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DR. GOLDMANN ATTACKS AUSTRIA; URGES BREAKING OFF OF CLAIMS TALKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Committee for Jewish Claims Against Austria and chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, charged tonight that throughout the negotiations with the Austrian Government, which have dragged intermittently for over a year and a half, the Austrian Government "has approached the issues in the spirit of a business deal, has sought to yield the minimum, and has shown no real desire to do something substantial and effective.

"Our self-respect and dignity require that we discontinue this bargaining and face the issue that the present leaders of Austria are not aware of their moral obligation and are not ready to offer substantial amends to the tens of thousands of Jewish victims of the Nazi regime in Austria," Dr. Goldmann said. He spoke at a meeting called to protest the Austrian Government's denial of compensation to thousands of surviving victims of the Nazi regime in Austria. The meeting was sponsored by the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe and the American Federation of Jews from Austria.

The Jewish leader made it clear that he did not hold the present Austrian Government responsible for the horrors committed by the Nazis. "But it is undeniable that a large part, if not a majority, of the Austrian people welcomed the Nazi regime enthusiastically; that Hitler himself and many of the most savage Nazi officials and sadistic gauleiters responsible for the extermination of hundreds of thousands of Jews were Austrians, and that Austrian Jewry's sufferings were equal to those of other Jewish communities of the Nazi-dominated territories," Dr. Goldman stated.

"It is also a fact that tens of thousands of former Austrian Jews are now living under the most difficult conditions," Dr. Goldmann continued. "The Austrian Government should therefore deem it an elementary moral obligation to do something for these people by passing legislation to compensate individuals and by placing at the disposal of Jewish organizations a substantial amount in payment for heirless and unclaimed Jewish property which could be used for the benefit of the aged, sick and displaced former Austrian Jews."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, who was also one of the speakers at the meeting, said that "the Austrian Government, whose population participated in, and benefitted from, the Nazi persecutions, has repeatedly sought to compensate former Nazis while procrastinating and rejecting the minimal demands in behalf of the Jewish victims."

10 KILLED, 20 INJURED IN TRAIN-BUS COLLISION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Ten persons were killed and 26 injured today when an Acre-Haifa train collided with a bus filled with workers bound for Haifa from the settlement of Vurdany, north of Haifa. This is one of the most serious disasters in Israel's recent history.

ISRAEL PAYS TRIBUTE TO VISHINSKY AT U. N.; MOURNS HIS DEATH

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Israel joined other nations today in formally expressing condolence over the sudden death this morning of Andrei Vishinsky, head of the Soviet delegation at the United Nations.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, in a statement at the United Nations General Assembly, said: "Israel shares the sentiment of grief that has stricken the international community with the death of Mr. Vishinsky. The Soviet people lost an eloquent and devoted spokesman. His death will be felt far beyond his country. The United Nations lost a lucid, erudite and remarkable voice."

U. N. TRUCE CHIEF GETS EGYPT'S APPEAL AGAINST BAT GALIM RELEASE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, announced today receipt of the Egyptian Government's appeal against the decision of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission rejecting Egypt's complaint dealing with the Bat Galim. Gen. Burns has not yet decided whether to hold a second hearing on the case, as requested by Egypt.

The Israel-Jordan MAC, meanwhile, declared Jordan in violation of the armistice agreement for constructing a fence in no man's land in Jerusalem. With Israel voting negatively, the MAC also took cognizance of a Jordan pledge to remove the fence immediately.

ORTHODOX EXTREMISTS AND LABORITES BATTLE IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A 90-minute "battle" between Neturei Karta elements and members of Histadrut sports groups in this city today left a heritage of tension and an exchange of charges between Orthodox and labor circles.

The clash broke out after a demonstration by ultra-Orthodox elements, led by Rabbi Amram Blau, in front of a playground set up recently by the sports groups on the edge of the Mea Shearim quarter of the city, in which many Orthodox families live. The Neturei Karta demonstration was halted by police who arrested Rabbi Blau and two others of the 50-odd demonstrators.

After the police departed the members of the athletics groups reportedly took out concealed clubs and attacked the Neturei Karta demonstrators, who replied with stones. In the free-for-all which followed, a number of people were injured and windows were broken in some houses and in a synagogue. The police returned to the scene and broke up the fight.

The Orthodox group had tried unsuccessfully to get the athletic club to move. It had even offered to pay 4,000 pounds to finance the establishment of the sports group in another area, charging that it "demoralized" the youth of the quarter. The offer was turned down.

AMERICAN-CHRISTIAN DELEGATION URGES U. S. NOT TO ARM ARAB LANDS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the American-Christian Palestine Committee today conferred with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and urged the State Department not to send arms to the Arab countries until peace is definitely assured in the Near East. The delegation was composed of Rev. Karl Baehr, the committee's executive director, and Dr. Carl Herman Voss, chairman.

Meanwhile, the group sent a letter to President Eisenhower informing him that 300 Americans have signed a declaration calling on him to stop the arms shipments in question. Among the signers were CIO president Walter Reuther and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

GERMAN JEWS DEMAND SPEED-UP ON INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS

BONN, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A call for the naming of a "personality of Cabinet rank" as coordinator and expeditor of the German Government's indemnification program was voiced today by the Central Council of Jews in Germany. The council said such an appointment would speed up the lagging indemnification program.

In another resolution, the Council called for victims of the Nazis to receive at least the same benefits and privileges now extended to ethnic Germans expelled from East Europe.

BUNDESTAG VOTES TO EXEMPT INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS FROM TAX

BONN, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A measure to exempt victims of the Nazis from paying an income tax on indemnification payments was passed today by the Bundestag, lower house of the German legislature. The motion was introduced by the Social Democrats, opposition to the government.

In the past, many types of compensation payments were subject to a "retro-active" income tax, computed at a flat 10 percent. In the midst of a discussion of a new tax bill which provided for heavy tax cuts for various groups, the Social Democrats called for an end to this tax on Nazi victims, noting that the government was taking back with one hand what it had just given with the other.

The measure must still be approved in the Federal Council, the upper house. It is expected that it will achieve passage there because the Council once before called for just such an act. Since the total loss to the treasury from this exemption will amount to less than one percent of the total cuts voted by the Bundestag, it is hoped that the Finance Ministry will not attempt to block it.

JEWS PHARMACIST WINS CASE AGAINST BERLIN'S DEPOSED DEPUTY MAYOR

BERLIN, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The disputed license to acquire a local drugstore which had been refused to Jewish pharmacist Norbert Brandt by the municipal Health Department, has now been awarded him by decision of the Superior Administrative Court.

The Court specifically set aside a decision by the former chief of the Health Department, Berlin's then Deputy Mayor Dr. Walter Conrad, to issue the license to a Nazi pharmacist who had once before, in 1937, taken over a Jewish pharmacy. That decision, and the international publicity it attracted, so irked Berlin's municipal parliament that Dr. Conrad was ousted by an overwhelming vote of "no confidence." In the meantime, the Health Department's legal adviser has been placed on leave of absence by Dr. Conrad's successor.

Brandt, a 51-year-old pharmacist with an excellent professional reputation, manager of a drugstore until the Nazis threw him out, took over in 1950 the management of another pharmacy owned by an elderly widow. When she died last year, he applied for the "license" to run it himself. To that he was entitled by virtue of an Indemnification Chamber ruling, which took into consideration the fact that he had been persecuted by the Nazis and precluded by them from holding a license.

But Deputy Mayor Conrad disregarded the Indemnification Chamber ruling and awarded the license to a Nazi, so that Brandt for the second time found himself out on the streets. Later, Conrad gave an untruthful account of the matter to the House of Delegates, Berlin's municipal parliament.

750TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAIMONIDES MARKED BY AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The 750th anniversary of the great Jewish philosopher of the middle ages, Maimonides, was marked here last night at a meeting at the University of Amsterdam. The meeting, sponsored by the Jewish community, the local Zionist association and the Society for Jewish Science, heard lectures by several leading scholars, including Prof. J.A. Van Praag and Rabbi B. Benedikt.

A.D.L. PROTESTS HOLDING OF CONVENTION IN HOTEL WHICH BARS JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith protested today to U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., against the plan of the National Association of Attorneys General to hold its annual convention at Camelback Inn in Phoenix, Arizona. The League charged that the hotel maintains restrictive guest policy which, with few exceptions, bars accommodations to Jewish guests.

Mr. Brownell is slated to be the principal speaker at the convention which opens December 8. He will not register at the Camelback Inn. "Because the membership of the National Association of Attorneys General is composed of the chief law enforcement officers of the nation and because we are convinced that the Association would not want to give any sanction to religious bigotry, we consider it necessary to point out that Camelback Inn does violence to American principles of equality," Henry Edward Schultz, the League's national chairman, declared in a letter to Mr. Brownell.

A similar protest asking Mr. Brownell to do "all in your power" to have the attorneys general cancel out of Camelback Inn, was wired yesterday by the Travel Agents Committee to Combat Discrimination in the Travel Industry, a New York group representing 125 hotel and resort booking agents. The group also wired Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia, president of the Attorneys General Association, urging a switch from Camelback Inn. "This hotel is notorious for its anti-Jewish policy," the travel agents said.

The Anti-Defamation League also said it has been advised by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton of Oregon that he was not "in favor of the holding of a meeting at an establishment which practices racial or religious discrimination." He wrote the League's Oregon director that he would "make appropriate protest" at the convention and "endeavor to make arrangements to stay in another nearby establishment."

Another formal protest to the attorneys general's group was made earlier this week by the Phoenix Jewish Community Council. It asked that the convention switch to another Arizona resort hotel. Burton Lewkowitz, an attorney who is chairman of the Phoenix council's community relations committee, promised free automobile transportation to and from the convention to delegates who do not register at Camelback Inn. He said members of local B'nai B'rith groups would provide and drive the cars.

Bigot Arrested for Anti-Semitic Letter Attacking Ribicoff

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The source of an anti-Semitic letter scurrilously attacking Governor-Elect Abraham A. Ribicoff during the recent election campaign, was tracked down here today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

John F. McCoy, 68 year-old real estate and insurance broker of nearby Milford, admitted to police that he wrote the abusive letter because he "didn't like Jews in general." He pleaded not guilty in Superior Court here following his arrest on a five-count bench warrant for violation of a Connecticut statute which says that a man cannot be held up to ridicule in advertising because of religion, race or color. He asked for a jury trial.

The four-page, single-spaced communication, mimeographed and distributed in this area during the week before Election Day, castigated Mr. Ribicoff on religious grounds and rebuked "the apostates" of the Democratic Party for having nominated a Jewish candidate.

McCoy was charged with five counts under the statute, specifically for having ridiculed Mr. Ribicoff, Mayor Lee and George Crawford, the Negro corporation counsel, as well as the Jewish community in general. The fifth count charges him with breach of the peace. Maximum penalty would be a \$100 fine and 30-day jail sentence on each count.

J.D.C. LEADER PREDICTS INSECURITY FOR JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A period of "insecurity and uncertainty" for the Jews of North Africa was foreseen by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, upon his return today to the United States, after a three-month survey of JDC operations overseas.

"As a result of recent economic and political developments in North Africa and other Moslem countries," Mr. Leavitt declared, "there may be new emergencies requiring assistance for thousands of men, women and children.

"The Jews in these areas look today to American Jewry for assistance in surviving during the next period of insecurity and uncertainty. This aid is vital in helping them to become healthy useful elements in North Africa if they remain, or in Israel if they go there."

Mr. Leavitt, whose overseas survey tour took him to South America, Israel and Europe, attended the recent JDC country directors conference in Paris. Pointing to a sharp decrease during the past several years in the number of displaced persons requiring JDC aid in Germany, Austria and Italy, he indicated that JDC's major job in Europe today is "the strengthening of communities and community institutions, as well as a growing emphasis on rehabilitation programs designed to make needy Jews economically self-sufficient."

Enthusiastic About Opportunities for Immigrants in So. America

He predicted that within the near future JDC might be able to reduce the volume of its aid to these areas and prepare for its eventual withdrawal. He noted the outstanding contribution made by Malben, JDC welfare program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel. "Not only is JDC thus serving the needs of 100,000 distressed persons," he declared, "but it has greatly lightened the burden of the Israel Government and of the Jewish Agency by enabling them to concentrate on other problems, including the absorption of hundreds of thousands of new immigrants."

The JDC vice-chairman was most enthusiastic about his visit to South America, calling it the "continent of the future." He was particularly impressed by the "boundless possibilities" for the expansion of industry and agriculture there, and the opening of new opportunities for immigrants.

"I was happy to see many newcomers reaching South America in such numbers from countries of surplus population," he said. "Those Jewish immigrants who wish to do so will be able to find opportunities to create new lives for themselves, so long as they have some understanding of the problems which they will face. They must have not only advice and understanding from those who receive them, but material help until they are able to become self-sufficient.

"I was happy to be able to tell the Jewish communities of South America that JDC is prepared not only to continue its assistance programs, but to put its 40 years of experience and know-how at the disposal of the local communities in helping to solve the problem of the newcomers."

ONE-MONTH \$3,000,000 DRIVE FOR ISRAEL BONDS STARTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- An intensive one-month campaign to sell \$3,000,000 in State of Israel Development Bonds in this city was opened yesterday at 12 simultaneous breakfast meetings attended by more than 1,000 volunteer workers who later launched the drive. The campaign will be culminated on December 23 with a huge Chanukah Festival at Madison Square Garden, admission to which will be by purchase of a bond.

The 12 meetings were addressed by Dr. Joseph Burg, Israel Minister of Posts and Telegraph, who is visiting here, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Chanukah festival committee, over a simultaneous telephone hook-up. The meetings, in a resolution sent Israel Premier Moshe Sharett, called for "maximum mobilization" in support of bond sales in this city.

CANADIAN POLITICAL LEADER URGES HIS GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE ISRAEL

OTTAWA, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- M. J. Caldwell, leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, who has recently returned from a two-week visit to Israel, believes that Canada should give all possible encouragement to Israel, through trade, including wheat, additional UN technical aid, and possibly even under the Colombo Plan. Other points made by Mr. Caldwell at a press conference here were:

1. He lauded the work of Canadian General E. L. M. Burns as UN truce supervisor in Israel for doing "really effective work" in bringing about a lessening of tension with the neighboring Arab states.
2. Israel enjoys fine leadership in the building of a new state with the people prepared to forego profits and put up with hardships of all kinds; Israel is the one outpost of democracy in the Middle East whose influence may spread beneficially in that strategic area.
3. The country, devoted to peace, faces stupendous tasks, including the building up of expert trade in such items as oranges, phosphates, bananas, cotton. The democratic Socialists, through their Histadrut cooperative organization, are doing great work in Israel.

Mr. Caldwell reported that he saw little or no evidence of any anti-British feeling in Israel. "If Israel can get cooperation from Syria on joint use of the waters of the River Jordan, the country might, ultimately, support a population as high as 4,000,000 compared with the present 1,700,000 population including 200,000 Arabs," he said.

SWISS STATESMAN LAUDS ISRAEL SCHOOLS; PRAISES ORT WORK

GENEVA, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- The trade schools in Israel, particularly those maintained by the ORT, where Swiss training methods are being employed, were praised here today by Albert Picot, Minister of Education for the Canton of Geneva, upon his return from a trip to Israel where he was a guest of the Israel Government.

In a statement to the heads of elementary, secondary and vocational schools, as well as the heads of the various departments of his office, he said that "Israel has succeeded in solving the problem of education for a doubled population, without reducing its quality." He spoke about his visits to the ORT schools in Jerusalem and Nathanya, and added: "I admire the equipment and the organization and especially the splendid spirit of teachers and pupils alike. The instructors trained at the ORT-Institute at Geneva, who are active in Israeli schools, represent a link between Israel and Switzerland."

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR PLANETARIUM IN ISRAEL; FIRST IN MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A cornerstone was laid here today for the first planetarium to be built in the Middle East for educational and public uses.

The institution will be erected on the grounds of the Hebrew University with funds donated by N.Z. Williams. The university plans to add an astronomy faculty to its staff, president Benjamin Mazar announced at the ceremonies, and to build an observatory near the planetarium.

DR. YEHUDA BEHAM, ORT LEADER, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 68

TEL AVIV, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Yehuda Beham, chairman of the Israel executive of the ORT, died here today. He was 68. Born in Kharkov, in the Ukraine, in 1886, he was active in the cooperative movement in Europe and became a member of the ORT in 1923. He came to Israel in 1925 and helped found the Israel ORT in 1948.