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#### JEWISH DP'S AND GERMAN POLICE CLASH IN MUNICH; SEVERAL INJURED

MUNICH, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- More than a dozen displaced Jews, residents of the Foehrenwald camp--the only remaining Jewish DP camp in Germany--were slightly injured today in clashes with police when a group of about 150 men from the camp attempted to occupy the headquarters here of the Joint Distribution Committee. Three were arrested.

The Jewish DP's came from Foehrenwald on chartered buses, but the police, in anticipation of their arrival, had cordoned off the streets leading to JDC headquarters and prevented the demonstrators from entering the JDC offices.

Trouble between some of the Foehrenwald residents and the JDC had been brewing for some time. Last week, in order to avoid complications, the JDC office in Foehrenwald was closed down after some of the residents demanded it, claiming that they were dissatisfied with certain administrative procedures employed by JDC social workers.

One of the chief grievances expressed by spokesmen of the Foehrenwald residents is the alleged lack of vigor by the JDC in pressing for heavy monetary claims sought by the Foehrenwald camp committee from the West German Government and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, to finance the resettlement of the camp residents in other countries or to integrate them into the German economy.

## JDC Representatives Ready to Meet with DP Delegation

A representative of the JDC said this afternoon that the agency had been told to appoint a committee to meet with JDC officials to discuss their problems. They were told that Moses Beckelman, European director of the JDC, is ready to come to Munich from Paris to attend such a meeting.

"The attack on our office," a JDC spokesman declared, "reflects the deplorable, exasperated reaction by people whose efforts to leave Germany have been thwarted by circumstances beyond their or our control. The JDC is carrying on a large-scale supplementary program on behalf of the Foehrenwald residents, as well as all Jews in Germany and, in cooperation with international organizations and government and local authorities, is attempting to find a permanent solution to these problems.

"The JDC is constantly ready to meet all representatives of committees for ordered discussion of their problem and is ready to help within the possible limits of its resources and wherever justifiable. The JDC, however, cannot permit the discuption of its work and offices serving all Jews in Germany by a small group of irresponsible persons who disregard their own authorized, recently-elected representatives."

## DR. GOLDMANN WELCOMES AUSTRIA'S NEW MOVE ON JEWISH CLAIMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The statement this week of Chancellor Julius Raab that Austria is ready to resume negotiations for a settlement of claims of Nazi victims was welcomed with reservations today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and key figure in a recent dispute between the Austrian Chancellor and Jewish groups.

Dr. Goldmann, who is also chairman of the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria, which represents the major Jewish organizations in the free world, told a press conference that he welcomed "the Austrian Chancellor's expression of readiness to resume negotiations, and we all hope that a formula will be found that will enable the Jewish organizations to agree to the resumption of these talks." He pointed out, however, that no official invitation from the Austrian Government has been received by the Committee.

"If an acceptable formula can be found to resolve the existing difference of opinion on heirless property issue, the major obstacle towards the resumption of negotiations will have been removed," Dr. Goldmann said. Without referring to the Chancellor by name, he also replied to implications in Dr. Raab's statement that the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria had tried to exert pressure on Austria through the Berlin conference and had submitted demands that were not commensurate with Austria's financial capacity.

"The demands of the Jewish organizations certainly cannot be called unreasonable," Dr. Goldmann stated. "What the Jewish organizations have asked in payment for heirless Jewish property is \$11,500,000 which is only a fraction of the material losses suffered by Jews in Austria under Nazi rule. The actual losses cannot even be computed. They amount to hundreds of millions of dollars. Not a single Jewish group indicated the Bilghtest opposition to Austria's demand for full independence. Respect for other people's sovereignty is an integral part of Jewish tradition.

"What we have done," Dr. Goldmann explained, "is to solicit the good offices of the Western powers at the Berlin Conference in an effort to impress upon Austria the moral claims of the victims of Nazism must not be ignored and that a settlement is long overdue. This, in fact, has always been the position of the U.S. Department of State, of France and Great Britain. The Jewish people is not seeking a permanent conflict with Austria, and the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria will certainly be glad to resume negotiations on a reasonable and equitable basis acceptable to all parties."

## German-Israel Pact Proceeding "Honorably," Dr. Goldmann Reports

Dr. Goldmann, who was the chief negotiator of the Bonn-Israel agreement, reported that the agreement "is proceeding honorably and in the most satisfactory manner, with obvious benefits to the Israel economy." The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, he said, will soon receive approximately \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000 from Israel as its first annual share of the German settlement. On March 19, the board of directors of the Conference will meet in New York to distribute these monies to qualified agencies engaged in the rehabilitation of Nazi victims residing outside Israel.

Dr. Goldmann contrasted West Germany's conduct with that of East Germany, which submitted a demand to the Berlin Big Four Conference that the Bonn-Israel agreement be cancelled in the event that Germany is unified. "The position taken by the Communist regime in East Germany is not surprising," he said, 'The notice it has now served upon the Berlin 3ig Four Conference is consistent with this shameful conduct throughout in refusing to consider Jewry's and Israel's claims.

"We have every reason to trust that in the event of reunification negotiations between the two German regimes, the West German leaders will insist on the continuation of the agreement with Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany," Dr. Goldmann declared.

### IEWISH LEADER IN AUSTRIA INVITED BY GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS CLAIMS

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VIENNA, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Austrian Finance Ministry today invited Wilhelm Krell, general secretary of the Jewish community, to discuss with the ministry the local community's views on Jewish claims for restitution and indemnification, in the light of the statement last week by Chancellor Julius Raab that the Austrian Government was willing to negotiate on Jewish claims for a lump sum settlement of heirless Jewish property.

A community spokesman today declared that the Austrian Jews "wholeheartedly" support the position of world Jewish groups on claims against Austria. Meanwhile, the Jewish community has decided to publish a memorandum outlining the Jewish demands, so as to keep the public informed.

President Emil Maurer of the Vienna Jewish community expressed concern today that the Austrian Government's attitude vis-a-vis the Jews would be reflected in Austrian business dealings with foreigners and in the tourist trade.

## STRIA ACTS IN GERMANY AGAINST PAYMENT OF REPARATIONS TO JEWS

BERLIN, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The new Syrian Minister to Bonn, Jamal ed Farra, yesterday protested to the Big Four delegations at the Foreign Ministers meeting here and to representatives of the East German, West German and Austrian Governments here against the payment of reparations by East or West Germany or Austria to Israel, it was reported today.

The Syrian representative, speaking in the name of the Arab states, charged that reparations payments would increase the war potential of Israel which, he asserted, was still at war with the Arabs. Mr. Farra today admitted that he had not been received by the Big Four, but said he had conferred with Dr. Lothar Bolz, Foreign Minister of East Germany, who had reiterated his government's determination not to pay reparations.

The Syrian diplomat's activities and statements today drew a blast from Dr. Chaim Yahil, Israeli representative in Berlin who has been in contact with the Big Four delegations on matters of interest to the Jewish State. Dr. Yahil charged Mr. Farra with "meddling" in an issue in which his country had no standing.

The Israeli diplomat, who is deputy chief of the Israel purchasing mission in Germany, also refuted wild statements made by the Arab in reference to the Arab-Israel conflict, the refugee situation and German reparations to Israel and indemnification to Jews. In response to an implied threat by Mr. Farra that if Jews throughout the world identified themselves with Israel they would be open to a widespread wave of anti-Semitism, Dr. Yahil charged that the Arab politicians were attempting to stir up anti-Semitism.

## U.S. GIVES \$39,000,000 ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL IN FOUR MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- American economic aid to 'srael over the last four months has totalled \$39,000,000, it was reported here today by official sources. The funds are drawn from some \$147,000,000 in appropriations for assistance to nations in Asia, including Iran and the Arab states.

None of the Arab states obtained grants under the same program in the four month period because they did not have any proposals for projects meriting such assistance, it was stated. There are agreements between the U.S. and the Arab countries whereby Washington provides technical help for specific project.

## ISRAEL WILL ATTAIN ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Israel's economy is making great strides forward and will soon attain independence, Bruce McDaniel, American administrator of Technical Cooperation Administration funds in Israel, declared last night. He spoke in Haifa before the America-Israel Friendship League.

#### BRITAIN ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT ON SUEZ BLOCKADE

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The British Government will support Israel's complaint to the United Nations against the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal because the Egyptian Government's actions violate the Constantinople Convention, which governs operation of the Canal, Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd announced in Commons today.

The question was raised by Conservative M. P. Eric Johnson who asked what action had been taken on Israel's complaint to the UN Security Council against Egypt's halting ships with Israel-bound cargoes in the canal. When Mr. Lloyd replied that the matter was now under consideration in the Security Council, Mr. Johnson wanted to know what the British Government's stand on this was. Mr. Lloyd replied that it was to uphold the principle of free navigation through the Canal.

At this point Mr. Johnson asked if it was a fact that the Egyptian Government's action was in contravention of the Constantinople pact and if it would, therefore, be right for the British Government to support Israel's protest. Mr. Lloyd said that what the M. P. had said was the view of the British Government.

#### NEW WATER SOURCES DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL; MORE DISCOVERIES EXPECTED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Two new water sources of considerable importance have been found in Lower Galilee, at Kfar Hittin and near the Kadouri Agricultural School, it was announced today.

The combined flow of the two wells is estimated at 300 cubic metres an hour. Despite the fact that water was not found until the wells had been driven about 1,000 feet-the deepest in Israel, Prof. M. Picard of the Hebrew University believes that the existence of these water pockets are signs of extensive water resources in Galilee.

#### GOLDA MYERSON RECEIVED BY KING OF SWEDEN; HONORED IN STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- King Gustav VI of Sweden today granted a halfhour audience to Israel Labor Minister Golda Myerson. During their meeting, Mrs. Myerson presented the King with an ancient glass pane which had been excavated in the Bethlehem area as a gift of the Israel Government.

Last night, Mrs. Myerson was honored at a banquet at City Hall, given by the Swedish-Israel Society. Mrs. Myerson told the diners that psace between Israel and the Arab states will come when the Arab states realize that it would benefit them as much as the Jewish State. She reviewed the progress made in Israel in the industrial and agricultural spheres and predicted that one day Israel would be able to produce enough food to feed her own people and export some.

Stockholm Mayor Carl Albert Andersson and Prof. A. Holmbaeck, chairman of the Swedish-Israel Society, praised Israel for accepting hundreds of thousands of refugees and helping them remake their lives. Israel Minister Avraham Nissan also spoke.

## NEW PIER FOR PASSENGER VESSELS OPENED IN HAIFA; IS 600 FEET LONG

HAIFA, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A new pier for passenger vessels in the port of Haifa was opened here today at a ceremony attended by Minister of Communications Joseph Saphir and city officials.

The dock, nearly 600 feet long, is one unit of a 4,000,000 pound improvement project at the part. The pier was placed in use at the ceremony when the tourist liner Atlantic berthed at the dock.

#### WEST GERMAN PRESIDENT IS PATRON OF JEWISH ART EXHIBITION

HANOVER, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The first major exhibition in more than a quarter of a century of oils and crayons by Max Liebermann, leading figure of German impressionism, has been arranged in the State Gallery here, under the patronage of Liebermann's friend, West German President Theodor Heuss. At a later date, the exhibition will also be seen in Hamburg.

Professor Liebermann, a professing Jew and a very popular Berlin public figure, died two years after the Nazis branded his work "degenerate art," banned him from painting or exhibiting and forced him to withdraw from his many honorary offices in the German cultural world, among them the presidency of the Berlin Academy of Art.

The Lower Saxony State Secretary for Cultural Affairs recalled these indignities in his opening remarks, declaring that the show was in the nature of moral amenda, to underline this point, the sponsors of the exhibition printed, for the first time, the address delivered to a 1935 memorial meeting of the Berlin "Jewish Cultural League" by Professor Adolph Goldschmidt, art historian. Only at a closed meeting of this Jewish group was it then permitted to commemorate the death of the great painter.

The 121 exhibits for this imposing show were loaned by museums and collectors in many countries, notably Switzerland and Holland. One portrait was contributed by President Heuss himself.

#### CHAIR FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ESTABLISHED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The establishment of a Chair for South American Sudles at the Hebrew University here was announced last night at a press conference by Prof. M. Evenari and Dr. Salvador Kibrick of Buenos Aires, who is president of the foundation for "Catedra Republica Argentina."

Dr. Kibrick, who had previously been received by Israel President Ben Zvi and Education Minister Ben Zion Dinur, paid tribute to the administration of President Juan Peron for taking the initiative in the cultural exchange between Israel and Argentina by establishing a Chair for Hebrew Studies at the University of Buenos Aires and appointing as its first professor Argentine Chief Rabbi Amram Blum. He added that the Chair at the Hebrew University was an expression of patriotism by Argentina's Jews and their material contribution to a cultural interchange between the two countries.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SO. AFRICA OPENS EXHIBITION OF RITUAL OBJECTS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A collection of Jewish ritual and art objects including priceless heirlooms of Jewish families here as well as a special exhibition of ceremonial silver rescued from the Nazis and presented to South African Jewry by the Jewish Reconstruction Foundation, has been placed on view by the South African Board of Deputies.

The exhibition has already been seen by large numbers of Jews and non-Jews in this city. The exhibition was discussed on a popular radio program by E. J. Horo-witz, chairman of the Board of Deputies, and Dr. H. Abt, who organized the exhibit.

## JACOB EPSTEIN, FAMOUS JEWISH SCULPTOR, KNIGHTED BY QUEEN MOTHER

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Jacob Epstein, American-born British sculptor, was highted yesterday by Queen Mother Elizabeth in a ceremony at Buckingham Hall. Sir Jacob was named by Queen Elizabeth II on her New Year's Day honors list this year.

## MONTREAL JEWISH POPULATION INCREASES 26 PERCENT IN TEN YEARS

MONTREAL, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- During the past ten years, the Jewish population of the metropolitan area of Montreal has increased by 17,372 persons, or 26.4 percent, and the total number of Jewish people estimated to be living here today is 92,000 according to Louis Rosenberg, research director of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The fact that the Jewish population of Montreal has increased by 26, 4 percent places the Jewish rate of increase on a par with the French Canadian, whereas the tendency in most Canadian cities has always been for the Jewish rate of increase to be smaller than the Protestant or Catholic rate, due to a smaller birthrate and lower immigration.

#### 65,000 JEWISH CHILDREN AFFECTED BY PROPOSED CHANGE IN NEW YORK LAW

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Spokesmen for leading Jewish education and religious groups protested today a proposed amendment to the city's zoning regulations whose effects, they charged, would endanger the lives of some 65,000 Jewish children attending after-hour Jewish schools.

Testifying at a hearing held by the City Planning Commission on a proposal to amend Section 21-A of the city's zoning regulations, Leo Pfeffer of the American Jewish Congress, serving as attorney for the objectants, declared that the proposed amendment discriminates against Jewish children.

Section 21-A, as it reads today, prohibits the operation of garages or gas stations on the same street as public, private or religious schools. The proposed amendment would, in effect, continue protection to children attending public schools and all-day parochial schools, but would permit operation of garages or filling stations adjacent to Hebrew schools, Taimud Torahs, Sunday schools and Yiddish culture schools, all of which hold sessions after public school hours.

In a statement submitted in behalf of the American Jewish Congress, the New York Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Education Committee of New York, the Hebrew Principals Association, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the United Synagogue of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as well as more than 50 individual Jewish religious and cultural schools, Mr. Pfeffer pointed out that the proposed amendment would directly affect some 450 Jewish schools which meet after regular public school hours or on Sundays.

## COURT RULES JEWISH GIRL CAN MARRY NON-JEW DESPITE WILL

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The New York State Appellate Court ruled yesterday that a Jewish girl may marry a non-Jew and continue to receive an interest in her great-grandfather's estate despite a provision in his will that none of his descendants who "marries a person not of the Jewish faith and not of Jewish blood" may receive a legacy left by him.

Reversing a Surrogate Court's decision, the Appellate Court said that Miss Jean Tanburn, the great-granddaughter of the late Abraham S. Rosenthal, could continue to receive a \$6,500 a year income from a \$675,000 trust fund, and a \$10,000 cash legacy despite the fact that she will marry Donald Morrison Kelley, Jr., a non-Jew.

The court's ruling was based on the fact that Miss Tanburn did not inherit directly from Mr. Rosenthal but from her father, the late Stephen A. Tanburn. A manority opinion on the three-to-two decision noted that the interpretation of the majority was unprecedented.