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## AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR PROPOSES MEETING ON JEWISH CLAIMS IN JUNE

VIENNA, May 17. (JTA) -- A proposal that Jewish and Austrian experts meet next month to consider Jewish suggestions for extending legislation for restitution for individual victims of Nazism was made here today by Chancellor Julius Raab following a meeting of the Austrian Cabinet. However, under this schedule Parliament cannot consider draft legislation in this field before October.

This development has led to a slightly more optimistic attitude among informed circles here and it is expected that the members of the Jewish delegation will recommend that the Jewish Claims Committee re-open talks with the Austrian Government in June. This recommendation, it is anticipated, will be made at a meeting of the claims committee in Paris May 22.

The four-member Jewish delegation has been meeting with Austrian government leaders and officials during the past week, but thus far these consultations have not led to concrete results.

## ISRAEL ENVOYS IN U.S., BRITAIN, FRANCE SUMMONED TO JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban left by plane today for Israel to participate in what has been described by Israel diplomatic sources as a "routine consultation" with Israel Government authorities.

Eliahu Elath, Israel Ambassador to Britain, left London yesterday for Israel after meeting with Evelyn Shuckburgh, head of the British Foreign Office Middle Eastern Division. Yacov Tzur, Israel Ambassador to France, will also participate in the Jerusalem consultations.

Mr. Eban met recently with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, for an extensive review of current problems. Government sources indicated the meeting pertained largely to the present status of the Eric Johnston plan for regional water-sharing, but other topics were reviewed as well.

Two Israel water experts who have for the last several weeks discussed aspects of the Johnston irrigation plan with American authorities will return this week to Israel. Their return indicates that the technical phase of the discussion has reached a conclusion here but that diplomatic discussions of the plan will be continued.

## U.S. TO RESUME SENDING FREE SURPLUS FOOD SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- Plans are being advanced here for an early resumption of the flow of free United States Government surplus food supplies for Israel. Through Hadassah, it was learned today from Department of Agriculture sources. This program was suspended for Israel on March 28, 1954.

Included in the gift food will be butter, cheese, cottonseed oil, shortening and other staples. The program to help the world's underprivileged by giving surplus American food through American voluntary agencies was authorized by Section 416 of the Agriculture Act of 1953.

## ISRAEL PATROL CAR BLOWN UP BY MINE IN GAZA AREA; TWO KILLED

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- Four Israel soldiers were severely wounded today and two died subsequently when an Israel patrol car was blown up by a mine west of the Kissufim settlement, near the Gaza strip demarcation line. Several hours earlier another Israel patrol discovered a mine at another spot along the Gaza strip border. United Nations observers arrived on the spot late today to start an investigation.

Egypt was condemned for opening fire on an Israel patrol in the Gaza area last April 19 at a meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday. The Israelis were also censured for returning the fire. The vote of the United Nations chairman of the MAC was decisive in the adoption of both censure motions.

## DR. SCHWARTZ ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR VIGOROUS SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK May 17 (JTA) -- Plans for a vigorous sales campaign for Israel bonds, coordinated with other Israel campaigns such as the United Jewish Appeal in a manner that will not interfere with the other drives, were announced at a press conference today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the newly-formed Development Corporation for Israel, which has just undertaken the bond responsibility as sole underwriter for the State of Israel.

Although registered with the Securities Exchange Commission only this week, the new corporation has already obtained authorization for the sale of bonds in 30 states, and 12 major cities have begun their new bond drives or are in the process of organizing them, Dr. Schwartz said.

In many respects as far as the principal objective of "selling as many bonds as possible to as many people as possible" is concerned, the new organization will function as the old one did. "There is continuity of effort and that continuity remains," Dr. Schwartz declared. However, there is one "significant" change in the terms established between the new corporation and the State of Israel as compared with the former organization in charge of bond sales, the new bond chief asserted. The agreement with Israel, according to Dr. Schwartz, no longer gives the bond organization the "sole right" to determine when, where or how to sell bonds.

That clause in the old contract, it was noted, was the crux of the difficulties between the old bond sales organization and local communities. Under the new set-up, Dr. Schwartz pledged, the "local communities will have something to say about how bonds are sold and the methods of selling them."

### Names of Executive Members to be Announced Sunday

Names of the members of the executive committee and the board of governors of the new corporation will be announced after meetings of the two groups next Sunday. A meeting of the old bond organization's city managers will be held Friday. So far, Dr. Schwartz said, he was happy to note that the majority of the old staff has agreed to remain with the new corporation.

An indication of the vigor of the new campaign planned by Dr. Schwartz was seen in the schedule announced during today's press conference. Between May 23 and June 30, bond sales campaigns will have begun in at least 12 major cities, with Dr. Schwartz in attendance at important functions of the local drives.

Dr. Schwartz indicated that there has been absolute coordination between his planning and the UJA and Zionist organizations. He has conferred with the leadership of every major Zionist organization in this country, he said. Outstanding Zionist leaders will be among the members of the new corporation's board of governors and executive. However, in no case will these Zionist leaders represent their organizations--"they will be in our organization as individuals," Dr. Schwartz said.

## BILL ON RELIGIOUS COURT SYSTEM PASSED BY ISRAEL PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM May 17 (JTA) -- A bill establishing a religious court system was passed by the Israel Parliament today by a vote of 24 to eight, following a rough session. The majority of the Mafai Party deputies abstained on the vote and the rightwing Herut deputies absented themselves from the chamber.

The opposition to the measure, supported by the religious parties allied with the government, was led by Ida Maimon, Mafai deputy, and two women deputies of the General Zionist Party. Miss Maimon, an advocate of women's rights and a sister of religious leader Rabbi J. L. Maimon, proposed an amendment to the measure which would have required that one woman lawyer or social worker be named an advisor to each rabbinical court since these courts deal primarily with matters of personal status.

Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, Deputy Minister for Religion, defending the government measure, said that the Maimon amendment would defeat the purpose of the rabbinical courts since "outsiders" would turn it into an arbitration board rather than a court. He announced, on behalf of the two Chief Rabbis of Israel and the rabbinical courts, that women secretaries would be employed by the courts and that they would give advice and comfort to women litigants before the rabbinical courts.

## ISRAEL SCIENTIST DEVELOPS DEVICES FOR USE OF SOLAR ENERGY

JERUSALEM May 17 (JTA) -- Harry Zvi Tabor, 38-year-old physicist who has been in Israel only six years, announced today the development of two devices for the conversion of solar energy into electrical and mechanical power. Mr. Tabor's devices have been highly commended by Prof. Blackett of London's Imperial College and one of Britain's top scientists, who has stated that the British National Research Corporation is prepared to develop both systems.

Mr. Tabor's devices convert 16 percent of the energy of the sun's rays into mechanical and electrical power. This compares with an average conversion of 25 percent of the energy of fuel oil to power. Mr. Tabor, who is director of the National Physics Institute of Israel's Scientific Research Council, will shortly build a pilot plant for using his processes.

## U S ADVICE TO AUSTRIA ON JEWISH CLAIMS NOT RECEIVED BY EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, May 17 (JTA) -- An Austrian Embassy spokesman said today that the State Department has so far communicated nothing to the Embassy pertaining to the State Department's expression of agreement with Sen. Herbert H. Lehman as to the "wisdom" of concluding a satisfactory Jewish claims agreement before the Austrian state treaty is presented to the U S Senate for ratification.

Sen. Lehman informed the Senate a few days ago of receipt of a letter in which Thruston B. Morton, Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, told of the Department's view. Mr. Morton said this view "has already been made known to the Austrian Government, both here and in Vienna, and I hope that it will contribute to progress toward a satisfactory agreement during the negotiations which are going on in Vienna between the Austrian Government and the Jewish organizations."

Austrian press attache H. B. Thalberg said that while the Embassy "hopes for an early settlement that would be mutually agreeable" to the Austrian Government and the Jewish organizations, absolutely nothing has been communicated to Austria by the State Department here along the lines described in Mr. Morton's letter.

## GENERALISSIMO FRANCO SAYS SPAIN HAS NEVER BEEN ANTI-SEMITIC

NEW YORK, May 17, (JTA) -- "There never has been anti-Semitism in Spain," Generalissimo Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain, told David Lawrence, editor of the U. S. News and World Report, who publishes a copyrighted interview with the Spanish chief of state in this week's issue.

Mr. Lawrence asked Franco whether it is true, as people say in the United States, that "in Spain there is some anti-Semitism." "I deny that absolutely," answered the Generalissimo. "In our relations with Germany in the European war, we had difficult moments defending the Jews. We caused a sensation in Europe because, when the Jews were treated badly, Spain defended them."

Franco said that his Minister in Bucharest had actively defended the lives and property of Rumanian Jews removing some of them to Salonika, Greece, during the war. Today, Franco pointed out, "in the zone of the Spanish protectorate of Morocco, in Tetuan and Larache, in Arcila and Xauen the Jewish communities enjoy the same advantages as the Spaniards or Arabs. In this we have never had any problems."

The Spanish chief of state said there are Jewish businessmen in Spain now and there are "several synagogues," insisting there is no discrimination against Jews. "I repeat," he told Mr. Lawrence, "that there never has been anti-Semitism in Spain, but to the contrary. The Jews have been able to develop themselves perfectly in our nation. The cases I have related above prove it."

## 56 JEWISH CANDIDATES RUNNING IN BRITAIN'S NATIONAL ELECTIONS

LONDON, May 17 (JTA) -- There are at least 56 Jewish candidates running on four different slates in the May 26 national elections in Britain. It was determined here today in a survey of the final list of candidates. Forty of the Jews are running on the Labor ticket, ten are running as Conservatives, five as Liberals and one as a Communist. There were 16 Jews sitting in the dissolved Parliament.

Prominent among the Labor candidates are incumbent Barnett Janner and his son Grenville Janner, who is fighting for his first seat. Among the Conservative candidates is Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid, president of the Jewish Colonization Association, and Sir Keith Joseph, member of the executive committee of the British Friends of the Hebrew University.

## NEO-NAZI GROUP FAILS TO WIN ANY SEAT IN RHINELAND ELECTIONS

MAYENCE, Germany, May 17, (JTA) -- An openly neo-Nazi party which was formed for the state-wide elections in the Rhineland-Palatinate failed to win any seats in yesterday's balloting, but the only Jew to run, Maxim Kurant of Neustadt, a Social Democrat, was elected to the legislature. It was announced today.

The neo-Nazi group, "the Free Voters Alliance," did attract three percent of the total vote, which was more than had been gained in the state elections of 1951 and 1953 by similar parties. Among the candidates of the group were a former chief of the Nazi peasants group in the Hesse-Nassau district, Johann Weintz, and H. Stolleis, Nazi Mayor of Ludwigshafen.

## "LIBERAL BLOC" WINS IN BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTIONS

BERLIN, May 16, (JTA) -- The "Liberal Bloc," headed by Heinz Galinski, incumbent president, captured 18 of 26 seats in yesterday's elections within the West Berlin community council, it was announced today. Of the remaining eight seats on the council, five went to the "Independent Jewish Union" headed by Fritz Croner, and three seats were gained by a "National Jewish List," representing mostly religious elements and former East European Jews.

## CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL PROPOSED IN HOUSE FOR DR. EINSTEIN

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- The name of the late Dr. Albert Einstein has been advanced in the House today as a recipient of a Congressional medal proposed for distinguished civilian achievement. Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the polio vaccine, was named as the first to receive the proposed new honor.

Frank Thompson Jr., New Jersey Democrat, introduced the Administration's proposal in the House as the Thompson Bill, which advances Dr. Einstein's name and provides for presentation of the award posthumously. The Bureau of the Budget, as endorsed the Thompson Bill and urges its early consideration. Previously Rep. Thompson had requested that a stamp commemorating Dr. Einstein be printed. But the Postmaster General said that an excess of commemoratives prevented it.

## DR. GOLDMANN LEAVES FOR EUROPE. ISRAEL INAUGURATES "GOLDMANN FOREST"

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, left by air for Europe today. While he is abroad, Dr. Goldmann will keep in close touch with developments on the international scene affecting Israel and with the progress of the informal talks between the Austrian Government and representatives of the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria, now underway in Vienna. Dr. Goldmann will also visit North Africa in connection with the plight of Jews in that region. During his absence, Mrs. Rose L. Halperin will be acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in New York.

The Nahum Goldmann Forest was inaugurated today in Israel in the presence of government and Zionist leaders. The first trees were planted by Pinchas Rosen, Minister of Justice; Dr. Abraham Granot, chairman of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund; Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem; and Max Bressler, vice president of the Zionist Organization of America. In his address, Mr. Bressler promised an all-out effort on behalf of American Zionists to plant 60,000 trees in the Nahum Goldmann Forest in honor of the 60th birthday of Dr. Goldmann. The site of the forest is in the Judean Hills overlooking the city of Jerusalem.

## 1,000 YOUTHS REPORTED GRADUATED FROM U.S. HECHALUTZ FARM

HEIGHTSTOWN, New Jersey, May 17. (JTA) -- One thousand young men and women have been graduated from Hechalutz Farm Shomrim here, which trains Jewish youth for kibbutz participation in Israel, according to figures announced here today at the celebration of the farm's 25th anniversary.

Graduates of the farm are now at work in eight kibbutzim in Israel, the first of which is Ein Hashofet, named after the late Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis. There are now 30 trainees at the farm, ranging in age from 18 to 22.

Gideon Saguy, newly arrived Israel vice-consul in New York, officially represented the Israel Government at the celebration. Mr. Saguy expressed great pleasure at finding out about the "excellent and vital" work being done at the farm here. "The work you young people are doing here," he said, "is a very encouraging manifestation that augurs well for the future of Israel."

## REMAINS OF CAMPS FROM BAR KOCHEBA PERIOD DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- New discoveries which throw additional light on the known facts of Bar Kochba's revolt against the Romans in 132 C. E. have been made in recent excavations in the Judean Desert, the Israel Government Department of Antiquities announced here today.

The diggings, undertaken by the department with the assistance and protection of the Israel Army at Nahal Hever, a canyon south of Engedi, which is surrounded by steep cliffs rising to a height of 1,000 feet, uncovered last year the remains of two Roman camps on the heights at either end of the canyon. Also unearthed was a tunnel hewn into the side of the cliff just below the northern Roman camp.

In the tunnel were the skeletons of women and children and remnants of rough woolen materials, shoes, earthenware utensils, and food, all in good shape because of the exceedingly dry climatic conditions.

The findings confirm, according to the Department of Antiquities, that toward the end of Bar Kochba's rebellion a group of rebels fled with their families to this part of the desert, taking refuge in inaccessible places. The Romans apparently settled down above them in an attempt to starve them into surrender.

During the same excavations, it was announced, perhaps 40 and the remains of three small settlements of the bronze age were also found, confirming the existence of a bronze age civilization in the Judean desert. The archaeologists used 500-foot rope ladders to descend into the caves from above. To protect the men against the possibilities of dangerous falls, they were equipped with parachute packs.