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JEWS IN AUSTRIA FEAR RESTITUTION TALKS MAY NOT BE RE-OPENED

VIENNA, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Concern has been expressed in Jewish circles in Austria that the Austro-Jewish negotiations for restitution, broken off last June, will not be re-opened in October as promised by Chancellor Julius Raab.

A spokesman for the Chancellor's office, asked what preparations are being made to formulate Austrian proposals on the basis of which the talks might be re-summed, said that no work has been done thus far by the group of Austrian experts and fiscal advisors who had conferred with the Jewish negotiating team in the past. The spokesman pointed out that Chancellor Raab had said that Parliament would discuss the matter and that Parliament has not yet returned from the Summer recess.

Jewish circles note that when the executive board of the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria met in Zurich last July to consider the situation created by Chancellor Raab's position, the executive stated that the Jewish team would not return to Vienna unless the Austrian Chancellor makes proposals which meet minimum and reasonable demands by the claims committee, demands which were specifically outlined at that time.

These same circles note that there has been no indication from the Austrian Government whether or not the Austrian Government has accepted the claims committee's demands, which were communicated to Dr. Raab by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the executive committee of the claims group.

It is believed here that when the Austrians attempt to re-open the talks they will merely issue an invitation without making any specific offer. It is also believed that the Austrians will stall so that when Chancellor Raab visits the United States November 21-27 he will be able to announce at a press conference that the Austro-Jewish talks continue and that the government is willing to satisfy the Jewish demands.

EBAN CONFERS WITH DULLES; CONVEYS ISRAEL'S VIEWS ON SECURITY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today conveyed to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles the Israel Government's views on regional security matters. The occasion for today's meeting was the Ambassador's return from consultations with his government in Israel.

Mr. Eban made known that today's talk covered only half the ground that was expected to be covered. The Ambassador, because of Secretary Dulles' extremely crowded schedule and pending departure, just had time to present Israel's views and hear the Secretary's preliminary reactions. They agreed to continue the discussion.

The vital series of talks were described by Mr. Eban as still in an "intermediate stage." He declined to discuss specific topics and would say only that various

aspects of the broad problems in the area were generally examined. Informed quarters believe that he brought up Israel's views on the arming of Iraq, Egypt, and possibly other Arab League states among other matters.

Today's meeting was attended by Herbert Hoover, Jr., newly appointed Under Secretary of State, Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and others.

STATE DEPT. IN PREDICAMENT ON PROTOCOL PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The State Department is now holding high-level internal discussions of the question of whether Edward B. Lawson, newly-appointed Ambassador to Israel should present his credentials to President Ben Zvi in Jerusalem because it is feared here that such an official appearance by Mr. Lawson in Jerusalem might tend to give the impression that the United States recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

It is the custom of arriving Ambassadors to pay a formal call on the President of the nation to which they are assigned. Authorities in the Near Eastern Division of the State Department are insisting that American diplomats must avoid appearing in Jerusalem since the United States does not recognize that city as Israel's rightful capital. President Ben Zvi's home and office are located at Jerusalem.

It was recalled here that last year instructions were cabled to U.S. diplomats in Israel advising them not to attend the "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition because of fear that such attendance might indicate American recognition of Jerusalem as the capital. It is expected that Ambassador Lawson will leave for Israel in the near future.

ISRAEL BOYCOTTS LEIPZIG FAIR AS PROTEST AGAINST EAST GERMANY

COLOGNE, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Israel does not participate in the Leipzig Fair this year because East Germany, in which Leipzig is located, has failed to acknowledge any obligation to make amends for the crimes and injustices of Nazi Germany and because East Germany has been carrying on a campaign against the West German reparations pact with Israel and against West German payment of indemnification and restitution to victims of Nazism.

This statement was made today by a spokesman for the Israel Purchasing Mission here, who specifically denied that Israel was one of the participating nations at the fair, as it had been listed by the East German press. The spokesman noted that although no Israeli exhibitor has ever appeared at the Leipzig Fair, for the past few years East German propaganda has listed Israel as a participating nation.

490 NORTH AFRICAN JEWS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL; OTHERS SETTLED IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A vessel with 490 Israel-bound North African Jews arrived at Marseilles yesterday, it was announced here today.

The largest part of the 570 Moroccan Jews who arrived in Israel last week-end have already been placed in settlements in the Negev and elsewhere in Israel. Houses, tents and food were ready for the immigrants a week before they arrived. Those who are in settlements have already begun to work at farming.

TOURISM FROM U. S. TO ISRAEL GROWING; NEW HEIGHT THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Tourism from the United States to Israel was up 15 percent during the first five months of 1954 as compared to last year, the Israel Tourist Office announced today.

It also released statistics on the number of Americans who visited Israel in the past three years, indicating a steady upward trend. The totals were: 1951--9,633; 1952--11,470; 1953--12,639.

NEW U.N. TRUCE CHIEF WARNS OF DANGER OF ARAB-ISRAEL FLARE-UPS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E.L. M. Burns, new United Nations truce chief in Palestine, has warned the Security Council that recent Israel-Jordan border incidents may develop into dangerous hostilities. The warning was contained in Gen. Burns' first report to the Council, submitted yesterday.

Commenting on a series of Israel-Jordan clashes which included an alleged Israeli retaliatory raid on the Jordan village of Beit Liqya, Gen. Burns' report said: "Retaliation against marauding by means of armed raids is contrary to the General Armistice Agreement and is a dangerous remedy. A raid like that of Beit Liqya may result in an armed clash which, if not stopped rapidly, may develop into hostilities extending like a brushfire."

The report also criticized Israel for holding military maneuvers close to the Israel-Jordan armistice lines. Such exercises, "especially with live ammunition," is apt to alarm people on the other side of the border, the report noted.

179 ISRAELIS BENEFIT FROM TRAINING GRANTS UNDER U.S. PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A total of 179 Israelis have been the beneficiaries of training grants under the United States program of aid to Israel, it was announced after a ceremony last night at which Dr. Lincoln Hale, head of the U.S. economic aid mission here, presented a certificate to Meir Ben-Zion Meiry, director of the Office of State Comptroller, who completed one such training course.

It was revealed that of 70 Israelis approved for such training courses this year, 42 have already left for the U.S. to begin their studies. The total cost of the program this year will come to \$198,000, with the largest number of trainees concentrated in agriculture, followed by public administration, sanitation and health, transportation, mineral resources, industry, and education.

FRANCE THANKS ISRAEL FOR INTEREST IN VICTIMS OF ALGERIAN QUAKE

PARIS, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Grand Rabbis of France were named today members of a national committee in behalf of the victims of the Orleansville earthquake. French President Rene Coty is chairman of the group.

Premier Pierre Mendes-France replied today to a message of sympathy from Israel Premier Moshe Sharett dispatched on the occasion of the disaster last week. M. Mendes-France's message thanked the Israel Government and people for their sympathy at a time when the Algerian earthquake "has made us suffer so profoundly."

(The Jewish Agency has dispatched camp equipment from its stores in Marseilles to Orleansville to provide temporary shelter for homeless Jews in that city, the Jewish Agency office in London announced today.)

LONDON JEWS ADVOCATE ESTABLISHMENT OF BRITISH BASE IN HAIFA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The solution to Israel's defense and economic problems and to Britain's strategic position in the Middle East lies in the establishment of a British military base in Haifa, according to responsible leaders of British Jewry, William Frankel, British lawyer, declared here today at a luncheon meeting of the Washington chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Frankel, who is AJC's London representative, said that these leaders believe "such a solution would strengthen the position of both Israel and the western countries immeasurably after the evacuation of Suez." Reporting on the status of Jews in Great Britain, Mr. Frankel said that the Jewish community there is now the most stable in free Europe.

700,000 VISIT ISRAEL PAVILLION AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- More than 700,000 persons visited the Israel pavillion at the Izmir International Fair, including a number of Turkish Cabinet members, it was revealed here today.

The visitors purchased \$500,000 worth of Israel goods which were displayed by 130 Israeli exhibitors and large orders have been placed by Turkish firms for Israeli imports. After the fair closes next Monday, the Israeli exhibits will be presented at a special show in this city.

An Israeli trade delegation is coming to Turkey this month to negotiate a new trade agreement and, at the same time, place sizeable orders in this country for various agricultural products, according to Zalman Susayeff, Israeli Undersecretary of Commerce and Industry. Mr. Susayeff is in Turkey as a member of the official Israel delegation to the Izmir International Fair.

"ISRAEL DAY" CELEBRATED AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN ITALY

ROME, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Israel Day was celebrated at the International Fair at Bari today with formal receptions and the presentation of various products of Israel and displays of the progress of the country's development. During a reception given by Israel Minister Eliahu Sasson, the Minister expressed satisfaction with the signing of an Israel-Italian trade pact, but expressed the hope that the execution of that agreement--delayed for the past six months--would take place soon.

Israel's first participation in the Milan Triennial Exhibition of Handicrafts has drawn the official commendation of Vice-Premier Giuseppe Saragat who attended the opening of the Israeli exhibit. Sr. Saragat expressed his "admiration" of the Israeli achievements. A special "Israel Day" will be observed at the exhibition on October 28.

CHARGES AGAINST LATIN AMERICAN GENERAL ZIONIST PARLEY REFUTED

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A statement refuting a number of charges made against the recently-held conference of Latin American General Zionists by Moshe Kol, chairman of the Progressive Party of Israel, was issued here today by Dr. Mateo Goldstein, chairman of the Latin American Confederation of General Zionists, which was set up at the parley.

Dr. Goldstein charged that Mr. Kol and his followers walked out of the conference before any votes were taken on resolutions, but after they had had a full voice in the debates. He specifically denied Mr. Kol's accusation that the parley had violated a "gentleman's agreement" in effect in the World Confederation of General Zionists by asserting its solidarity with the Israel General Zionist Party.

Dr. Goldstein said that the conference had approved no resolution identifying itself with any of the Israeli parties, but had expressed its support of the idea of unifying the General Zionist and Progressive Parties in Israel and had expressed its regret that the Progressive Party had rejected unification. The conference, he added, stated that it could find no reason for the continued separate existence of the Israel Progressive Party.

Dr. Goldstein also denied that the conference had decided to launch a "non-chalutzic" General Zionist movement in Latin America or that the decision to set up a Confederation was a "surprise move." He also insisted that Dr. Kol's charge that the Progressive elements in the various Latin American countries were not invited to the conference was inaccurate, that all national General Zionist parties had been invited but that the Progressives were a weak grouping in those parties.

EASTERN COLLEGES CHARGED WITH RESTRICTING ADMISSION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The policy of some Eastern colleges of giving "geographical preference" to the admission of students from the Mid-West and South while restricting the number of students they accept from New York and Massachusetts on the grounds that they want a wider geographical base, is sometimes a cover for discrimination against Jewish students, the current issue of New Republic magazine charges.

An article by Vincent S. Carruthers, one-time teacher at several Eastern colleges and former member of an admissions board of an Ivy League College, says that in the Ivy League schools the policy seems to be to restrict the admission of Jewish students. Some admissions officers in these colleges, Mr. Carruthers writes, seek to restrict the Jewish students to 15 percent of their classes.

Geographical preference, he declares, plays a major part in limiting the number of Jews because the vast majority of Jews live in the urban East, especially in metropolitan New York. He also reports that some admissions officials underline evidence of temple affiliation in applicants' forms and in some cases "make an inconspicuous mark on the folder of any candidate they merely suspect of being a Jew."

SABBATH OBSERVERS WIN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION IN MICHIGAN

DETROIT, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court of Michigan, agreeing with arguments presented by Jewish groups here, today rebuked the Michigan Employment Security Commission for denying unemployment compensation benefits to Sabbath observers.

The arguments were presented by the Jewish Community Council of Detroit, Flint Jewish Community Council, American Jewish Congress, Detroit chapter of American Jewish Committee, Jewish Welfare Federation and Council of Pontiac, Beth Israel Community Center of Ann Arbor and Northern Michigan Jewish Welfare Federation of Bay City, in defense of the position that Sabbath observers should not be denied unemployment compensation solely because of their inability to accept employment involving work on Saturday.

The Michigan Employment Security Commission appealed the decision of Circuit Court Judge Blaine W. Hatch of Calhoun County who ruled that three members of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination were entitled to unemployment compensation although, because of their religious tenets, they would not accept employment which involves desecration of the Sabbath.

The Jewish organizations, in filing the brief with the Supreme Court of Michigan, stated: "Since many of the members of Jewish organizations observe a holy day and Sabbath the same day of the week as the appellees, we have an obvious interest in a case which will determine the rights of Saturday observers to unemployment compensation benefits."

"Our interest in the cause extends beyond the confines of the immediate issue since implicit in the controversy are fundamental questions involving freedom of religious conviction and observance, among the basic civil rights of our democratic system," the Jewish groups emphasized.

PENNSYLVANIA LEADERS CONFER ON ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders and representatives of Jewish community councils from all parts of Pennsylvania participated in sessions here today of the first state-wide conference on eliminating discrimination on work done under government contracts. The conference had as one of its aims the development in Pennsylvania of a coordinated effort to carry out President Eisenhower's program aimed at elimination of such discrimination. Jacob Seidenberg, executive director of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, was one of the main speakers.

HISTORIANS' PARLEY OUTLINES VIEWS ON HISTORY OF JEWS IN U.S.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A four-point statement of objectives designed to aid historians and educators in clarifying the history of American Jews was adopted here yesterday at the closing session of the Tercentenary Conference of Historians called by the American Jewish Historical Society under the auspices of the Louis M. Rabinowitz Foundation. Seventy-five prominent Jewish and non-Jewish historians attended the sessions.

The statement underlined the need for "a new understanding of the local community and neighborhood" to study the interaction of various groups and traditions. It stressed the importance of investigating the economic history of the Jews in this country--the contributions of the Jewish immigration and the Jews to the national economy and the expansion of American economic life.

The statement called for historians, in this time of restrictive immigration, to stress the role of free immigration in building the material and spiritual strength of America. Finally, the statement argues the need for more stress on the writing of biographies to analyze the role of the family in shaping the individual's contribution to society.

The statement was prepared by a committee consisting of Dr. Allan Nevins and Dr. Salo W. Baron, both Professors of History at Columbia University; Dr. Solomon Grayzel, editor of the Jewish Publication Society of America; Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, director of American Jewish Archives, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Rabbi Isidore S. Meyer, librarian and editor of the American Jewish Historical Society, and Dr. Sylvester E. Stevens, State Historian of Pennsylvania.

JEWS WELFARE FUND, JEWISH FEDERATION IN SAN FRANCISCO TO MERGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Plans for merger of the Jewish Welfare Fund of San Francisco and the Federation of Jewish Charities have been completed, it was announced here today.

The respective presidents of the two agencies, Walter D. Heller and John R. Golden, announced that their boards had approved the merger plan in principle and a ten-man committee, composed of five men from each agency, has been set up to work out the technical and legal problems involved. The welfare fund is the central fund-raising body for overseas, local and national Jewish agencies. The charities federation is the administrative organization of local welfare agencies.

The new agency will be called the Jewish Welfare Federation of San Francisco, Marin and Peninsula. Its establishment follows a two-year study by a special task force. Community relationships and relations with international and national agencies will not be affected by the reorganization, it was announced. The relationship of local agencies to the Community Chest will not be disturbed.

JACOB MAZEL, ONE OF "HIAS" FOUNDERS, DIES IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Jacob Mazel, one of the founders and directors of HIAS, who was active in Jewish affairs for about 50 years, died here last night while visiting Chicago.

Born in Klech, Byelorussia, he immigrated to the United States as a young man and worked on the editorial staff of the Jewish Morning Journal. After World War I, he was sent by HIAS to Poland as its first commissioner and directed the emigration of thousands of Jews from there to the United States.

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