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GERMANY IS RIGID IN REPARATIONS PAYMENTS TO ISRAEL, ENVOY SAYS

COLOGNE, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The new reparations schedule for the fiscal year beginning April 1, which was concluded in Bonn yesterday between Dr. F.E. Shinnar, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany, and Baron von Mahs, of the Bonn Economic Ministry, lives up to the letter of the Luxembourg Agreement, but does not meet all the expectations of the Israelis, Dr. Shinnar told the JTA today.

Dr. Shinnar, who gave the Germans full credit for scrupulously living up to the reparations pact, said that the latest schedule of deliveries had disappointed Israel in three respects:

1. Once again the Germans had taken advantage of the "escape" clause in the Luxembourg pact to set total deliveries of goods and services at the minimum allowed in the agreement--the equivalent of \$59,500,000. The reparations pact had envisaged \$73,800,000 as the normal annual payment and had foreseen the lower figure only if Germany was in economic difficulties, which it is not.
2. The Germans have refused to relax the present rigid system under which bilateral negotiations are held--such as those concluded yesterday--at which the categories and quantities of goods that Israel will receive are set for a full year in advance. This system, Dr. Shinnar noted, might have been appropriate under the economic conditions which prevailed in 1952, but in view of the fact that economic bottlenecks and scarcities have disappeared from the German economy a more flexible arrangement would be in line with the intent of the reparations pact and would be more efficient.
3. Israel still is not permitted to place longterm orders in four of the five major categories under which German products are listed unless the goods thus ordered are delivered and paid for within a two-year period. Products for delivery after March, 1957, can only be ordered if they are classified as products of the steel manufacturing industry. Even for such longterm orders as are authorized, no advance financing from future reparations payments is permitted by the Germans.

Dr. Shinnar expressed the hope that in future years more stress would be put on the spirit rather than the letter of the treaty. He paid tribute to the readiness of the Bonn Government to fulfill the text of the pact and to solve the complex problems of its implementation in an objective manner.

He revealed new details of yesterday's agreement, including the fact that Germany had agreed to pay for \$1,200,000 worth of natural rubber, cattle hides and asbestos which Israel will obtain from third countries. Dr. Shinnar noted that in the three years since the pact has been in effect, Germany has made available to Israel some \$155,000,000 worth of goods and services.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES PROGRAM FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The second annual program of scholarship and fellowship awards by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany was announced today by its president, Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

Scholarship grants will be made to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who are engaged in programs of Jewish study or research. Candidates may apply for training at Jewish Teachers' Seminaries, for studies at accredited graduate schools, and for independent research and writing in the fields of Jewish arts, letters or social science.

Last year 152 successful candidates in the United States, Great Britain, France, Holland, Italy and Switzerland received Conference awards. Applications for 1955 must be prepared on special forms which may be obtained from the offices of the Claims Conference in New York City. European candidates may obtain the necessary forms from the Central British Fund in London or the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris.

All applications must be submitted to the Claims Conference by April 15, 1955. The scholarship program is part of a larger program for Jewish cultural and educational reconstruction on behalf of which the Conference granted a general allocation for 1955 of \$1,300,000.

ONE ARAB KILLED, SEVERAL WOUNDED IN ISRAEL FRONTIER INCIDENTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- One Arab infiltrator was killed and several other Arabs wounded during the last two days in a series of incidents along the Egyptian-Israel borders. The infiltrator who was killed was intercepted while attempting to enter Israel in the Beit Jibrin area.

Egyptian troops stationed at Rafia, in the Gaza area, opened up with mortars on Israeli military patrols attempting to prevent infiltrators from harvesting fields in Israel territory. The Israelis replied with a heavy curtain of small arms and mortar fire and silenced the Egyptians. Israel has protested the incident to the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission.

Meanwhile, the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission censured Israel for an incident on February 16 when, Jordan charged, Israel forces had penetrated Jordan territory near the village of Jabe and had killed one Jordanian and wounded another.

EISENHOWER LAUDED FOR HIS EFFORT TO DEVELOP JORDAN RIVER WATERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower's "constructive efforts" on behalf of a Jordan River development plan were hailed at a dinner conference here tonight sponsored by the American Christian Palestine Committee.

The President's special envoy to the Near East, Eric Johnston, is now on his way back from a trip to the area, having failed to secure Arab-Israel agreement to his plan for the division of the waters of the Jordan. In a general, six-point resolution on United States foreign policy to the Near East, the American Christian Palestine Committee noted Mr. Johnston's failure but urged "a continuation of the effort, so vital was the goal" for the peoples of the area.

Nearly two hundred guests at the dinner conference witnessed the presentation to Mayor Robert F. Wagner of a Bible bound within covers of silver, fashioned in Jerusalem. The citation accompanying the award was delivered by Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, chairman of the executive council of the Committee. It reads in part: "In gratitude for his keen, informed interest in the new state of Israel, for his sympathetic understanding of that nation's role as a source of democratic thought and action in the awakening Near and Middle East."

DETROIT BOND CONFLICT WIDENS; LOCAL BOND COMMITTEE DISSOLVED

DETROIT, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The fight between the leaders of the Israel Bond executive in Detroit and national headquarters of the Israel Bond Organization reached a point today where the Detroit executive committee dissolved itself after the national headquarters proceeded with its plans to hold a dinner here on March 1st at which bonds will be sold.

The Israel Bond executive committee in Detroit requested that this dinner be cancelled because all public fund-raising functions in the city during the months of March, April and May are traditionally dedicated to the Allied Jewish Campaign. However, national headquarters of the Israel Bond drive ignored the request and sent a number of its staff members from New York to make all necessary arrangements for the dinner at which Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon will be the principal speaker and Mischa Elman, famous violinist, will give an after-dinner recital.

The text of a protest sent by the Detroit group to Henry Montor, executive head of the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel, which is conducting the sale of bonds, will be made public tomorrow in the Detroit Jewish News with an announcement that copies of the text have also been forwarded to Israel Ambassador Abba Eban to Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. The text reads:

"Despite a vote of the Detroit Committee for Israel Bonds requesting a postponement of a projected Bond Dinner March 1st, the Detroit and national representatives of AFDCI announced that the dinner would take place.

"The Detroit Committee for Israel Bonds views such actions by the local manager and of members of the AFDCI from the National office as forcing its dissolution. If we interpret this action correctly, our decision, by an overwhelming vote, at a meeting at the Jewish Center in Detroit, on Sunday afternoon, February 13, is to accept the verdict with saddened hearts, and we declare our committee dissolved, while reaffirming our dedication to Israel's needs as they are fulfilled by philanthropy as well as through investments.

Local Leaders Seek Assurances Against National Headquarters

"If we are incorrect in our interpretation, and if our services as volunteers are to be respected, we must have positive assurance. 1. That the action taken here by AFDCI officers should be reversed; 2. That all decisions on Bond functions are to be finalized only by decisions of the local committee.

"Without the Planned Dinner, and permitted to work for Israel in a democratic fashion, we hope in the next three weeks to raise \$150,000 through new bond sales and collections. We request assurances as outlined."

The communication was signed by Phillip Stollman, David Safran, William Isenberg, Mrs. William Isenberg, Carl Schiller, Mrs. Carl Schiller, Mrs. Joseph Ehrlich, Tom Borman, Sydney Shevitz, Philip Slomovitz, Mrs. Sam Aarons, Mrs. Sam Croll, Isador Sosnick, Mrs. Ralph Davidson, Daniel Laven, Samuel Rubiner, Samuel Belkin, Max Stollman, Abe Nussbaum and Irving Schluskel. Mr. Stollman is chairman of Detroit's Israel bond drive.

Meanwhile, the augmented staff of the Israel bond office here, in advertisements in Detroit's daily newspapers to popularize the March 1 dinner, used the name "Committee for the Economic Defense of Israel" as the sponsor of the protested event, and in announcing the installation of what was hitherto considered the Women's Division of the Israel Bond Organization, the name "Women's Leadership for Israel" was used. The terms "Israel bonds" were out in the ads announcing the March 1 dinner in the daily newspapers.

The Jewish News of Detroit will carry an editorial tomorrow appealing for peace emphasizing that "a serious crisis" faces the Detroit Jewish community. The editorial will stress the fact that "Detroit Jewry, for more than two decades the

model of American Jewry as a community that has shown the way in generosity and in cooperation by all elements, is threatened with disruption as a result of the unfortunate flouting of democratic decisions of the duly recognized Detroit Israel Bond Executive Committee by the national officers of the Israel bond drive."

The editorial points out that "there is a basic principle involved in the present conflict; that only Detroiters can plan campaigns for Detroit, and that intrusions from the outside can not possibly enhance our position as a generous people. Since the dispute is not over the sale of bonds but rather over that of timing, the incident that was imposed upon us should have been avoided. Anyone who forces us into a controversy must be considered an interloper, in view of the enviable record set by the Detroit volunteer workers and leaders for the Israel bond drive. Take away the volunteers, and you take the heart out of a movement.

"We have faith that this community will not permit such a division in our ranks. There still is time to cancel the March 1 dinner; but if it is held as planned, let that dinner, in itself, mark an end to the flouting of democratic principles and let us return, at once, to the standards of unified efforts for action by Jewry in the best interests of our people," the editorial concludes.

SENATORS NEUBERGER AND MORSE URGE INCREASED U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Increased American support for Israel was urged tonight by Senators Richard L. Neuberger and Wayne Morse speaking at two dinners in behalf of the Israel bond drive. Both Senators stressed the importance of helping Israel strengthen its economy in order to make it self-supporting and a strong partner of the free nations of the world.

Senator Neuberger, who addressed more than 500 lawyers at a testimonial dinner for United States District Judge Sidney Sugarman at the Biltmore Hotel, compared the development of the American West with the development of the State of Israel. He called for American investment in Israel as proof of American faith in a new democracy in the Middle East.

Senator Morse, who spoke at a dinner at the Plaza Hotel sponsored by the Israel Bond drive in honor of David Krotman, civic and communal leader, called for "the export of enlightened capitalism as the only true road to peace." Israel, he told the 300 persons at the dinner, is the only Middle Eastern country which believes in enlightened capitalism.

ISRAEL EXPANDS HERZL FOREST; WILL DEVELOP PARKS AND BOULEVARDS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A ceremony marking the expansion of Herzl Forest was held near Ben Shemen today as the highlight of the Herzl Year celebration in this country. Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak, members of Parliament and leaders of the Zionist movement and the Jewish National Fund participated in the tree planting ceremony.

The forest will eventually contain 3,000,000 trees and extend over a 2,500 acre area from Ben Shemen to Modiin and will contain groves, boulevards and parks to be named in honor of Zionist organizations in various countries throughout the world.

CHURCHILL GETS GIFT FROM ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath called today on Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill at his residence at 10 Downing Street to present a birthday gift from the Government of Israel. Sir Winston is 80.

The gift is an album of woodcuts picturing Old Jerusalem by the Israel artist Jacob Steinhart. The title page bears the inscription: "These woodcuts of Old Jerusalem are respectfully presented by the Government of Israel to one who, in a career of worldwide impact, has shown himself deeply alive to the appeal of this land and to the fate of its people."

U. J. A. THREE-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN MIAMI BEACH

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 24. (JTA) -- More than 600 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country arrived here today to attend the three-day National Inaugural Conference of the United Jewish Appeal at which the 1955 campaign will be launched. The conference will start its sessions tomorrow.

"One of the main objectives of the conference is the establishment of a standard for giving for this year's campaign," William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, declared here today. The setting of this standard, he said, will take place on the final day of the conference as the more than 600 participants are called on to announce their 1955 gifts. He noted that if these gifts are inline with those made late in January at a testimonial dinner to Mr. Warburg, when \$10,150,000 in increased donations came forward from close to 1,000 contributors, the UJA will get off to the greatest start since its establishment in 1939.

This year's drive has a goal of \$99,521,275 for the financing of urgent settlement, welfare and rehabilitation programs in Israel and 20 other countries. Funds raised through the campaign will be allocated to the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and New York Association for New Americans.

Since its founding in January, 1939, the UJA has raised close to \$1,000,000,000 and has made possible the rescue, resettlement and rehabilitation of more than 2,500,000 men, women and children. The conference at Miami Beach will signal the opening of campaign activity in a total of 5,200 American communities.

Mr. Rosenwald emphasized that nearly 500,000 Jewish men, women and children must be aided by UJA-financed projects this year. He pointed to such critical programs as the ship-to-settlement operation, which will aid some 30,000 Jews from tension-ridden North Africa to settle in Israel and immediately take up productive lives in the country.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER LAUDS ORT'S REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower hailed the American Women's ORT today in a message of greeting in connection with the annual observance of National ORT Day, this year celebrated on March 9. The message declared that "your work is an inspiration to all of us," and added:

"Your organization's seventy-five year record of training hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world to become productive members of their communities represents an outstanding service not only to those rehabilitated but also to the communities in which they live."

LABOR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION IN U.S. CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the Labor Zionist Organization of America will be celebrated here this week-end at a conference of national leaders of the organization from all parts of the country and a Jubilee Dinner in the Hotel Commodore.

Among those who will address the dinner will be Reuven Shiloah, Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, Victor Reuther, assistant to the president of the CIO, and Baruch Zuckerman, veteran leader of the Labor Zionist Organization.

Special messages and greetings have been received from President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel, Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister and present Defense Minister, David Ben Gurion, and numerous other leading personalities of the Israel Government, the Israel and American Labor movements, kindred organizations in all parts of the world and American Zionist, Jewish cultural and communal agencies.

DISCRIMINATION COSTS U.S. INDUSTRY 30 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, addressing the National Conference of Christians and Jews, reported today that discrimination is costly. He estimated that the annual cost of discrimination to American business and industry is \$30 billion annually.

"If we are to achieve our goals in the field of brotherhood, all of us must practice it in our daily lives; teach and train and hire and promote upon the basis of ability alone, without regard to race, religion, color or national origin," Mr. Mitchell added.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SEEKS TO ELIMINATE BIAS IN JOBS AND RESORTS

MANCHESTER, N.H., Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A campaign for adopting a bill attempting to eliminate discrimination in jobs and public accommodations in New Hampshire has received "overwhelming support from all sections of the state," according to Judge Emile Lemelin, chairman of the New Hampshire Equal Rights Committee, sponsor of the measure.

The bill, Judge Lemelin said, provides for adjustment of complaints through "education and peaceful means" and would protect the "good name of persons complained against." He revealed that the bill does not contain criminal sanctions and penalty clauses. The committee includes representatives of the B'nai B'rith in the state and the Jewish War Veterans of this city.

MRS. ROOSEVELT REFUSES TO ADDRESS CLUB REPORTEDLY BARRING JEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt refused yesterday to make a scheduled address before a club in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, because she had been informed that the club discriminated against Jews and Negroes.

Mrs. Roosevelt had been invited to address the Alexander Hamilton Club of Lancaster in connection with the celebration of Brotherhood Week. However, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League referred to Mrs. Roosevelt reports that the club discriminated in its membership practices. The club last night denied the discrimination charges.

BRAZIL NAMES JEW AS STATE SECRETARY IN PROVINCIAL CABINET

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Salo Brand, a Jewish engineer, has been named State Secretary of Communications and Public Works in the provincial cabinet of Miguel Conto Filho, Governor of Rio de Janeiro Province, it was announced here today.

Dr. Brand is active in the Jewish community and is currently president of the Zionist club Hebraica. He is a member of the Labor Party of the late President Getulio Vargas and once served as a deputy in the Brazilian Parliament representing the Labor Party.

ISRAEL MINISTER IN ARGENTINE ELEVATED TO RANK OF AMBASSADOR

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Argentine Government has agreed to the elevation of Israel Minister Ariele Kubovy to the rank of Ambassador here, it was announced this week-end. Pablo Manguel, Argentine envoy to Israel, has also been elevated to the rank of Ambassador.

100 YOUTHS WILL MIGRATE FROM BRAZIL TO ISRAEL THIS YEAR

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A group of 18 young Brazilian Jews left here for Israel this week, all of them bound for settlement on Brazilian kibbutzim in the Negev. All told, an estimated 100 pioneers will emigrate from Brazil to Israel in 1955.