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## AUSTRIAN GOVT. "EXPLAINS" FAILURE OF TALKS ON JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, July 8. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government issued today a communique explaining the failure of the recent negotiations between representatives of world Jewry and the Austrian Government to reach a solution of the Jewish claims for heirless property and individual restitution and compensation.

The communique said that the talks had raised a number of problems which must be settled by Parliament. Since Parliament will not be in session until the Fall, the Austro-Jewish talks cannot be re-opened before October, it emphasized.

The talks led to the clarification of certain matters, the communique said, but stressed that legislative measures are necessary to take care of any settlement of the heirless property claims. It asserted that the exact extent of the Austrian Government's financial liability could not be determined from the documents presented by the Jewish team alone.

The communique underlined that the Austrian Government has pledged adherence to the principle that there shall be no discrimination in restitution and indemnification matters between Nazi victims now living in Austria and those living abroad. It added that the government holds that no person now living in Austria has been discriminated against in such measures.

The Austrian Government will examine the possibility of making advance payments to Nazi victims in need who will be eligible for benefits under the forthcoming Fifth Restitution Law, the communique declared. The government will also study legislative measures to compensate persecutees who lost their furniture and other personal property and have not yet received restitution. This too will result in a heavy drain on the budget, the communique stressed, and therefore such matters must first be referred to Parliament.

## U. N. TRUCE CHIEF PRESENTS REPORT ON JERUSALEM'S "SMALL WAR"

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- Major General Vagn Bennike, chief of the United Nations truce supervision organization, today presented to the governments of Israel and Jordan a 50-page report on the three-day Jerusalem "small war" which took place last week.

The report was compiled by UN observers on each side of the Israel and Jordan frontiers. A copy of it was sent by Gen. Bennike also to UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, who will decide whether to submit it to the Security Council.

The report, on the basis of which the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission will have to make its decision as to whether Jordan or Israel is to be blamed for the three-day shooting affray, will be taken up by the Armistice Commission next Sunday at a session attended by Israel and Jordan representatives. The session will be conducted under Gen. Bennike's chairmanship.

CABINET MEMBERS ADDRESS U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY RALLY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 8. (JTA) -- Appreciation of American aid to Israel was expressed here tonight by Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, at a rally sponsored by the Israel-American Friendship League to mark American Independence Day. Guests of honor at the affair were Bruce McDaniel, retiring head of the American technical assistance program in Israel, and United States Charge d'Affaires Francis H. Russell.

Mr. Eshkol also paid tribute to Mr. McDaniel's skillful administration of American aid in Israel. Trade Minister Peretz Bernstein noted the similarity between the declarations of American and Israel independence and said that Israel admired the U.S. for successfully leading the world through its democratic principles.

In reply, Mr. Russell paid tribute to the spirit of independence in both countries and hailed the Israeli friends of the U.S. Mr. McDaniel declared that "what we have done together in these brief years will long bear good fruit."

AMENDMENT TO CUT U.S. AID TO MIDDLE EAST OFFERED BY SENATOR

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- Sen. George A. Smathers of Florida today offered an amendment to foreign aid legislation to reduce the authorization for economic development assistance to Israel and the Near East in order to increase the sum for Latin America.

Sen. Smathers' amendment would cut the Near Eastern authorization from \$130,000,000 to \$124,000,000 or approximately 4.6 percent. The Near Eastern authorization contains funds for the Arab states as well as Israel. The exact amounts are not known but it has been announced by the State Department that the Arabs will receive more than previously while Israel is to get less than last year.

U.S. PLANS TO ARM ARAB COUNTRIES WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- Administration plans to arm Arab League states will be discussed next week when Lord Alexander, British Minister of Defense, arrives here, it was learned here today.

Lord Alexander will arrive July 16 to confer with Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson on the defense situation in Europe and the Far East as well as the Middle East. It was learned from official sources that American proposals for strengthening Arab military forces will be advanced. Sir Harold Parker, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defense, and Sir Frederick Brundrett, deputy chairman of the Defense Research Policy Committee, will accompany Lord Alexander.

The British defense officials will be in Washington the same time as Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of the Israel defense forces, and two Israeli colonels. However, the simultaneous presence of both groups is considered as merely coincidental.

GREECE INFORMS ARABS IT DOES NOT INTEND TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

ROME, July 8. (JTA) -- The Greek Government has informed the Arab League that it has no intention of recognizing the State of Israel at this time, the Italian news agency Mondar reported today. The report added that the Greek Government's statement was in reply to a League memorandum outlining the unfavorable repercussions of any Greek Government recognition of the Jewish State.

Israeli circles in this country, however, noted that Greece has already extended de facto recognition to Israel. Also, that it has recently appointed a diplomatic representative in Israel to replace the honorary consul it had there before.

AGUDISTS URGED TO INVEST ONE-TENTH OF THEIR CAPITAL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- The Agudas Israel World Congress here resolved today that every member of the Agudah movement outside Israel should invest one-tenth of his capital in constructive enterprises in Israel. The decision was adopted unanimously.

JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS TO PREVENT ADMISSION OF RUMANIA TO UNESCO

GENEVA, July 8. (JTA) -- Rumania's application for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is "incompatible" with its persecution of Jewish leaders and its attack on the spiritual autonomy of the Rumanian Jewish community, the World Jewish Congress today told the UN Economic and Social Council which is considering a Rumanian Government bid for membership in UNESCO.

In a statement submitted by Rabbi Maurice Perlzweig and A. L. Easternman, WJC leaders, it was noted that there was a contradiction between the policy pursued by the Rumanian Government of depriving the Jewish community of its intellectual freedom through the imprisonment of its leaders, and the fundamental principle of UNESCO of "the free exchange of ideas and knowledge" and its fundamental purpose "to further universal respect for justice" and for the "rule of law."

In view of the repressive policy followed by the Rumanian Government, the WJC spokesman said, "we have no choice but to draw the attention of the United Nations to the incompatibility of membership in UNESCO with actions of the Rumanian Government which must result in the destruction of the spiritual autonomy of the Jewish community through the elimination of its independent leadership.

"We express the hope," the statement continued, "that discussion of these issues in the Council may help to persuade the Rumanian Government to revise its policy and set free the Jewish leaders who have been so unjustly condemned to these cruel sentences. The injustice of these sentences is all the more grave because they were imposed for activities which were perfectly legal at the time when they were undertaken."

U. N. BODY UNLIKELY TO DECIDE ON WORLD CALENDAR REFORM

GENEVA, July 8. (JTA) -- The proposal for world calendar reform, which is currently before the United Nations Social and Economic Council here, is unlikely to be acted on at the current session, it was reported here today. After five non-governmental organizations testified on the proposal yesterday, France suggested that the entire matter be referred to member governments for further study.

The World Calendar Association and the Indian Council for World Affairs spoke in favor of the proposal for changing the calendar through the use of a "blank day." The Agudas Israel and World Jewish Congress spoke against the idea, pointing out that it would change the position of the Sabbath day in the week and interfere with religious practices of Jews and other Sabbath observers. A Catholic group, noting that it was not speaking for the Vatican, said that this was not the time for changing the calendar and suggested it was a religious problem.

DANISH GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS PROPOSED LAW TO BAN SHECHITA

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- The Danish Government has withdrawn a proposed law to ban shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter of animals for food, following a ruling by the Israel Chief Rabbinate that electrocution of animals before slaughter would violate Jewish law, it was reported here today. The Danish Government had offered the electrocution method as an alternative to shechita.

VATICAN AWARDS DECORATION TO JEWISH DIRECTOR OF HAGUE MUSEUM

THE HAGUE, July 8. (JTA) -- The Vatican's decoration of the Order of Pius was awarded today to Dr. L. J. F. Wysenbeek, a Jew, who is director of The Hague Museum. The award was made by the Papal Nuncio to Holland in appreciation of Dr. Wysenbeek's arranging of an exhibition at the museum of Vatican pictures and manuscripts.

ZIONIST MOVEMENT RE-ESTABLISHED IN GERMANY; SHEKOLIM TO BE SOLD

DUSSELDORF, July 8. (JTA) -- The Zionist movement was re-established in Germany today with the formal organization of a new Zionist federation and the election of a three-man executive and a 17-member national board at a conference of German Jewish leaders here. The new federation has the support of the World Zionist Organization and will be affiliated with the WZO.

Shekolim will be sold by the German Zionist Organization and on that basis it will be able to send delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. A fund-raising program to be launched among Germany's 25,000 Jews was outlined for the assembled leaders by Sam Segal, European director of the Keren Hayesod.

Dr. Chaim Yachil, now deputy head of the Israel purchasing mission in Cologne and former head of the Jewish Agency office in Munich and one-time Israel consul in Munich, was the chief speaker at the conference. Dr. Yachil reviewed the contributions of German Jewry to Zionism and the course of Zionism in Germany in recent years. He noted that since it has become obvious that the continued existence of a Jewish community in Germany is a fact, it had been resolved among the Zionist leadership that this community should have the same rights and duties as Jewish collectivities elsewhere.

WEST GERMAN PRESIDENT ATTENDS MAIMONIDES ANNIVERSARY MEETING

DUSSELDORF, July 8. (JTA) -- A distinguished audience including high West German officials led by President Theodor Heuss participated last night, in the great parliamentary chamber of the State Legislature here, in ceremonies commemorating the 750th anniversary of the death of Moses Maimonides, noted Jewish Philosopher of the Middle Ages.

For the first time since its establishment in Germany, the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany participated formally in an official event. The Mission was one of the inviting groups sponsoring the Maimonides memorial, others being the Delitzsch Institute of Jewish Studies - a Protestant theological institution - and the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

Among prominent Germans present, in addition to Dr. Heuss, were the Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia, three members of his Cabinet, the Speaker of the State Legislature, and well known theologians and scholars. The Israeli flag was displayed between the banners of Germany and the State.

The introductory address was delivered by Professor K. H. Rengstorf, a Protestant theologian who conceived the idea for this commemorative meeting. Dr. Rengstorf is a scholar who revived the Delitzsch Institute for Jewish Studies, at Muenster University. That Institute, founded in 1886 at Leipzig to enable Protestant theologians and missionaries to study Jewish subjects, was closed by the Gestapo during the Nazi regime.

The high point of the evening was the principal address by Dr. Leo Baeck, former spiritual head of Liberal Judaism in Germany, who flew here especially for this meeting from London. Dr. Baeck, who is 81, spent the war years in the Theresienstadt concentration camp. He stressed in his address the role of Maimonides as the philosophical "bridge builder" between Orient and Occident, tracing Maimonides' influence upon modern thinking right down to the rise of the German labor movement in the mid-Nineteenth Century.

GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION PRESENTS "NATHAN THE WISE"

DUSSELDORF, July 8. (JTA) -- "Nathan the Wise," well known German classic drama on a theme of religious tolerance, by Ephraim Lessing, was presented before an audience of miners at nearby Recklinghausen last night, and was vigorously applauded by the audience. The play is being performed under the auspices of the West German Trade Union Federation as part of its "Ruhr Festival," and will be shown in 15 other mine and factory towns as well as in Rotterdam and Berlin.

ARGENTINE PAPER APOLOGIZES FOR ANTI-JEWISH ADVERTISEMENT

BUENOS AIRES, July 8. (JTA) -- A delegation of the DAIA--the central representative body of Argentine Jewry--today received an apology from the editor of the influential newspaper "La Razon" which last week published an advertisement by the "Syrian Cultural Association" insulting the Jewish population of this country as well as the State of Israel.

The editor told a DAIA delegation which visited him that the organization which inserted the advertisement had abused his own good faith. He pointed out that "La Razon" has a well established policy of friendliness for Israel and promised that the newspaper will not again permit any group to use its pages as "a vehicle for shameful attacks upon Jews."

The DAIA was offered space for its own advertisement, which it ran in "La Razon," replying sharply to the attacks leveled by "the so-called Syrian Cultural Association, whose identity is unknown" and which the DAIA called "a bud off the Nazi tree."

TOLEDO COMMUNITY GIVES \$250,000 TO UJA'S FIVE-YEAR LOAN PROJECT

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Fund of Toledo today presented a check for \$250,000 to the United Jewish Appeal as its contribution to the special Five Year Loan Project.

Toledo is the 19th Jewish community to remit actual cash to the UJA's loan effort. A total of \$57,000,000 has been contributed by the 19 communities to the project during five months, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, said.

At the start of the project, 143 communities pledged themselves to try to raise a total of \$67,627,000 toward the loan by borrowing from local banks against UJA's corporate guarantee of repayment over a five-year period. The UJA expects to receive, additionally, about \$10,000,000 against pledges this summer as outstanding communities complete their bank arrangements. Leading figures in the successful completion of the Toledo loan were Abe J. Levine, president of the United Jewish Fund, and Joseph Cohan, chairman of its 1954 drive.

CONFERENCE OF SO. AFRICAN ZIONIST WOMEN DISCUSSES HEBREW EDUCATION

JOHANNESBURG, July 8. (JTA) -- The role of Zionist women in Hebrew education among the Jews of South Africa was stressed here today at a national conference of South African women Zionists by Cecil Hyman, Israel Minister, Simon Kuper, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and other speakers. The parley surveyed a wide range of problems including education, organizational matters, fund-raising and Israel.

At the 11th biennial South African Zionist Youth Conference, held here today, Mr. Hyman called for South African Jewish youth to take a greater interest in the practical work of organizing pioneering immigration to Israel.

"GUARDIANS OF ISRAEL" FORMED IN BRAZIL; TO SELL ISRAEL BONDS

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 8. (JTA) -- The first Latin-American foundation dinner of the "Guardians of Israel," organization devoted to the sale of Israel Bonds, was held here last night. Speakers included the chairman of the "Guardians of Israel" here, Dr. Samuel Malamud; Dr. Mordecai Schneerson, counsellor of the Israeli legation here; and Miron Sheski, chief of the Latin-American department for State of Israel Bonds.