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JEWISH EXPERTS STUDY AUSTRIAN PROPOSALS ON CLAIMS PAYMENT

VIENNA, May 12. (JTA) -- Members of the Jewish delegation which is participating in the current talks with the Austrian Government on Jewish claims for damages suffered under the Nazi regime began to study today--together with Austrian officials--the scope of legislation planned by the Austrian Cabinet for compensating individual Nazi victims.

The problems connected with the Jewish request for payment by Austria of a lump-sum to Jewish organizations for heirless and untraceable Jewish property have not come up for discussion yet, it was learned today. It is understood that the Austrian officials are very cool on this matter.

The members of the Jewish delegation who are checking the various documents in connection with the planned legislation on compensation have established, meanwhile, that the contemplated legislative changes would improve the situation of only a few needy Austrian Jews abroad while the position of the others would remain unchanged.

U. N. TRUCE CHIEF SEEKS RELEASE OF ISRAELIS BY LEBANON

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, left for Beirut today to discuss with Lebanese officials the release of three Israel settlers who were apprehended in the Israel-Lebanon border region last week.

It is understood that the truce chief will point out to the Lebanese evidence of Israel's goodwill in the prompt release of a Lebanese vessel recently found in Israel territorial waters and will urge the Lebanese to reciprocate this goodwill by releasing the three settlers.

A Greek vessel carrying 350 tons of dried fish for poultry feed was permitted to proceed unmolested through the Red Sea to the Israel port of Eilat after an Egyptian search party had inspected the ship's manifest and cargo. The vessel came from Aden.

The Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission condemned both Israel and Jordan for an exchange of fire in the Mt. Gilboa area last Saturday. Two Israel soldiers and two civilians were wounded when fire was opened from Jordan territory.

LULL ON AMERICAN-ISRAEL SECURITY TALKS PUZZLES WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Speculation here over why nothing substantial has emerged after nine months of Israel-American security talks is that the United States either remains unconvinced of the gravity of Israel's isolation or feels that the primary and paramount objective of American diplomacy is to win the Arabs.

One thought here is that the State Department may attach first priority to wooing the Arabs, feeling that Israel might later be given security consideration. The process of discussion continues, however, and Israel circles have not abandoned hope of eventually making their point.

Israel diplomats and Ambassador Eric Johnston are continuing efforts to find an equitable, acceptable regional irrigation plan for the Near East. Some progress has been made on the two main issues, allocation and supervision of water. In order to win Arab cooperation the Johnston mission urged that the Arabs be given more than their rightful share. The gap between the two sides has now been narrowed down, Mr. Johnston said after reporting to President Eisenhower recently that the plan was at the "two yard line." Some sources now place it at the "one and one-half yard line."

While it would be premature to say that all hurdles have been passed, the water supervision problem is thought to be moving nearer solution. Emphasis is being placed on achieving technical means of supervising distribution of water to eliminate political problems as far as possible.

Israel circles in touch with recent developments in Israel report a growing confidence there in economic developments but increasing uneasiness over the security problem and international relations. Security worries have resulted from Israel's sense of isolation in the face of the growing pattern of western defense arrangements with the Arabs. While Israelis appreciate American economic aid, they are reportedly bewildered over their exclusion from Western security arrangements in the Near East.

DULLES SUMMONED TO TESTIFY ON REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr. were requested today by chairman Harley M. Kilgore of the Senate Judiciary Committee to appear before hearings to be held in the near future on the entire question of immigration law revision. The demand for such revision has arisen as a result of public discontent with the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and the operation of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

It was learned from informed Congressional sources that the long-awaited Senate immigration hearings will be held by an immigration subcommittee headed by Sen. Kilgore. Such hearings have been sought by Sen. Herbert H. Lehman and other leading opponents of restrictive immigration regulations. The hearings which will probably get under way late this month or sometime in June will take up bills recently offered by a number of Senators to revise the immigration law. Included will be measures introduced by Sen. Lehman, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, and Sen. Irving M. Ives, New York Republican.

Rep. Francis E. Walter, co-author of the McCarran-Walter law, is expected to convene hearings by the House Immigration Subcommittee. He is chairman of the House Subcommittee. These hearings are anticipated before the end of May. It is thought by Congressional sources that Rep. Walter will seek to justify the discriminatory spirit of his act and the restrictive machinery of the 1953 Refugee Act while offering some amendments to technical aspects of both pieces of legislation.

GERMANY CHARGED WITH LAGGING IN PAYMENT OF INDEMNIFICATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 12. (JTA) -- "The West German Government's payment of indemnification to victims of Nazism is progressing at a regrettably slow pace," Saul Kagan, executive secretary of the Conference on Jewish Claims against Germany, stated today at a press conference with the United Nations correspondents.

The conference was held at the office of the United Restitution Organization by the Claims Conference. The United Restitution Organization assists Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who are unable to secure proper legal counsel, to press their compensation claims under West German legislation. The URO has branches in Britain, Belgium, Sweden, Israel, Brazil, France, Australia, Canada and Germany.

An indication of the slow procedures in Germany, Mr. Kagan pointed out, is the fact that only approximately 6 million dollars of some 55 million dollars which the URO has helped file claims for has thus far been obtained. He pointed out that the West German indemnification and restitution program is undoubtedly a serious effort to rectify one of the most horrible injustices in history and that the East German government has done nothing parallel. Nonetheless, unless procedures are accelerated, the intent of this legislation will not be fully achieved.

"The indemnification which was enacted by the West German Parliament in September of 1953 requires major amendments and improvements," Mr. Kagan stated. "The Claims Conference representing 22 major Jewish organizations throughout the free world has repeatedly urged the speedy adoption of the necessary amendments and submitted a number of specific proposals. The three major parties of the German parliament share the dire concern with the slow progress in the implementation of the indemnification program. A special committee has been established by the Bonn Parliament to amend the present law and to improve its procedures.

"Thousands of victims of Nazi persecution who are aged and in need must be assured early and effective compensation for the damages and losses they sustained at Nazi hands," Mr. Kagan emphasized. "It is hoped that Germany which is now marking the attainment of its sovereignty will not forget her sacred obligation towards the victims of Nazi persecution."

Dr. Herman Mueller, director of the United Restitution Office in New York, declared that URO is the only organization which solely deals with restitution and indemnification; it has specially trained personnel of comprehensive knowledge and experience. URO-New York now employs 62 people among them 16 former European lawyers. Approximately 120 people visit the office daily to consult regarding their claims. The New York office has assisted 20,452 claimants who have been seeking satisfactions on claims amounting to 55 million dollars.

CENTER TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM ESTABLISHED IN SAARBRUECKEN

SAARBRUECKEN, May 12. (JTA) -- A liaison center of the European Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation was established here today by representatives of the movement from eight countries. Present at the conference were delegates from England, France, the Netherlands, Italy, the Saar, Switzerland and West Germany and an official observer from Austria.

The conference, which adopted a strong resolution opposing anti-Semitism also decided that the liaison center here would serve as a clearing house for information concerning anti-Semitic propaganda and for information media for use in combatting anti-Semitism. Ernst von Schenck, Swiss writer, was elected secretary general.

PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION OF ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION ENDS MONDAY

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- The present administration of the Israel Bond Organization will come to an end on Monday, May 16, after having sold over \$190,000,000 in State of Israel Bonds in the United States and 28 other countries of the free world, it was announced today by Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, which was founded four and a half years ago to float Israel's first bond issue in the United States. The control of the bond-selling organization will be transferred next Monday to a newly created agency known as the Development Corporation for Israel, of which Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz is the executive head.

The retiring leadership of the State of Israel Bond drive consists of Samuel Rothberg, national chairman; Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee; Henry Montor, chief executive officer, and Mr. Sonneborn, president.

"Under the slogan that political independence must be backed up by economic independence, we projected the sale of Israel bonds as an investment in a people that has demonstrated its capacity to stand on its own economic two feet," Mr. Sonneborn said. "I am happy to be able to report that our success in enrolling more than 700,000 subscribers, most of them in this country, and in providing almost \$200,000,000 in investment dollars during the past four years has had a most decisive influence on the economic growth of the new democracy of Israel.

"It is gratifying that as we turn over the Bond organization to its new leaders, the principle of investment in Israel is enjoying wide public acceptance and confidence in Israel's economic future is at its peak. On behalf of my fellow officers in the A.F.D.C.I., I wish to state that we are proud that we had the opportunity to serve the State of Israel and to establish Israel Bonds on a sound footing as a new and important financial instrument for its economic growth. We are grateful to the thousands of volunteers throughout the country for their devoted effort and faith in Israel."

J. L. C. CONVENTION OPENS TODAY; EISENHOWER GREETS ADOLPH HELD

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower sent greetings today to Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Similar greetings were received today by the Jewish Labor Committee for Mr. Held from Adlai Stevenson, Austrian Vice Chancellor Dr. Adolph Schaerf, former British Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison and many other men of national and international importance. They will be presented to Mr. Held on Sunday at a special session of the national convention of the JLC, which opens here tomorrow.

The message from President Eisenhower read: "On your seventieth birthday, I join with your many friends in congratulations. It is fitting that the celebration of this event will be held in conjunction with the 20th anniversary convention of the Jewish Labor Committee, to whose good work you have contributed much. You have best wishes for good health and happiness in the years ahead."

The question of the fate of 2,000,000 Jews behind the Iron Curtain, as well as the right of Jews in the Soviet Union to freely communicate with their relatives outside in the free world and to visit them if they choose, and the end of slave labor camps, will be among the demands made by the Jewish Labor Committee, representing more than 500,000 Jewish workers in the AFL and CIO, at the opening session of its conference. The demands that the Soviet Union show good faith on these questions and that they be placed high on the agenda by the United States representatives at the projected Big Four parley will be outlined by Jacob Pat, executive secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee.

"For more than 20 years the Jewish Labor Committee has been demanding to know the fate of Jews in the Soviet Union, and has been concerned with their plight," Mr. Pat said today. "We reiterate that demand now as a symbol of sincerity on the part of the Soviet Union that: 1. There be free communication between citizens of the U.S.S.R. and their relatives in the free countries; 2. Freedom of emigration for those who wish to visit their families in the free world; and 3. That they restore the right of publishing Yiddish language newspapers, books re-establishing Yiddish schools, theatres, etc., so that the Jewish people within its borders can continue to have free, unfettered Jewish cultural pursuits."

Mr. Pat revealed that "the American Jewish community is changing radically and that as a result, the attitudes of these communities toward the Jewish labor movement has been one of recognition for the needs of labor in meeting current community problems. One hundred and fifty Jewish communities have up to date recognized the contributions of the Jewish Labor Committee - it has a place in the budgets of those communities."

LOW RATE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY REPORTED AMONG JEWS IN CANADA

OTTAWA, May 12. (JTA) -- There is a "very low rate of juvenile delinquency among Jewish families because of the integrated family life," Judge V. Lorne Stewart of the Toronto Family and Juvenile Court told a joint Parliamentary committee. Judge Stewart was testifying on a proposal for dealing with juvenile delinquency.

EDUCATORS SCORED FOR HOLDING CONVENTION IN RESORT BARRING JEWS

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- The New York advisory board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith scored the New York State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development for deciding to go ahead with plans to hold its 1955 convention at an Adirondack resort which discriminates against Jewish guests during the resort season. The ADL action came in the form of a resolution voted at a meeting of the advisory board.

The educators' meeting scheduled for May 15-17 is to be at the Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, New York. ADL officials said it was the resort's policy to bar Jews as guests during the summer season, but not during the off-season when it accommodates meetings and conventions. The issue came to public attention last month when Dr. Alice V. Keliher, nationally-known educator and Professor of Education at New York University, withdrew as a conference speaker because of the locale.

EISENHOWER NAMES ORTHODOX JEWISH LEADER TO FEDERAL JUDGESHIP

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- William B. Herlands, former Commissioner of Investigation of New York State, was named yesterday to be a Federal Judge by President Eisenhower. The appointment would be to the bench of the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Herlands is honorary president and former president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. He also served on the board of trustees of Yeshiva University. Mr. Herlands has also been actively connected with the American Jewish Committee, Synagogue Council and Jewish Statistical Bureau.

MEXICAN CABINET MEMBERS ATTEND MEMORIAL MEETING FOR EINSTEIN

MEXICO CITY, May 12. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting to Dr. Albert Einstein was held here under the auspices of the Jewish Engineers Society with the participation of leading Mexican scientists, educators and members of the government. The meeting was held in the official Palacio de Bellas Artes.

It was attended by several Cabinet members, Nabor Carrillo, director of the National University of Mexico, Yosef Kessary, Israel Minister to Mexico, and representatives of the embassies of the United States and Switzerland. Manuel Sandoval Vallarta, prominent Mexican physicist, Deputy Minister of Education, personal friend and former pupil of the late Dr. Einstein, was the major speaker.

ISRAELI PLAYERS PRESENT "CAINE MUTINY" IN ISRAEL; LAUDED BY AUTHOR

TEL AVIV, May 12. (JTA) -- The Habimah Troupe performed "The Caine Mutiny," New York hit play by Herman Wouk, at a special performance last night attended by Mr. Wouk, currently visiting Israel, members of the Israel Cabinet, including Defense Minister David Ben-Gurion, and many foreign diplomats.

In a curtain speech, Mr. Wouk told the audience that he hoped that his book and play, both of the same name, would make a contribution to a "lasting peace" and that he hoped a "new dawn might arise over a new world." He said he had spent the day aboard an Israel naval vessel and was "very touched" to stand among the Israel seamen, whose discipline and proficiency were equal to that of American Navy men. Mr. Wouk served in the U. S. Navy in World War II.

MARIAN ANDERSON ENDOWS ANNUAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR ISRAELIS

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- The world famous American contralto Marian Anderson has endowed a scholarship fund in Tel Aviv at the close of her tour of Israel, it was announced here yesterday by Miss Anderson and her manager, Sol Hurok. The annual award of 600 pounds to aid Israel musicians, Miss Anderson's second in Israel, will be administered by the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

ISRAEL ACTRESS RECEIVES TOP INTERNATIONAL FILM AWARD

PARIS, May 12. (JTA) -- The Israel actress Haya Harari was honored with the best film actress award at the International Film Festival at Cannes yesterday. Miss Harari was chosen for her performance in the Israel film "Hilf 24 Doesn't Answer," which deals with an incident in the War of Liberation.

RABBI RUDOLF COFFEE DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO; WORKED AMONG PRISONERS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12. (JTA) -- Rabbi Rudolf I. Coffee, nationally known for his work among Jews in prisons, died here yesterday at the age of 76. At various times, Rabbi Coffee was chaplain in the major state and Federal prisons on the West Coast. He also served as head of a welfare organization for prisoners.

A graduate of Columbia University and the Theological Seminary of America, Rabbi Coffee was the first Jewish clergyman ever to be elected chaplain of a legislative body in the United States, when he served as chaplain of the California State Assembly in 1925-26.