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AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR ATTENDS RE-OPENING OF CLAIMS TALKS WITH JEWS

VIENNA, May 9. (JTA) -- The long-awaited meeting between the Austrian Government and representatives of Jewish and other organizations interested in restitution for victims of the Nazis opened today with the Austrian Government making no new offer of any substance. At the conclusion of the meeting, there was little optimism among the four delegates representing the Jewish Committee for Claims on Austria.

Representing the Austrian Government at today's session were: Chancellor Julius Raab; Deputy Chancellor Adolf Schaerf; Finance Minister Reinhardt Kamitz; Foreign Minister Leopold Figl, and Minister of Social Administration Karl Maisel. Representing the Jewish committee were: Dr. Nehemiah Robinson; Seymour Rubin; Charles Kapralik, and Jehoshua Guvrin. H. Propper represented an organization of Jews who had been converted to Christianity, but whose members were victimized by the Nazis.

Dr. Kamitz handed the representatives a short memorandum outlining the Austrian proposals, following this with an expanded oral presentation. The proposals were similar to those offered by him last fall. The Jewish representatives then asked a number of questions about legislative measures Austria will put into effect to aid victims of the Nazis. There has been some improvement in this field, particularly in reference to eliminating discrimination against former Austrians now living abroad and in restoring social security rights.

The Austrian Ministers insisted that these improvements were of major importance for needy Jews abroad. The claims committee group will further explore the effect of such legislation in discussions with various Austrian officials. The four are due to meet again with the Austrian Ministers on Thursday. In view of the unsatisfactory nature of the Austrian proposals there is a strong possibility that this will be the last meeting between the two parties.

ISRAEL KNESSET RECONVENES; DEFEATS COMMUNIST NON-CONFIDENCE MOVE

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament reconvened today from its Passover recess and promptly defeated, by a vote of 57 to 7, with 14 abstentions, a Communist motion of non-confidence in the government. This session, which is expected to last six or seven weeks, is the last one before the elections this summer of a new Parliament.

The Communist motion criticized Defense Minister David Ben Gurion for an "arrogant, sabre-rattling" speech on Independence Day and charged that Mr. Ben Gurion's address had not been approved by the Cabinet and represented a separatist move.

Premier Moshe Sharett, who replied for the government, stated that Mr. Ben Gurion had propounded "nothing new" in his address. He welcomed the Communist move, he said, as an opportunity to demonstrate the great support which the government had. He was followed by representatives of the right-wing Herut and the left-wing Mapam and Ahdut Avodah parties, all in the opposition, who criticized Mr. Ben Gurion's speech, but refused to associate themselves with the motion of non-confidence.

MAPAI GETS 60 PERCENT OF VOTES CAST IN HISTADRUT ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- The results of the Histadrut elections yesterday were made public today and revealed a tremendous victory for the Mapai, the Israeli Labor Party. Of the 500,000 members of Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, only 75 per cent participated in the elections.

Of the total votes cast, the Mapai received 60 percent, compared with 57 percent received in the last election. The L'Ahdut Avodah group received 16 percent and the Mapam secured 12 percent. In the last elections these two groups received together, on the united Mapam list, 34 percent of the total vote. The Communists received four percent which is one-half percent more than in the last elections.

The Progressives, known as Haoved Hazioni, and the General Zionist laborites each received two-and-a-half percent of the total vote. The religious laborites received an even smaller fraction of the votes cast. Slight changes are still possible when the count in all the 1,800 polls throughout the country is completed, but the overall picture will not change since the count is practically complete.

ISRAEL OPENS THREE NEW LABOR EXCHANGES FOR ARAB WORKERS

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Labor Ministry opened today three more labor exchanges for Arab workers, bringing the national total to nine. The new centers were opened in Haifa, Lydda and Jerusalem. The others are located in Acre, Jaffa and Nazareth and in three agricultural centers.

CZECH AUTHORITIES MAY RELEASE ISRAEL LEADER HELD SINCE 1951

VIENNA, May 9. (JTA) -- There is a chance that Mordecai Oren, Mapam member of the Israel Parliament who has been held in a Czech prison on charges of "espionage and treason" since the end of 1951, will be released within a few days, according to word received here from Prague. The official reason for his release will be the tenth anniversary of the liberation of Prague from Nazi occupation.

Mr. Oren went to Prague from an East Berlin meeting of the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions to investigate the anti-Semitic purge then in progress there. It was this purge which resulted a year later in the hanging of Rudolf Slansky and eight other leading Jewish Communists. Mr. Oren himself was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in 1953.

ISRAEL INCREASES OIL PURCHASES FROM USSR; CONTINUES DRILLING

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- An agreement increasing Israel's oil purchases from the Soviet Union from 200,000 tons to 370,000 tons has been signed. It was disclosed here today. Negotiations for Israel were conducted by Ambassador Joseph Avidar, the first such talks to be undertaken by him since his recent appointment to the Moscow Embassy post.

The most favorable oil drilling to date in Israel is located near Beersheba, on the site of the former Nabatean and Byzantine village of Kornub. With the passing of the 790-foot depth, heavy concentrations of natural gas were encountered and other favorable signs have been seen. The area was mapped for oil exploration under the Mandatory Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company had secretly constructed a \$500,000 road to this area just before the War of Liberation.

AUSTRIA REQUESTED TO PLEDGE DISSOLUTION OF NAZI-LIKE GROUPS

VIENNA, May 9. (JTA) -- Despite pressure from Nazi and monarchist circles in Austria, the drafting committee incorporating into the Austrian state treaty changes agreed to by the Ambassadors of the four occupying powers have kept in the draft several articles pledging Austria to rid itself of Nazi organizations.

Article 9 of the treaty would oblige Austria to dissolve all Nazi and Nazi controlled organizations and to eradicate all traces of Nazism from the country's political, economic and cultural life. Article 10 would require Austria to complete legislative and administrative measures to eliminate all relics of Nazism and would forbid restoration of the Hapsburg dynasty.

TRIAL OF GUARDS OF NAZI CAMP AROUSES GREAT INTEREST IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 9. (JTA) -- A public call has gone out to all Frenchmen who survived deportation to Nazi concentration camps to testify at the current trial of five former guards at the Struthof camp where many Frenchmen, Jews and non-Jews, were imprisoned.

The testimony at the trial, before a military tribunal, has shocked the French public. Much of the horror of life and death in the Nazi charnel house has been reprinted in French newspapers and the press has indicated that it has not published the details of worse horrors. One of the accounts in the newspaper was the testimony of a French radio manufacturer who told of seeing the body of a teen-age Jewish boy in the camp's crematorium.

MURDER BY NAZIS OF 110,000 DUTCH JEWS MEMORIALIZED IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, May 9. (JTA) -- The Nazi murder of 110,000 Dutch Jews during the occupation of Holland was memorialized here in connection with the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the liberation of the country from German occupation. The remnant of this city's once large Jewish population held a memorial service in the ancient Sephardic Synagogue here.

A new stone facade for the house here in which philosopher Baruch Spinoza lived from 1671 to 1677 will be set up to replace the old stone one which was destroyed by the Germans in World War II. In front of the Spinoza home is a statue of the philosopher seated in a chair.

2,000 QUIT TUNIS FOR ISRAEL; FURTHER IMMIGRATION DUE THIS WEEK

TUNIS, May 9. (JTA) -- More than two thousand Jews left Tunis for Israel last week. Further departures are expected this week.

GOVERNMENTS ASKED TO ABOLISH DISCRIMINATORY IMMIGRATION LAWS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 9. (JTA) -- The international conference of non-governmental organizations interested in migration, in which Jewish organizations participated, concluded its session here with a resolution calling upon governments to abolish all discriminatory immigration legislation and practices.

The conference, which took place under the joint sponsorship of the United Nations and the International Labor Organization, also adopted a resolution urging governments as well as inter-governmental and private agencies, to support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Other resolutions asked for the removal of obstacles to migration, adherence to international recommendations on migration, studies of migration problems and the assurance of favorable social and other advantages for immigrants

JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM NORTH AFRICA OFFSET BY POPULATION RISE

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- In spite of the emigration program in North Africa under which the Jewish Agency sends about 30,000 Jews to Israel each year the normal population rise in these countries offsets this emigration and conditions remain acute in the lands of Morocco, Tunis and Algiers, Rabbi Benjamin Gorodetzky personal representative of Lubavitcher Rabbi, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, stated upon his arrival here.

Rabbi Gorodetzky is overseas coordinator of the education and rehabilitation program sponsored by the Lubavitcher Rabbi which cares for the educational, religious and welfare needs of the Jews in Europe and North Africa. In his report he lauded the work of the Joint Distribution Committee and urged continued assistance to North African Jewry. The Lubavitcher program in North Africa embraces 74 schools with over 4,000 children who are taught elementary and vocational subjects. Publications in French and Hebrew, specifically designed for these backward countries, have been printed as part of this program which is aided largely by the JDC.

EMIGRATION OF RELIGIOUS JEWS FROM U.S. TO ISRAEL PLANNED

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- Representatives of nine major religious Jewish organizations voted today to set up a permanent committee on religious emigration from the United States to Israel and requested the Jewish Agency to establish a special section to assist religious Jews who wish to settle permanently in Israel.

In a unanimous resolution urging the promotion of Aliyah, the delegates asserted that monetary contributions do not answer all the needs of the state and that immigration of traditional Jews from America is imperative "if we want a religious Israel." The conference, attended by several hundred delegates, was addressed by S Z Shragai head of the immigration department of the Agency, and by Benjamin Mintz Vice Speaker of the Knesset. The latter assailed what he termed "anti-Israel propaganda in certain religious circles in America."

Organizations sponsoring the conference included the Rabbinical Council of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, National Council of Young Israel, Mizrahi Organization of America, Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, Poale Agudas Israel, Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, Women's Organization of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, Bnai Akiva-Bachad, and Mizrahi Hatzair.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS TO SUBMIT VIEWS TO PARLIAMENT

MONTREAL, May 9. (JTA) -- A draft act concerning the unemployment insurance program in Canada contains as one of its major changes a clause to protect against discrimination, because of race, religion, color, national origin or political affiliation, persons sent for jobs by the government employment service.

In a conference between Saul Hayes, national executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Arthur Brown, Deputy Minister of Labor, the latter indicated that the anti-discrimination clause in the draft measure is in line with the fair employment practices policy. The CJC, meanwhile, has indicated it may submit its views on the bill in a memorandum to the appropriate Parliamentary committee that will consider the bill.

SPANISH ENVOY IN U.S. QUERIED ON ISRAEL BAN FROM OLYMPIC GAMES

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee today asked the Spanish Ambassador here for an explanation to the exclusion of Israel by Spain from the forthcoming Mediterranean Olympic Games. In a communication to the Ambassador, Rep. Celler called his attention to a report that the next session of the International Olympics Committee in Paris, to be held in June, will consider Israel's appeal against its exclusion.

By excluding Israel, Rep. Celler said, the Spanish committee organizing the games to be held in Barcelona had "violated the regulations of the Olympic Games." He said "these regulations bar any discrimination on grounds of race, religion, color or politics."

EINSTEIN MEMORIAL MEETING HELD IN LONDON; ARRANGED BY B'NAI B'RITH

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for Dr. Albert Einstein was held here last night by B'nai B'rith Grand Lodge Number 1 in England, under the chairmanship of Sir Ben Lockspeiser, one of the top scientists in Britain and an advisor on scientific matters to the British Government. Professors Norman Bentwich and A. Tolansky paid tributes to Dr. Einstein.

U S. CHIEF JUSTICE HAILS B'NAI B'RITH \$1,000,000 BUILDING

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- The significance of the \$1,000,000 B'nai B'rith building, which is being built here as a national shrine, was hailed by Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, in a statement published in an American Jewish Tercentenary commemorative volume on B'nai B'rith activities which appeared here today. About 400,000 copies of the volume will be circulated to members of the organization in thirty-three countries.

"This new building," Chief Justice Warren stated, "can become a source of new inspiration for all Americans, a center of knowledge and culture. From this strategic point of vantage in our Capitol, it can serve to illuminate the entire record of three centuries of American achievement in helping men to live together in peace and unity." The original letter written by George Washington in 1790 to the Hebrew Congregation at Newport, R. I., will be made available for public exhibit purposes to the B'nai B'rith building immediately upon its completion. The building will have a public exhibition hall in which will be displayed manuscripts, literature and objects of art indicative of the contribution of Jewry to democracy.

RESEARCH WING IN CHEMISTRY ESTABLISHED AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., May 9. (JTA) -- A research wing in chemistry has been established at Brandeis University by Colonel Henry Crown, Chicago industrialist, it was announced today by University officials. The wing will form a section of the new million dollar science building now under construction on the University's 200 acre campus.

Frank L. Weil of New York; Simon E. Sobeloff, of Washington, Solicitor General of the United States and Milton Kahn, of Boston, have been elected to the board of trustees of Brandeis University, it was announced here by Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the board.

ALEPH KATZ, 10 OTHERS WIN YIDDISH CULTURE CONGRESS AWARDS

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- Aleph Katz, noted poet and Yiddish editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was one of the recipients of the eleven art and literature prizes awarded by the Congress for Yiddish Culture here last night. Mr. Katz was honored for his book of verse, "Good Morning Aleph," a dramatic saga of the first dawn after the end of the Hitler era.

Mr. Katz was given a \$250 prize set up by Abel Shaban of South Africa under the aegis of the Culture Congress. Other Shaban prizes went to Dr. S. Margoshes, of New York, well known journalist, and Prof. L. Hersch of Switzerland, \$200 each for essays; Ida Maze, poetess of Montreal, \$125 for a volume of children's verse, and artists Ben Zion of New York and Arthur Kolnick of Paris. Bimko prizes were awarded N. B. Minkoff, poet and essayist of New York, \$300 for a volume on criticism, and S. Berlinski and A. M. Fuchs \$100 each for short stories. L. Feinberg of New York and A. Wogler of Paris, were honored for volumes of verse with prizes of \$250 each established by Leib Hoffer of Argentina.

NOTED SO. AFRICAN WRITER DONATES HALF OF ROYALTIES TO ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, May 9. (JTA) -- Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin, famous South African writer, has donated half of her royalties from her latest book, "The Measure of My Days," towards the construction of a hospital at Askelon, Israel. The South African Jewish Appeal announced that half of the African royalties have been donated by Mrs. Millin to the Askelon project and the other half to Witwatersrand University.

Mrs. Millin, who is currently visiting England, is South Africa's leading author and biographer, having written biographies of Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts and Cecil Rhodes and popular novels such as "God's Stepchildren." Her latest book is largely autobiographical and is a poignant testimonial to her late husband, Supreme Court Justice Philip Millin. It contains much of Jewish interest including revelations concerning leading figures in the modern Zionist movement. Witwatersrand University has awarded Mrs. Millin an honorary Doctorate in Literature.

TWO WRITERS RECEIVE AWARDS FROM ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUENOS AIRES, May 9. (JTA) -- Two Argentine Jewish writers were today awarded prizes equivalent to \$250 each by the Buenos Aires Jewish Community Council for works written in the past year. Luis Karduner won first prize in the Spanish division for his play "David and Bathsheba," while Kehos Kliger received the first prize in the Yiddish division for his volume of poetry entitled "Love Letters to Frumet." No award in the Hebrew division was made this year.