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GERMANY AND ISRAEL SIGN \$59,500,000 PACT ON REPARATIONS DELIVERIES

BCNN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. F.E. Shinnar, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in West Germany, and Baron von Mahs of the Bonn Ministry of Economics today signed an agreement covering Germany's reparations schedule to Israel during the fiscal year beginning April 1.

The agreement, which was worked out in five weeks of negotiations between German and Israel teams each consisting of 12 experts, contains few major changes from the pattern set in last year's agreement.

Mr. Shinnar, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, expressed regret that Germany had used the so-called escape clause to unilaterally set the total of reparations deliveries in the coming year at the equivalent of \$59,500,000 in goods and services. The Luxembourg Agreement permitted Germany to pay from \$59,500,000 to \$73,800,000 annually. It was assumed that Germany would only resort to the lesser figure in the event that economic troubles developed in the German economy. In fact, Germany is enjoying an unprecedented prosperity.

About \$20,000,000 Goes to Britain for Oil Exports to Israel

Of the funds made available for next year, one-third will go to pay British Commonwealth countries for oil exports to Israel. The Germans will make payments from sterling accounts which they have. This allocation is approximately the same proportion of the total reparations as last year's oil purchases, which amounted to about \$18,000,000.

The remaining two-thirds of the reparations schedule is split fairly evenly between long-range investment goods and semi-manufactured or consumer products. Ferrous and non-ferrous metal products account for some \$9,800,000, about the same as last year, while non-metal industrial products--covering a wide range from concrete to pharmaceuticals, chemicals and asbestos fabrics--account for only \$9,500,000 as compared to \$11,200,000 last year. Agricultural items, such as breeding stock and raw products for the production of margarine, have dropped from \$7,000,000 to \$2,900,000.

The largest increase is in products of the steel manufacturing industry, which includes such items as machinery and appliances, ships, machine tools, agricultural implements, electrical generators and structural steel products, as well as railway flatcars, passenger cars, welded tube and pipelines. In the fiscal year of 1954, Israel placed orders for some \$9,500,000 worth of such goods, but next year it will receive \$15,400,000 worth of goods, making this the largest of the five categories on the German schedule.

Service charges will rise next year from \$3,600,000 to \$4,300,000 for such items as freight insurance, administrative and other charges. One reason for the increase will be the anticipated greater use of German shipping to move reparations

goods to Israel, while another will be payments scheduled to be made in Israel's behalf to the Lutheran World Organization as compensation for German Protestant church property in Israel. By arrangement with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, Israel will make available from its reparations funds certain amounts approved by the Claims Conference for relief work among Jews in West Germany and West Berlin.

10,000 Orders Approved by Germany Under Israel Reparations Pact

FRANKFURT, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The 10,000th reparations order placed with German manufacturers by the Israel Purchasing Mission was approved today by the Federal Trade Office here, a governmental agency which sees to it that the terms of the reparations pact as well as prevailing prices and conditions are adhered to.

Some of the orders are for a single product or type of merchandise, while others list in excess of 100 different items. Officials estimate that considerably more than 100,000 articles, many of them in large quantities, have been ordered for reparations delivery in the course of the past 19 months. During that time, cooperation between the Trade Office and the Purchasing Mission has been smooth and efficient.

SENATE BODY HEARS PLEA FOR CONTINUED TECHNICAL AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, today appeared before a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee where he stressed the need for continued technical aid to Israel. He pointed out that many Jews from Morocco may soon seek their way to Israel because of the present situation in North Africa.

Rabbi Bernstein pointed out that Israel has been compelled by Arab intransigence to devote a large part of her budget to defense. Also that she has been compelled to deal with innumerable economic, political and social problems of the greatest magnitude.

"American technical assistance confirming the historic friendliness of the United States to Israel, has helped the new state to survive and to raise its standard of living," he said. "There is a warm feeling of appreciation which helps to form a bridge of understanding and good will between the oldest and the youngest, the greatest and the smallest of the contemporary democracies."

The subcommittee was under the chairmanship of Sen. Mike Mansfield, of Montana. Other Senators on the subcommittee present to hear Rabbi Bernstein were Senator George D. Aiken, Vermont, and Senator J. W. Fulbright, Arkansas.

TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY SETTLES DISPUTE WITH TAXI DRIVERS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Municipality has decided to set up special taxi pick-up zones along the city's main street to end the traffic tie-ups and confusion which resulted from too many cabs on the major thoroughfares.

The action was taken following clashes between Tel Aviv police and cab drivers early this week when the municipality banned all pick-ups on the main street. The drivers responded by blockading the street with their vehicles and removing their wheels to make it difficult to break up the roadblock.

When police vans began hauling away the wheel-less vehicles, the cabbies shouted insults at the police and several clashes resulted. In an attempt to end the disorders and the traffic tie-ups the new pick-up zones were established.

EIGHTY JEWS PERMITTED TO LEAVE RUSSIA FOR ISRAEL DURING YEAR

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Eighty Russian Jews left the Soviet Union for Israel last year, and there are possibilities of more leaving in the future, Shmuel Elyashiv, who returned as Israel's Minister to Moscow, declared here last night upon his arrival from the Soviet Union.

Mr. Elyashiv declared that relations have been better since his return to Moscow after the diplomatic rupture was healed. He stressed that trade relations between the two states have settled into a "routine." He said that the Soviet authorities as well as Soviet consumers seemed to like Israel citrus products.

Three Jewish women arrived in Israel today after travelling from Soviet Lithuania across Europe and then through the Mediterranean Sea. All three were reunited with relatives. They are: Etta Fein, 48, who was reunited with her husband whom she had not seen since the war began; Chaya Blender, 48, and Dora Malina, 57.

ARABS AND JEWS DEMONSTRATE MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP IN TUNISIA

TUNIS, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A striking manifestation of Arab-Jewish friendship has taken place in the town of Tatouine, in Southern Tunisia, it was reported here. The Union Generale de la Agriculture Tunisienne, a major supporter of the Neo-Destour nationalist movement, invited leaders of the Jewish community of Tatouine, headed by Rabbi David Cohen, to attend one of its meetings.

In return, the local Jewish community there held a reception at the synagogue for leaders of the Union, in the course of which Brahim ben Abdallah, head of the group, said that the Union would always consider Tunisian Jewry as fellow Tunisians, with the same rights as their Moslem brothers. It is understood that the Union plans similar "get-togethers" with Jewish communities in other parts of the country.

The Jewish Community Council of Tunis yesterday opened a new community centre at La Marsa, a small town about 20 kilometres from this city. Earlier, the same body had opened another such centre at La Goulette. Guests at the opening fete included leading personalities from among the Arab population, including leaders of local ruling families, as well as representatives of French authorities. The new centre has the financial support of the Joint Distribution Committee.

1,000 JEWS EMIGRATE FROM NORTH AFRICA TO ISRAEL IN ONE WEEK

HAIFA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A party of 791 North African Jews arrived at this port last night, bringing to over 1,000 the number who arrived in the past week. Only 33 of these came from any place other than North Africa; they were from Hungary.

Most of the North African immigrants were immediately dispersed among settlements prepared for them in the Negev, Galilee and Judean plains.

JEW BECOMES CABINET MEMBER IN HOLLAND; FIRST IN FIFTY YEARS

THE HAGUE, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- For the first time in almost half a century a Jew has been given a post which carries with it a place in the Dutch Cabinet. He is Dr. Raymond Pos who, as representative of Surinam at The Hague, has been made a member of the Cabinet with special responsibility for the affairs of the Dutch West Indies.

For the first time in its history, the University at Utrecht will confer an honorary medical degree upon a layman when it so honors Saal van Zwaeneberg, well known Jewish industrialist and philanthropist, at a special ceremony March 25. The University will honor Mr. Zwaeneberg for the services rendered by his vast industrial organization which tests and manufactures drugs for worldwide distribution.

BERLIN TO INDEMNIFY PERSONS WHO WORE "JEWISH STAR" UNDER NAZIS

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- For indemnification purposes, Berlin Jews will be regarded as having been deprived of their liberty during the period they were compelled by the Nazi regime to display the yellow "Star of David" on their outer clothing, according to a ruling just issued by Joachim Lipschitz, the new head of the city government's Department of the Interior.

The ruling, which was concurred in by the city's government and parliament, entitles wearers of the Nazi-imposed emblem to the same amount of compensation that is paid to Nazi victims because of illegal detention in jails or concentration camps, a little more than one dollar a day.

The new interpretation, which meets a demand that has been pressed by the local Jewish Community for many years, applies to Berlin only. In West Germany, no compensation is granted to Jews who were forced to proclaim themselves as outlaws by donning the conspicuous star with the word "Jude" in large Hebrew-looking letters. Jews whose residence was or is in West Berlin can now apply for indemnification covering the period they were forced to wear the "Star of David."

MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS RELEASED IN GERMANY

BONN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The three Western Allies have released all but 315 of 3,657 Nazi war criminals held five years ago, the Bonn Government announced today. State Secretary Walter Hallstein told the Lower House of Parliament that 158 are being held in war crimes jails in Germany and the remainder in jails abroad.

Herr Hallstein reported that 84 Nazi war criminals are still in the United States prison at Landsberg, 33 in the British jail at Werl, and 35 in French custody at Wittlich. In addition, six major war criminals are still serving terms up to life at the four-power prison at Spandau, West Berlin.

BRITAIN WILL NOT ASK GERMANY TO BAR EX-NAZIS FROM ANY POSTS

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The British Government will not ask the Bonn Government to bar former Nazi Party members or convicted war criminals from positions of authority or control in the projected new German Army, Foreign Under Secretary R. H. Turton declared in Commons today.

He made this statement in reply to a query by Arthur Lewis, Labor M. P., who noted that this was an issue of great interest in Britain. In explaining his statement, Mr. Turton declared that "the selection of officers for the new German Army will be a matter for the Federal Government after the Paris Agreements come into force. The Federal Government have made it clear that their intention is to screen the new officer corps thoroughly," he concluded.

GERMAN PRESIDENT BECOMES LIFE PATRON OF CHRISTIAN-JEWISH GROUP

BONN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Professor Theodor Heuss, the West German President, who takes an active personal interest in all efforts to improve Christian-Jewish relations and each year serves as national sponsor of "Brotherhood Week," has "very gladly" agreed to become "life patron" of the German Societies for Christian-Jewish Cooperation and of their "coordinating council" in Frankfurt, it was reported here today.

EX-NAZI SENTENCED TO DEATH IN POLAND; KILLED THOUSANDS OF JEWS

VIENNA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A court at Lodz, Poland, today sentenced Hermann Altmann to death on charges that he was a Gestapo agent responsible for the death of 30,000 Polish citizens, mostly Jews, in the Piotrkow region during World War II. The trial lasted two days.

NEW YORK CITY NAMES STREET AFTER FIRST JEWISH SETTLER

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A two-block section of a street in lower Manhattan was yesterday renamed in honor of Asser Levy, leader of the group of 23 Jews who came to New York in 1654 and started what became the first Jewish community in America.

The street was renamed at a ceremony attended by Borough President Hulan Jack of Manhattan. The ceremony was part of New York City's celebration of the tercentenary of Jewish settlement in this country.

LAFAYETTE JEWISH COUPLE DONATES \$1,000,000 TO PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, Indiana, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A gift in excess of \$1,000,000 has been made to the Purdue University Research Foundation by Berthold E. and June A. Loeb, a Jewish couple of this city. The Loebes have also been contributors to the Hillel Foundation at Purdue University and have given various sums to many civic causes in this city, of which they are inhabitants.

Among their contributions was a \$400,000 grant for the building of an auditorium in a city high school, a grant of land to a girl scout camp and funds to various city projects, including theatre, opera and symphony, as well as funds to the Red Cross and veterans groups. Mr. Loeb is president of Loeb's Department Store, which his father helped found in 1871.

PHILADELPHIA SYNAGOGUE HALTS DRIVE; SUBMITS TO PRIMACY OF A. J. A.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Har Zion Temple, a leading Conservative synagogue here, has announced its interruption of its mortgage redemption fund-raising drive for \$250,000 in response to a plea for a moratorium on outside drives during the Allied Jewish Appeal campaign. The plea for primacy for the Allied campaign was made last month by Myer Feinstein, AJA president.

In announcing the halt in their own drive, Har Zion leaders cited the needs of the Appeal to meet international, national and local problems. They said that their drive would be resumed later in the year, and noted that it had been very successful thus far, having raised \$110,000 at the time the moratorium took effect.

OHIO TO OUTLAW MIS-USE OF WORD "KOSHER" IN ADVERTISEMENTS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Use of the term "Kosher" in advertising meats other than those prepared according to Orthodox Jewish religious regulations would be outlawed under the terms of an amendment to the present state law introduced in the State Assembly here. The amendment stipulates that violations would be punishable by a fine of \$25 to \$500.

"No person shall use, publicize, advertise or display any word or combination of words embracing the word 'kosher' in reference to the meat or meat preparations," the proposed amendment states, "unless the product shall have been prepared under sanctions of the Orthodox Hebrew religious requirements."

HENRY ROSENBERG, BALTIMORE COMMUNAL LEADER, DIES AT 57

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Henry A. Rosenberg, civic worker, Jewish communal leader and oil industrialist, died at his home in nearby Eccleston, Maryland, today. He was 57 years old.

A member of the board of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore and a past president of Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Mr. Rosenberg had devoted many years to Jewish communal work. Among his other civic and religious interests was the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, the Boy Scout Council of Baltimore and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, of which he was a former trustee.