made its construction possible. Known as "the merchant prince of New Orleans," he was buried in the old Jewish cemetery at Newport, Rhode Island, near his cousin, Catherine Hayes, the girl of his choice whom he was unable to marry. He remained a bachelor throughout his life.

DR. ISIDOR SHALIT, ONE OF OLDEST ZIONIST LEADERS, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Isidor Shalit, one of the last surviving delegates to the First World Zionist Congress at Basle, died here last night after a long illness. He was 83. Dr. Shalit had served as secretary to Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, for a number of years.