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## ISRAEL REPORTED SEEKING \$70,000,000 REPARATIONS LOAN FROM GERMANY

NUREMBERG, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The German press reports today that West Germany "has turned a cold shoulder" to a proposal that she make available to Israel a loan of \$70,000,000 on account of her reparations payments to the Jewish State.

"Die Welt," leading German daily newspaper here, says that Israel had suggested that the loan be made out of the huge surplus which West Germany has accumulated with the European Payments Union. Israel, the paper says, proposed that the loan be granted as an advance against payments on German obligations under the German-Israel Reparations Treaty. "The government has given the suggestion a cold reception due to the great need for capital for the German economy," Die Welt says.

The Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany has declined to comment on the report, except to state that Israel has never sought a cash loan of the kind indicated, but has explored the possibility of expediting delivery of reparations goods in accordance with the terms of the German-Israel Reparations Treaty.

## Nazis Demand Indemnification; Were Interned by U.S. Authorities

Meanwhile, it was reported today from Frankfurt that more than 2,000 militant Nazis, at a rally near Kassel, voiced a demand for indemnification payments for time spent in internment camps. U.S. Military Government authorities considered them dangerous security threats, due to the high offices they occupied or the exceptionally fervent fanaticism they exhibited.

Under the name of "Association of Former Internees," these Nazis banded together to press their claims and to urge that all denazification court convictions be expunged from the record. A questionnaire circulated prior to the rally asked for the names of "former internment camp comrades who now hold key positions in economic life."

Featured speaker was Professor Friedrich Grimm, a prominent rightist jurist and admirer of Hitler, who found no fault with the perversion of the administration of justice for Nazi ends during the Third Reich, but who now spearheads a campaign against "political encroachments on the administration of justice," a designation he employs to describe the punishment of Nazi crimes. "It is intolerable that human beings are judged on their political past, and we must put an end to it," he declaimed in calling for a general amnesty on behalf of all war criminals.

ISRAEL RELEASES LEBANESE SHIP; PASSENGERS PROCEED TO BEIRUT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Lebanese ship "Nabilah," intercepted yesterday in Israeli waters by an Israeli coastal patrol boat, was released today.

The "Nabilah" was on her way from Egyptian Gaza to Beirut when she entered Israeli waters. The patrol boat took the ship to Haifa. The 180-ton vessel carried a crew of five, and 29 passengers, all of whom continued on their way to Beirut when the boat was released.

LABOR LEADERS TO SEEK CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Seven American labor leaders, representing large segments of both the AFL and the CIO, left for home today, after a 10-day visit here, determined "to fight for a change in the United States Government's attitude toward Israel, because the American labor movement is interested in Israel's security."

The American trade unionists came here under the auspices of the American Christian Committee for Palestine and the National Committee for Labor Israel. Here, they were the guests of Histadrut, the Confederation of Jewish Labor in Israel. Yesterday, they were received in Jerusalem by President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, Labor Minister Golda Myerson, Speaker Joseph Sprinzak and other high government officials.

Today, before departing, they reiterated a pledge they had given Mr. Ben Zvi, to do all they can upon returning home to work toward improving American policy vis-a-vis Israel. "The American labor movement is interested in Israel's security, because Israel is a real democratic state that can be trusted to guarantee the labor movement's progressive development," said Phil Hanna, AFL leader from Columbus, Ohio, who acted as the delegation's spokesman.

In answer to questions by correspondents, Mr. Hanna said: "We were greatly impressed with the Histadrut's success in securing for the Arab workers their rights as workers, their professional rights, the privileges to which all workers are entitled, and an increase in the Arab workers' self-confidence. We are convinced that the Arab workers are appreciative of the Histadrut's work and, therefore, the country has the loyalty of the Arabs living here." Among the places visited by the delegation was Nazareth, the all-Arab city in Israel, where they conferred with residents of the city and with Parliamentary deputies from the Arab constituencies.

Harry Block, secretary of the CIO in Pennsylvania, another member of the delegation, called for increased friendship between the American and the Israeli labor movements. He said he felt that more mutual visiting between these two sections of labor, and more study of each other's problems and ideals, would help cement firmer relations. All members of the delegation had high praise for Israel's accomplishments. The prime purpose of their visit here was to study labor conditions and labor-management relations here.

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY PASSES LAW PROHIBITING SALE OF PIG MEAT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- In the absence of its Socialist members, today, the Municipal Council passed a by-law prohibiting the sale of pig meat in Jerusalem. The by-law must be approved by the Ministry of the Interior before it can go into effect.

It was held doubtful whether such approval will be given in view of the consideration the Ministry will probably take of the number of non-Jews living in Jerusalem. Recently, when Tiberias passed such a municipal ordinance, approval of the law was denied by the Interior Ministry.

ISRAEL PRODUCTS ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR

ISTANBUL, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Many Israeli industrialists and officials of Israel's Ministry of Commerce, including Undersecretary of Commerce M. Szaeff, arrived here today in connection with Israel's participation in the Izmir International Fair, which opened here several days ago.

The Israel exhibits are attracting great attention at the fair. Featured among them are automobiles, trucks, jeeps, spare parts for automotive vehicles, refrigerators, kitchen utensils, radios, electrical equipment, chemical products, textiles, drugs, and construction materials.

Moshe Galli, Israeli trade attache here, announced that Israel has contracted to participate in the Izmir International Fair for the next eight years. He added that the popularity of the exhibits here has led him to consider the possibility of moving the displays to Istanbul after the Izmir Fair closes on September 20.

ISRAEL'S FEARS STRESSED BY CONSUL GENERAL UPON RETURN TO NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- "Peace and democracy are the twin foundations of Israel's policy," Avraham Harman, Israel Consul General in New York, told the closing session of the Hadassah convention last night, a few hours following his return from Israel, where he spent five weeks.

"It is inconceivable to the people of Israel that a country with this outlook should be expected to look on unconcerned, as neighboring countries, which reject peace and negate democracy, pursue their dangerous course of enmity and boycott, and still continue to enjoy the full assurance of economic and military aid from the free world," Mr. Harman said.

"Israel is convinced that the peril of this situation will be understood, as it must be, if the interests of stability in the Middle East are to be well served," he added. He reported that the people of Israel still regard "as their highest purpose" the need to provide homes and conditions for a decent life to "all those Jews in need of them."

CANAANITE TEMPLE, ABOUT 3,700 YEARS OLD, UNCOVERED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- An ancient Canaanite sanctuary, dating back to approximately 1,750 years before the beginning of the Christian era, has been uncovered through excavations by Israel's antiquity department near Nahariya, it was announced today.

The sanctuary is said to be one of the most interesting of discoveries, shedding light on Canaanite religious rites, specifically on their worship of Astarte. The temple is situated on the shore of a small spring flowing downward toward the sea. The excavators found a high place where the worshippers brought their sacrifices to Astarte. Vessels of pottery, and bones of animals, were found scattered on the floor. Many of the vessels are of unusual type, most of them miniature pots of various shapes.

Among the vessels found, there are an incense burner, a seven-cup lamp, and other items known not to have been used in the daily lives of the Canaanites, but only in worship. There are interesting figurines on some of the vessels, showing doves and animals, some of them portraying monkeys sitting on small jugs. Some of the monkeys cover their eyes, others their ears, still others their mouths--bringing to mind the old adage of "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil."

The archaeologists attach great value to their discoveries. The excavations were directed by Dr. Moshe Dotan, of the Israeli Antiquity Department. He was assisted by Helene Kantr, of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago; and Levy Itzhak Rachmani, of Israel.

**SOVIET INTENSIFIES ANTI-RELIGIOUS DRIVE; JEWISH RELIGION RIDICULED**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government is continuing "without let-up" its propaganda drive "to stamp out religion from one end of the Soviet Union to another," the United States Information Agency said today.

Communist writers, the Agency said in a cable from Europe, are turning out stacks of pamphlets ridiculing Christian and Jewish religious traditions. The dispatch emphasized that the Soviet campaign to destroy religion is being intensified every day.

**TUNIS RAILWAYS OFFER JOBS TO CRT GRADUATES; CRT GETS AID IN MOROCCO**

GENEVA, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The City Tram and Railways System in Tunis is offering jobs to new graduates from the CRT vocational training schools in Tunisia, while in French Morocco the government is lending sizable financial assistance to the CRT work, according to the semi-annual World CRT Union report made public here today.

In Tunis, in addition to job offers from the city's streetcar and railway system, other positions for CRT school graduates have been lined up with electrical firms. The latter will employ graduates of the CRT group-workshop in electrical installation.

In French Morocco, the report announces, the Department of Public Instruction has granted a subvention totalling 18,500,000 francs to the CRT work. Of the total, 10,000,000 francs has been put on the budget; the remainder is in the status of "suspended account" pending improvement in the protectorate's general financial conditions.

Other help has been received by CRT in Morocco from the Joint Distribution Committee, the Women's American CRT, and OSE-MAROC. The latter, CRT reports, has "introduced a vast medical scheme in our schools, particularly in the field of preventive medicine and the treatment of trachoma and dengue fever."

A building expansion program has been completed in CRT's two schools of Casablanca. One of the schools will be in a position to accept 200 additional boys as students by fall, while the second school will accommodate 600 girls by October. Special arrangements have been made by CRT in Casablanca for the care of girl students from the provinces. These girls, graduates of elementary schools, are boarded in the homes of carefully selected families in the city, while they attend CRT classes.

**ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP APPLIES DECEPTIVE TACTICS IN MASSACHUSETTS**

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A warning that three known hatemongers are among the five officers of the newly-established "America First of Massachusetts" was issued to the state convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor.

Julius Bernstein, executive secretary of the Labor Committee to Combat Intolerance, told the convention: "This group was launched in such a manner as to indicate it to be merely a super-patriotic organization with an isolationist program. Actually, it is a sample of the new deceptive tactics of the hatemongers. It is an example of the subtle methods now used by the hatemongers to win support and allies in previously inaccessible areas."

Mr. Bernstein charged that three of the five announced members of the group's executive committee "are well-known supporters and distributors of the vicious materials produced by the hate-your-neighbor organizations." This material, he said, included the anti-Semitic literature of Gerald L. K. Smith, Joe Kamp and Merwin K. Hart.

"Their new super-nationalist group," Mr. Bernstein warned, "is merely a cover to reach new people for their hate propaganda by exploiting current issues of the day."

ANTI-BIAS MEASURE ADOPTED BY MUNICIPAL BODY IN WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A recommendation that persons seeking employment with the City of Winnipeg should not be asked their country of birth and nationality was adopted by the city personnel and legislation committee, and is to be presented for final approval shortly. If City Council approves the measure, new application forms, minus the present offending questions, will be put in use in 1955. The "Free Press," editorializing on the recommendation, noted that there was no valid reason for City Council's objection to it.

HEBREW AND YIDDISH GROUPS IN WINNIPEG AGREE TO MERGE SCHOOLS

WINNIPEG, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Two Jewish schools here, one accenting Yiddish and the other Hebrew, decided to merge into a single all-day school, thus creating a pilot project in Jewish education which may influence the Jewish education system in other parts of Canada and, possibly, even in the United States.

The decision to combine the two schools and initiate the first jointly-operated Hebrew-Yiddish school curriculum was received here today with widespread satisfaction. The combined schools are The Herzlia Academy and the River Heights School for Jewish Children.

Spokesmen for both school groups announced the merger following weeks of negotiation. Full details of the curriculum, as well as particulars of the building program, will be revealed shortly. Basically, the school will bear a religious character, and will offer instruction in both Yiddish and Hebrew.

Z.O.A. SENDS REPRESENTATIVE TO LATIN-AMERICAN ZIONIST PARLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America will be represented at the First Continental Conference of General Zionist organizations in Latin America by its assistant executive director, Leon Hutovich, it was announced here today by Abraham Goodman, acting ZOA president, and Jacques Terczyner, chairman of the ZOA Committee on World Zionist Affairs.

The conference, which opens in Santiago, Chile, on September 1, will last five days. It will map plans for the co-ordination of General Zionist activities throughout South America, particularly in connection with the preparations for the forthcoming 24th World Zionist Congress. The conference will be attended by delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Bolivia and other countries. Chaim Ariav, head of the General Zionist parliamentary group in the Knesset, will attend the conference on behalf of the General Zionist party of Israel.

MEMBER OF CANADIAN SUPREME COURT LAUDS ISRAEL'S LAWS

ST. JOHN, N.B., Canada, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Israel has made an "amazing recovery" as a "community emerging suddenly into a stable state with firm law, social justice and social order," Supreme Court Justice Ivan C. Rand declared here.

Justice Rand, a member of Canada's highest judicial tribunal, was the principal speaker here at a dinner launching the Israel Bond drive in the Maritime Provinces. He has visited Israel and has traveled through every part of that country. Pointing out that the Jewish State almost tripled its population in a short period, Justice Rand declared:

"Israel's development represents a tremendous comeback. Under normal circumstances, the prospects of developing a firm state and a firm economy in that country seemed unavailing. But the imagination of the people of that country, their spiritual exultation, the way they are bursting with energy, is creating a rich community life for people who give of themselves in order to build and rebuild their homeland."