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## ADENAUER CENSURES ANTI-SEMITIC ACTION AT BERLIN POLITICAL MEETING

BONN, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, in a public address here, has indicated censure of anti-Semitic developments at a meeting which was held by the German Party in West Berlin last week. The rightist party is a member of the national coalition government and the Berlin rally was addressed by Bonn Minister of Transport Hans C. Seebohm.

The Berlin municipal parliament, meanwhile, has condemned the German Party rally, at which several persons were beaten when they were thought to be Jews because they would not rise and sing the ultra-nationalist song "Deutschland Ueber Alles." The City Council resolution, demanded that the "strongest measures" be taken against those responsible for the incident. Mayor Walther Schreiber said that it was reminiscent of the "dark past" of Adolf Hitler.

The headquarters of the German Party here has disclaimed all responsibility for the incident. It asserted that provocateurs had set off the anti-Semitic demonstration and that it was they who shouted "Jewish swine" at those who refused to join the singing.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Community of Berlin has protested the anti-Jewish violence. The German Societies for Christian-Jewish Cooperation warned the Berlin City Council that there was a dangerous revival of anti-Semitism and nationalism taking place, of which this incident was one manifestation. Student and foreign press associations in Berlin protested to the German Party because students were among those beaten and two foreign newsmen were threatened for refusing to sing the German anthem.

## Jewish Groups in U.S. React to Berlin Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, expressing "deep shock" at the anti-Semitic demonstration in West Berlin, cabled an offer to "assist in any way we can" to Heinz Galinski, leader of the Jewish community in Berlin. The message was signed by Irving M. Engel, committee president.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, urged the United States Government to make certain that in agreements to be concluded with West Germany there be "iron-clad" assurance that energetic measures would be taken against any revival of anti-Semitism and ultra-nationalism.

Adolf Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, cabled Ernst Charnovsky, president of the Berlin Federation of Unions lauding him for lodging an immediate protest against an anti-Semitic rally held under the auspices of the German Party in West Berlin. "This development," Mr. Held said in his cable, "is certain to do tremendous harm to the painstaking efforts made during the past years toward creating the conditions when a free and democratic Germany can take her place among the freedom-loving family of nations."

WASHINGTON STATEMENT ON CLAIMS AGAINST AUSTRIA CONSIDERED VAGUE

NEW YORK, Nov. 28, (JTA) -- The Jewish Claims Committee on Austria indicated today that reference made to the question of claims in the joint United States-Austrian statement issued this week-end in Washington--following the conclusion of talks with Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab who is now visiting this country--was not sufficiently clear.

The part of the Washington statement referring to the claims issue said: "The question of claims by American citizens against the Austrian Government stemming from the Nazi occupation of Austria was discussed. It was agreed that a prompt and just settlement of these claims should be sought."

A spokesman for the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria, commenting on this statement, said that it was not clear as to what claims by citizens of the United States had been discussed. The Committee has been seeking legislative measures in Austria to compensate surviving victims of the Nazi regime and a settlement for heirless and unclaimed property left by Jews annihilated in Austria during the Nazi regime.

Jewish Congress Scores Austria's Behavior on Claims Talks

NEW YORK, Nov. 28, (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today charged that "Austria's behavior in the conduct of the negotiations for the settlement of the claims of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution had raised grave doubts as to whether the present Austrian Government had the moral capacity to qualify it for equality in the family of free nations." The charge was contained in a resolution adopted by the organization's National Administrative Committee which concluded its two-day quarterly session here.

The resolution called on the American Government "to exercise its good offices for an honorable and reasonable settlement of the Jewish claims." The original demands of the Jewish organizations, the resolution asserted, "had been a meagre fraction of what they could justifiably claim for their staggering losses, and they had been prepared to accept a fraction of those demands in settlement. The conduct of the negotiations by the Austrian Government," the resolution stated, "has been petty, dilatory and disingenuous."

The resolution challenged the Austrian contention that the Austrian people bear no responsibility for what had happened to Austria's Jews under the Nazis. "Austria's moral and legal responsibility to the victims of Nazi persecution is clear beyond peradventure of doubt," the American Jewish Congress statement asserted. "The Anschluss was greeted enthusiastically by the overwhelming majority of the Austrian people, and Austrian officials implemented Nazi decrees with zeal and dispatch. Moreover, many Austrians profited directly from the spoliation of Jewish property which they have never disgorged."

The AJC statement also expressed skepticism over Austria's plea of its financial inability to meet the Jewish claims. This plea, the resolution declared, has been refuted by Chancellor Raab's own statements in this country about the great strides toward prosperity which the Austrian economy has taken in recent years.

"What renders the Austrian Government's conduct throughout the negotiations particularly reprehensible," the resolution continued, "is the fact that while pursuing its ungenerous policy toward the claims of Jewish victims, it has persistently sought to enact measures that would benefit persons convicted of crimes against humanity and of direct complicity in the Nazi atrocities." These measures have been vetoed by the Allied Control Commission after passing the Austrian Parliament.

Another resolution adopted at the meeting urged the incoming eighty-fourth Congress to initiate public hearings for revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law, which it termed "one of the most dishonoring and dishonorable pieces of legislation ever placed on our statute books."

**SECURITY COUNCIL GETS REPORT ON EGYPT'S SEIZURE OF "BAT GALIM"**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, has cabled a full report of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission's action on the Egyptian seizure of the Israel vessel *Bat Galim* to the UN Security Council, it was announced here today. The Security Council earlier this month recessed consideration of an Israel complaint against Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal until a report could be obtained from the MAC on the *Bat Galim* incident.

It was learned here today that Israel has no intention of lodging a new demand for release of the *Bat Galim* as a result of the MAC's resolutions, which in effect upheld Israel's position in the matter. Israel feels that the entire matter, including a demand for the release of the ship and the liberation of the ten crewmen, was covered in the original complaint at the Security Council. Israel has hopes for speedy completion of the item before the Council because of the clear-cut decision rendered by the MAC.

Meanwhile, it was learned, at the end of the MAC meeting last Thursday, an Israel delegate informed the Egyptians that he was authorized to meet and discuss with them measures for combatting infiltration of Israel territory from the Gaza strip. The Egyptians agreed in principle to such a meeting, but could not fix a date.

**JORDAN TROOPS INVADE ISRAEL; FIVE JORDANIANS KILLED IN CLASH**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Five Arab Legionnaires were killed and three others were wounded early this morning when a detachment of Jordan troops invaded Israel territory near Mevoot Beit. Israel has protested the incident and has called for an emergency meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

The incident is viewed seriously here because it is the first eruption of violence on this scale along the border in several months. The Legionnaires, who penetrated several hundred yards inside Israel, were repulsed by an Israel police patrol which they attempted to attack. Only one Israeli was wounded.

United Nations observers, sent to the scene after Israel's complaint, removed the wounded to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. While they were on the scene, new fighting broke out nearby and two more Legionnaires were wounded and removed by the UN officers to the Hadassah Hospital.

**ISRAEL ADVISED NOT TO EXPECT MORE THAN \$40,000,000 IN U.S. AID**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban discussed the American economic aid program for Israel this week-end with Harold E. Stassen, head of the Foreign Operations Administration. It is understood that Mr. Stassen told the Israel Ambassador to advise his government not to count on any total exceeding \$40,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

President Eisenhower announced this week-end that he will nominate Henry A. Byroade, who is now Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, as Ambassador to Egypt. George V. Allen, now Ambassador to India, will replace Mr. Byroade as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. The nominations are subject to Senate confirmation. The announcement has been expected for several months.

**ISRAEL'S STAND ON COMPENSATION TO ARAB REFUGEES OUTLINED AT U. N.**

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Israel is willing to consider compensation for Arab refugees, but the Arab states will have to lift their economic boycotts, and foreign loans to help pay the Arabs will have to be arranged, according to Michael S. Comay, a member of Israel's delegation here.

Mr. Comay, who is Israel Ambassador to Canada and acting chairman of the Israel delegation to this year's General Assembly, discussed the Arab refugee problem Friday before the Assembly's special political committee. A resolution fixing the next year's budget for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine, and extending the life of UNRWA another five years, is pending before the committee.

While Israel did not "create" the Arab refugee problem, it "can not be insensitive to the human tragedy involved," Mr. Comay declared. "We have done and will do what we can to alleviate it."

The Israel delegate pointed out that Israel had already undertaken to unfreeze blocked Arab accounts in Israel banks, and called attention to official Israel Government statements which answered inaccurate Arab reports put before the committee. Furthermore, Mr. Comay said, the statistics presented to the Assembly by the UN's own director of UNRWA shows what Israel has done to settle the refugee problem within its own borders. Those figures show that 48,500 Arab refugees in Israel had been taken off the UN relief rolls because they have been integrated in Israel's economy.

**Arab Countries Urged to Abandon Anti-Israel Boycott**

As for compensation to refugees, Mr. Comay went on, Israel will consider such compensation; "provided the necessary funds become available, we are willing in principle to incur these heavy obligations." He added, however, that the Arab League blockade of Israel's economy has cost Israel approximately 100,000,000 pounds "which is probably not less than that of the value of abandoned Arab property." The Arabs suffer losses too, he continued, and "nobody gains from this wasteful situation."

Mr. Comay then appealed to the Arab countries where the refugees live--Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt--to drop their anti-Israel boycott if they want compensation for the refugees. "It would not make sense," he told the UN committee, "if Israel were to pump large sums of precious foreign currency into the economies of countries which were at that very time doing their very best to ruin Israel's economy. The host governments must choose which is most important to them--carrying on a war against Israel in the economic field, or making it possible for compensation to be paid."

As for the problem of "repatriation," Mr. Comay declared Israel could not possibly permit re-entry of the Arab refugees who, in the words of Arab spokesmen, are committed to "a hundred year's war" against the Jewish State. He called attention to the fact that the refugees could find homes and integration among the eight Arab states where "they are not foreigners."

Another concession was voiced by the Israeli delegate. Last week, Israel was asked by the British delegation here if it would not agree to readjust some of the borders in cases where the frontiers cut across Arab villages. Mr. Comay declared that Israel would be willing to negotiate directly with the Arab governments on such border alterations.

Dr. Mohammed Fadil Al-Jamali, chairman of the Iraqi delegation, challenged Mr. Comay about the treatment given the Arab minority in Israel. The Israel delegate invited Mr. Jamali to visit Israel and see for himself how the Arabs there are

treated--but the Iraqi delegate said he would defer a visit to Israel until "peace and justice had been restored there."

Mr. Jamali also challenged the position of the United States whose delegate in the special committee, James J. Wadsworth, said last week that the Arab refugees should be considered "citizens" and permanent residents by the "host" governments. The Iraqi delegate accused America of giving Israel the choice between repatriating the refugees or compensating them. Mr. Wadsworth, answering Mr. Jamali, said that the choice between repatriation and compensation should be left to the refugees, and not to Israel.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Comay implied that Israel would vote in favor of the extension of UNRWA for another five years, but expressed the hope that the Arab refugee problem would be fully settled by that period.

#### Z. O. A. LEADERS CALL UPON U. S. TO BRING ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

NEW YORK, Nov. 28, (JTA) -- Top-ranking leaders of the Zionist Organizations of America today called for a new effort by the U. S. Government to bring about peace between Israel and the Arab states and emphasized that the time for a change in our Middle East policy is long overdue.

In a keynote address at a meeting of the National Zionist Administrative Council, the ruling body of the ZOA between conventions, Dr. Harris J. Levine, chairman of the Council, declared; "More than 300 Congressional candidates during the last election campaign went on record as being opposed to the American shipment of arms to the Arab states." He voiced the hope "that these who thus went on record will recognize that they have a clear duty to make their influence felt in the Congress and in the Administration in this direction."

The delegates assembled from all parts of the country also heard and endorsed a statement made at the meeting by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the ZOA executive committee, warning that the newest manifestations of anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism in Germany threaten to "disqualify the Bonn Republic as an ally of this country consecrated to the cause of democracy and human freedom."

Mortimer May, president of the ZOA, addressing the opening session of the two-day meeting of the Administrative Council, said that American Zionists "look forward to a full policy declaration by our government which we profoundly hope will halt the present drift toward disaster in the Middle East and strengthen the traditional American attitude of support for our true friend and reliable ally in that area - the State of Israel."

Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the ZOA World Zionist Affairs Committee, said that in Israel "the uncertainty of the political situation growing out of the State Department's policies and the threat of Arab aggression have created a public sentiment that is more and more pro-British and pro-French and much less pro-American than a year ago."

#### LABOR ISRAEL CONVENTION IN U. S. SETS \$5,000,000 GOAL FOR 1955

NEW YORK, Nov. 28, (JTA) -- A goal of raising \$5,000,000 during 1955 for the Israel Histadrut Campaign in this country was set here today at the closing session of the four-day 31st annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel.

The 3,000-odd delegates to the parley adopted a resolution noting with "indignation" that expressions of anti-Semitism in Germany "have reached ugly dimensions and demonstrate once again that Germany still harbors articulate and powerful elements of anti-democratic influences." It appealed to the United States Government to "exert its influence to call the German nation to order." Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, of Chicago, was named national campaign chairman of the organization.

## JUNIOR HADASSAH CONVENTION URGES MEMBERS TO STUDY HEBREW

BOSTON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A decision to have every member of the Junior Hadassah learn 1,000 words of Hebrew by the end of 1955 was adopted here today at the 31st annual national convention of the organization. This intensive program in Hebrew education will be one of the organization's major projects next year.

Opportunities for work and study in Israel under the Israel Institute scholarship plan were outlined by Akiva Skidell, director of the Jewish Agency's youth department. Among the other principal speakers at the parley were Miss Esther Herlitz, newly appointed consul at the Israel consulate general in New York, and I. L. Kenen, executive director of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs.

The organization's annual award was presented to Mme. Olga Koussevitzky, widow of the noted conductor Serge Koussevitzky and honorary co-chairman of "Music for Israel," for her efforts in behalf of that program which has provided instruments and musical education for children in Israel.

## SYNAGOGUES IN 250 AMERICAN CITIES OBSERVE "TERCENTENARY SABBATH"

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations in more than 250 cities and towns across the country observed Tercentenary Sabbath on Friday evening and Saturday this week-end, as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the United States.

The celebration of Tercentenary Sabbath is in keeping with the national proclamation issued by the Tercentenary Committee on Religious and Educational Participation, in conjunction with various rabbinical bodies, which declared: "Within the home of America we have succeeded in preserving the unique identity of the Jewish religion, worshipping in keeping with our historic tradition; and we have preserved our ancient teachings, our ethics, and our religious ideals in the free climate of our nation. Our religion is strong, as our American loyalty is strong."

## HARVARD GETS \$400,000 GIFT IN HONOR OF JEWISH PHYSICIAN

BOSTON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A gift of \$400,000 to Harvard University to study heart disease has been made in honor of Dr. Samuel A. Levine, professor at Harvard Medical School, the University announced this week-end. The gift, which will set up the Samuel A. Levine Chair of Medicine, was made by Charles E. Merrill, investment banker, who said in reference to his gift that he believed that Dr. Levine saved his life.

Dr. Levine, born in Lomza, Poland, in 1891, was brought to this country as a three-year-old child. He was a child prodigy, who worked as a newsboy throughout his elementary and high school days. He attended Harvard College and later its Medical School on a scholarship set up by the Newsboys Union. Later, he became a specialist in the treatment of heart disease.

## DR. BYCHOWSKI, LEADER OF POLISH JEWRY, DIES IN STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Joseph Bychowski, long-time active Zionist Laborite and leader of Polish Jewry, died here this week-end. He was 67.

Born in Warsaw and active in Jewish National Fund and Palestine Foundation Fund activities before the war, Mr. Bychowski was a founder and chairman of the Organization of Polish Jews in Sweden and a relief organization which helped 10,000 Polish Jewish refugees from 1940 on. He was also a founder of the Swedish section of the World Jewish Congress and was a member of the executive of the Swedish and world Mapai parties.