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AUSTRIA TO RESUME JEWISH CLAIMS TALKS WITH DR. GOLDMANN

LONDON, March 10, (JTA) -- The Austrian Government decided to resume talks with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria, it was learned here today. The discussions will be resumed shortly, it was indicated.

These indications are contained in a letter received here today by S. Levenberg, Jewish Agency representative in England, from the Austrian Vice Chancellor, Dr. Adolf Schaerf, who is also chairman of the Social Democratic Party in Austria. Mr. Levenberg represented the Israel Labor Party at a meeting of the Bureau of the Socialist International which concluded in London tonight.

The Committee on Jewish Claims has asked Austria to pass legislation which would provide minimum compensation to Nazi victims in Austria of all faiths as well as to the many thousands of Austrian Nazi victims now living abroad, regardless of their present nationality. The Committee has also asked for a just settlement for the vast amounts of personal and business property belonging to 60,000 Austrian Jews who perished under Nazism, many of whom left no heirs or claimants. Most of this property has disappeared into the Austrian economy.

A third request was for measures to aid the small remnant of Jews in Austria through funds to help them rebuild their synagogues and housing assistance to those who lost their homes during the Nazi regime.

Plans to Improve Legislation on Indemnification to Nazi Victims

VIENNA, March 10, (JTA) -- The changes which the Austrian Government intends to introduce in the legislation for compensation to victims of the Nazi regime will cost the treasury approximately \$20,000,000, it was estimated here today by well-informed sources.

These changes, it was explained, were proposed by experts to avoid further fruitless discussions with Jewish leaders on the question of compensation for heirless property. It was pointed out that the Austrian Government also contemplates the establishment of a fund to aid needy persons abroad who left Austria as political persecutees under the Nazi regime. This fund will amount to about a million dollars in Austrian currency.

The Neue Tageszeitung, which usually reflects the views of Chancellor Julius Raab, came out today with an article stating that both coalition parties--the Catholic People's Party and the Social Democratic Party--have agreed to introduce changes in indemnification legislation which will result in greater benefits for Nazi victims. The Kleines Volksblatt, organ of the People's Party, came out with an article declaring that Austria has never identified herself with the German Reich, which alone is to be blamed for political and racial persecutions which took place in Austria under the Nazi regime.

WORLD JEWRY TO COMMEMORATE 60,000 JEWS KILLED IN AUSTRIA BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, March 10. (ITA) -- Global memorial services dedicated to the 60,000 Jews who perished under the Nazi regime in Austria, will be held by Jewish congregations throughout the free world over this week-end which marks the 17th anniversary of the Nazi Anschluss, it was reported today by the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria.

The memorial will be observed against the background of growing demands in this country and abroad for just compensation by the present Government of Austria for the scattered survivors of Austrian Jewry all over the world.

The Committee announced that the rabbimates of Great Britain, France, Austria, Israel and the Union of South Africa, as well as Latin American Jewry, will join 2,300 American rabbis in marking the occasion. In the United States, the Synagogue Council of America, representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations, called upon its members to devote their sermons over the week-end to the fate of Austrian Jewry and to the plight of some 100,000 survivors, many of them destitute, now living in America, Europe, Israel and elsewhere.

The surviving Jews of Austria, the Committee pointed out, are for the most part beyond middle age, include many who are ill or maimed as a direct result of their concentration camp experiences and forced wandering, but are still awaiting just compensation because Austria has not yet made acceptable proposals.

Chief Rabbi of England Cites Austria's "Callous" Stand on Claims

LONDON, March 10. (ITA) -- Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, in a letter addressed to the ministers of all synagogues in his jurisdiction, has asked that they join their colleagues in Israel and the United States this coming Sabbath, March 12, in commemorating the fate of Austrian Jewry and expressing their "indignation at the continuing injustice which is the lot of its few impoverished survivors."

In his letter, Chief Rabbi Brodie referred to the long drawn out, but unavailing efforts which have been made by Jewish organizations to obtain from the Austrian Government some measure of compensation for Nazi victims from Austria, for the pillage and murder under the infamous rule of the Nazis.

"Throughout the negotiations, the Austrian Government has taken a most callous attitude and, while taking measures for the benefit of former Nazis, has taken no steps to satisfy the modest and moderate claims on behalf of their victims," Dr. Brodie said in his communication. He asked that the ministers help arouse the Anglo-Jewish community and public opinion in this country to this state of affairs.

Dutch Workers Hailed for Resisting Nazi Deportation of Jews

AMSTERDAM, March 10. (JTA) -- The heroism of the workers of Amsterdam who in 1941 went on strike in protest against Nazi deportation of Dutch Jews to concentration camps, was commemorated here today at the tenth annual memorial exercises before a monument erected on the site of the former Amsterdam ghetto, which was razed by the Germans.

The action of the Amsterdam workers will remain forever engraved in the hearts of the Dutch people, Dr. Arnold Dailly, Mayor of Amsterdam, declared at the exercises. A number of other persons spoke and several wreaths were laid at the foot of the monument. The Communists held a separate meeting to commemorate the same event.

GAZA INCIDENT CONSIDERED SET-BACK FOR RE-EVALUATION OF U.S. POLICY

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- The Gaza incident has caused a setback to forces in the Administration that have been seeking a re-evaluation of American Near Eastern policy that--in view of emerging Arab security arrangements--would provide a guarantee of Israel's territorial integrity and appropriate military assistance to redress the balance of power, it was learned here today.

Prior to Gaza, according to well-informed sources, a mild re-affirmation of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 was pending. It was designed to satisfy Israel's fear of growing isolation in the merging regional security pattern. The re-affirmation was almost announced two months ago, but it was held up in order not to jeopardize the Iraqi-Turkish pact negotiations. Now further postponement is definitely indicated, with the blame being placed on Israel for the Gaza incident.

The position taken by important elements in the Administration now is that the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission ruling against Israel on the Gaza clash cancels any immediate plans to extend considerations to Israel that might have been pending.

In their view, Gaza demonstrated that Israel used existing military equipment "aggressively" and that Israel failed to respect the territorial integrity of the Egyptian Gaza strip. It was pointed out that some of the arms Israel used "aggressively" at Gaza may have been from the equipment sold Israel under export licenses approved by the State Department. Such arms are sold under a proviso that they be used only defensively.

The idea in circles now opposed to special security consideration for Israel is that such arrangements at this juncture would be impossible to explain to Egypt and the Arab states. They feel that measures Israel wants America to take would not at this time be in the interest of regional peace or security. They feel, too, it would jeopardize U.S. negotiations with Arab League States.

U. S. AND BRITAIN DISAGREE ON ACTION AT U. N. ON GAZA INCIDENT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 10. (JTA) -- The belief was expressed here today that Israel stands to gain a very important fundamental point in its dispute with Egypt, as a result of the personal report to be given the Security Council here next week by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine.

While there is little doubt that the Council will adopt a resolution censuring Israel for "aggression" against Egypt in connection with the Gaza strip incident of the night of February 28, there is also a fair certainty that a second part of the resolution will instruct "both sides" to cooperate in reducing tensions along the border. Thus Egypt will be put on notice that the Council is aware of its aggressions against Israel.

The two parts of the resolution expected to be sponsored before the Council by the United States, Great Britain and France are likely to indicate a compromise between Washington and London. America is understood to be in favor of a resolution condemning Israel for the Gaza clash. Sir Anthony Eden has made it clear, however, in a statement to the House of Commons a few days ago, that Great Britain would like to recognize the fact that Egypt, too, has been guilty of disarmament agreement violations against Israel.

JOHNSTON CONFERS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT ON JORDAN WATERS

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Near East, has consulted with State Department officials on his conclusions formed during his recent visit to the Near East in an attempt to bring about regional water cooperation. He consulted with President Eisenhower last Saturday.

MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION CONDEMNS ISRAEL IN MURDER CASE

TEL AVIV, March 10, (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned Israel for the murder of five Jordanian Bedouins in the Hebron area. The Commission found Israel responsible for the murder which, according to the Commission's resolution, was carried out ten kilometers inside Jordanian territory.

Earlier, Israel had arrested four Israelis suspected of complicity in the murder of the Bedouins, which allegedly was carried out as a revenge for the murder of a young couple by the same Bedouins. One of those arrested is the murdered girl's brother.

U. S. SEISMIC EXPERT LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO WORK ON OIL DEVELOPMENT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 10. (JTA) -- An American seismic expert left New York today for Israel, where he will work on oil resources development, it was reported here. The expert, Eugene B. Thomas, is being sent there by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, at the request of the Israel Government.

Mr. Thomas' special concern within the field of oil resources development, will be the seismic survey of Israel's territory, an essential phase in the search for possible oil deposits. The deposits are detected by the measurement of wave movements on a seismograph, following the explosion of dynamite in adjacent rocks. Thomas will remain in Israel for a year.

J. N. F. CONVENTION OPENS TODAY IN WASHINGTON; U. S. POLICY SCORED

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler today called upon the U. S. to "guarantee the borders of Israel and to redress the military advantage to Israel brought on by the shipment of American arms to Iraq." He made the statement in an address before the National Advisory Board of the Jewish National Fund. The meeting precedes the opening tomorrow of the national assembly of the JNF.

Scoring the present State Department policy in the Near East, Rep. Celler indicated that if the United States is to arm the Arabs he felt that, in order to preserve peace through a balance of power, this country must also arm Israel.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the JNF, in outlining the program of the Assembly said it would be dedicated entirely to the problems of Israel's security against Arab attack. "As an organization dedicated to peace, we have but little interest in military affairs," Dr. Levine explained. "However, the security of Israel in which the lives of almost two million of our brethren and hundreds of thousands of American dollars are involved, concern us deeply."

Albert Schiff, JNF treasurer, reported that the organization raised \$43,000,000 in the last ten years. Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, president of the foundation for the JNF, announced that the sum that accrued to the JNF during the last three years from bequests and insurance policies with the JNF as beneficiary, amount to \$5,000,000.

Judge Henry Ellenbogen submitted a five-year plan for fund-raising in the United States in behalf of the JNF under which the Jewish communities of the United States are to subscribe 70 percent of the total budget for land reclamation and development in Israel, amounting to \$53,000,000. Max Bressler, co-chairman of the National Advisory Board and chairman of the "Dr. Nahum Goldmann Forest" in Israel, paid tribute to Dr. Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive. He outlined plans for planting 60,000 trees in the Goldmann Forest which is to be created on JNF land in the vicinity of Jerusalem.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES START INTENSIVE STUDY ON FUND-RAISING METHODS

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds today reported that communities throughout the United States and Canada are conducting "the most intensive review in a number of years" of their fund-raising methods.

The re-evaluation process, the report said, is aimed at increasing fund-raising results in 1955 and at laying firm foundations for long-range campaigning. Some of the areas under review are:

1. Primacy of the central campaign--re-emphasis of the federation as the necessary alternative to the "philanthropic jungle" of independent appeals which the development of central campaigns were designed to eliminate.
2. Have central campaigns adapted to changing needs and changing interests in the community? Also, how can campaigns provide greater satisfactions to workers and contributors?
3. How effective are current techniques in: securing and inspiring key leadership, recruiting and training workers, solicitation of big gifts, finding new prospects, getting maximum benefits from tax provisions and encouraging greater individual and corporation giving?

Concern Over Rise in Multiple Appeals; Timing Urged

Continuing concern over the rise in multiple appeals and their possible effects on federation and welfare fund campaigns has been expressed by the CJFWF for several years. The following suggestions have therefore been advanced to the communities to take into consideration when re-examining fund-raising methods:

1. Welfare funds should include all valid Jewish appeals deserving support of the Jewish community, except where there is mutual agreement that the appeal shall conduct its own campaign. In such exceptions, timing and other aspects of the campaign shall be determined in agreement with the welfare fund.
2. Contributors should check with the welfare fund before giving to independent campaigns, and leaders should check with it before sponsoring such separate campaigns. Such orderly and responsible processes are necessary to obtain maximum community support for all Jewish needs.
3. Flexibility should be maintained in the initiation and development of worthy new causes.

Results of this review and planning will be sent to the CJFWF for national distribution to small communities which may benefit from the experience of each, and to guide the CJFWF in national planning.

EISENHOWER LAUDS JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO U. S. ; HAILS YOUTH WEEK

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, in a message addressed to the National Jewish Youth Conference, said today that the Jewish Youth Week--which starts on March 18--"serves to remind the entire nation of the contribution which Jewish people have made to the development of the United States."

The President expressed his satisfaction "to see demonstrated the willingness of young men and women of the Hebrew faith to carry on in the tradition of their forefathers, actively accepting the responsibilities which both citizenship and religion impose."

The Jewish Youth Week is an annual project of the National Jewish Welfare Board-sponsored National Jewish Youth Conference, the largest representative body of Jewish youth in America. The theme of Jewish Youth Week, "Tomorrow's Leaders Appraise 300 Years of Jewish Life in America," is related to the American Jewish Tercentenary, currently being celebrated throughout the country.

U. S. JEWISH GROUP SEEKS TO SETTLE RETIRED VETERANS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- A resolution acclaiming the Defense Army of Israel and characterizing it as the only true defender of democracy in its area of the world was adopted here at the national conference of the Hagdud Haivri League, Veterans of the American Palestine Jewish Legion. The Jewish Legion was composed of 11,000 men, 7,000 of them from the U. S. and Canada, many of whom had enlisted in the British Expeditionary Force as early as 1915, before the U. S. entered World War I.

The conference decided to go ahead with projects to settle veterans of retirement age in Israel and to found a military museum memorializing the exploits of the Jews who fought to liberate Palestine in 1917-1918. It appointed Arnold K. Isreeli, a member of the organization and a noted author and journalist who is making a trip to Israel, to act as a one-man committee to investigate possible sites for the projected settlement and to report back at the next regular conference of the organization which will be held in the fall.

The conference also resolved to approach the Israel Government about a plan for the transferral of the remains of Zev Jabotinsky from the United States to Israel. Speakers heard by the group included Yehuda Levit, Economic Consul of Israel in New York; Lt. Col. M. Kol-Nescher, assistant air attache at the Israel Embassy in Washington, Herman Carliner, Arnold Isreeli and Solomon Dingol, editor of the Jewish Day-Morning Journal. Elias Gilner was re-elected national commander of the League.

KLUTZNICK LEAVES FOR EUROPE; WILL PARTICIPATE IN U. N. PARLEY

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, is leaving tomorrow for a six-week trip during which he will visit B'nai B'rith branches in France, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Israel. He is scheduled to participate in the United Nations Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations Interested in Eradication of Prejudice and Discrimination which will open in Geneva on March 31.

In Israel, where he will arrive in time for the Passover, he will survey the progress of B'nai B'rith colonies and other programs. On April 18 he will dedicate the B'nai B'rith sponsored Chaim Weizmann Rehabilitation Center for Israel war veterans at the Tel-Hashomer Veterans Hospital. He will also confer with Israel President Ben-Zvi and other government officials.

AMERICAN STUDENTS TO SPEND A YEAR OF STUDY AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- A considerable number of American colleges and universities have expressed interest in the plan that has been devised to enable American students to spend a year of study at the Hebrew University, and have indicated a readiness to allow their students leave of absence for this purpose, it was announced here today by Dr. George S. Wise, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, and by Professor Oscar I. Janowsky, chairman of its Academic Council.

These academic institutions have indicated their intention to give sympathetic consideration to requests from students for credit toward their degrees. The students will therefore be able to continue with their regular studies while acquiring proficiency in the language of the country, knowledge of its history and social life, and of the problems of the Middle East.

SYNAGOGUES THROUGHOUT U. S. TO OBSERVE "RED CROSS SABBATH"

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- The American National Red Cross announced today that March 12 will be observed in synagogues throughout the nation as "Red Cross Sabbath" in recognition of the annual Red Cross membership and fund campaign now in progress.