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## ADENAUER URGES "NORMALIZATION" OF GERMAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS

FRANKFURT, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer declared today that he would sincerely welcome complete normalization of relations between Germany and Israel. His statement was made in an interview in the German daily Die Welt, marking the second anniversary of the signing of the German reparations pact with Israel at Luxembourg.

The Chancellor denied that Israel would have to terminate a state of war between itself and Germany in order to resume diplomatic relations with Bonn. Israel has never considered itself at war with the Bonn Republic, Chancellor Adenauer said.

In the interview, the Chancellor reaffirmed the statement of principles on Jewish matters which he read to the Bundestag in September, 1951, and which led to the subsequent negotiations and conclusion of the reparations pact. He also underlined the West German Constitutional provision prohibiting discrimination on account of race or creed.

The Chancellor expressed gratification with efforts to make the German people more familiar with the work of reconstruction in Israel and, in this connection, praised the government agency which recently devoted an entire issue of the official weekly Das Parliamtent to Israel.

The Chancellor placed considerable emphasis on the distinction, often blurred in the German public mind, between reparations to Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and compensation to individuals, not all of whom are Jews, for the injustices committed against them personally. He insisted that if Germans looked askance at compensation payments or argued that Germany was already doing enough by paying reparations, it was because of a basic misunderstanding of the situation.

It is a primary objective of the Federal Government to overcome the hatred provoked by the Nazi regime, Dr. Adenauer declared. The reparations pact with Israel and the Federal Indemnification Law are important factors in the achievement of this task, he concluded.

## German Judges Named to Restitution Tribunal in British Zone

BONN, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- German judges have been placed on the top restitution tribunal in the British zone of Germany, it became known here today.

Until now, the judges were all British. Now, the British High Commission in Germany has abolished the Board of Review in the Westphalian town of Herford, supplanting it with a newly-created Supreme Restitution Court which will be made up of three Britons and two Germans. The latter will be nominated by the Bonn Government.

## 700 JEWS REPORTED HOMELESS IN ALGERIAN TOWN HIT BY EARTHQUAKE

PARIS, Sept. 14. (JTA) --- Most of the 700 Jews of Orleansville, Algeria, were made homeless by last week's earthquake which destroyed a great portion of the city and killed over 1,600 people in the city and nearby area, the Jewish Agency office here reported today.

This is in addition to the previously reported ten Jews known to have been killed in the 12-second shock. These reports are based on information obtained by the Jewish Agency's representative in Algiers.

In this city, the Jewish Welfare Committee has launched an emergency appeal for victims of the catastrophe. Grand Rabbis Jacob Kaplan and M. Schilli have sent a message of condolence and sympathy to the victims of the tremor.

### J. D. C. Rushes Aid to Victims of Earthquake in Algeria

PARIS, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A contribution of 1,000,000 francs for immediate release to the needy victims of the Orleansville earthquake was announced by the Joint Distribution Committee here today. The money, for the relief of persons of all creeds in the Algerian disaster area, has already been sent. In addition, the JDC office in Morocco has been authorized to provide food, clothing, blankets and other supplies from its warehouse in Casablanca.

"In the absence of specific details as to the extent of the destruction of life and property among the Jews of Orleansville, who are our designated responsibility, we are taking these emergency measures," Moses Beckelman, European director of the JDC, declared. "As soon as we have definite knowledge of the damage wrought and know the needs of the Jewish residents of the area, we shall draw up a relief program and do whatever we can for the Jewish victims of this tragedy."

The JDC relief programs in Algeria have been limited up to now to the cities of Algiers, Constantine and Bone and serve 1,355 annually. Discussions are under way with Jewish community leaders for the broadening of JDC activities to meet specific needs among thousands of poverty-stricken Jews in Algeria.

## EARTH TREMOR FELT IN TEL AVIV, JERUSALEM, BEERSHEBA; NO CASUALTIES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- An earth tremor was felt in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beersheba a few minutes before midnight last night.

Inhabitants of these cities were awakened last night by a strong shock which rocked their homes. So far, no damage or casualties have been reported.

## REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS BAN RELIGIOUS BIAS IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Chairman Leonard W. Hall of the Republican National Committee and chairman Stephen A. Mitchell of the Democratic National Committee joined today to pledge "high standards of ethics and morality" in the forthcoming November election campaign and at the same time reiterated a fair play pledge urging a ban on racial and religious prejudice from campaigns.

Individual pledges will be distributed to the 1,047 candidates now campaigning for Congressional offices. It was stressed that final judgment will be up to the voters to enforce conformity with the standards of ethical practices asked by Mr. Hall and Mr. Mitchell.

Each of the national committee chairmen previously issued individual pledges that their parties would conduct bias-free campaigns. The pledges followed issuance of an appeal by six civic leaders of the Jewish, Protestant and Catholic faiths urging the parties and individual candidates to refrain from campaigning in a manner which would encourage religious or racial bias.

## U. N. OFFICIALS IN JERUSALEM ACT TO PRESERVE PEACE IN AREA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- United Nations observers in the Jerusalem area took independent action yesterday to preserve peace in the demilitarized zone of this city and the Latrun area.

Without seeking permission from either side, UN observers took up positions along the Old City walls and began watching troops on both sides of the demarcation line. At the same time, the observers are maintaining continuous contact with UN truce headquarters here.

In the Latrun area observers in white-painted jeeps have begun mobile patrols. They are not accompanied by officers from either side. These measures were instituted by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, new UN truce chief, who dispensed with the former practice of sending observers across border areas only when accompanied by Israeli and Jordan officers.

Gen. Burns met today with Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel Army Chief of Staff, in what is reliably reported to have been a conference devoted to this new move by the UN. Gen. Dayan is believed to have objected to it, asserting that it was dangerous because Israeli border patrols could not always be sure whether such parties were UN observers or infiltrators crossing the border.

President Ben Zvi of Israel today received in audience Gen. Burns, who was accompanied by Henri Vigier, his political advisor.

## EGYPTIAN PREMIER WANTS ISRAEL TO GIVE UP THE NEGEV

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egyptian Premier, today indicated that he wants Israel to give up the Negev. This indication was contained in an interview from Cairo reported here by the United Press.

The Premier was reported to have said that the Negev splits the Arab world and that therefore Israel would sooner or later have to give it up so the Arabs could have uninterrupted land communication.

Col. Nasser said Israeli concern over the British evacuation of the Suez Canal area and American military aid to Egypt is "artificial." He charged that Israel's expression of concern over these developments were "designed mainly to collect money from the American Government and American people and the rest of the world."

## U.S. SENDS AIRPLANE TO CAIRO TO BRING EGYPTIAN CHIEF OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Defense Department has made known that the Army dispatched a special airplane to Egypt to fetch the Egyptian Army Chief of Staff to Washington as an official guest of the United States. Gen. Mohammed Ibrihim, Chief of Staff, will arrive on Wednesday. He will be accompanied by Maj. Gen. Mustapha Youssef, Director of Military Training, and a number of other Egyptian staff officers.

The hospitality extended the Egyptian Chief of Staff contrasts sharply with that extended to Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel Army Chief of Staff, who visited here recently. The Defense Department publicly announced that Gen. Dayan was required to provide his own transportation and it was made known that he was not considered an official guest of the government in the way that the Egyptian General is now to be accommodated.

The aircraft bringing the Egyptian group will take them to camps and bases throughout the country following a series of receptions in Washington. Official discussions will be held on the furnishing of training facilities and an arms grant to Egypt. The Egyptians will view the latest weapons and training methods. Lt. Gen. G.H. Decker, Comptroller of the Army, will greet the party on arrival.

### ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER APPEALS TO U. J. A. ; SEEKS URGENT AID

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- American Jews were warned yesterday by Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister, that Israel's major gains in immigrant settlement, agricultural development and fiscal management may be lost unless the United Jewish Appeal is helped to realize \$50,000,000 in cash by the end of this year.

The Israel Minister sent his warning in a message from Jerusalem to a meeting of the UJA's National Campaign Cabinet, composed of 44 top Jewish leaders, which was held at the Waldorf Astoria. He pointed out that Israel's forward economic movement of recent months is directly attributable to the UJA's success this year in floating more than \$62,000,000 so far through an extraordinary loan campaign which has paralleled its regular drive for funds. He emphasized, however, that the benefits produced by the loan will be "either lasting or temporary" depending on what American Jews do now.

Responding to Mr. Eshkol's appeal, Samuel H. Daroff of Philadelphia, chairman of the Campaign Cabinet, moved adoption of a three-point plan for an immediate speed-up in efforts to raise the \$50,000,000 cash goal. The plan, as adopted, calls upon all affiliated campaign bodies throughout the country to act at once in setting local cash goals, in staging "door to door" cash collection drives, and in borrowing funds from local banks wherever this is possible.

The meeting heard also from Dr. Giora Josephthal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency; David Horowitz, governor of the newly formed Israel State Bank; and Meir Sherman, director in this country of the Israel Office of Economic Services, who reported on aspects of Israel's economic progress, outlook and needs.

Dr. Josephthal, who arrived here Sunday from Jerusalem especially to take part in the meeting, pointed out that the Jewish Agency may be forced to curtail important parts of its refugee settlement and absorption programs if cash from the current campaign is not realized in sufficient amounts.

### YOUNG ISRAELI FARMERS TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A number of young farmers from Israel will be brought to the United States during the next two years in a work-training program sponsored jointly by the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Foreign Operations Administration, the F. O. A. announced today.

The Israelis will actually work and live with American farm families. This was envisaged as a means of spreading an understanding of American ideals and community life. Trainees will be selected by farm organizations in Israel, with those sponsored by members of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers to be given preference.

### YESHIVAH UNIVERSITY OPENS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN; 50 STUDENTS ENROLL

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The first liberal arts college for women under Jewish sponsorship opened here today when the Stern College for Women, a division of Yeshiva University, began registration for its first class.

The school, named for Max Stern, prominent Jewish communal leader who gave \$500,000 to help establish it, will have an initial enrollment of 50 young women from seven states. Eventually, the school will have an enrollment of 500, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, announced.

The college will offer courses leading to degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Religious Education and will prepare the young women for professional or communal life. The school has 25 classrooms, student lounges, an auditorium and other facilities and science laboratories are in the process of construction.

## AGUDAH CONVENTION IN U.S. DECIDES TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES

GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y., Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The 32nd annual national convention of Agudath Israel of America closed its three-day deliberations here with the adoption of a series of resolutions charting the organization's activities in the U.S. and in Israel and the issuance of an appeal to the United States Government to stop arming the Arab countries.

The conclave, which was attended by 700 delegates, called upon the Jewish federations and welfare funds throughout the country to include financial support for Yeshivoths in their community education budgets, and resolved to establish an Orthodox teacher's training school to train devoutly religious pedagogues for Yeshivoths and Talmud Torahs throughout the country.

Other resolutions adopted by the convention include plans to establish a religious children's village in Israel for children from North Africa, praising the educational activities of Ozar Hatorah amongst the Jewish youth in the Near Eastern countries, and calling upon the Israel Government to cover 100 percent of the budget of the network of independent Torah schools sponsored by Agudath Israel in Israel. "The American Agudah organization will remain on the continuous alert against any attempt to implement religious women's draft in Israel, while pressing for repeal of women's conscription in any form," the convention pledged.

At a special session devoted to the "dangers of reformist trends in the U.S.," the convention called upon all Jews to unite in a "last-minute effort to prevent an irreparable schism which would tear the Jewish community apart into two warring camps, if the Conservative rabbinate implements its plans to establish changes in the sacred rites of marriage and divorce laws."

The convention re-elected a presidium consisting of Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Cincinnati; Rabbi Elijah M. Bloch, Cleveland; Rabbi Mordecai S. Friedman, Rabbi Jacob Kamenetzky and Louis J. Septimus, Michael G. Tress as administrative president and Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice-president. The Zeirei Agudath Israel, organization of Agudist youth, which conducted its national convention at the same time, elected Rabbi Bernard Weinberger of New York as president.

## DECISIONS OF LATIN AMERICAN GENERAL ZIONIST PARLEY CRITICIZED

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The decisions adopted by the majority at the Latin American General Zionist Conference in Santiago, Chile, contradict the basic decision of the World Confederation of General Zionists, Moshe Kol, chairman of the Progressive General Zionist Party in Israel, stated in New York today following his return from the conference.

Mr. Kol charged that the declaration of solidarity with the General Zionists in Israel adopted by the majority at the conference violates the "gentleman's agreement" which preserved World Confederation unity at the last Zionist Congress. He also said that the decision to establish a Latin American Confederation countermands the decision taken by the World Executive of the Confederation.

"The decision to launch a non-chalutzic General Zionist movement in Latin America likewise contradicts World Zionist Confederation decisions recognizing the Hanoar Hazioni, General Zionist chalutz movement, as the sole youth organization of the Confederation," he stated.

The Progressive Zionist leader charged that the delegates to the conference were primarily sympathizers with the right-wing General Zionist Party in Israel. "The independent General Zionist bloc of Argentina, speaking for 50 percent of the General Zionists in that country and its pioneering youth, and headed by distinguished personalities, was not invited and not represented," he said. The same is true of the Progressive General Zionist wing in Mexico and other countries," he declared.

## CONFERENCE OF HISTORIANS DISCUSSES HISTORY OF JEWS IN U.S.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Trecentenary Conference of Historians, called by the American Jewish Historical Society, opened here last night with the participation of leading American Jewish historians and a number of non-Jewish historians of note. Among the speakers at the opening session was Dr. Ben Zion Dinur, Israel Minister of Education, who is currently visiting the United States.

Dr. Salo Baron, professor of history at Columbia University and president of the AJHS, declared in his keynote address that up to now American historical writing "has evinced little interest in the ethnic and religious minorities, despite the fact that this nation consists of an agglomeration of these minorities." He also noted that students of Jewish history have generally been more interested in ancient and medieval events than in recent developments, with the result that they have neglected the history of the Jews in North America.

Dr. Moshe Davis, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and chairman of the parley which is under the auspices of the Louis H. Rabinowitz Foundation, stressed the importance of properly recording American Jewish history and evaluating it in terms of the larger pattern of American history as well as the pattern of world Jewish history.

## BRAZIL JEWS FORM HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN OLDEST SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The 1,300-member Jewish community of Recife, Brazil, which is the site of the oldest known Jewish settlement in the New World, formed a Jewish historical society on the occasion of the recent visit there of Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress. Dr. Goldstein reported at a press luncheon here today.

Dr. Goldstein, who toured three of the oldest Jewish settlements in this hemisphere on a mission connected with the opening of the celebration of the American Jewish Tercentenary, said that the present Jewish residents of these cities--Recife; Surinam, Dutch Guiana; and Curacao, Dutch West Indies--enjoy complete economic and political freedom.

He said the community of Surinam, together with the World Jewish Congress, is expected to ask the government to declare a national shrine the site of the oldest synagogue--now in ruins--and cemetery in the Western Hemisphere.

## FIRST B'NAI B'RITH LODGE ESTABLISHED IN IRELAND

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The first B'nai B'rith lodge in Dublin, Ireland, has just been established, according to word received at B'nai B'rith headquarters here. With the establishment of this lodge, Eire joins 32 other countries of the free world in containing a center of B'nai B'rith service and cultural activities. In its 110 years of existence, B'nai B'rith has never before had a lodge in Ireland.

Among the officers of the Dublin B'nai B'rith Lodge are a member of the Dail (Irish Parliament), a trial lawyer, a professor at Trinity College and two leading sportsmen. Other members are prominent in Jewish communal work, particularly in the Jewish Representative Council of Dublin, which coordinates the activities of most of the Jewish organizations in that city. The Jewish population of the Irish Free State is estimated at 5,400, most of whom live in Dublin.

## EDWARD WARBURG PRESENTS STATUE TO "HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM"

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A wood carving by a prize-winning Detroit sculptor, Walter Midener, was formally presented to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations by Edward M. M. Warburg, noted philanthropist, at the "House of Living Judaism-Berg Memorial" here today. Mr. Warburg presented the statue, called "The Sacrifice," on his behalf and on behalf of his mother, Mrs. Frieda Schiff Warburg, to Dr. Samuel S. Hollender, chairman of the national executive board of the Union, parent body of the nation's 1940 Reform Jewish temples.